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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

February 22 — Shooting competition at Villiger's farm, Kiwitahi.

February 23 — Annual picnic at 11am at Villiger's farm, Kiwitahi, all willing helpers please contact the club president or the secretary by February 3.

AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB

February 2 — Annual Picnic on Sunday, February 9, 1986. Invitations will be sent out for this event.

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

February 8, 9 — Cowbell Competition Taranaki.

February 23 — Picnic and Children's Sports Day, Swiss Society Kegel/Steinstossen competition.

March 2, 9 — Swiss Society Shooting Competition.

TARANAKI SWISS SOCIETY

February 9 — Annual picnic day at the clubgrounds, starts at 10.30am.

NEWS FROM THE COLONY

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

"On Saturday, December 7, the Hamilton Swiss Club celebrated Christmas with an adults Christmas party. For the first time we organised a disco which proved to be a great success. For most of the evening, the disc jockey played mainly Swiss and Laendler music which was much appreciated by all.

We had quite a good crowd of about 65 people and everybody was in high spirits. This time the committee tried to keep the supper simple but there was plenty of food for everybody, including hot sausages, French bread and cheese. To follow we served coffee and a delicious selection of cakes, including Christmas 'Guetzli'.

February 22 - Shooting Competitions at Villigers Farm. Any queries please contact the Riflemaster, Mr Wally Unternahrer, phone 53-856.

February 23 - Swiss Picnic at Villigers Farm, Kiwitahi. Everyone welcome to come and enjoy a day together with other Swiss people. Kegel competitions for both sausage prizes and for the cup. Also we will be having the Swiss Society Sports Competitions for Kegel, and Steinstossen. Plenty of barbecue sausages, cold drinks, cakes and coffee will be available. If it is raining, listen to Radio Waikato for cancellations.

Christchurch Swiss Club

"Samichlaustag" on the grounds of Riccarton House, Saturday, December 7, 1985, 1.30pm.

"Look children, who comes around the trees back there? Who could it be? Of course it is our "Samaichlaus", sitting very comfortably in the chart, pulled by the president's black and furry dog.

Matthias Damm leads them. They are coming closer and closer.

"Samichlaus" waves at us, smiles, comes even out of the chart and walks very slowly on his stick to greet us, 44 excited boys, girls and parents. What a kind "Samichlaus", he speaks so friendly to everyone and not only that, to each child he presents a large paper bag with fruits, sweets and something to play with.

"Well, what do you say children?" "Thank you very much dear 'Samichlaus' and bye-bye until next year. We are going to play now and try some of the delicious looking Christmas cookies our parents brought to share."

Kaituna Valley Walk: Waitangi Day, February 6, 1986, 11am there on the grassed car park and picnic ground.

Summer times recreation and entertainment programme: Sunday, February 16, 1986 (International Day).

Our choir will be singing typical Swiss songs and we will sell all sorts of 'Wahen' for fundraising.

Our committee wishes to members of all other Swiss Clubs in New Zealand a very happy New Year. We would also like to inform you about our just founded Christchurch Swiss Club Travel Fund.

The aim is: - To assist our members financially to travel to Switzerland in 1991 for the celebrations of 700 years Confederation and also the 'Landesausstellung'.

- A combined effort in saving through personal contributions as well as club organised fundraising.

- Bargaining power with airlines through group booking.

Why not organise something like that for your club?

Rita Odermatt (Mrs)

More about that in one of the next big issues. The Editor.

Auckland Swiss Club

Sunday, October 8, saw yet another highly successful Christmas and Santa Claus celebration. While the barbecue was going hot and the drinks were cool, a large crowd enjoyed the lovely summer day.

Then about 12.15 it all happened. All of a sudden Santa was there. Why all of a sudden? He just popped out of the clouds, no reindeer, just propellers. Yes he came by helicopter, believe it or not. Of course that was for everyone totally unexpected. With him he had a bag of goodies for the 50 or so children. Some a bit frightened, some laughing, all took it with a good record from Santa.

The afternoon continued for the kids with plenty to drink, and lots of good cakes from the kitchen.

Another highlight was the "sack gumppe" not only for the children but also for their parents too. The cool drinks they had consumed were noticeable toward the finish line. What a laugh. After a good day, most of the crowd headed home by about 4pm.

Many thanks to the committee members, and especially Santa and his pilot. Hope to see you all again at the picnic.

M. Neff

Things Swiss Eugene V. Epstein

An Alpine Alphabet

A is for Alphorn, more than ten feet in length.
Those who can blow it are known for their strength.

B is for Building, a Swiss type of game,
Which goes on forever - and still looks the same.

C is for Cheese, the world's best if you please:
Tastes awfully good after carrots and peas.

D is for Dirt, which the Swiss always hate,
And why they are cleaning from early to late.

E is for Eating, which all Swiss adore,
Begin with five portions, and then we'll have more.

F is for Fondue, a cheese kind of dish,
Some people dip and others swish.

