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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The SOCIAL PART in celebration of the 700th Birthday of Switzerland.

We have booked the venue including the buffet dinner and a band. We hope that you will ALL come. Costs will be kept low, round about 20 dollars per head.

If you have one - wear your Swiss costume - and bring your musical instrument - we rely on our compatriots to supply the 'Swiss' content of the entertainment.

Please book with your Club President or with the President of the Wellington Swiss Club.

## NEWS FROM THE CLUBS      AUCKLAND — PICNIC 1991

The Sunday started pretty normal. A little overcast, reasonably cool and many birds chirping their morning songs. It's about 9.00 am up at our Farm in Kaukapakapa. The helpers, the food, the drinks, slowly turn up and things start to take shape so when you turn up everything will be ready. But all of a sudden the grey clouds lost their height and started pouring down the water, we and some farmers desperately needed for weeks. But why today! The close to 20 helpers all ended up inside the hut where a discussion started what to do with all that food if nobody turns up in this horrible rain. It did look very grim outside but still was very good fun and we all sort of accepted this fact of life caused by Mother Nature. But what's that? Car noise!? It sounds like. We nearly missed that the clouds have slowly disappeared up in the sky looking, rather then pouring down on us and you folks started arriving. We stopped counting after a short while but guessers estimated somewhere between 200 and 300 young and older ones turned up.

You surely changed our day and kept us busy alright. People from as far as Switzerland, USA and Christchurch were among the crowd. Welcome to: Ruth Buchman, Lilliane Stocker, Trudy Fehlman, Mimi and Max Ruedi, Hans Preisig, Maja Heiniger's mother - from Switzerland; Franz Werner and that young lady who especially came down from the Maugaturoto - from the USA; Walter Dale and Ernst Gubsa - from Christchurch; and the many more who remain unmentioned.

The day was full of expected and unexpected activities. Apart from all the games and competitions we and some young members organised we also had surprise shows. The Children's Dance Group, the Guggenmusik and the Bandomonium gave us unexpected shows. Osci Roggen suddenly appeared with his Alphorn and Buechel as well as Walter Mueller the famous New Zealand resident Basler Drummer. Thanks a lot folks for making that tremendous effort to come up with all your dresses, instruments, masks, costumes, etc. to entertain us in such a tremendous way.

The Kids Competition had about 50 entries and was won by: Justin Shields 1, Thomas Pfenniger 2 and Melissa Hochuli 3.

120 rounds were fired at Foerster's shooting range for the Picnic Shooting Cup. The happy winners were: Hans Fitz 30 pts 1, Marcel Ruedi 29 pts 2, Remi Zibung 29 pts 3. Untold numbers of people tried their luck with Kegeln for the EZIO Cup. The happy winner in this competition is Emil Tellenbach.

There were many more lucky winners especially with the Lucky Wheel raffles but we think that all of you who dared to drive through that rain and came up there had a good time. Thanks for coming and even more thanks to all the ones who spent their time helping us to make that day an unforgettable success.