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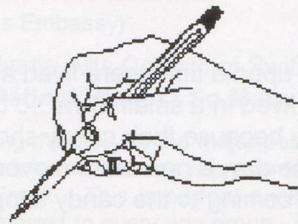
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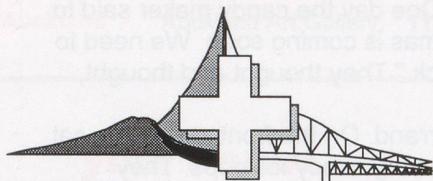
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Forthcoming Events

5 Dec. Santa Claus at the Swiss Farm.
13 Feb. 2000 Picnic Swiss Farm
5 March, Jassen and Kegeln at the Swiss Farm.
26 March Wandertag
16 April Hamilton-Auckland Interclub competition in Auckland (to be confirmed)
8 May Club AGM.

'Samichlaus'; let us all be at the farm to welcome 'Santa' when he visits us on the 5th Dec.

According to his very busy schedule his arrival out of the sky is set for 1.30 pm. - He will talk to every child and he will give a packet with 'Lebkuchen, Lollies, 'Guetzli' and Spanish nuts. This is free for children of Auckland Club members. Non member's children are to be charged \$ 5.00. - Parents please bring a note with a message for each of your children for 'Santa'. - We will be ready for you by 10 am. Lunch will be served at 11.30 am.

You'll enjoy it ! Be there !

Bowling Alley; Good progress has been made. Come and see for yourself !!

Past Events....

Jassen - October;

1. Hansruedi Wolf 3971
2. Molly Gianotti 3926
3. Paul Steinemann 3902
4. Louis Wallimann 3787
5. Hans Fitzi 3703
6. Othmar Wyss 3689

7. Annagret Wolf 3605
8. Hilda Jten 3416
9. Nelly Steinemann 3412

Schüpbach Cup;

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|----------------------------|-------|
| 1. M.Th. Melville-Schöpfer | 20240 |
| 2. Hansruedi Wolf | 19450 |
| 3. Molly Gianotti | 19304 |
| 4. Jakob Preisig | 19231 |
| 5. Louis Wallimann | 19021 |
| 6. Annagret Wolf | 18954 |
| 7. Hans Jten | 18753 |
| 8. Hilda Jten | 17670 |
| 9. Nelly Steinemann | 17475 |

Thank you for all your support by donating supper and prizes. - It is always much appreciated.

Jassen starts again in May 2000.

Hans Jten -

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Ueli Luginbühl 1951 - 1999



Ulrich Hans Luginbühl or Ueli as we know him was born on the 3rd of July 1951 in Strengelbach (Aargau). He was the son of Margrit and Heinz and brother to Helga and Mark. Ueli went to school in Zofingen for 9 years, and then his family moved to Frick when Ueli was 16. He joined the soccer club there and was a very talented young player. Local people welcomed him into their circle of friends. Ueli was very much liked, as he was gifted with a special sense of humour.

Ueli went on to do a 4 year apprenticeship in printing, a profession he was proud of, excelled at and one in which he always strived for perfection. When he was 20, at the "Jungbuergeraufnahme" - the local 'coming of age' celebration - he met his girlfriend, Maria. They soon found out that both of them wished to travel. But first only as far as Lucerne in 1971, and there they worked hard to save money and focus on plans for travelling further together.

In 1975, Ueli and Maria bought a VW van and converted it to a campervan. They shipped it to New York and started their - for this time unusual journey - through North and South America. Ueli had many stories to tell about this time. After nearly 3 years, in 1978, they returned to Switzerland with the campervan, happy and healthy, much to the relief of their parents.

In 1979, they were off again to the USA for a year, travelling and working. In 1981, they were off again to USA and bought a campervan there.

Ueli and Maria visited more states including Alaska, where they

stayed for 3 months. When in South America, up in the Andes, they had met a Dutch couple on their honeymoon, and thought, that now they could do something similar, - not getting married, but trying to see part of the world on a push bike. So they sold the van and bought bicycles, a tent and all the equipment needed. They left for Hawaiian Islands, toured around Fiji, the North and South Island of New Zealand, plus eastern Australia. The Aussies thought that they were crazy, because again, travelling on a push bike was very uncommon for that time. They were pretty fit then and

had to buy wider shorts to give their growing muscles more space.

