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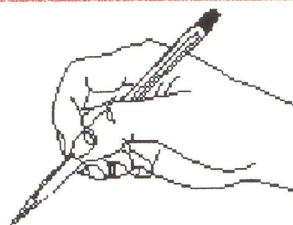
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Forthcoming Events..

Jassen

Every third Friday at Oski's, 224 Hobson St., 7.30 pm ; 18 June - 16 July - 20 August - 17 Sept. - 15 Oct.
- Even if you do not play cards, you could **sponsor a prize!** Why not?? This would be much appreciated, please ring Hans Iten, 09 6279294.

Society AGM

We have a "Busload" going to Wellington. A 'mixed bag', Swiss Yodelers, 'others', including members from Hamilton Swiss Club.

- **We are looking forward to this event !**

Past Events....

Club AGM

Surprisingly the AGM was well attended. There was hardly room for everybody at Oski's! - And there was a lot to talk about, and sometimes the discussions became quite heated! But **all in good spirit**, which is healthy.

- Ernst Gfeller was re-elected as President. - Trudi Fill is new Vice-President, and Renate Meyer the new Treasurer. - Toni Manser, former Committee member is now on the Farm committee. - Former Committee members Sandra Hess and Rita Brändli have stepped down for Family reasons. Their efforts were appreciated. **Many thanks go to them and all those who helped in some way in running the Swiss Club during the past year.**

A.R.

Your Committee Members for 1999 - 2000

President; Ernst Gfeller
V/President; Trudi Fill (new)
Treasurer; Renate Meyer (new)
Secretary; Albert Ryter
Shooting Club; H.Werffeli (Rifle master)

Members; Rolf Bertschi (new)
Ueli Kipfer (new)
Heinz Matysik
Hans Iten
Vreni Pfenniger
Henry Werffeli
Werner Willi

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Swiss Club

Forthcoming Events

Last Three Card Evenings :

Card evenings are now well underway and there has been a good attendance so far. There are still three more to go, so come along and join the group for one or all the nights.

12 June, 7-30pm, Tirau
26 June, 7-30pm, Eureka
10 July, 7-30pm, Tirau, including presentation of the overall prizes.

Society AGM, Wellington

-Queen's Birthday Weekend
5-7 June, 1999

By now most of you wishing to go to this function will probably already have made arrangements. However, any last minute deciders can ring Beatrice Leuenberger, Ph. (07) 843-7971. The team has been in full training and is looking forward to the big competition with Wellington. All the best!

Shooting Day for Hamilton club members has been arranged by the Auckland Riflemaster. The date for this is Sunday 13 June and anyone interested, please ring Bill Miles, Ph (07) 849-3451.

First of August Celebration

will once again be held at the Eureka Hall, on Saturday, 31 July, 8pm. Come and celebrate our National Day and enjoy an evening packed with superb dinner and dance, as well as some swiss entertainment. Further details in the next issue.



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Past events

The **Annual General Meeting** was held on 17 April with what we believe might have been a record turnout (31 people). The proceedings went fairly smoothly and the following resignations were received: Heidi Fransen from the secretary's position

but Heidi is prepared to remain on the committee, Peter Rust and Walter Zuber. Anita Zuber was nominated as the new secretary and all other positions remained the same. Several topics were discussed under general business but the following events may be of interest to other members.

Christmas in the Heartland - December 12. A few members attended a meeting in April and Hans Vetsch would be keen to hear from any members interested in participating, Ph (07) 855-3294

Millennium Marathon - 1 January, 2000. The club has been approached about providing music and people to man one of the drink stations to give this marathon a truly international flavour. For further details, please ring Ruth Waldvogel Ph (07) 855-3417.

Our **swiss singing group** has started rehearsals again. They will perform at the 1 August Celebration and at any other functions requested. If you are interested to find out more about this group, please ring Rinaldo Rust, Ph (07) 871-9946.

The AGM concluded with a delicious supper provided by the committee.

Sunday 18 April. Auckland Swiss Club representatives arrived to compete for the cowbell semi-final. Unfortunately for Auckland, it was not their day. I think the cold Hamilton morning was too much to handle. Nonetheless, everyone enjoyed the "stiff" competition and of course the socialising and above all the swiss catering. Many thanks to all for participating and helping.

