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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### TARANAKI SWISS CLUB

April 14: Society competition, Skittles, Shotput, starts at 10 am. Cards 1 pm.

### WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

March 30: Swiss Society Jass Competition, 7.30 pm at our Clubhouse in Ohari Valley.

April 6: Annual General Meeting.

## OBITUARY

Nora Meier, who passed away at Stratford on December 14th was the wife of Dagobert Meier, of Cheal Road.

She remembered a lot about the early history of Taranaki her father being a Carrier who had over 50 horses for pulling his coaches.

In her life she was a great singer, singing in many choirs and entering in many competitions with her beautiful voice.

A great worker for charity, helping with meals on wheels in New Plymouth and Stratford for 25 years.

To Dagobert her family of three and four stepchildren, we offer our sympathy.

L.K.

## SWISS SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

### MOTION

A.G.M. In Hamilton

They must be in the hands of the President, by April 15th, 1985.

Ruedi Dudli  
President.

### TARANAKI SCHWINGER CLUB

The annual picnic for the Taranaki Swiss Club was held on Sunday, February 10th, 1985 on a perfect warm sunny day. Schwinger competition started at 1.15 pm. There was a good turn-out of competitors, the highest number for several years.

Swiss visitors joined in and combined with some of the well-known locals. An enjoyable and competitive competition was put on for the large crowd of onlookers.

Competition was close and without any incidents under the watchful eye of the referee - Nick Werder.

The Schwinger Club thanks Mr and Mrs R. Dudli, Mr and Mrs L. Chamberlain and Mr N. Werder for donating some of the prizes.

Results were as follows:

1. Josef Leu 47.50; 2. Martin Lehmann 46.50; 3. Geri Hodel 46.25; 4. Urs Heeb 46.00; 5. Anton Scherrer 36.75; 6. John Scherrer 35.75; 7. Bernard Dudli 35.75; 8. Allan Dettling 34.75; 9. Hans Peter Hodel 34.75; 10. Paul Niederberger 34.25; 11. Harry Bucher 34.00; 12. Mark Prentice 34.00; 13. Dominich Luond 34.00; 14. Ross Hughes 30.75.

E.K.

## THIS AND THAT

- 1985, 788 young men refused to serve their time in the army, 43 more than the year before.
- Forests in the canton of Wallis are less damaged than a study proved, said Regierungsrat Boret. But the situation in the forests clearly deteriorated during the last 12 months.
- The number of doctors in Switzerland is rising. 18,315 doctors are members of the "doctors union", 770 more than the previous years, which means there is one doctor per 360 citizens.
- The biggest wind powerstation in Europe started production on a test base in the canton of Jura, in Fahy. the 30m high machine produces 160 kWh, enough for about 50 households. The wheel measures about 17m in diameter.
- The Bundesgericht refused the making of a golf-course in Zurzach since it would involve a big acreage of prime farmland.
- In 1984, farmers in Switzerland produced 550,000 tonnes of wheat, 350,000 tonnes being used for flour production. The rest will be used as stockfood.
- In 1986, the city of Zuerich will celebrate its 2000th birthday. All citizens are asked to start thinking about ways and means to celebrate the big occasion.
- The citizens of Solothurn seem to have problems with the speed limit of 50kmh. More than 10% of the drivers got caught driving too fast.
- In January, 1985, inflation rose by 1% to 3.5%, the reason being the high use of heating fuel.

## TARANAKI SWISS CLUB NEW YEARS EVE

Many members and their friends gathered in the Club house to welcome in the New Year.

Some played cards, some just chatted while others enjoyed dancing to music, supplied by Zeno Hespenthal with extra played by Theresa and Louise Fitzgerald, Marianne Benkert on their accordians, accompanied on the piano by Molli Chamberlain and her daughter, Pauline Rowe.

Visiting young Swiss helped make the evening entertaining with their high spirits and joviality.

A raffle was well supported by all, the winners were happy with their prizes of a box of good things to eat and drink, these very kindly donated by R. & T. Benkert and R. & M. Dudli. The winner of the first prize went to Pauline Rowe, second to Freddi Matter and third to M. Stutz.

At midnight, everybody joined in singing and greeting each other with best wishes for the happy New Year.

A lovely supper was then served by members of the committee.

Festivities went on to the early hours of the morning, all agreeing it was a terrific evening which everyone had enjoyed.

Doreen Schuler.

As my friend and I waited apprehensively at the donor centre to give our quota of blood, the nurse came out to get the next donor. "Mr Stone!" she called loudly.

