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NEWS OF THE COLONY

Hamilton Swiss Club

Once again the Swiss Ambassador to New Zealand, Mr Corti and his wife entertained the Swiss community at a Cocktail Party.

While the Swiss and New Zealand flags were flying at the entrance to the "Top o' the River" in Hamilton, where the reception was held, the invited guests were filling the available space to capacity.

As the ladies' hairdressers of Hamilton and surrounding districts had been working overtime, the ensuing result with the corresponding attire was, even from the point of view of a mere male, most pleasant and gratifying to behold.

The informal get-together, led by the Ambassador and his wife plus the excellent service by the caterers made this occasion a most memorable one.

Our sincere thanks to Mother Helvetia and her representative.

—A.B.

Taranaki Swiss Social Club

It was a beautifully fine day which greeted us at Te Ngutu Park on Sunday, 13th February for our Annual Picnic.

A large number of members and their families and friends began arriving at the park in the morning. We were pleased to have with us visitors from Switzerland, Mr and Mrs Arnold Zimmermann and daughter Irene, and Mrs K. Richter, from California. There were also a number of visitors from Waikato who had travelled a long way to join us.

With the Swiss Cantonal flags fluttering gaily and some fine Swiss music a truly Swiss atmosphere prevailed. Throughout the day the skittle alleys were kept busy with pins being knocked down in all directions. The children enjoyed the fishing competition provided for them with the lucky ones winning bottles of soft drinks.

The Swiss music played by Arnold Engelberger, Joe Föhn and Robert Bühler, accordions, and Frank Imhof, clarinet, was much enjoyed, as was the beautiful jodelling later in the afternoon led by Mr Joe Arnold.

The hours seemed to pass by all too quickly, and all too soon it was time for all to depart with happy memories of a most enjoyable day. Results of competitions were.—

Steinstossen.—Senior men, for Walter Risi Challenge Cup: B. Muller. Taranaki Swiss Social Club Cup, for runner-up: V.

Gwerder. Junior men, for Alex Kuriger Challenge Cup: B. Dudli 1st, P. Martin 2nd.

Skittles.—Men: F. Meier 1st, M. Seifert and P. Zimmermann 2nd equal. Ladies: Mrs H. Seifert 1st, Mrs C. Gwerder 2nd.

—R.W.

Christchurch Swiss Club

After a rather cloudy morning the sun came out quite strongly for the start of our Club Fair, held on 13th February. There was a good crowd, including some friends from the Austrian Club.

Among the various activities was "bottle fishing". There is (apparently) an art to this, but a slight breeze made winning more pure luck than an art. "Things to do" included nine-pin bowling, target shooting, darts and sack races. The "Sweetie Stall" did a roaring trade with cakes, biscuits, toffee apples, soft drinks, etc. Barbequed Servelas and Bratwurst with bread were served near 5 o'clock.

Special thanks to all those people who gave their time and energy to make the Fair possible.

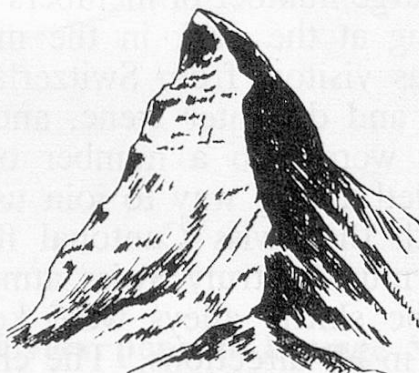
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