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~~~~~ News of the Colony ~~~~~

Auckland Swiss Club

On the 24th September 1966 the Auckland Swiss Club held another social function. This time a Fastnacht.

The hall decorations were really outstanding. Punga trees were spread throughout the hall, as if you were entering a native bush, and coloured electric lights were hung from tree to tree. The effect was something quite fantastic. Praise must go to the members who effected such a decoration.

The ball started rolling around 8.30 and fancy costumes of all descriptions were present. To mention just a few: Bush Rendezvous, Tramps, 18th Century Costumes, Eastern Styles, Chinese, Hawaiians, Indians, Matadors and several others.

The band which played until the early hours of the morning kept everyone happy dancing. Supper which consisted of Gulasch, Potatoes, Coffee, Fastnachts Kuchli and Schenckeli, was served after the unmasking parade, which held a few surprises for everyone. Prizes were given to the best costumes and masks.

Supper finished, and it wasn't long before the dance floor was in use again.

In the early hours of the morning the people started leaving for home, the evening definitely having been a success.

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Hamilton Swiss Club

The card evening held in the Swiss Chalet on October 1st was not so well patronized as in the past but nevertheless it was a nice and homely get-together. Our yodel group did hold a rehearsal for its future engagements and so this did complement the evening. The supper, as usual, was a la Swiss Chalet standard and reminded everybody of home.

Our Artists' Group had another most successful outing at the Ngaruawahia Civic Pride Week on October 3rd. This follows the international evening which was part of the Hamilton Maori Arts Festival in the Founders Theatre and reported on in last month's Helvetia.

The new hall of the Ngaruawahia High School was filled to capacity for this international night and the applause for the Swiss items was terrific. Comments offered were of the highest order and its quite on the card that this popular group is going to be very much in demand.

Wellington Swiss Club

I think it is very necessary to write, at least once, something about our continuous club activity: our regular basketball games on Sunday mornings.

Throughout the winter months a few "tough" ones had enough "courage" to meet every Sunday (except twice when it was raining too heavily) at Wellington South Intermediate School in Rintoul Street. Sometimes a wild southerly was blowing, but despite this the players were running hard and trying to get the ball through the ring. After the first halftime, they were already warmed up, and hot discussions ensued about good and missed chances. Some took the game very seriously indeed. Sometimes they bumped into each other (we do not play rugby, although it is difficult at times to realize this!); bruised fingers, broken fingernails, blue spots everywhere were the result, but nevertheless the pleasure was always there. A compliment should be paid to Mrs Messmer and to Mr Schaerer who were always present and seemed to enjoy the games greatly. Many of the younger members could still learn from them.

After the game, some went to cool down at the Freyberg Pool and have a swim, followed by a milk shake and a nice chat at Mr Jaeggi's coffee bar.

Something new has been established here in Wellington, which brought us together in a most pleasant way; I only hope we can continue on weeknights during the summer.

"Casual player"

NOTICE

We cannot hold our ski weekend on Mount Ruapehu, because not enough compatriots were interested.

~~~~~ **Forthcoming Events** ~~~~~

Auckland Swiss Club

On 29th and 30th of October 1966 the Auckland Swiss Club is holding a Freundschaft Schiessen, and Jagd Schiessen, at Frank Reichmuth's farm, Chamberlain Road, Henderson. Shooters from further afield will have their competition day on the 5th November.

The Club is holding its Shooting Ball on the 5th November at 8 p.m. in the Edendale School Hall Sandringham Road, Sandringham. Our Swiss cook will prepare the special dinner of trout and venison. Bring your friends.

Hamilton Swiss Club

Next card evening November 12th in the Swiss Chalet.