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## SCHWINGEN IN TARANAKI

The Taranaki Swiss Club is hosting a Swiss tour-group from the 14th to 16th November. It is a "Schwingen" Group (although most of them are not active), and these people will be billeted through our Club members. The activities planned for the main day, **Sunday, 15 November**, will be similar to our annual picnic. For lunch there will be Cervelas and Bratwurst on sale, and the afternoon will be filled with a variety of entertainment and activities.

For dinner there will be a barbecue with salads, so could all Taranaki Club members please bring a salad. A \$5 cover charge will be collected for the dinner.

We may possibly also be hosting a group of American Swiss from California on this evening, so would Taranaki members please contact a committee member if you require any further information.

Regards, Marianne

## Humour

(too hard to translate!)

Eine noble Dame steigt in ein Taxi ein. Der Fahrer sitzt am Steuer, fährt aber nicht ab. Fragt die Dame: 'Warum fahren Sie denn nicht ab mit Ihrem Mistkarren?' Der Fahrer gelassen: 'Sie haben mir ja noch nicht gesagt wo ich den Mist abladen soll'.



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## Forthcoming Events

### Sunday, 8th November: Swiss Society Competition and Family Fun Day

with bookfair, from 12 noon onwards, at the Clubhouse,

- For the Grown-Ups it is serious business: Bowling and Shotput for Swiss Society medals. (\$ 4.- contribution to the medals).

- For the youngsters it's mainly fun: Bowling for kids, shotput for kids, play "Modern Wilhelm Tell" and run in a Spoon Race (\$ 2.- for 10 chances). And of course prize-giving for the brain teaser "Butterflies" and for the colouring-in competition from the calendar.

- Barbeque from noon; we have Bratwurst and bread (\$ 2.-); you are also welcome to bring your own supply of meat. For drinks, alcoholic and soft drinks: BYO. Coffee and cake available. Watch out for your invitation in the mail!

### Saturday 21 November: Working Bee, 10 am at the Clubhouse

A pre-Christmas spring cleaning - chase the spiders, wash the plates and have a guess how many hard working Swiss there are in the Wellington Swiss Club !

Join us on Sunday, **November 28, 1998** for a walk along the Korokoro Stream to the **Korokoro Dam**.

- Meeting point: 10.00 am at Cornish Rd., (Petone). For further information please contact Mr. F. Schneider at the Embassy of Switzerland (472 15 93) or at home (476 78 05).

**Carolsinging** with the European Forum in the Botanical Gardens, **Sunday 5 December, 7 pm (if wet 12 December)**. Anyone who would like to sing with the Swiss-German group, please contact Monika 478-5649, by 15. November.

- As in previous years we will have a stall with Christmas biscuits to raise

some money for the NZ Red Cross. Any contributions will be gratefully accepted.. For more details, please phone Monika 478-5649.

**Sunday 6th December: Children's Christmas**, 3 pm at the Clubhouse Parents please bring a plate!

**Saturday 12 December: Christmas Party**, 7.30 pm at the Clubhouse

- Our traditional Christmas Party with Christmas tree, Christmas carols and a rich cold buffet (\$ 16.- for members, \$ 18.- for non members)

- Please book with Monika Sørensen 478 56 49 or Ruth Messmer 388 62 49, by 7th December.

- A personal invitation for the Children's Christmas and Christmas Party will be sent to all Wellington Swiss Club members.

T.(G.)B.

## Results of Voting Weekend 27 Sept. 1998 in Switzerland

The referendum for a new tax on heavy goods trucks has been approved by Swiss voters. The EU, (European Union) will, in bilateral agreements accept this decision, provided that Switzerland agrees to allow 48-tonne-trucks on its roads.

This new tax is expected to force international road haulage on to the rail-system in Switzerland.

- Two other popular initiatives were rejected by voters. one on organic farming and the other on Swiss women's qualifying age for AHV. (Swiss superannuation.)

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