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Christchurch Swiss Club

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Forthcoming Events

Playgroup Friday 4th Sept. 9.30 am
Contact: Nicki Demm
45 Ramahana Road, St. Martins
Ph. 03 332 8520

<u>Stammtisch</u> Every first Tuesday of the month, at Rene's in Cass Bay. A chance for everyone with any sort of Swiss connection to come and meet others.

Starts at 6.00 pm.

Carnival Party, Saturday 17thOctober from 8.00 pm. at the Huntsbury Community Centre. Tickets \$ 15.00.

Complimentary champaign cocktails. Supper available. Prizes for "most daring " and "best" costumes. Tickets available for sale at HAMCO, Tuam Street, Chch. ph. 366 3667: and Rene's Restaurant, 15 Governors Bay Road, Lyttleton, ph. 328 9493.

<u>Groynes</u> John Road, Area A, Sunday, 8th November, from 10 am to 5 pm.

Walks, fishing etc, BBQ afterwards.



BYO food and drinks. Contact Gwyneth Schibli, ph. 332 5525.

<u>Samichlaus</u> Sunday, 6th December, at Ernst and Renate Frei's, Cashmere Road, Co-ordinators and contacts:

Lesley Browne, Secretary, ph. 328 9478, fax 328 9491; and Nicki Damm, ph. 332 8520.

Past Events

Fondue Evening - 4th July

The evening was a great success with fondue pots steaming, swiss background music, and the clinking of glasses. You would never have thought you were in New Zealand at all, as the Chalet-look of Rene's restaurant in Cass Bay was more like somewhere in the Berner Oberland!

A good night was enjoyed by all.

First August Celebration

Another enjoyable event which went very well and people seemed quite reluctant to go home. Herr Franz Schneider from the Wellington Embassy joined our celebrations, proving to the rest of New Zealand that we <u>are</u> part of the country. The traditional menu consisted of Basler Mehlsuppe, Raclette with potato and salads, followed by pavlova (very Swiss!) and fruit salad, finishing with tea, and coffee with home-made Schnapps. Thank you to all those who made the evening run smoothly.

NEWS OF SOCIETY MEMBERS

My President's message this month quotes the number of "Society-only" members, at the time of writing, as 106, however this has since increased to 107. On 11 August, the Society gained its first non-New Zeland resident member, and I would like to warmly welcome Mr Marco Kappenberger, who lives in Western Samoa. I am told that there are a number of Swiss living in Samoa, as well as on other South Pacific Islands, creating even the possibility of forming a new "Off-Shore" Club!! Most definitely though, with the assistance of our new member, I will be doing my best to increase numbers in this yet "untapped" region. I must admit that I never really thought about these Swiss citizens resident outside of New Zealand, so it was a delight to read that the First of August was also being celebrated in Samoa, complete with the traditional bonfire!!

Marco also wrote in his letter that a visit or correspondence from any Society members would be most welcome. (Don't all go at once!!) For anyone who wishes to contact him, call me for further information.

Beatrice Leuenberger

If any of our Society-Only members would like to insert a short article or news of interest (non-"advertising"), please feel free to contact or write to myself or the Editor. We would really like to hear from you.

Second Attempt at UN Membership

Article provided by Heinz Leuenberger

Twelve years after Swiss voters overwhelmingly rejected joining the UN, the timing now seems to be on cue for trying again.

The Blockade between East and West, with its associated conflicts, is now over. Today, the Security Council is primarily involved in prevention; imposition of sactions; and occassionally, limited military actions. And with the problems of globalisation in economic, political, environmental and social areas, it is felt that many matters can no longer be dealt with entirely at a national level.

According to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Flavio Cotti, Switzerland's foreign policies of the 1990's are close to being identical with those of the UN. The goals in the peace, human rights, and environment policies, as well as in humanitarian aid, would be much better served by a world encompassing organisation, rather than by continuing alone.

The question of neutrality, the main barrier for the 76% NO vote in 1986, now seems to be "agreeable". And as a full member, apart from the compulsory dues, Switzerland would, under certain circumstances, have to provide its armed forces to re-establish democracy and to safeguard humanitarian help. It would also be required to uphold any economic sanctions imposed by the Security Council; and all these actions are already presently being fulfilled on a voluntary basis. The country

would in no way be obliged to take part in comfrontational military actions under the UN banner (eg. Iraq / Iran conflict).

Last year, Switzerland paid a total of Sfr470 million to the United Nations, making it one of the "most important payers". Reliable calculations show that membership would increase this expenditure by 'only' a futher amount of Sfr36 million. On the other hand, this money is returned to Switzerland five to six-fold. UN activities support the annual Geneva economy by Sfr21/2 - 3 billion. Presently, Geneva is still the most important location in Europe, but opposition is becoming very acute. At the same time Switzerland's observer status is now only marginal. Of the 17 observer nations which existed at the beginning of 1948, only one other, the Vatican City, still remains. The Federal Council stresses the point that at present the country is already performing the more important duties on a voluntary basis, but forfeits the most important right - to be able to vote and elect as a member in UNO General Assembly.



Summary of "ONE WAY TICKET TO NEW ZEALAND" MA -thesis - Auckland 1998 by HELEN BAUMER

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The aim of my research was to fill in some of the gaps relating to migration since the Second World War, in particular the reasons bor this migration, the travel experiences of the Swiss who migrated, and the degree of integration of Swiss New Zealanders into their adopted country. To this end I conducted 50 interviews with Swiss living in the Auckland, Waikato and Coromandel areas.

