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## 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 Schaeerer 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.

## Wellington Swiss Club

On Sunday 6th November, 9.30 a.m., we start to play tennis again at Hataitai Park and we will continue throughout the summer months. Everybody is welcome.

Basketball will be played one evening during the week, we still have to decide about this.

## **News from the Embassy**

FEDERAL Councillor Dr W. Spuehler, Chief of the Federal Political Department, has agreed to a proposal of our Embassy in Wellington to open an Honorary Consular Agency in Auckland and to appoint Mr Ernst Merz as Honorary Consular Agent and delegate in Auckland of our Embassy.

Our Charge d'Affaires, Dr J.-P. Weber, has now sent to Mr Merz the letter appointing him to this post and the recognition by the New Zealand authorities.

Mr Merz, whose commune of origin is Leimbach, Canton of Aargau, and who settled in New Zealand in 1925, has over the years displayed a great activity in favour of our community, as co-founder and secretary of the then Swiss Benevolent Society and as honorary de facto correspondent in Auckland of the Consulate, later on Consulate-General (now Embassy) in Wellington. His new responsibility is a well-deserved tribute and we extend to him our very best wishes in his new functions.

## **News from Switzerland**

### **WORLD FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS WILL HOLIDAY IN APPENZELL**

Appenzell: Enthusiasm for the World Championship football match in England extended even to Appenzellerland, the two demi-cantons of Appenzell-Inner-Rhoden and Appenzell-Outer-Rhoden in Northeastern Switzerland. Using the Northeast Swiss Tourist Association and the Swiss Football Federation as go-betweens, the enterprising owner of the largest hotel in the town of Appenzell has invited the entire British team, the 1966 World Champions, to spend a winter holiday in the attractive village at the foot of the Saentis. The reply was surprisingly fast in coming—and it was positive. But the Secretary of the British Football Association asked that the generous host be patient until June or July of next year, since the team, hurrying from one match to another, has no chance to think about vacations during the busy winter season.