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NEWS OF THE COLONY

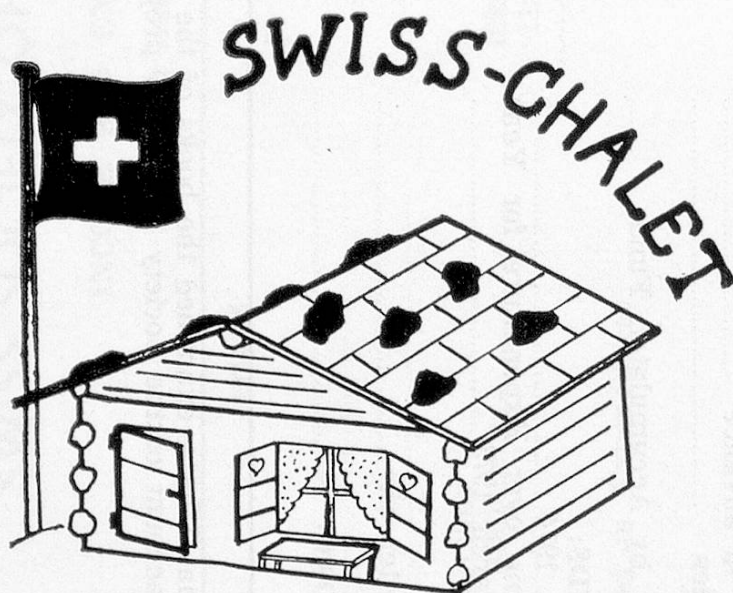
TARANAKI SWISS CLUB COMMITTEE RE-UNION

It was felt that after the club being in existence for 23 years it was time that a re-union was held for all past and present Committee members. What better place to have such a gathering than at the Dawson Falls Tourist Lodge on the slopes of Mt. Egmont. Everybody arrived at the lodge between 4 and 5 p.m. and renewed acquaintances during a cocktail hour. Among the 50 people present, we were very honoured to have with us the club's first President, Mr Walter Risi, and Mr Arnold Biland, and Mrs Biland. A sumptuous buffet dinner was served at 7 p.m. which was enjoyed by everybody, after which the evening continued in a merry manner. Swiss music was provided by Maria Hospenthal (piano) and Leo Zehnder and Zeno Hospenthal (accordians).

It was very fitting that all the club's Presidents, Mr Walter Risi, Mr John Steiner, Mr Martin Steiner and Mr Len Chamberlain were present, as was also the first secretary, Mr Lou Nolly. All too soon a most enjoyable evening came to a close and we all had to brave the cool mountain air, with some very pleasant memories of old times.

Inter-Club Competitions:

We consider ourselves very lucky to still have the cow-bell after a very close contest with the Hamilton Swiss Club in the final of this year's competition. Taranaki felt quite confident at the start of the



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day's events as we were already one up due to the results of the postal shoot. However, our confidence was short lived as Hamilton decisively won the Jass, and Kegeln competitions. We were ready to start singing "Now is the Hour to Say Goodbye" to the bell as we felt it was going to go. However, we were able to win the Steintossen, and in a very tense play-off in the kegelbahn Taranaki won this beautiful trophy. Later a very pleasant evening was had at the Ashleigh Lodge.

—R.W.

AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB

Der "Gmuettliche Abig" turned out again to be a pleasant evening. The one-act show "Da Fassada Chladerer" with the cast of: Mrs Hess, s'Roesli the wife; Mr Hess, Killian the husband; Miss Lin Diem, daughter; Mr Tony Thun, daughter's boyfriend; Miss Annelies Meister, the housemaid; Mr Walter Renn, chimneysweeper and boyfriend of the housemaid—was played with plenty of spirit and the ingenuity to bypass the watchful eyes of Mum and Dad so the boys could meet the girls and vice-versa was hilarious but all had a happy ending. Most interesting was the tight economy which Roesli and Killian applied in this household and we are sure it would solve many problems in the present N.Z. situation, however, luckily very efficient "Roesli" did not apply her economic wisdom on the guests but served a substantial supper, neither was the excellent "Gugelhopf" made of Kaffeersatz as in her recipe of a chocolate cake in the play.

Dancing followed to the tune of two accordion players, Mr Hughes, N.Z., and Mr Douwe, of Holland and Discotheque. A Zugerkirschtorte was the tempting prize for the winner of darts and an enormous "Zopf" and "fruit-basket" for other competitions.

All in all a very enjoyable evening and our thanks to the participants.

—J.B.M.

TARANAKI SWISS CLUB CABARET

Despite the rough weather approximately 200 members and friends attended our first winter cabaret held in the Kapuni Memorial Hall on Friday, May 23. Our very accomplished musicians, the Tipler Trio", Marie and Zeno Hospenhal and Frank Imhof kept nearly everyone on the dance floor until the early hours of the morning. The tape-recordings of new Swiss music played by our M.C. Alex Kuriger between dances were very enjoyable and much appreciated.

—R.W.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

Leuthard—Zimmerman

The occasion was celebrated with a family gathering at their home in New Plymouth where all of their seven children living in all parts of New Zealand were present. They have fifteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

John and Anne were married in Eltham on June 1st, 1925, where they farmed for 25 years before moving to New Plymouth. Both still enjoy very good health and still enjoy dancing and cards.

Kaiser—Zimmerman

Fifty-five years ago Joe Kaiser and Josy Zimmerman arrived in New Zealand with a group of other Swiss migrants and five years later were married at Manaia. After their marriage they farmed at Kaponga and Awatuna before moving to semi retirement at Hawera, on a small farmlet. Their golden wedding was celebrated at Hawera with a family re-union of their two children, fourteen grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

—L.K.

AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB

Our Annual General Meeting was held at Milford Marina Hotel on Wednesday, May 7th. Your newly elected Committee is:

President, Mr Hans Hess, 26 Glendhu Rd., Glenfield, Auckland 10.
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Mr and Mrs Preisig, Mrs Tout, Mr Thum, Mr Wuethrich.

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

The Wellington Swiss Club Skittle Competition took place on Sunday, June 22nd, 1975, in the Club House, Ohariu Valley, in conjunction with the Swiss Society Competitions.

Thirty-seven members gave a skilful and enthusiastic demonstration of just what can be done with nine pins and one wooden ball. Those who stayed until the end were more than recompensed for their perseverance by two most exciting rounds: the first by Mrs Therese Scherrer, a novice at the game, who scored 100 points, and the second by Mr Joe Hangartner who just managed to save the day for the gentlemen by scoring a magnificent 112 points.

Results:—

Joe Hangartner	112 pts.	Andre Schleicher	84 pts.
Therese Scherrer	100 pts.	Fritz Adams	83 pts.
Fred Wehrli	94 pts.	Kurt Schob	82 pts.
Michael Wehrli	94 pts.	Michael Sofka	80 pts.

The Junior Competition was won by Max Fuhrer Jnr. (65 points).