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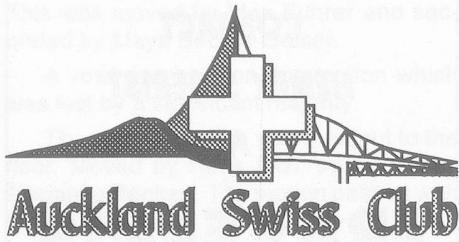
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New Zealand's Swiss Club News



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Auckland Swiss Club

AGM - 6TH MAY

224 Hobson Street, City, 7.30 pm start. We would like to invite all members to our Annual General Meeting. This is the time to find out what's happening in your club and bring forward your own ideas. We need some new committee members and a new treasurer. If you like to be nominated please ring P. Schüpbach on 309 5824 or A. Wolf on 846 0736.

HELP!

Is there anybody out there who could help a young woman, who had an unfortunate accident, with transport from One Tree Hill to Auckland Hospital? She needs physiotherapy 2-3 times a week and is not well enough to drive or go by bus. If you can help in any way please ring her. Tel. 09 579 1100.

JASSEN 1996

7.30 pm at the Gasthof "Pros Ethnic", 224 Hobson Street, City Every 3rd Friday of the month. It is always a lot of fun with a price for the most points of the evening. We also got a cup to be won by

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the best "Jasser" of the Year. So come along to play the most favourite game (sport!?) of the Swiss. The dates are as follows:

17. May	16 August
21 June	20 September
19. July	18. October

DATES 1996

May 6	AGM 1930 at 224 Hobson Street, City
June	AGM Swiss Society Queensbirthday Weekend

AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB SHOOTING SECTION.

1996 Shooting Programme.

11 May 1996: Last Auckland Shooting Day at Kaukapakapa.
12 May 1996: Hamilton Shooting Day at Kaukapakapa.

All shooting days start at 9.00 o'clock sharp.

The Riflemaster Werner Werffeli

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Card Evenings:

Saturday 4 May, 7.30pm (sharp) Tirau Memorial Hall (includes medal competition).

Saturday 18 May, 7.30pm (sharp) Eureka Hall (includes medal competition).

Saturday 8 June, 7.30pm Tirau Memorial Hall

Saturday 15 June, 7.30pm Eureka Hall

Saturday 29 June, 7.30pm Tirau Memorial Hall

Saturday 13 July, 7.30pm Eureka Hall.

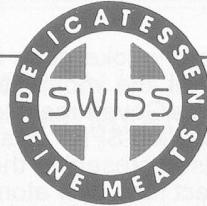
FIRST OF AUGUST CELEBRATION:

Saturday 27 July, 8.00pm Eureka Hall.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

On 23rd March, the Hamilton Swiss Club celebrated its 40th anniversary at the Cambridge Raceway.

Our guests of honour were the Ambassador of Switzerland and Patron of



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the Swiss Society, Mr. Ernst Thurnheer and Mrs. Thurnheer.

Club President, Mr. Herbert Staheli, welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Thurnheer, as well as guests who had travelled from Taranaki and Auckland and members and friends of the Hamilton Club. He wished everyone an enjoyable evening.

When the idea of a Jubilee was first discussed, it was felt by the Club Committee that, because of the type of function, this evening should be attended by as many people as possible. Therefore, as a way of returning some of our accumulated funds back to the people who have supported the Club over the years, it was decided to subsidise the evening to keep the ticket price down.

It seems that our theory succeeded, as initially we expected approx 200 - 220 people but instead received an overwhelming response of 280 people.

This then caused a bit of a headache as to how we would fit everyone in, as well as ensure that everyone could see the entertainment. But, in typical Swiss fashion, we managed to overcome this problem reasonably well.

The caterers also set a new record. Their highest number of guests to date was around 200 - until we came along! But they could be justifiably proud, as the dinner was delicious and enjoyed by all.

Entertainment was also not lacking, with the Swiss-Kiwi Yodel Group and music group. We were able to enjoy several songs, a lovely duet, alphorn blowing and playing of the "Hackbrett". During a break, we were also given a great performance of "Fahnen-schwingen" by a long-standing Club member, Mr. Joe Egger. This was followed by another, more light-hearted item, by the Yodel Group.

This wonderful entertainment was followed by a short address by our President, Herbert Staheli, and then by the Ambassador. Mr. Thurnheer commented that if the Club continued in its same vein in the future, it would one day surely be able to celebrate its 100th Jubilee. Well, that may be, but I think we'll leave that one to our grandchildren!

A mouth-watering Jubilee Cake was then presented in the form of a delicious "Zugerkirschtorte", made by Werner Burri. Christine Staheli and Charlie Waldvogel (without their prior knowledge), being two members of the original founding committee of the Hamilton Swiss Club in 1956, were then invited to come forward to cut this cake, which afterwards became the highlight of the dessert selection.

