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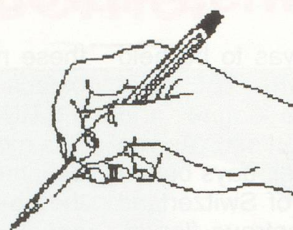
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Due to farmers being extremely busy in the spring, the Taranaki Swiss Club has very few functions in September and October, so really I don't have any news to impart!!!

I hope that all farmers had a good spring ... weather-wise it was great ... until the winter-like conditions came late, and the grass stopped growing. However, being an optimist, the weather will improve!!! It better be sooner rather than later!!!

To those members who aren't feeling at their best at the moment, and I know that there are several, we do wish you all the best, and an improvement in your health.

Forthcoming Events

November

3 & 17: Keglen is on again. Do join this fun-loving group of people.

20: Ted Napflin Memorial Shield and Championship Shoot at 1.00pm.

27: Christmas Shoot / Keglen. This day starts at 10.00am with participants able to shoot or skittle. An activity will be organised for the children ... so come along parents, and bring your

children to this wonderful social day. A potluck lunch is held, followed by Father Christmas making an appearance, and then prizegiving. All members are required to bring a wrapped prize with a minimum value of \$10.00, and of course every participant will receive a prize in return. This is a very social day, and a good time to catch up with friends after a busy spring. We look forward to your attendance with pleasure!!!

December

31st - New Years' Eve ... once again with will be held at the Swiss Club in conjunction with the campervan association. Happy hour starts at 4.00pm, with a BYO barbeque at 6.00pm. Do come along and enjoy the company and wonderful entertainment. If you have any questions regarding this function, please ring Lisette on 06 7628718. Remember ... the more people we have, the merrier the evening!!! You certainly won't be disappointed if you turn up!!!

MD

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APOLOGIES!! Last month I inadvertently sent through an old file so consequently the information was about 2 years old. It has been a timely reminder to clear old files off my computer. I apologise for any confusion caused and now send you last month's and this month's report together.

Past Events...



Eidgenoessisches Schutzenfest 2005 in Frauenfeld Switzerland

Where else but in Switzerland would you get 50000 shooting enthusiasts taking part in a two week long shooting frenzy. The average participant would have shot about 40 rounds or more. This means the people in Frauenfeld consumed about 2 million bangs during this time! Among these people were 247 Swissabroad that took their chances in the competition. Thanks to Henry Werffeli's efforts, New Zealand had a team of 7 at this event (Henry, Orlando, and Isabelle Werffeli, Heidi and Heinz Leuenberger, Hans Fitz and Hans Vetsch). Our big day was 2nd of July and we ended up with mixed results with Henry and Orlando leading the bunch. It was certainly a special atmosphere and everything was organised with typical swiss precision from shooting to dinner, entertainment and grand parade. Our team got certainly a lot of media attention as we had the oldest and youngest competitor in our team plus we travelled a tad further than most other clubs. I think we made it on Swiss TV on the day!!! For



me is was a first but I was not prepared for the event at all, something I would do different next time. It was a pleasure to attend the event. I enjoyed it and who knows I might do a bit better next time. Look up www.frauenfeld05.ch for reports and Photos of the event

Hans Vetsch, Riflemaster.

National Day Celebrations were held this year on Saturday 30th July at the Matangi Hall. This hall has become very popular with our members and committee as we find it a lot more homely and warm, especially through the winter months. We were very fortunate to again have the Holzacker Band from Auckland entertain us for the evening and it wasn't long before we had lots of people dancing and enjoying the great music. We only had about 60 people attend this function, but the atmosphere was great and I think everyone enjoyed themselves.

Dinner was served promptly and guests were treated to grilled Bratwurst and Hamsteaks and had a huge selection of home-made salads and bread to

choose from. I think most people had at least two helpings and in the end there was not much left over which is always nice to see. Following dinner there was more dancing and then the lucky prize draw took place for all those wearing traditional Swiss costumes. I'm sure about a third of the guests were wearing some form of costume which was very nice to see. Following this, supper was served and again Kurt made a delicious fruit salad and the committee and some other helpers did lots of baking so everyone was happy. Many thanks to everyone who made this an enjoyable night out and in particular to the band for travelling all the way from Auckland to entertain us. **AZ**

Family Walk Pukeatua

Approximately 20 avid walkers met above Pukeatua on Sunday 21 August for one of the popular Hamilton Swiss family walks. The temperature was very mild for a Waikato winter's day

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though the skies were slightly overcast. Before hitting the trail, the walkers had to pass the electronic gate to cross into the Northern enclosure of the Maungatautari Ecological Island. Here a trust has fenced off an area of forest to protect endangered native birds from the omnipresent pests like possums and rats. Currently, there are two smaller enclosures, one on the North side, the other one on the South side of Maungatautari mountain but as one could see, work for the 47 km totally pest-proof fence around the whole forest on Maungatautari is well under way. There are two loop tracks in the enclosure and many Swiss walkers tackled both of them. Some feeding stations allowed an easy observation of birds (if the bird watcher keeps quiet!). Returning to the cars, it was time for lunch before all headed homewards. This is the link for those who wish more information about this unique Waikato attraction: www.maungatrust.org The photo of this was included in last month's Helvetia.

