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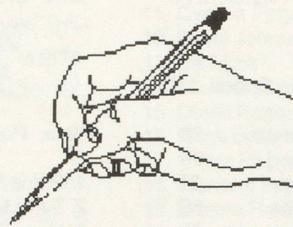
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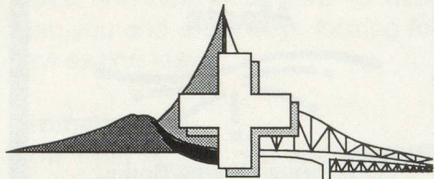
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New Zealand Swiss Club

News & Happenings



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Auckland Swiss Club

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Forthcoming events

15. March, Wandertag

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Obituary

Peter Eggenschwiler 1922 - 1998

Born in Basel he had a happy childhood growing up with one Brother and one Sister.

Aged sixteen he began an apprenticeship as a printer and at 18 years of age he was called up for military training during the early years of the second world war.

Military service in the Swiss mountains brought about Peter's love of nature.

Working in Geneva after the war, Peter found his wife Monika. They married in 1951 and were blessed with two daughters, Ruth and Susanne.

- As an excellent printer with 30 years of loyal service to the "Kirschgarten Druckerei" in Basel, Peter was able to advance into a managerial position as editor for the final 10 years of life in Switzerland.

- The decision to follow daughter Susanne to live in New Zealand was a courageous one for Peter and his wife Monika. Together they grew to love our adoptive land with its abundant nature and its mild winters. Peter loved gardening, an extension of his interests in botany. His wealth of knowledge extended to the arts, history and current world news.

Above all he loved his family and friends.

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31.5.98 300m Reserve Day
14.6.98 300m Hamilton Day

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Hamilton

Swiss Club

Forthcoming Events

AGM - Saturday 25 April 1998, Swiss Craft premises.

January's Committee Meeting

January is traditionally known as a holiday month. This is often obvious and can manifest itself at meetings which generally aren't well organised in that lazy first month of the year. So it was for the Hamilton Swiss club committee. As a result, our first committee meeting for the year was on Sunday 1 February (any later, and we would have let the well-known Swiss punctuality reputation down!). We all know that this weather has been so hot, so it stood to reason that the meeting had to be at a place where there was a pool. We also know that food is

a very important part of our lives, so we decided to abandon the traditional evening meeting in favour of an all-day family get-together with the opportunity to have a prolonged BBQ! Needless to say the weather didn't let us down, and after indulging in a scrumptious lunch, the committee members hibernated in the lounge in order to do the serious business, while the other family members cooled off in the pool (I know where I rather would have been!). Our thanks to Doris and Peter for a great day - it was an ideal way to combine a committee meeting with a fun family day.

Congratulations
to
Anna and Bruno
Rüfer
on the safe arrival of their son
Benjamin
on Feb. 2.1998

We share in your happiness!



Forthcoming Events

- 2. March - Annual General Meeting at 8:00 pm at the club house.
- 5. March - Kegeln
- 15. March - Championship / Society Shoot at 1:00 pm
- 19. March - Kegeln

New programmes will be sent out to individual members when the committee has convened to organise the year's social functions.

Club News

Waitangi weekend was going to be a very busy weekend for the Taranaki Swiss Club, with hosting Wellington for the Cowbell competition on Saturday and our Annual Picnic on Sunday.

Saturday dawned beautiful and sunny, and several Taranaki committee members were in Kaponga early to commence organising the proceedings of the weekend. We were soon joined by Hans and Margrit Buess from Wellington, who must have got up very early in deed! ! ! About twelve we had lunch of cervelats and bratwurst and french sticks. The purchase by the club of two gazebos was great a bit of shade on such a hot, sunny day. Then the competition began we were fortunate to have more support than Wellington or was it more skill !!!?!! Most importantly everyone appeared to enjoy themselves, and content to have a chat with each other. Finally the Bärner, Roland Schutz arrived but not even he could make a difference to the end result ! ! ! We finally won all four competitions. Many, many thanks to the Wellingtonians who made the epic journey north to ensure a competition took place we enjoyed your company and look forward to our trip south next year ! !

