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Forthcoming Events

Playgroup Friday 4th Sept. 9.30 am

Contact: Nicki Demm
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Ph. 03 332 8520

Stammtisch 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

17th October from 8.00 pm. at the Huntsbury Community Centre. Tickets \$ 15.00. Complimentary champagne 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.

Groynes 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.

Samichlaus 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 are 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.

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 sanctions; and occasionally, 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



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would in no way be obliged to take part in confrontational 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 further 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 Sfr2½ - 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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 Helen Baumer.

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 for 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 Australia 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

TARANAKI CLUB

HAMILTON CLUB

Flühler Bert	1st	Shoot, men	Dudli Ruedi	2nd Cards
		1st= Bowls	Kiser Angela	4th= Bowls
		10th Card	Kiser Niklaus	1st Shoot,lady
Frischknecht Hanna	1st	S-Put,lady	Rufer Markus	8th= Bowls
	8th	Cards		1st Shoot,jun
Kennel Joe	1st=	Bowls	Seifert Heidi	3rd= Bowls jun
	9th	Cards		1st Cards
Leuenberger Heidi	1st	Shoot,lady	Zimmermann Michael	2nd S-Put,men
	8th	Bowls		1st Bowls
Miles Bill	3rd	Shoot,men	Benkert Lisette	5th= Cards
	3rd	S-Put,men	Benkert Marianne	1st S-Put,lady
Rust Peter	1st	S-Put,men	Freimann Helen	2nd Shoot,lady
	5th=	Shoot,men	Füglstaller Edi	1st= Shoot,men
Achermann Vitus	4th	Bowls	Hebel Othmar	4th= Bowls
Alpiger Joe	9th=	Bowls	Kiser Erwin	3rd Bowls
Arnold Joe (sen)	13th	Cards	Kiser Joe	1st= Shoot,men
Blättler Robert	5th	Cards	Kiser Mark	1st= Shoot,men
Canziani Monique	13th=	Bowls	Kiser Michael	1st Bowls,jun
Canziani Peter	6th=	Bowls	Kuriger Paul	2nd Bowls
Dow Colin	9th=	Bowls	Maechler Margaret	4th Cards
Dow Silas	1st	Bowls,jun	Mathys Holdi	4th Shoot,men
Fitzi Theresa	1st	Cards	Meier Frieda	5th= Cards
Fransen Heidi	3rd	S-Put,lady	Mills Louisa	3rd= Bowls,jun
Fransen Paul	3rd	Bowls	Monti Rosa	7th Cards
Flühler Josie	6th	Cards	Muggeridge Ross	1st S-Put,men
Flühler Peter	9th=	Bowls	Neuburger Fred	3rd Cards
Frischknecht Robert	4th	S-Put,men	Seifert Myrtha	4th= Bowls
Gillon Patricia	2nd	Cards	Seifert Walter	8th Cards
Häslí Fritz	4th=	Cards	Sidler Bertha	7th Bowls
Hewson Christine	13th=	Bowls		115 competitors / 32 placings = 28 %
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	Hughes Christine	1st S-Put,lady
Schwitzer Max	11th	Cards	Hughes Murray	1st Shoot,lady
Untermährer John	2nd	Shoot,men		1st S-Put,men
Wilson Tony	9th=	Bowls		1st= Bowls
Worth Philip	1st	S-Put,jun	Buess Hans	1st Cards
Zuber Walter	2nd	Shoot,men	Buess Margrit	2nd Cards

151 Competitors/42 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 %

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 %

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 competitions, and hopefully next year we'll see even more.

Society Riflemaster,
 Peter Rust