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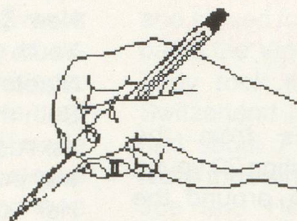
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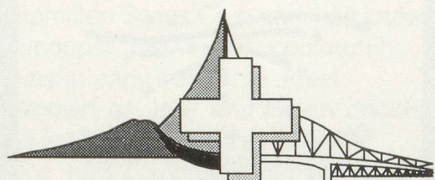
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New Zealand Swiss Club News & Happenings



**Auckland
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Auckland Swiss Club

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Forthcoming events

5 April: Club Kegeln and Jassen
at Edith Hess 10 am
ph. 4446972

Change of Society Jassen and Kegeln date, due to the shooting activity at the Swiss Farm, the Society Jassen/Kegeln with Hamilton is on the **26 April** at Edith Hess' 10 am ph. 4446972

4 May AGM at 224 Hobson St. at
7.30 pm.

Jassen every 3rd Friday at Oski's,
224 Hobson St.

Dear Member,

Regarding the AGM

There are a few issues we have to vote on:

- Changing the name from Farmtrust to Farm Committee. The name "Farmtrust" causes problems with the IRD (Tax Dept.) so we have to change that.

- The Riflemaster, at present Henry Werfelli, needs also to be elected on to the committee. The riflemaster is currently not a committee member and we from the committee think he should be on it.

If you have any questions, suggestions, ideas or whatever bring them to the meeting, as we would like to see as many members as possible. There will be a snack provided (cold cuts and bread). Sweets?! It would be a pleasure to taste your new cake, tart, slice etc. recipes. Drinks are available, coffee and tea are free.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact a committee member.

E.G.

Schnecken, Studenten-Schnitten and Nussgipfel available.

The musical entertainment after lunch was provided by the Yodel Club who sung a few songs and later displayed their talents in blowing the Alphorn. A Swiss tourist, Albert and Ursula played the Schwiizerörgeli, followed by our very own Ländlerkappelle which concluded the live concert with their lovely performance.

To the worry of their parents the kids entertained themselves on the flying fox and the less dangerous playground. Meanwhile strong men and women competed in the Steinstossen. PUHH!!! It was heavy! Also a raffle for a big Nussgipfel (you had to guess the weight of it) was held. The weight of it was 1995g.

The day ended around 5 pm.

I would like to thank all the people who lent a hand to make the day memorable and successful.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

FIDEL GOOD for the calf

EVELINE & FRANZ from the Swiss Bakery in Milford for the huge Nussgipfel and the \$10. Voucher.

E.G. Vice President

ANNUAL PICNIC AUCKLAND

On the 15th of February we had our annual picnic at the Swiss Farm in Kaukapakapa. The event "started" at 5 am in the morning when Willy and his assistants lit the spit with the calf in it (apparently his son dropped the marinade and Vreni had to get up and make a new marinade in the middle of the night). Even half asleep, she must have still found the right ingredients, because the calf turned out beautifully.

Most of the people (160 including children) arrived between 10 am and 11 am on that sunny, but not too hot day. At lunch-time the calf, cervelat and bratwurst was served with tomato/basil, cucumber/dill, pasta salad and bread for a small charge. There were also delicious Berliner,



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14.6.98	300m	Hamilton Day

- 50m shooting starts at 1.00 pm. sharp
- 300m shooting starts at 9.00 am. sharp

Shooting dates organised by the Riflemaster

U.I.T., 300m, 60 shots prone:	
2 & 3 May 98	- North Island Championship
1 & 2 July 98	- 1st Weekend Auckland Challenge
19&20 Sep 98	- 2nd Weekend Auckland Challenge
14&15 Nov 98	- 3rd Weekend Auckland Challenge

If you wish to participate in any of these shoots, please contact the Auckland Rifle-master, Henry Werffeli, as there are some rules regarding equipment and supply of ammu-

nition. However everyone is welcome to come and in most cases, I am able to help. Please contact me on 09-410 3476 (home) or 09 622 2800 (work).

Important Note: Please do not use the Auckland Swiss Shooting Range without prior notification.

The Riflemaster, Henry Werffeli

OBITUARY



On 19 February 1998 the funeral took place at St. Andrew's Church, Mangonui of
Elizabeth Reinhard
Wife of Peter Reinhard. She was born in Frutigen-Switzerland on 9th July 1915 and died at Hihi on 16 February 1998.

