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The tombola was a success, although some might have had a bit of a surprise. It was well after midnight when we left the club house, content with the fondue and a very friendly evening.

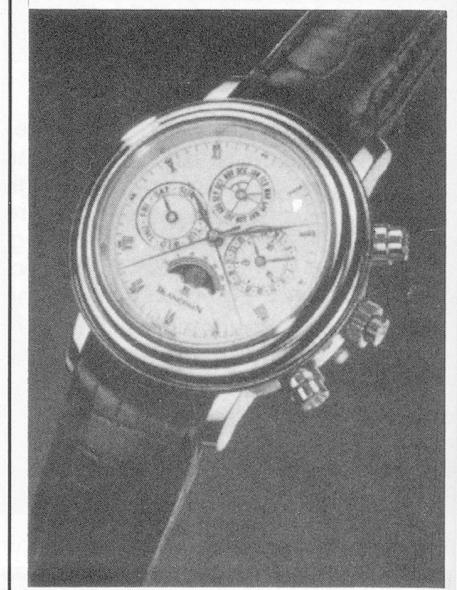
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A big "Hello" from all of us down here! We have been busy with our walks and a few other activities. At the end of August we climbed the hills behind Makara, to the great delight of our small children, as they were all looking forward to see the relics of the bunkers which were built in the 2nd World War. And they were not disappointed. Sadly we had to leave the summit fairly abruptly, as a storm and heavy winds were brewing above our heads - they helped us to sail swiftly back to the beach where a warmer climate prevailed. Later, we enjoyed a "Jass" in the clubhouse.

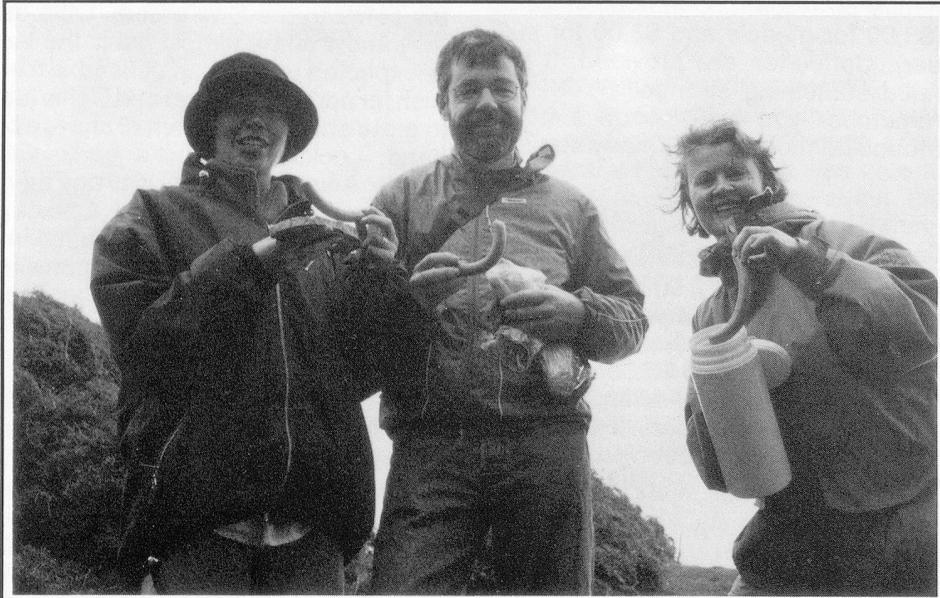
On the 10th September the Garibaldi Club and the Circolo Italiano of Wellington were the hosts for two Ticino writers, Elda Guidinetti and Antonio Rossi. It was an interesting and challenging night. Antonio spoke in a very soft Italian about the immigration and emigration from and to the Tessin. Elda spoke in English about women and family issues. Many questions were capably answered. We thank the Swiss and Italian Embassies for inviting Elda and Antonio to several New Zealand and Australian cities. The sharing of literature and culture is always enriching for the giver and receiver.

A warm sunny September Sunday encouraged us to walk up Wrights Hill in Korori. It was as usual the last Sunday of the month. The highlight of the trip was the hospitality of the Schneider-Köppel family who spoilt us with wonderful cakes and coffee. Why don't you join us on our next trip?

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Nadine Studer, Franz Schneider and Michele Köppel-Schneider enjoying the "Wienerlis" on the summit!



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Here is an unusual letter from a boy from Ghana who is looking for a pen pal (we publish it exactly as we received it):

To: the Editor, Switzerland Newspaper, Auckland

Dear Sir,

Application for publishing penpals:
I wish to apply to publish my name, address, age, hobbies and sex. The particulars belows:

Name: Anthony GODWYLL
Address: c/- P.O. Box 7, KOJOKROM BRANCH, GHANA, WEST AFRICA

Age: 14 years old

Hobbies: Table tennis, football playing, volley ball and any sports you think off

Sex: male

Please Sir, I end here with my peace - fully greeting to you all.

Thank you, Good luck,
Yours faithfully,
Anthony Godwyll

He seems a nice boy. Anyone interested in starting a correspondence with him?