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—R.E.W.

News of the Colony

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

Taranaki Comes to Wellington for the Shoot-out:

And a good job they made of it, too. Thirteen members of the Taranaki Swiss Club (Mr and Mrs Chamberlain, Mr and Mrs Fuglistaller, Mr and Mrs Mathys, Mr and Mrs Nolly, Miss Bernold, Messrs Maechler, Neuburger, Detting and Kuriger) travelled all the way to Wellington on the weekend of February 22nd/23rd to defend the Cow Bell. They assembled at lunch time on Saturday at Fred Wehrli's place from where they proceeded to our temporary rifle range in the White-man's Valley. Their skill and equipment quite floored our competitors who tend to take target shooting a lot less seriously. But that may change, so, Taranaki, look out! To give us a chance, the Taranaki shotput experts stayed home and Wellington duly recorded a win in that discipline. The evening saw everybody gathered on Max Fuhrer's property in the Ohariu Valley for a barbecue dinner and more competitions. Although at this stage, Wellington, in theory at least, still had a chance to win, Lady Luck smiled some more on the Taranaki team and Wellington went down, by a very few points only, to Taranaki in both the skittle and cards competitions.

Sincere and hearty congratulations to Taranaki who one has to admit proved to be the better team. The losers had a lovely time, however, and we hope that the same is true for their guests.

On Sunday, the Wellington Swiss Club held their picnic at Woodlands Park in Waikanae and members were very pleased to have the Taranaki team with them on that day. The tug-of-war, by the way, was won by Wellington, a pity that did not count. The day was sunny and hot and turned out to be a great success in bringing Swiss people from country and city together for a few most convivial hours. Thank you, Taranaki, for coming and being such good sports.

The Committee would also like to thank Mr and Mrs Hans Scherrer for letting us hold our shooting competition on their land and for providing such a fantastic afternoon tea. Mr and Mrs Frick, for supplying the food on Sunday and Mr Hans Tresch for organising the shooting.

—L. Napp.

The Riflemaster of our Club recently met in Whiteman's Valley, where Mr and Mrs Hans Scherer offered us their big place of land for shooting purposes. What a relief for a Riflemaster with no range to go to, lately!

A good handful of members ignored the Wellington weather and found it quite good there, with the numbers of juniors also on the increase.

Very special thanks to Mrs Therese Scherer for her overwhelming hospitality. My appreciation also for support from members who well knew beforehand that they would not make the medal, but came along

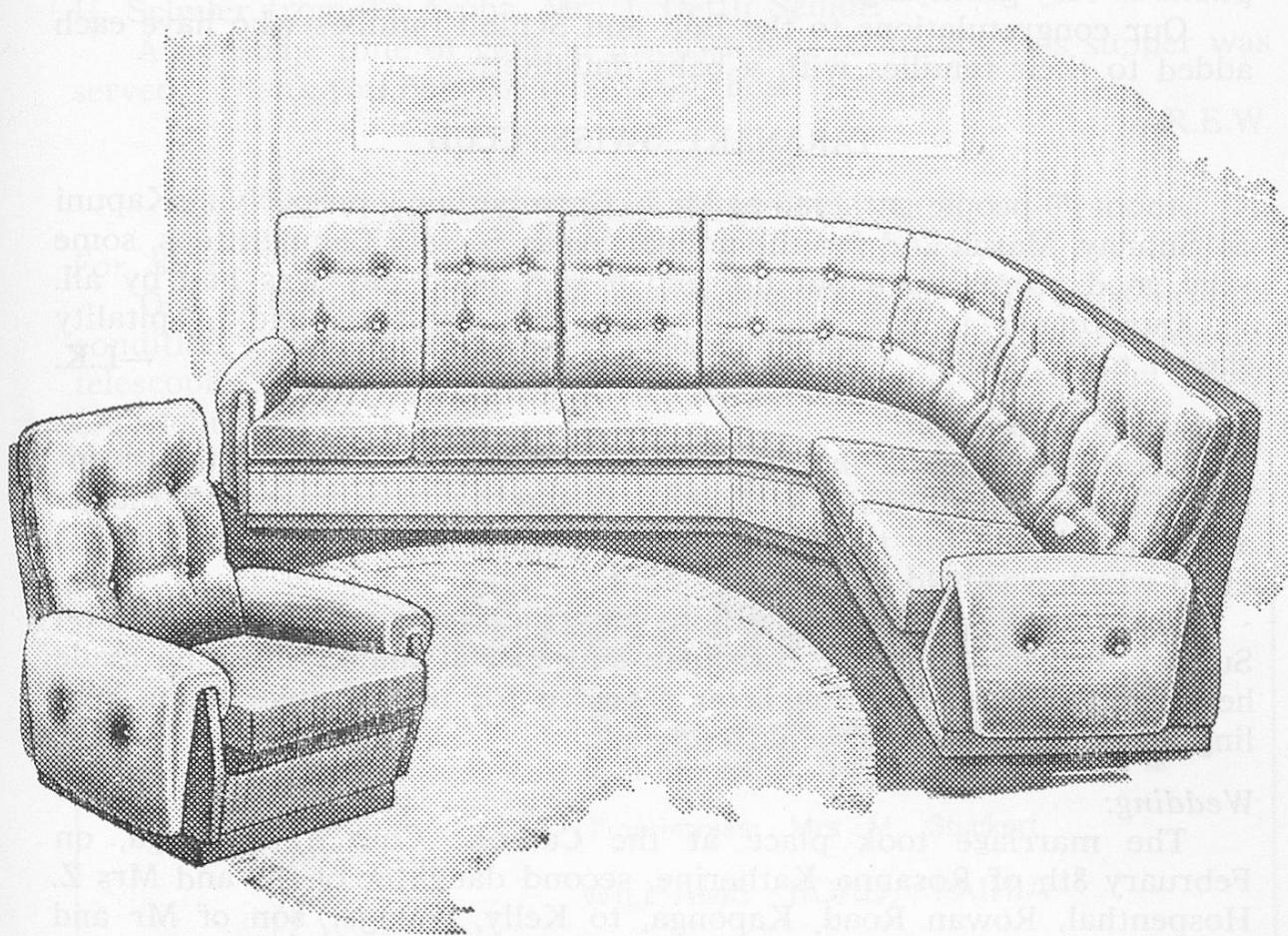
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to help the cause. It was a good start.