Thanks also to the members of the Taranaki Swiss Club who hosted our Wellington friends your gesture was much appreciated. In the evening, we had a delicious meal of "Aufschnitt, Gschweulti" and salads. Thanks to members of the Swiss

Club who brought a salad they were absolutely delicious and what a variety ! ! ! We were then fortunate to have a Swiss holiday-maker with us playing the "Schweizer-örgeli" it was most enjoyable. Our little singing group gave a delightful performance, and then all too soon the evening was over.

Many thanks to all the loyal supporters (from both clubs) who helped make the day pleasant and entertaining.

Annual Picnic

For a change this year, the day was gorgeous from the start. With all committee members designated different jobs, we were all ready for a big crowd and certainly weren't disappointed. The Seifert brothers were kept very busy selling beer under the gazebos, Ruedi and helpers were run off their feet selling drinks, icecreams and iceblocks, and the crew barbequing sausages certainly knew what they had done at the end of the day ! ! ! Doreen had arranged Taranaki Swiss Club tee-shirts and sold several anyone interested in purchasing any tee-shirt or polo shirt please contact Doreen. A tombola was organised by Erna and Lisette with many great prizes many thanks for your hard work, and thanks to the committee members (and Josie, Rös and Margrit) for rolling up the tickets. These sold like hot cakes, and we thank everyone for their support and generosity. At about 1:00 pm the Schwingen commenced ages varied greatly from five to forty plus no names

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mentioned ... eh PaulS !!! ...as long as participants enjoy themselves!!! The Schwingen provided wonderful entertainment, and attracted a large crowd of vocal supporters. Great to see so many young people participating and appearing to enjoy themselves. As always, we had a strong contingent of Swiss tourists, who take pleasure in this event. Many thanks to Nic and his helpers for organising this popular event, which is a highlight of the picnic. Grateful thanks to all those who donated prizes, for without your support it would be difficult to organise such a contest. This year Walter decorated the ute, with the beautiful prizes being displayed on it many thanks Walter, it looked great. During the whole day, Zeno and Peter provided splendid entertainment with their accordions. Thanks a lot it was terrific!!!

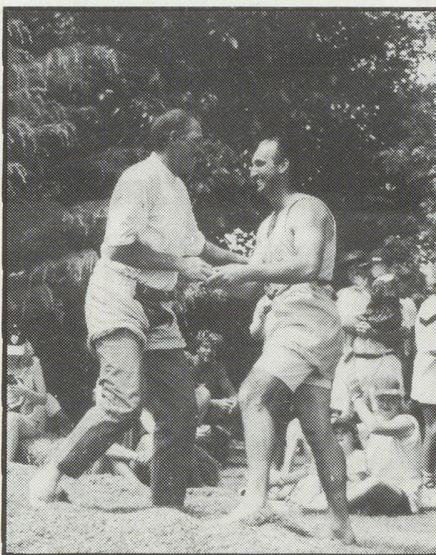
There was more rivalry in the shotput this year than in the past few years, which was good to see. The eventual winners in the mens and ladies were Ross Muggeridge and Marlies Hebeler respectively. Good effort and well done!!! Children's games and a lolly scramble were held and well-supported.

For the stayers, a light tea was held and a social evening followed with music and dancing.... while the card players continued to be hard at it!!! Many thanks to Sepp for loyally providing schnaps at all our functions.... it is certainly greatly appreciated by the coffee-schnaps lovers!!!

Finally, thanks to our loyal supporters, and above all, many, many thanks to all those who worked so very hard and diligently to make this day enjoyable and entertaining for everyone. For without you, this event could not take place. We really appreciate all your help.



