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Auckland Swiss Club

TRAUBEN SCHIESSEN

There is always a good reason for a shooting competition in Auckland, this time to compete for 50 boxes of grapes which were put up as prizes. Instead of the usual, only blind targets and frantically bobbing balloons were used. Luck wasn't everyone's partner but nevertheless no one was really disappointed because they shot mainly for fun. Some people carried away up to six boxes of grapes and sometimes even more.

The main attraction was a big fruit basket richly decorated with other tempting delicacies. This particular competition continued for nearly two hours. Excitement ran high as both men and women competed against one another. The last round was being fought out amongst the three highest scorers, who in turn had to fire the three decisive shots on to a new blind target. Well, you just can't count your chickens before they hatch! The results 9—5 and 118 for the much cheered winner Elizabeth Bachmann. After a few more rounds were fired the weary competitors called it a day.

—H.E.

Hamilton Swiss Club

1966 SHOOTING COMPETITION

	Points		Points
1. Hans Meister	60	9. Ernst Studer	53
2. Mervyn Pratt 59	60	10. Ernst Schefer	51
3. Walter Unternahrer 54, 56 ...	59	11. Miss Fisher	50
4. Hans Oettli 48, 53	57	12. Ruedi Oettli 34	50
5. Henry Oettli	56	13. Erich Oettli 42	49
6. Mrs Vreni Meister	55	14. Adrean Reinhard	48
7. Mrs Kay Pratt 50	54	15. Karl Waldvogel	47
8. Peter Reinhard 46, 49, 45 ...	53	16. Jean Oettli	34

Wellington Swiss Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Wellington Swiss Club took place on Saturday, 26th March, in the Matterhorn Coffee Lounge. The atmosphere was a very warm one right from the beginning. About 40 members attended (actually not a big number for a club of 110 members). Mr and Mrs J. P. Weber, our Charge d'Affaires and his wife, honoured us with their presence.

At 8.30 p.m. Mr Storz opened the meeting and from then on we went very quickly through the agenda. We learnt from the President's and Treasurer's reports that this year again was a very successful one. The Assembly decided to join in with the other

Swiss Clubs of New Zealand, to pay in future £1 per Helevtia subscription fee to the Swiss Society. Mr Weber thanked the members of the outgoing committee for all the hard work they had done during the last year. Mr Heinz Ittensohn was called in the chair for the election of the new committee. In a most excellent way, for which we thank him sincerely, he achieved this job perfectly well.

The new Committee consists of: President, Mr Werner Frick; Vice-President, Mr Anton Tresch; Treasurer, Mrs Ruth Messmer; Secretary, Miss Gaby Muller; Members, Miss Rosmarie Meier, Mr Enrico Homberger, Mr Arthur Rufer; Auditor, Mrs Lotti Napp.

Then Mr Frick proposed to introduce a working Committee for the coming year in order to have some helpers for the big functions but he got the assurance of the people present to help the Committee in any way, if need be. Our retiring President proposed, towards the end of the General Meeting, a change in the Club's rules and was supported by some members who found it also necessary. We then decided to have a Committee of three members to look into this matter and to bring the alterations up before or at the next General Meeting. After a short general discussion about functions to be held in the coming year the official meeting closed at 9.30 p.m. (We were lucky to get through so quickly.)

Then the "gemutliche Teil" started. Supper was soon ready and everybody seemed to be quite hungry and enjoyed especially the home-made pies and cakes. I started to play the accordion and soon a long queue went through the Matterhorn and its charming little garden in a Polonaise. Later the couples separated and started to dance in the garden. Thanks to the warm and excellent weather and no wind (for a change!), we had a chance to do so. We also danced and sang to oldtime dance melodies. On the whole this get-together was a very happy one. It was 2 o'clock when we started to clean up the Matterhorn and went home. For a group of about 12 people it was not the end; as I found out later, they just made it for the early mass.

Special thanks to Mr and Mrs Tresch again for their generosity of letting us have this meeting in their coffee bar—the whole happy atmosphere would never have been so great in our usual locality.

—G.M.

CAR RALLY

The Wellington Swiss Club held its traditional Car Rally on Sunday, February 27th. It was a fine sunny day when nearly everybody turned up (who was late, Heinz?) at the starting point, the D.I.C. Naturally, we all were very anxious to know what was waiting for us. And indeed, the organiser had a lot in store for us. Already, the first problem we had to solve was a tricky one: go to the Botanical Garden and make a drawing of the "Soundshell"—but don't waste too much time. My dear girls! The Soundshell

is neither a flower nor a bush-tree! But you got it finally, and off we went to the next stop, at the shore of Petone to test our skill in throwing three "boccia" balls at a certain distance. Have you ever seen a boccia-ground dotted with gravel and stones?

The sporting events continued right through the Hutt Valley until we arrived at our President's home in Pinehaven. Here, as we more or less expected, a lot of questions had to be answered. It was not as easy as it looked on the nicely-prepared questionnaire. For many some of them seemed to be rather difficult. No time had to be wasted here either and off we went to a farm in Whiteman's Valley. Instead of a glass of beer or some other cool drink, a sack of potatoes we found. Guess how many are in this sack? we were asked. It very much depends on the size of the potatoes, I said to myself, and wrote down 1250—but I missed the right answer by more than 800!

At this stage, many must have felt hungry and wondered how far away the destination point would be. On the last bit through the really lovely valley, seven Swiss flags well hidden had to be detected. A last question at the finish in the Maidstone Park in Upper Hutt concluded our rally.

A special Thank You to Mr Homberger and his helpers, especially the Tresch boys; it was very well organised indeed. Believe me, everybody enjoyed it and was ready for a good picnic too. The winners: 1st, Mrs and Mr Schaerer (driver and co-pilot); 2nd, Mrs Tresch and Mrs Hess; 3rd, Mr and Mrs Frick. —F.C.C.

DEPARTING FOR SWITZERLAND

Mr Urs Schaerer, son of our Vice-Consul, Mr Hans Schaerer, leaves New Zealand on April 19th in order to start his professional career in Switzerland. We all extend our best wishes to him for his future life.

OBITUARY

With much regret, we have to inform you that Mrs W. Halas, who was a member of the Wellington Swiss Club, passed away on March 15th after a long illness. We all will remember Mrs Halas as a kind and dear friend.

SWISS SOCIETY SHOOTING COMPETITION

March 12th–13th, 1966

Best Group: Hamilton V, winner of the Challenge Cup.

Champion Shot: M. Pratt, Hamilton.

(Participation: 106 competitors)

GROUP COMPETITION

	Result
1. Hamilton V	
H. Meister, W. Unternaehrer, M. Pratt, B. Bolli	228
2. Taranaki I	
P. Fluhler, J. A. Kaiser, T. Napflin, L. Chamberlain	212