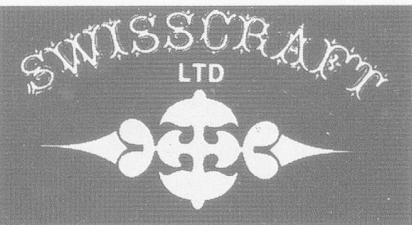
After dessert, with the formal part of the evening completed, there was still plenty of dancing, traditional folk music and time to catch up with distant friends.

Earlier in the day, we had secretly baited some places in the room, and for the fortunate people who were sitting or

standing in these places, there was a spot prize. Several draws of ticket numbers were also made with further prizes for the lucky ticket-holders. Doris, Heidi, Erika E. and Erika C. also enthusiastically sold raffle tickets, the big prize being a mystery trip for two. This raffle was drawn later in the evening, and won by Yea Young Lee of Cambridge, a friend of two of our members. Miss Lee collected her prize and on being well applauded and congratulated on her lucky win, could not understand why people were making such a "fuss" over winning a travel-bag! Suffice to say that she eventually looked into the bag the next day and discovered the ticket for the mystery trip! It seems several people simply bought raffle tickets, but did not know what the prize would be. I'm sure there will be a number of people wanting to accompany Miss Lee on her travel, and we all wish her a lovely trip.

Later in the evening, Rinaldo Rust entertained us with a very humorous "Schnitzelbank".

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versary, a souvenir booklet had been compiled. This unenviable task was undertaken by Mr. Rinaldo Rust. It covers many of the events of the past forty years, as well as lists the names of past and present members who have all in some way contributed to the success of our Club, be it in organising, catering or simply attending our functions. This booklet is a reminder of our history and I know that it will be regarded as such, and treasured for many years to come.

As is usual at such a function, time passes all too quickly, and all things must come to an end. So, at well after 1.00am we had to call it a night, but the memories will last for a long time to come.

We give special thanks to everyone who helped in planning and organising this Jubilee: to the Yodel and Music groups for their superb entertainment
Fahnenschwingen by Joe Egger





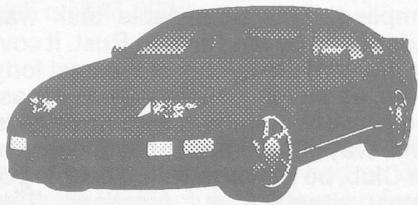
and performances, to Joe Egger for his traditional "Fahnenschwingen", to Rinaldo Rust for the professional production of the souvenir booklet, and to our guests of honour, Mr. and Mrs. Thurnheer, for making the long trip from Wellington to be with us. To all our guests from other Clubs or parts of the country, members and friends, we say thank you for coming and supporting our Club. The success of a function such as this is ultimately reliant on the people attending and all these people have ensured that our 40th Jubilee became an enjoyable and memorable evening.

Beatrice Leuenberger, Jubilee Committee

Cutting of the Jubilee Cake by Christine Staheli and Charlie Waldvogel, with Club President, Herbert Staheli, looking on.

▼ Some of the many people who joined us in celebrating the past 40 years.

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TARANAKI SWISS CLUB

5th May. - Swiss Society competitions at the hall commencing 10.00am. Come and participate - there are some beautiful medals to be won!! Some may stay on for a few more games of cards and a pot-luck tea. You're welcome to join us.

12th May. - Cards at 1.15pm

18th May. - Championship Shoot at 11.00am. Our friendly rivalry in Preiskegeln starts at 1.00pm with the well-attended fondue or sausage and potato salad meal being served from 6.30pm to 8.00pm

26th May. - Cards at 1.15pm



1st - 3rd June. - Swiss Society AGM and final of the Cowbell competition against Hamilton or Auckland is held during this weekend at Auckland. A bus is to be arranged. All members who are keen to attend please ring Remigi on 06 764 6438. A thoroughly enjoyable weekend.

9th June. - Cards at 1.15pm

16th. June. - Championship shoot at 1.00pm followed by a committee meeting of the shooting club.

23rd June. - Cards again at 1.15pm (WOW... must be a favourite pastime of members of the Taranaki Swiss Club!!!!)

7th July. - Anniversary Championship shoot from 11.00am to 3.00pm followed by the very popular Sauerkraut meal.

14th July. - Cards at 1.15pm

21st July. - Cards again.... at 1.15pm

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

Note from the Editor: Since this club's AGM took place on April 13, the new committee did not have time to prepare and announce the new programme for this issue of the *Helvetia*. The club's forthcoming activities will be published in the next issue. However the club advised the name of its new Secretary:

Trudi Brühlmann, 1 Marine Drive, Mahina Bay, Eastbourne, Wellington
Phone 562 8019.

CHRISTCHURCH SWISS CLUB

Note from the Editor: No news received from this club for this issue. This is probably also due to the proximity of the AGM and the voting in of a new committee. We look forward to receiving some news for the next issue.