Our sincere Sympathy is extended to Peter and Family.
May she rest in God's peace!

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We wish Henry a speedy recovery so that he may be back to good health again soon.

Swiss Society and Editing team.



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Hamilton Swiss Club

Forthcoming Events

AGM - Saturday 25 April 1998,
Swiss Craft premises. Drinks
from 7.30 pm -
Meeting 8 pm.
Everyone welcome.

CARD EVENINGS

9 May 7.30 pm - Tirau hall
23 May 7.30 pm - Eureka hall
6 June 7.30 pm - Tirau hall
20 June 7.30 pm - Eureka hall
4 July 7.30 pm - Tirau hall
18 July 7.30 pm - Eureka hall

INTERCLUB SPORTS SEMI FINAL

Tentative date for travelling to Auckland is 26 April - this is still to be confirmed.

ANNUAL PICNIC

Even though it poured with rain the day before, the day of the picnic dawned bright and sunny. The committee arrived early, setting up and preparing for the crowd which would later arrive.

The venue was once again Villiger's farm in Kiwitahi, but this year in a different paddock, which proved to be as 'user-friendly' as the paddock previously used. Large trees provided a lot of shade from the glaring sun, and the cold drinks available quenched the thirst of many.

Bratwurst, servelat, cakes, biscuits and coffee were sold by not only committee members, but also by others who had generously offered to help. Each year there seems to be a different selection of baking, and this year was no exception. Thanks to those people concerned.

Club members could also test their skill and strength with bowling and shotput. It was good to see so many members participating in both events.

After lunch the children were able to let off a little energy by jumping on an inflatable bouncy castle. This replaced the usual games which have

been organised in previous years. A lolly scramble is always popular with children, so once again that was an important part of the day!

This year people were able to enjoy background music by way of an accordion and a clarinet. Peter Canziani and his friend from Switzerland were responsible for the lovely music - obviously others thought so too, judging from the singing. Many thanks to Peter and

Monique Canziani who travelled from Turangi that morning.

Overall, people seemed to enjoy the day. I would like to thank and acknowledge Herbert and other committee members who set up for the picnic and cleaned up afterwards. Other people were also involved and thanks is extended to them as well as to Villiger's for giving us the use of their farm.



Bowling expert Karl (Charlie) Waldvogel in action, with Beatrice and Hans Peter recording the scores.



Peter Canziani and Karl Hurschler entertaining with lovely folk music.

Obituary



Josefina Marty née Styger

Josefina Styger was born in Rothenturm Switzerland on the 28 December 1913. Her father Karl Styger was a farmer who died at an early age during the influenza epidemic of 1918.

-Josefina and her mother lived in Rothenturm and it was there at St. Antonius Church on the 13 May 1938 that she married Alois Marty. They had four children, Theresia, Bertha (dec), Alois and Arthur.

Alois and Josefina emigrated to New Zealand in 1950. They worked on farms and sharemilked before purchasing their own farm at Korakonui, Te Awamutu in 1962.

A life long interest in breeding jersey cattle was started by the family in 1964, with the establishment of the Greenbelt stud prefix.

Alois predeceased Josefina in 1983. She continued to live on the farm until she entered San Michele Resthome in Te Awamutu where she passed away on the 23 February 1998.

Josefina is survived by three children, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The Swiss community of Hamilton and the Waikato extend sincere sympathy to the Marty families.

23 May : Championship Shoot
at 11.00 am
: Preiskegeln at 1.00 pm
: Fondue/Sausages served
from 6.30 pm to 8.00pm

Presidents Report AGM 1998

Dear Club members, friends and supporters of the Taranaki Swiss Club,

- Yet again a very active year for the club has drawn to a close. It is with great pleasure that I can inform you that attendances to our functions have been up on previous years. There is also a slight increase in our membership. We are delighted to see several young members participating in our club activities, and we thank the parents of these children for encouraging them to join in, as they are our club's future.

On 2nd March, our 46th AGM was held. We had two resignations. These being Heidi Seifert from the committee and Ruedi Dudli as Karabiner riflemaster. I would like to thank them both very much for their valuable contribution to the Swiss Club. At the same time I would like to congratulate Remigi Zimmermann on his election as Karabiner Riflemaster, and welcome Rös Monti as our new committee member. All other committee members were re-elected for a further year. Once again on behalf of the committee I would like to emphasize our appreciation for your involvement in our club. We thank you all for your loyal support and hope to see you as often as possible over the next twelve months.