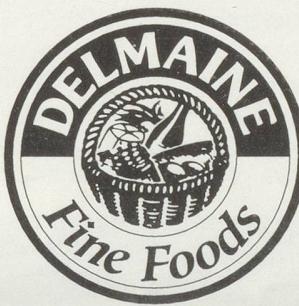
Everyone enjoying a drink towards the end of the day... under the shade of the gazebos



Two Taranki Schwingers, Franz Schuler and Paul Hardegger... seem to enjoy the rivalry!!



Winner of the shotput, Ross Muggeridge... grinning from ear to ear!



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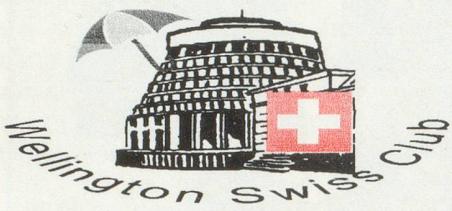
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In the juniors Sami Werder and Swen Ruchi had a great battle... with Sami the eventual winner. Well done boys.



Forthcoming Events

March 7, 1998:

Luzerner Abend, 7.30 pm at the Clubhouse, Food Music and Masks. Please notify your attendance with Maya Beddie-Geiser, 234 1499.

March 28, 1998:

Fritz Adams Cup: 7.30 pm at the Clubhouse. No charge. Please bring a plate.

April 18, 1998:

Annual General Meeting, 7.30 pm at the Clubhouse. All members will be notified in writing.



Obituary

The Wellington Swiss Club recently farewelled Helga Flepp, just 8 months after the death of her husband Emil. Our Sympathy goes to Afra, their daughter.

Visit to Taranaki on 7 & 8th of February

12 members of the Wellington Swiss club visited the Taranaki Club last weekend. In addition they had 3 overseas visitors with them. The members did their best to wrestle enough points in the **Cow Bell Competitions** to qualify for the next round. Unfortunately Taranaki remained supreme. But our members were treated with the greatest hospitality. Food, Entertainment and billeting in the homes of the Taranaki members. The weather was New Zealand's eternal summer. But the grass was still green reminding some of us that perhaps this part of



Lots of excitement for onlookers and participants.

the country could be called another Switzerland. And always the mountain in the background.

Erich (a nephew of Franz Rempfle) and his friend Mathias supported the Wellington club with their sense of humour, shooting and also entertaining everyone with their playing the Schwyzerörgeli. Incidentally these young men are reputed to have entertained the travellers at Wellington airport in a similar impromptu manner upon their arrival in NZ. They are true ambassadors of the homeland.

Sunday at Taranaki saw the numbers of people at the Kaponga club rooms swell to 100 or more. The expansive grounds with shady trees

provided a great venue for the picnic that took place. The Taranaki people had two of their members playing piano accordions. Sausages sizzled, souvenirs and other refreshments could be bought, much conviviality and friendship were fostered, and there was no shortage of young boys and men who came forward to take part in the Schwingen competitions that took place in a wonderful arena outside.

For the writer of this report it was his first experience of such an event. He was impressed with the affirmative spirit that pervaded the two days.

Wellington thanks Taranaki for a wonderful weekend.

Denis C Hamblin.



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Wellington-Anniversary-Tombola prize Mystery trip with Ansett NZ Report

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By taxi we arrived at the airport by 7.30 am. As soon as we were handed the tickets we knew that we were heading for Christchurch and indeed we arrived there at 9 am.

A shuttle bus took us to the Hotel Chateau on the Park. We were 5 couples in all to enjoy this mystery weekend at this Hotel. We spent most of the day in "Hagley Park", and the Botanic Garden captured our interest. In the evening we had a most enjoyable dinner at the Hotel. Late next morning we checked out of our Hotel rooms, left the bags in the Hotel and headed for the new shopping Complex in Riccarton. But oh, so many people there on a Saturday! We walked back to the Hotel and headed for the airport. Soon we found ourselves back in Wellington.

We both thank the sponsors and the Wellington Swiss Club for a most enjoyable weekend.

Holdy and Regi Mathys, Taranaki.

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