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News of the Colony

SWISS SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This meeting took place over the Queen's Birthday Weekend in Hamilton in the Swiss Chalet. It was very pleasing to see so many members from the various Clubs attending and rather disheartening to see the host Club represented by only a few. In this way the Hamilton Club members were far outnumbered by the other Club members. The meeting was honoured also by the presence of our Ambassador, Mr Corti.

As expected the various items on the agenda produced a lively discussion and even some fireworks. It may be disputed whether these discussions were always helpful and for the benefit of the Society. It would appear that the report of the President contains points upon which it would be well to dwell a bit!

The highlight of the meeting was, without any doubt, the presentation to our former Riflemaster of the well-deserved Medal from the Swiss Rifle Association and the bestowing upon him of the Society's honorary life membership which he also deserved in full measure.

At the elections all Executive members were re-elected and Mr P. Erb, our Vice-Consul, accepted the Auditorship for the coming year.

After having thanked our Ambassador and the members present for their interest shown, the host Club for the organisation of the meeting, and Mr and Mrs Fluehler for their kindness to put the Swiss Chalet at the disposal of the organisers for the meeting, the President closed the meeting rather late at 5 p.m., after which most members sat down to a very good meal. —K.B.

SWISS SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND INC.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1970

The Society's year just ended has as its main characteristic, contrary to the world around us, an uneventful upwards trend. We have neither a big high nor do we have a deep low on our records. Possibly the greatest disappointment was the lack of interest in our Group Travels. However, the splendid results of our Hamilton shooters in the Radio Weltschutzenfest 1969 certainly made all of us proud.

In accordance with the decisions taken at the last A.G.M. it was anticipated that the Society should today be financially in

Hamilton Swiss Club

A cocktail party was held on May 30th for the Swiss living the Waikato district. Well over 100 guests were received by the hosts, Ambassador and Mrs Corti. It was a uniquely happy gathering, due in the first place to the informal tone set by our hosts. The function was held in the beautiful reception rooms of "Top o' the River". Wine stewards served a large variety of liquid refreshments and a number of waitresses passed around a wide assortment of the most delicious continental-style snacks.

Ambassador Corti officially welcomed guests with a few cordial words and in closing laughingly mentioned that the new "Swiss National hymn, Gruezi wohl Frau Stirnima" (as the Swiss at home jokingly call this hit tune) would be played. This record, together with some other folk music ones, filled the air with homely sounds.

However, the loudest "folk music" was the German-Swiss dialect, spoken by practically all present, with just a sprinkling of French and English.

No wonder everybody enjoyed the evening so much; it was the first time that the Swiss from our district had the honour of being bidden to a social gathering by a diplomatic representative of our Homeland.

Thank you, Ambassador and Mrs Corti.

—H.B.

CARD EVENINGS

There are a lot of keen "Jassers" in the Waikato, judging by the two well-attended card evenings which were held recently. The lucky winners in Putaruru were: Louis Steiner 1, Harry Schuler 2, Marie Grossmann 3; in the Eureka Hall: Karl Waldvogel 1, Ernst Studer 2, Mimi Ruedi 3.

—R.E.W.

Taranaki Swiss Social Club

CARD EVENINGS

The first three of our series of card evenings were held during May at St. Paul's Hall, Normanby. Prizes were won by.—

1st Evening: Ladies, Mrs A. Dombroski 1, Mrs J. Kaiser 2, Mrs C. Gwerder 3; men, Mr F. Gwerder 1, Mr A. J. Gwerder 2, Mr T. Gilbanks 3. Lucky Number: Miss P. Chamberlain. Raffle: Mr P. Gwerder.

2nd Evening: Ladies, Miss I. Chamberlain 1, Mrs P. Zimmermann 2, Mrs F. Meier 3. Lucky Number: W. Waldvogel. Raffle: W. Waldvogel.

3rd Evening: Ladies, Miss G. Meyer 1, Mrs F. Gwerder 2, Mrs M. Seifert 3; men, Mr A. Gwerder 1, Mr J. Kiser 2, Mr E. Gwerder 3. Lucky Number: Mr R. Benkert. Raffle: Mr A. J. Gwerder.

SWISS SOCIAL AT KAPUNI

An enjoyable Social held at Kapuni Hall on June 5th was well attended in spite of very wet weather. Young and old had a grand time dancing to the music of a number of musicians who played or gave extras throughout the evening.

A novelty dance was won by Mr J. Hiestand and Miss S. Larking. The Raffle resulted: Mr A. Dettling 1, Mrs K. Napflin 2.
—L.K.

SHOOTING COMPETITION

Our heartiest congratulations to the Taranaki team that won the Swiss Society Shooting Competition. It was a very close contest among the top teams with the Taranaki No. 1 team winning with three 10s on the Try Serial Target.

A promising young shooter, Miss Gloria Meyer not only won the Junior Cup in the Swiss Society Shoot, but was also second in the Single competition, scoring 59 points. This is a grand achievement after only 12 months competitive shooting.

Congratulations, Gloria. —R.W.

Wellington Swiss Club

SKIHUTTEN FEST

This was the first evening arranged by our new Committee and a very wintry night gave just the right atmosphere for the occasion. As we rushed through the door of the Brooklyn Community Centre, we immediately skated on a heap of snow (?) and saw icicles hanging from the parapets. Snowmen, skis and ice skates were also to be seen so one imagined one's self to be on the slopes of Ruapehu. Everybody in skiing uniform also added to the success of the evening and even the skiing casualties were there, their spirits kept up by the devotion of their attractive nurses.

A Sport Toto was held with well-thought-out quests, even if it wasn't exactly "Killy Style". The two-man band kept the dancers on their feet and there was plenty of good food, refreshments and even hot punch to keep everyone happy till the early hours of the morning. It was unfortunate that more members had not turned up for this evening as only about seventy people were present. Our thanks to the Committee for their great effort in making this such a marvellous evening.
—F.W.

★ **GROUP TRAVEL.** Members are reminded that the Society has decided at its Annual General Meeting to organise a Group Travel for the year 1971. This flight is expected to leave in May 1971 and further news will follow.