President - Walter Seifert.

Taranaki Swiss Club Our Committee Members for 1998-99

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Committee	: L. Butler, M. Kiser, E. Kiser E. Fuglistaller, L. Nolly, H. Mathys, P. Kuriger.
Kegeln Club	: R. Benkert
Committee	: M. Kiser, J. Hermann, W. Seifert, M. Benkert.

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Forthcoming Events

April

5 April : Cards 1.15 pm
19 April : Championship / Society
Shoot at 1.00 pm
26 April : Cards 1.15 pm

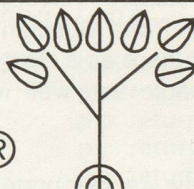
May

3 May : Swiss Society
Competitions at
10.00 am
10 May : Cards 1.15 pm
17 May : Cards 1.15 pm

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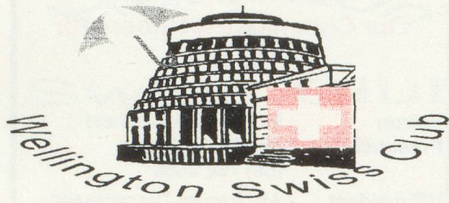


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Forthcoming Events

Annual General Meeting AGM

Sat., 18th April 1998, 7.30 pm at the Club House.

1. Welcome, Apologies
2. Election of Scrutineers
3. Minutes of last year's AGM
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Rifle Master's Report
7. Remits
8. Election of new Committee and Auditor
9. General Business

The new Committee will be elected: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, 3 Committee members..

- Prospective candidates please come forward. We hope for a high attendance at this important event.

After the Meeting we are going to enjoy a friendly game of Jassen, Kegeln and a Chat. Come and win some lovely prizes!

Supper provided.

News from the Wellington Swiss Club

Hope you are all surviving the heat wave! But even with the high temperatures we are having fun in the region. The International Arts Festival is in full swing and is drawing record visitors. Have you seen our great Te Papa Museum yet? Having worked there as a Host I can say it's total magic and well worth several visits.

Recently we celebrated a Lucerne night at the clubhouse. 38 people welcomed "Father Fritsche" who brought a few oranges along according to very old Lucerne Customs. The warm, mild evening invited us to socialize outside before enjoying a scrumptious meal. This was capably prepared by a well organized and relaxed committee. Our beautifully dressed clown, Margot Ross -

Pfister, had been the initiator of this special night. Leo Zehnder entertained us with his Accordion.

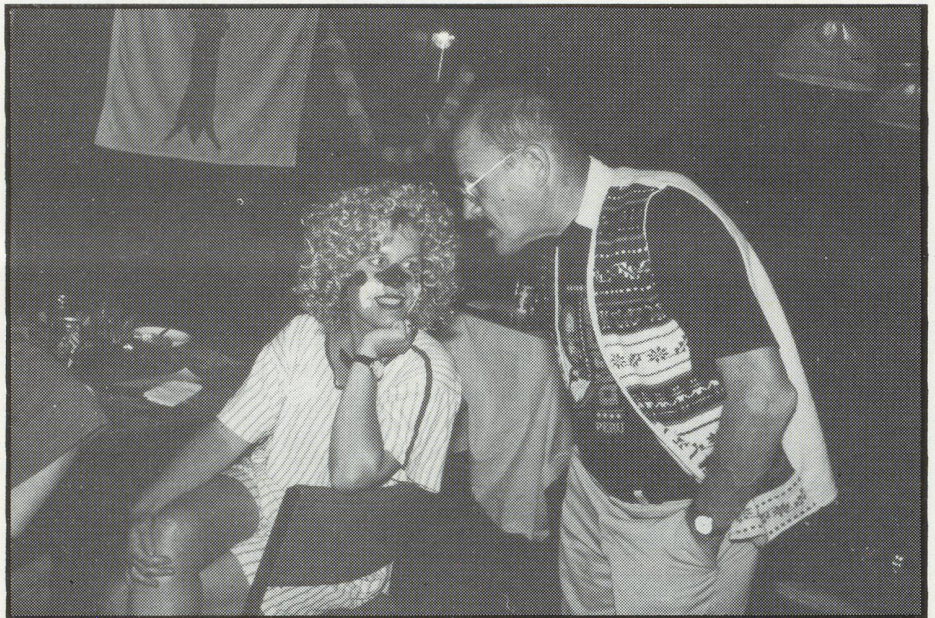
Thank you Leo and Doreen for specially coming down for the occasion.