G is for Gruezi, the most used of words,
When you meet people, horses or birds.

H is for Happy, the happy Swiss people,
Who work like the devil and never sleep.

I means Inspired, mostly from mountains,
But also from lakes and from very old fountains.

J is for Jass, a card game of skill,
Which every Swiss plays - the thought makes me ill.



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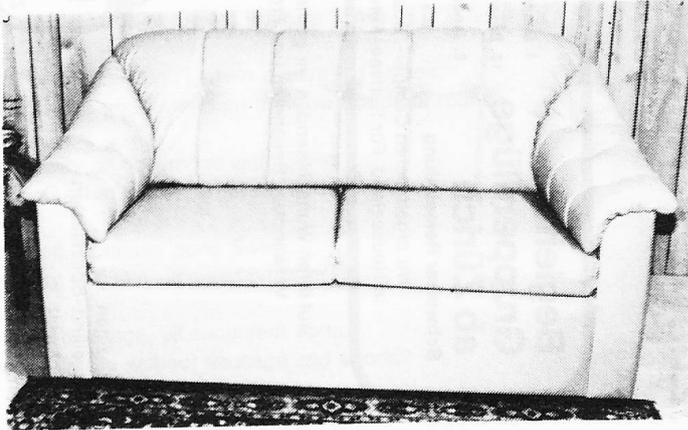
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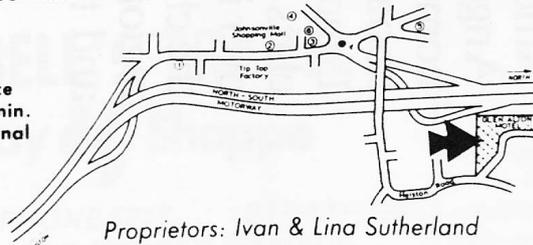
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K is for Kirsch, which some drink like wine,
There's quite a resemblance to fine turpentine.

L is for Lake, as in Lake of Lucerne,
But far more important is how much you earn.

M is for Money, taken with thanks,
Most kinds will do, especially francs.

N is for Nature, as most people know,
Now back to Nature with Jeans Jacques Rousseau.

O means Official in countries like this,
Where following orders proves you are Swiss.

P stands for 'Polizeistund', when everything closes,
When the Swiss go to sleep on their own beds of roses.

Q is for Quality, synonymous with 'Swiss',
What milk, O what honey, what life and what bliss!

R is for Rosti, potatoes gone Swiss,
They're easy to make - it's just hit or miss.

S stands for Sausage, all succulent sorts,
What would life be without sausage and sports?

T is for Tourists, O welcome to all,
Come spend your money, then leave - we're so small.

U is for Uri, which rhymes with Missouri,
And is also a state which has trial by jury.

V means Verboten, or so we are taught,
Don't do it, don't touch it, or you will get caught!

W is for Watches and Winter and Wine,
Which, in itself makes a perfect first line.

X marks the spot where the Swiss people swore
To settle their problems in peace, not in war.

Y is for Yodel, or Swiss alpine shrieking,
That grates on your nerves from Geneva to Peking.

Z is for Zurich, and why not append,
That Zurich's a city, and really

THE END

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Chinese Cooking

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Of the many dishes eaten during a meal at least two will almost certainly be of chicken. Chinese cooking is economical and ingredients are readily available in New Zealand.

These dishes can be easily made in any kitchen. One, the chicken fried rice recipe, is an ideal one for using up that little bit of left over chicken.

CHINESE SPICY CHICKEN

Half chicken; 1 tsp sugar; ½ tsp salt; 1 tbsp salad oil; 2 tbsp soya sauce; 1 clove garlic; 1 tsp each spices of different fragrances; 1 pinch pepper.

Mix all ingredients into sauce and rub thoroughly into chicken. After allowing sauce to soak in for about 10 minutes, place chicken on medium hot grill or in medium hot oven. Roast or grill chicken 30 to 40 minutes. Baste and turn chicken at intervals to ensure rich, even browning. When chicken is cooked to succulent, juicy tenderness, take cleaver and chop into fricassee pieces, or slice chop in the Chinese Manner - that is chop little lengths about two centimetres wide each.

CHICKEN MARINATED WINGS

1 kilo Tegel wings; ¼ cup dry Sherry; 1 tsp grated green pepper; ¼ cup soy sauce; 2 tbsp honey; 1 clove garlic - crushed.

Mix all ingredients together and let marinate for at least one hour. Place wings in a baking dish or electric frypan and bake for 45 minutes at 180°C, basting and turning frequently.

CHICKEN FRIED RICE

4 cups chilled cooked rice; ¼ cup diced onion; 1 cup cooked mixed vegetables; 1 cup cold diced chicken; 2 beaten eggs.

Fry onion until tender, combine beaten eggs, onion, chicken and vegetables into rice and stir fry until thoroughly heated. Mushrooms, bean sprouts or peas can be used as vegetables. Season with two tablespoons soy sauce and half tablespoon brown sugar.

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