Joe Hangartner,
Riflemaster.

CHRISTCHURCH SWISS CLUB

We have enjoyed a very pleasant weekend at Mr Suter's property at Akaroa and several of our members took part in the opening procession of the Christchurch Arts Festival. It was a colourful display with people of many countries and races dressed in their National costumes. We are indebted to Mr Rainer Kuprecht for his playing of the Alphorn in the Square as part of a midday exhibition. The interest shown by the public is very gratifying.

Our congratulations to the Bolt and Schibli families who have each added to their families with a baby daughter.

TARANAKI SWISS CLUB

About 70 people gathered at Mr L. Chamberlain's property at Kapuni on Sunday, March 2nd for the annual Swiss Society Competitions, some very good scores were put up, and a very good day was had by all.

Our thanks to Len and Molly for their kindness and hospitality shown to us all. —L.K.

Thanks to Wellington:

The 15 members of the Taranaki Swiss Club who attended the recent Inter-Club Competitions in Wellington would like to express their thanks and appreciation for the wonderful hospitality shown to them for this event which was held on February 22nd.

The climax to the competitions was the picnic which was held on Sunday, February 23rd at Waikanae and special thanks must be made here for the wonderful luncheon provided for us. Thanks again, Wellington, for a most enjoyable weekend. —L.K.

Wedding:

The marriage took place at the Catholic Church, Kaponga, on February 8th of Rosanna Katherine, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Z. Hospenthal, Rowan Road, Kaponga, to Kelly, younger son of Mr and Mrs S. Sherman, of Tauranga. —L.K.

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

On Saturday, April 5th, our Club's Annual General Meeting was held in the Eureka Hall. As usual, for reasons unknown, this meeting unfortunately always records the poorest attendance.

The President, Mr E. Staheli, warmly welcomed the 32 members present. The Secretary read last year's minutes which were then accepted. The balance sheet showed again a sound financial position. The President then thanked everyone who helped at all our functions, especially the very efficient Committee Members. It is thanks to them and all our loyal members that our Club runs on a smooth course.

Election of Officers:

President, Mr E. Staheli; Vice-President, Mr J. Staheli; Secretary, Mrs R. E. Waldvogel; Treasurer, Mr K. Waldvogel; Auditor, Mr W. Risi; Riflemaster: Mr H. Meister; Committee Members, Mr and Mrs J. Risi, Mr and Mrs W. Fischer, Mr and Mrs Bert Fluhler, Mesdames Ch. Staheli, H. Staheli, M. Schefer, V. Meister, Messrs H. Staheli, T. Ammann.

It was felt that at some of our functions (picnics etc.), we need extra helpers, which resulted in a Standby Committee. They are Mr and Mrs W. Burri and Mr R. Wagner.

Everyone present was asked to stand in silence for a minute in memory of five highly respected friends and members who passed away during the year, namely Mr R. Stucki, Mrs M. Risi, Mr H. Oettli and Mrs H. Schuler from Te Aroha, Mr J. Oettli Senior.

After some time of general discussion, a most delicious supper was served. Thank you Bert for mixing all those salads!

—R.E.W.

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