Kurt Hess

The Fondue Evening was held on Saturday 24th September. It was originally planned for a week earlier but due to the clash with the elections, the committee decided to postpone it for one week. We had notified all our members by mail a couple of weeks before and this might be why we ended up getting such a good turnout for our function. We had 100 people, a record we haven't achieved for quite a number of years.

Whilst getting a few more tables and chairs ready, the fondue was already being served. Luckily we had plenty of everything and nobody had to go hungry. The entertainment for the evening was provided by The Sound of Switzerland from Auckland. Lots of people were dancing throughout the evening and enjoying the great atmosphere. During one of the music breaks, Herbert and Hans handed out the Swiss Society Medals, the Club Trophies and the shooting medals. There was continuous coffee and schnapps throughout the evening and a delicious fruit salad and lots of home-made swiss baking was served a bit later. Many thanks to all the helpers, in particular to the dishwashers and all the people outside of the committee who offered to help or provide some baking.

Forthcoming Events...

Family Walk, Sunday, 30th October

The next family walk will take place at Lake Hakanoa in Huntly, 11am start. There will be the option of doing an easy walk around the lake, or heading off to do a more difficult walk to some Kauris. Please bring your own picnic lunch and drinks. Following the walk and lunch, everyone is invited to the Meier's place at 578 Henry Road, Taupiri, at about 2pm. Even if you feel you can't do the walk but would like to come along just for a catch up with fellow members, please come out to the Meier's place for the afternoon – there may even be an opportunity for a game of cards! Directions for the walk: From Huntly heading north, turn right at Bell's Crossing and then follow the signs to the Huntly Domain. We will be meeting at the Yacht Club.

Christmas Function, Sunday 4th December

Commencing at 11am at the Newstead School, same venue as last year but this year we should have a bigger room incase of bad weather. Newstead School is just past the cemetery on the main road from Hamilton heading towards Morrinsville. The swimming pool may or may not be available, depending

on the weather, and whether the school has it ready for summer. There will be plenty of other activities and some special entertainment will be organised. Santa will also be calling, so wrapped and clearly named presents up to the value of \$10 can be left with a committee member. Feel free to also bring balls, rackets etc for the children's games. There will again be a great selection of raffle prizes, so please remember to bring along some money and prizes if you wish to donate something. For lunch, the club will provide sausages, bread and drinks, as well as coffee and baking. Please bring any other snacks your family may enjoy. If the weather is good, please remember to bring along deck chairs and picnic rugs. For further information, please contact Anita (07) 856-2414 or any other committee member.

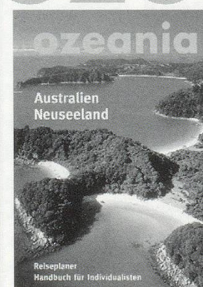
In 2006, our Hamilton Swiss Club will be celebrating 50 years, so we plan to have a big function and reunion – probably around late July. We will be forming a small sub-committee for this occasion and would like to ask for some volunteers to be a part of this committee, in particular people who might have been involved with the Club during its earlier days. If you are interested and can help, please speak to Herbert or Anita at the next function or you can phone Anita on (07) 856-2414 or email zuber@xtra.co.nz

26th February 2006 is the date set for our Picnic. The 50 meter Swiss Society Shooting will take place the previous day. Further details of this and all our other functions for next year will be sent out to all members in February as well as being included in the Helvetia.

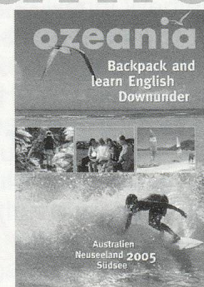
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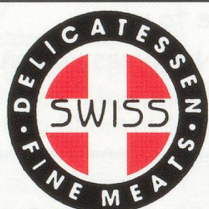
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Past Events.

Sunday 25th September Soup and Jass Afternoon.

The soup was tasty and the Jassen went well. However, many Swiss are still overseas and the group was fairly small.

Saturday 15th October Fondue Evening

We were delighted to welcome our new Ambassador Mr. Nobs, Mrs. Nobs and the three sons. The Ambassador gave a short introduction before the meal. It was great to hear that he is interested in getting to know as many Swiss / Kiwi Swiss as possible. He spoke in English, German, and French and is most interested in the activities of all the clubs. Mr. Nobs is keen to take part in the clubs events whenever he can. We are looking forward to seeing him at our future functions.

It was great to see so many members and friends enjoying the last Fondue evening of the year. There was lots of mixed salad for the guests who found the cheese fondue a bit difficult to digest. The desert of oranges soaked overnight

in??? were delicious. Thanks Roland and Trudi.

Forthcoming Events.

Sunday 5th November Garage Sale.

There is still time to bring those unwanted treasures to the Clubhouse for the Garage Sale. If it is too big for you to handle please let the committee know and we will pick it up.

Sunday 13th November Shooting Practice.