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CARD EVENINGS

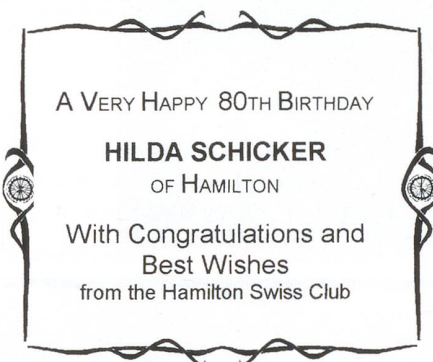
Two of our annual six card evenings have been held so far, and with a turnout of 48 and 50 enthusiastic players respectively, as well as 48 medal competitors, they have been very successful. The evenings are enjoyed by everyone, but as a bonus, the following players managed to take a prize home as well:

1 May, at Eureka

1. Heinz Leuenberger	4170
2. Margarete Poppe	4155
3. Eileen Hickey	4104
4. Anna Rufer	4014
5. Joe Kennel	3984
6. Bruno Rufer	3968
7. Hans Vetsch	3967
8. Roland Rufer	3962
Joe Staheli - Booby Prize	3319

15 May, at Tirau

1. Margaret Hayward	4143
2= Erica Clarkin	4104
2= Michael Fitzi	4104
4. Beatrice Leuenberger	4102
5. Hanna Frischknecht	4070
6. Robert Blättler	4009
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Joe Arnold - Booby Prize	3443



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Forthcoming Events...

June 13 -

Cards at 1-15 pm... remember to bring something for a pot-luck tea and enjoy the company of friends and a few more card games.

June 20 -

Championship Shoot at 1-00 pm. Shooting committee meeting to follow.

June 27 -

Cards.... once again...., at 1-15 pm.

July 4 -

Anniversary/Championship Shoot at 11-00 am, followed by the delicious Sauerkraut meal at 6-30 pm.

Past Events...

On May 2nd we held our **Swiss Society Competitions** and had the best turn-out ever..., what a pleasure! Participants competed in 150 competitions, and it was certainly great to see so many children taking part. Many thanks to the parents

who encouraged their children to participate, and all participants showed a friendly yet competitive spirit. Many thanks to all those who scored for the entire day..., especially John Hermann who was so dedicated in scoring the Kegeln.

- Congratulations to all competitors, and well done to all medal winners.

We'll look forward to seeing you all next year.!

Card afternoons have been well supported and ably organised by Charly and Doreen Schuler and John Hermann, the 'raffle-seller'! Many competitors have stayed on for more card games and pot-luck tea..., and the hardy card players even stayed to the little wee hours of the morning.

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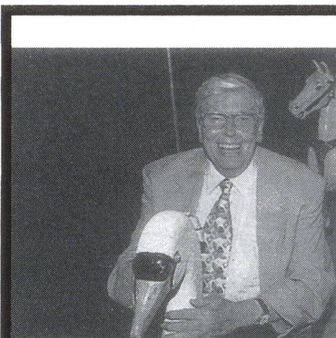
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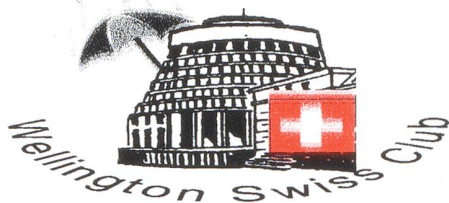
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Forthcoming Events...

Wandertag

On Sunday May 30, 1999 we meet at 10.00 at Fletcher Lookout, end of Hatton Street in Karori for a walk through the Johnston Hill Reserve.
- In case of doubtful weather, please contact me on 476 7805 between 08.00 and 09.30 am.

- This will be our last walk, since we are leaving Wellington in June for a new posting in Moscow. We have greatly enjoyed organising these walks and we will miss the Wellington bush, the refreshing breezes and your company.

Franz, Michelle and Iris Schneider.

Queens Birthday Week-end

We are terribly busy preparing the big events over Queens Birthday Weekend:

- Cowbell Competition

(Keep your fingers crossed!!)

- AGM of the Swiss Society

- End of the Millennium Celebr.

for details check the May issue of the Helvetia.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in Wellington.!

tb.

Past Events...

Annual General Meeting, 17. April

We held our AGM with 30 members in attendance. The meeting went smoothly with only one resignation from the committee: Jeanine Macdonald will replace Edit Burle. Thank you, Edit, for all the work you did while on the committee, and welcome, Jeanine to all the work of the coming year.!

Our Committee for 1999 / 2000:

Patron Max Fuhrer
President Roland Schütz

Vice-Pres. Monika Sörensen
Secretary Trudi Brühlmann
Treasurer Ruth Messmer

Members Christine Alderdice
Jeanine Macdonald
Marianne Walti

Riflemaster Hans Glauser

Skittlemaster Max Fuhrer

Sad news about our clubhouse: We'll lose it; we have been given notice by the new owner of Ohariu Valley. We had a bit of a discussion about various possibilities and then decided to form a subcommittee to look into the matter.

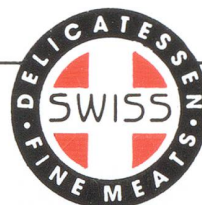
If **You** have any idea, please contact any member of the clubhouse subcommittee! The members of this subcommittee are Peter Fischer, Max Fuhrer, Hans Glauser, Vreni Madgwick, Roland Schütz and Georg Westermayer.

- Let's hope a solution can be found that is acceptable to all.!

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