On the 18th of April we are having our AGM, please come along and have your say. In the meantime have a pleasant and gratifying autumn.

MBG

Dear Society member;

Please inform the Editor of newsworthy happenings from within your circle of Swiss friends. Photos from Weddings, for Obituaries etc. welcome.



Our clown Margot Ross-Pfister in discussion with Werner Stutz.



Having fun around the Bernese table

Humour "An honest Answer"

After a snowstorm that closed all the schools, the teacher asked an eight-year-old boy if he had used his extra time constructively. "Yes, ma'am," he replied. "I prayed for more snow."



Top right: All smiles after a glass of wine.



Bottom Right: And now its time for coffee

Above: Michèle Köppel Schneider, Rainer Wederich, Max Fuhrer and Peter Fischer are having a quiet chat outside the clubhouse.




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Upcoming Swiss Cultural Events in New Zealand

(As indicated by the Swiss Embassy, Wellington)

The Abbey of St. Gall: A Cultural Center

Wellington **17 April - 10 May 1998**
Wellington Central Library
Victoria Street, Wellington
Central.
(see article in this issue)

Auckland **21 May - 21 June 1998**
Auckland City Library
44-46 Lorne Street, Auckland

Mario Botta Architecture 1980 - 95

A photographic retrospective of the work of the famous Swiss architect, Mario Botta, during the period 1980 - 1995.

Wellington **6 - 24 July 1998**
Faculty of Architecture, Victoria
University of Wellington
139 Vivian Street
Wellington

Auckland **31 July - 21 August 1998**
Faculty of Architecture, The
University of Auckland Architec-
ture Building, 26 Symonds
street, Auckland

"Joli n'a qu'un oeil"

This photographic exhibition of two Swiss photographers, Anne-marie Grobet and Charles Weber, is part of the *Fotofest 98* exhibition. The two photographers both swap images of the countryside in the way that travellers swap tales.

Wellington **1 - 8 August 1998**
Wellington Festival Convention
Centre, Wakefield Street
Wellington Central



THE ABBEY OF ST. GALL : A CULTURAL CENTRE

In Wellington from 17 April - 10 May 1998
and in Auckland from 21 May - 21 June 1998

This touring exhibition is an attempt to survey through the use of models, photographs, facsimiles, and replicas of charters, seals, maps, plans and manuscripts, the cultural heritage of the Abbey of St. Gall, Switzerland, as preserved in its various museums, libraries and archives.

- The famous baroque Abbey of St. Gall was founded in 612AD by Gallus, an itinerant monk, and between 750AD and the early-mid 1800s the Abbey was a leading centre for culture and learning with an emphasis on architecture, music, book script, translations and theology.

- The baroque library and the abbey church represent a high point in the culture of monastic architecture. Since 1983 the baroque and rococo precinct of the Abbey of St. Gall with its world-renowned Abbey Library, and the Abbey Archives which are more than 1200 years old, have been listed in the UNESCO catalogue of cultural treasures of the world.

- The Archives of the Abbey of St. Gall are jointly owned by the Canton of St. Gall and the Catholic community of the Canton, and contain the legal and administrative records of the former Abbey of St. Gall from about 750AD to its

secularisation in 1805. Altogether there are some 20,000 original charters, more than 2500 manuscripts, and countless other documents. From the period before the year 1000 alone, there are more than 700 parchment charters of gifts to the Abbey and nearly 100 Carolingian and Ottonian royal diplomas.

- The exhibition is prepared by the Abbey Archives of St. Gall (Switzerland) with support from the Canton of St. Gall, the Roman Catholic Community of the Canton of St. Gall, the City of St. Gall, Pro Helvetia-Arts Council of Switzerland, the Swiss Fund of the National Celebration Pro Patria, and The Moving Company (New Zealand).

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its annual awards are based on the finding and opinions of a special "flight check team" composed of frequent-flyer readers and editorial staff.

The Best European Airline for Business Travel was received at the Trophées de l'Aérien awards in Paris - a new series of awards bestowed by the French travel trade on the best airlines serving Paris.

And some statistics: Swissair flies 13 times daily between Zurich and Geneva. The Airline will shortly have

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