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News of the Colony

AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB

The Auckland Swiss Club held their Annual General Meeting on March 30th, 1968, at the Improvement Hall, Blockhouse Bay. Quite a number of members attended this meeting in view of the election of officers.

President's Report

Mr T. Sidler thanked all members for their help during the year in arranging our Social Evenings, as well as our few enthusiasts who spent their spare time on our property at Wainui to enable our Club to hold the grand opening on the occasion of our Picnic. Our National Day Celebration was a real success, and also the number of last year's social evenings, including the Theatre Evening, "Daellebach Kari", and the Fasnacht, which were attended by record numbers of members.

Treasurer's Report

Mr A. Mueller spoke once more of a really successful year. He was proud to inform members that we had already made a profit from our Farm property.

Business

Included in the business this year was the finalising of the new rules of the Auckland Swiss Club, which entailed alteration of the rules for the incorporation of our Club.

Election of Officers

President: Mr Kurt Hirzel. Vice-President: Mr Hans Fitzi. Treasurer: Mrs E. Gaemperle. Secretary: Mrs Ursula Boeckli. Committee Members: Mr Ueli Baecher, Mr Bruno Boeckli, Miss Madelaine Clement, Mr H. Grossert and Mr Karl Rollin.

—U.B.

JUBILEE SHOOTING COMPETITION

Combined with the Swiss Society Shooting Competition, we also held a "10-Year Auckland Swiss Club Jubilee Shoot". The "Kranzabzeichen", especially made for this occasion, were won as follows.

I. Rang: H. Fitzi 94, H. Enzler 93, J. Schwartz 93, A. W. Mueller 92, F. Reichmuth 89, K. Hirzel 89, E. Zuest 89, S. Hartmann 88, A. Buenter 87, G. Gebert 87, W. Zuest 84, A. Binder 81.

Frauen.—I. Rang: H. Calonder 84, J. Schwartz 81, V. Bachmann 81, S.ENZLER 75; a special prize was won by our youngest competitor, Heidely Mueller.

Guests: I. Rang: M. Pratt 94, W. Unternaehrer 93, H. Meister 93, B. Fluhler 84.

On Sunday, 24th March, 1968, we held our annual Grape Shoot. Children and adults all tried their luck on a blind target and won 50 boxes of grapes for their efforts. The great moment of the day was a shoot-off between Mrs J. Schwartz and Paul Wuethrich for the Prize Basket of wines, grapes, fruits and a variety of goodies. The lucky winner was Paul Wuethrich.

A pleasant day in good weather for all who attended, and many thanks to Frank Reichmuth for his generosity. —J.S.

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Auckland Swiss Club, I would like to express my warmest thanks to our Past President, Mr Toni Sidler. Throughout the year he has done most outstanding work for our Club, especially in the last year when he spent nearly every week-

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end and many days during the week on the farm to create something for us, and the next generation.

Also, I would like to thank Toni for the ox which he gave us at the picnic for the 10-Year Jubilee Celebration of the Club, and for having available refreshing drinks for the working parties.

He was not only a great President, but also a most wonderful comrade. I hope many more will follow the example of Toni Sidler. —K.H.

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Wellington Swiss Club took place on Saturday, 30th March, 1968, in the Matterhorn Coffee Lounge. Thirty-one members and a few friends were present.

The President's report told of a successful Club year. All the functions were well attended. Our indoor meetings included the highly praised 10th Jubilee Ball, the National Day Celebration, a Fondue-Housie Evening and Christmas Parties for old and young. Two Swiss films were screened at the Lido. Our outdoor activities were a walk, a picnic and a camping weekend and, of course, the shooting. The treasurer's report showed a steady rise in our Club funds.

The meeting agreed to change Rule 4a to: 'subscriptions to be paid by the National Day Celebration'. It was decided to charge competitors in the shooting competition a flat sum of 75c, the Club to cover the deficit. It was agreed to purchase a microphone and amplifier to save the cost of hiring one every time we have an outdoor function.

Mr Erb was in the chair for the elections which went very smoothly. Elected were.—

President: Mr Werner Frick. Vice-President: Mr Walter Gaehwiler. Treasurer: Mrs Ruth Messmer. Secretary: Mrs Lotti Napp. Members: Mrs Ann Rufer, Mrs H. Eschmann, Mr A. Tresch, Mr E. Homberger and Mr H. Iten.

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m. As it was an outstandingly beautiful night we stayed on and on in the Matterhorn Garden, playing cards or talking and very selfishly keeping our hosts out of bed. Our very best thanks to Mr and Mrs Tresch. —L.H.

Forthcoming Events

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

Car Rally: Sunday, 5th May, 1968. In case of bad weather, postponed to 12th May (cancellation over 2ZB). —L.N.