Paul Scherrer at 146 Mangaroa Valley Road Upper Hutt will be pleased to see you there.

If you would like to do your shooting practice please give Paul a ring at 526 9726 or ring Hans Scherrer our Rifle Master at 528 7698 to book.

Saturday 20th November Mount Bruce Bird Sanctuary

Mount Bruce Bird Sanctuary has a lot of endangered Native Birds. They have an ongoing breeding program and offer guided walks through the native bush. Mount Bruce is a short drive outside Masterton.

If you are interested please ring Petra or Craig on 563 8600 for any information.

Saturday 3rd December Christmas Dinn er.

This is our last diner for the Year, please come and support our club. The new Ambassador Mr. Nobs and his family are very interested in our club functions and have been very supportive.

Sunday 4th December Samichlaus Afternoon.

The "Samichlaus " is coming to the Clubhouse for the Children. Please put this date in your calendar. More information will be in the invitations.

Sunday 22nd January 2006 Shooting Practice

The Shooting practice is again at Paul Scherrer's in 146 Mangaroa Valley Road Upper Hutt.

Sunday 29th January 2006 Shotput and Family Fun Day.

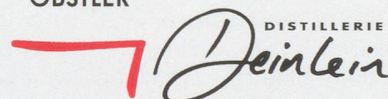
We hope for warm sunny weather so we can have the recreation and fun day outside on the lawn behind the Clubhouse.

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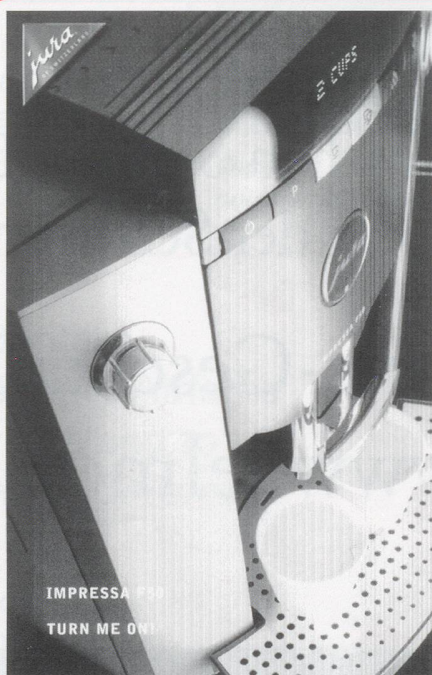
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The Fondue evening by Heidi Wilson

What a pleasure it was to be there! It was my first Fondue evening at the Swiss Club. Of course it took place at the farm. The weather that evening was drizzly, but the Fondue was eaten in the hut, where it was warm and cosy. The committee worked their hearts out all evening with one exception, me. I made a donation and was a lazy guest, enjoying the meal and the company.

The Fondue was expertly cooked by Vreni Pfenniger, as usual. It was delicious! Thank you, Vreni and Edith for a great meal!

There were also platters with beautifully arranged "crudités" (raw vegetables), which contrasted well with the heavier cheese Fondue. For dessert there was a delicious fruit salad. The dessert and crudités were expertly prepared by Edith Hess.

Thank you very much to all those who worked so hard to make this evening a success.

New Members

Richard and Laura Graf and their children Kylie, Justine and Dean have recently joined the Auckland Swiss Club. So has Andreas Hagen from Henderson. We hope that we shall see you at one of our functions in the near future.

"How about this for generosity"

Swiss-born Mr Pierre Chatelanat and his wife, who immigrated here some 50 years ago, bought a big piece of land west of Wellsford full of gorse and teatree (apparently it was too rough to give to returned servicemen...), cleaned it up and made it his home farm. He put a manager on it while he worked for the United Nations (as a volunteer) Food and Agriculture Organisation in Rome. Came back to retire on his farm in 1998 and is now donating the whole property to ARC who are planning to include it in their extensive farming programme and have it open to the public as a Regional Park by year 2011. Thank you, Mr & Mrs. Chatelanat, you make us proud to be Swiss.

Samichlaus & Christmas at the Farm: Sunday, 4 September from 10.00 a.m.

At 11.15 there will be a Kasperltheater for the young and the young at heart. This will be organised by Nellie Steinemann and Trudi Fill. Then lunch will be served.

After lunch you will have a chance to sing some Christmas carols (Weihnachtslieder). All you need to bring are your voices and if you like, your instruments.

Jass Results from 16 September 2005

1. Heidi Wilson,	4240
2. André Iten,	4141
3. Paul Steinemann,	4003
4. Hans Iten,	3985
5. Louis Wallimann,	3902
6. Syd Melville,	3870
7. Andreas Binter,	3866
8. Hilda Iten,	3764
9. Molly Gianotti,	3711
10. Marie Theres Melville,	3502
11. Lyne Dumphy,	3118
12. Monika Eggenschwiler,	3099

Forthcoming Events

Saturday, 12 November

Craft Day at Edith Hess's. Grosse Engel!

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Friday 18 November

Jassen

Saturday 26 November

Working Bee at Farm

Sunday 4 December

Samichlaus & Christmas at Farm from 10.00 a.m.

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