Swiss contact with New Zealand date back two centuries, to 1777. The first Swiss to set foot in both Austrtalia and New Zealand was almost certainly a man called John Webber, whose father was a Wäber from Berne.

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1998 SOCIETY MEDAL WINNERS

HAMILTON CLUB

Flühler Bert 1st	Shoot, men
	1st= Bowls
	10th Card
Frischknecht Hanna	1st S-Put,lady
	8th Cards
Kennel Joe	1st= Bowls
	9th Cards
Leuenberger Heidi	1st Shoot, lady
Communication of the Party of t	8th Bowls
Miles Bill	3rd Shoot men
	3rd S-Put,men
Rust Peter	1st S-Put,men
	5th= Shoot,men
Achermann Vitus	4th Bowls
Alpiger Joe	9th= Bowls
Arnold Joe (sen)	13th Cards
Blättler Robert	5th Cards
Canziani Monique	13th= Bowls
Canziani Peter	6th= Bowls
Dow Colin	9th= Bowls
Dow Silas	1st Bowls.iun
Fitzi Theresa	1st Cards
Fransen Heidi	3rd S-Put,lady
Fransen Paul	3rd Bowls
Flühler Josie	6th Cards
Flühler Peter	9th= Bowls
Frischknecht Robert	4th S-Put,men
Gillon Patricia	2nd Cards
Häsli Fritz	4th= Cards
Hewson Christine	13th= Bowls
Hewson John	3rd= Shoot,men
Knaus Marco	5th Bowls
Leuenberger Heinz	3rd Cards
Miles Trudi	2nd S-Put,lady
Rust Rinaldo	12th Cards
Rust Theresa	7th Cards
Staheli Herbert	6th= Bowls
Schwitzer Max	11th Cards
Unternährer John	2nd Shoot,men
Wilson Tony	9th= Bowls
Worth Philip	1st S-Put.jun
Zuber Walter	2nd Shoot,men

151 Competitors/42 Placings = 28 %

AUCKLAND CLUB

Werffeli Henry	1st Bowls
	1st Shoot,men
	5th S-Put,men
Bühler Yvonne	1st= Shoot,lady
	6th= Bowls
Hess Dominic	2nd Bowls
	2nd S-Put,men
Roggen Oscar	3rd Cards
	3rd Bowls
Böni Karl	3rd S-Put,men
Brändli Edi	1st Cards
Bühler Markus	4th Bowls
Bühler Stefan	1st Bowls,jun
Fitzi Hans	5th Bowls
Hess Ulrich	1st S-Put,men
Madelin Jackie	1st= Shoot, lady
Müller Eveline	1st S-Put,lady
Pfenniger Thomas	1st Shoot,jun
Pfenniger Willi	6th= Bowls
Ryter Albert	6th= Bowls
Steiner Serge	4th S-Put,men
Walliman Louis	2nd Cards.
Wolf Hans Ruedi	4th Cards

73 Competitors / 23 placings = 31 %

TARANAKI CLUB

Dudli Ruedi	2nd Cards
	4th= Bowls
Kiser Angela	1st Shoot, lady
with the	8th= Bowls
Kiser Niklaus	1st Shoot,jun
	3rd= Bowls jun
Rufer Markus	1st Cards
	2nd S-Put,men
Seifert Heidi	1st Bowls
	5th= Cards
Zimmermann Michael	1st S-Put,jun
	2nd Bowls, jun
Benkert Lisette	8th= Bowls
Benkert Marianne	1st S-Put,lady
Freimann Helen	2nd Shoot, lady
Füglistaller Edi	1st= Shoot,men
Hebel Othmar	4th= Bowls
Kiser Erwin	3rd Bowls
Kiser Joe	1st= Shoot,men
Kiser Mark	1st= Shoot,men
Kiser Michael	1st Bowls,jun
Kuriger Paul	2nd Bowls
Maechler Margaret	4th Cards
Mathys Holdi	4th Shoot,men
Meier Frieda	5th= Cards
Mills Louisa	3rd= Bowls,jun
Monti Rosa	7th Cards
Muggeridge Ross	1st S-Put,men
Neuburger Fred	3rd Cards
Seifert Myrtha	4th= Bowls
Seifert Walter	8th Cards
Sidler Bertha	7th Bowls

115 competitors / 32 placings = 28 %

WELLINGTON CLUB

Hughes Christine	1st S-Put,lady
	1st Shoot,lady
Hughes Murray	1st S-Put,men
	1st= Bowls
Buess Hans	1st Cards
Buess Margrit	2nd Cards
Fisher Peter	1st= Bowls
Fuhrer Max	3rd Cards
Glauser Hans	1st Shoot men

24 competitors / 9 placings = 37 %

Although every care has been taken to ensure that accurate points and placings have been printed, as well as correct spelling of names, we apologise for any errors which may be found.

A big "Thank You" to all competitors for taking part in the competitions, and congratulations to all the medal winners. This year we have two "treble' winners - Henry Werffeli from Auckland and Bert Flühler from Hamilton. It's also encouraging to see some junior members involved in medal competions, and hopefully next year we'll see even more.

Society Riflemaster,

Peter Rust