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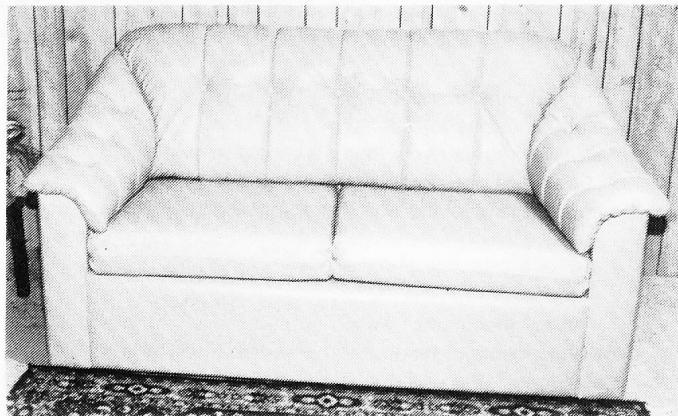
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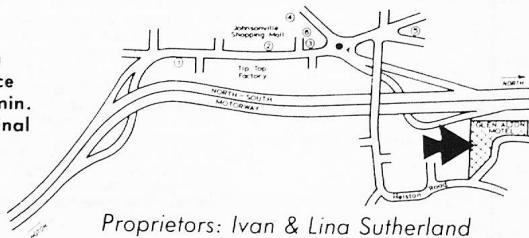
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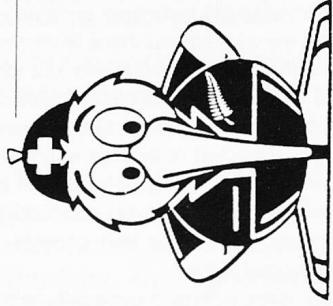
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### **TARANAKI SWISS CLUB PICNIC**

What a glorious day it was on February 10th, when we were holding once again our Annual picnic at the Swiss Club ground Kaponga. Many people came along to enjoy the real Swiss atmosphere - Steinstossen, Keglen and Schwingen.

Throughout the day, fine Swiss music played through an amplifying system, as in the past years. The picnic was well patronised by members of the club, and visitors from Waikato, Wellington, and other places in New Zealand.

Also present were visitors from Switzerland, and one would hear plenty of Schwyzer duetsch spoken. The highlight of the day was the popular sport Schwingen, where 14 strong men entered the sawdust ring.

Some landed heavy on their back under the watchful eye of the referee Nick Werder. Here one must give credit to the young New

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There were also races for the children, and also trailer rides. After sunset those that stayed on, retired to the clubhouse for a game of swiss cards and dancing.

Many thanks to all the helpers for a very successful day.

Len Chamberlain.

Steinstossen - Men: D. Cruikshank 8.26; B. Dudli 8.10; R. Muggeridge 7.50. Ladies: P. Rowe 5.77; B. Ruetiman 5.59; E. Dudli 5.30.

Raffle: 1st George Lashford, 2nd Joe Dettling, 3rd Rene Burkel.  
Raffle - Childrens: 1st Karl Rowe, 2nd Sharlane Hammersley, 3rd Lousa Mills, 4th Andreas Danz, 5th Levonne Schuler.

### **AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB ANNUAL PICNIC AT KAUAKAPAKAPA**

Sunshine we wanted and that's what we got, just great to hold the picnic. With the road in a condition just ideal to drive right up to the hut, thanks to Hans Fitzi and his bulldozer. The lawn cut like at home invited the big crowd of around 180 to sit wherever they liked or even have a game of cricket or indulge in some frisbee throwing.

There was a great variety of food from the grill, and for afterwards coffee with that nasty but lovely smell. Maggi and Claire had no problem selling all their cakes and goodies that they had baked and created with great care.

"Oh they were yummy," especially with a cup of coffee. The bar too, offered cool beer and wine which lasted just until it was time to go home. Soft drinks were in short supply, but a quick trip to Dairy Flats soon solved this problem.

Nine pin bowling as usual attracted many competitors, and resulted in the following wins.

The Enzio Cup was won by Mr Beat Hussstein from Hamilton, and the Open Competition (1st prize a salami), by Mr Craig Parker. At the Shooting stand there was a lot of action also, and the winner of this competition was Mr Heinz Matysik.

I didn't have time to pull the trigger and join the competition but it seemed to me they had a lot of fun. Later the Swiss Kiwi-jodlers got together and we knew that we had to listen to them, because they were good. With the 1987 National competition in Switzerland in mind, they had practised a great deal as we could hear.

A big thank you to them.

Over all we had a great day, with a lot of happenings from around 10 am until 5 pm. For all the visitors and ordinary Swiss in Auckland, a day to remember, also a day to meet friends one had not seen for the past year. To all the committee members and all other friends of the club who helped in any way at all at the picnic, our thanks to you for giving of your time.

### **WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB**

Our Christmas Party took place on December 8th, 1984 at 7.30 pm at our clubrooms. We started the evening off with a glass of sangria and then we sat down to a cold buffet and as dessert, we had the traditional strawberries and ice cream.

As a further attraction, the committee provided a small gift for every participant this year, a little red stocking filled with homemade Christmas cookies, chocolates and nuts, was handed out by Father Christmas.

On Sunday afternoon, December 9, 1984, it was the children's turn to have their party. Father Christmas invited the children to sing, recite or play their musical instruments. A very nice gift for each child was handed out by Father Christmas and afterwards everyone was ready for something to eat and drink.

We thank everyone who was involved to make both events such a success.