In 1984 Ueli got a job offer as an offset printer in Auckland and straight away left Switzerland with his partner Maria to settle in New Zealand for a while. This while lasted up until now, interrupted by frequent longer visits to Switzerland and a 2 year stay in Australia. On the latest combined visiting and business trip to Switzerland, he became suddenly ill and, believing that he had a burst appendix, was immediately admitted to hospital. But the doctors found a very rare tumour that pressed on his stomach. After the operation, his appetite for food was gone and within the two months from the operation in Switzerland to his death in Auckland Hospital he lost about 30 kilos.

Ueli's passion, besides his business and being together with Maria, included enjoying short trips around Auckland, watching European soccer, going to speedway races, playing with children, meeting now and then with his printer mates at the RSA, spending time with friends and once in a while a tennis or table tennis match. In recent years, Ueli became more active in the Auckland Swiss Club. He liked helping out with work on the farm whenever possible and he certainly enjoyed the companionship.

We will always remember Ueli's playful and entertaining personality together with his quieter more sensitive and thoughtful side.

M.H.

Dear Readers of HELVETIA....

The Editor and his team want to congratulate all of you who have taken the time and trouble to enter into the 'front-page-competitions' of our monthly magazine during the past year. Having approx. 8 to 12 entries monthly is encouragement for us to continue this competition in one form or another. While the task of finding the answer to the quiz-question is too easy for some of you it is rather difficult for others. Our greatest satisfaction derives from the enthusiasm shown on some of the entries with added comments, especially the ones from the younger set, (teenager etc.) explaining some personal connection with the subject on the front-page quiz.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Our **annual Picnic** will be held on **Sunday, 20th February** 2000, with the shooting competitions to take place the day earlier, on **Saturday 19th February**. The venues for these two events will be advised in the next (February) Issue. Please note these dates on your calendars now and come along to enjoy a day of fun - including the Society Medal competitions of shooting (on Saturday), shotput and bowling; as well as competing for Club trophies, or bowling to win a sausage. A request has been made for perfect weather, and once again, barbequed sausages and a good selection of swiss baking will be available. Bring your families and friends along to enjoy this traditional annual Club event.

Millennium Marathon in Hamilton. This will be the world's first marathon to be held in the year 2000. There will also be Swiss athletes amongst the competitors. Local Clubs and Organisations have been asked to help, and our Club

will be manning the "Swiss Drink Stall" on 1st January, at 5.00 am. Come along and be a part of this marathon - begin by celebrating the millennium until the early hours, and then come straight along to support the stall and the runners at this unique event!! We are looking for a good sized team, of all ages, to provide the liquid refreshments and to cheer on the athletes (and no running is expected of the helpers!). For further information, and to register your participation, please contact Ruth and Charlie Waldvogel, phone 07 855 3417.

Christmas in the Heartland

12 December - Regrettably, it was decided that the Club would not participate in this event due to other commitments of many members at this busy time of year. However, the Committee would like to gratefully thank all concerned for their efforts.

B.L.

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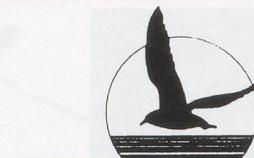
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

31 December

New Year's Eve Social, with all the entertainment you could wish for... Happy hour(s) from around 4.00 pm, with a barbecue at 6.00 pm (BYO). Once again held in conjunction with the campervanners. Come along and let your hair down ... a night to remember!!

3 February

Kegeln recommences ... come and join in.

12 February

Annual cowbell competition semi-final against Wellington - let's show them what we're made of. Contact Walter closer to the time if you're keen to participate.

13 February

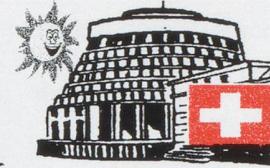
Annual Picnic to be held at the club house ... excellent entertainment and a great day for socialising. We look forward to seeing you there.

SINGING GROUP

This dedicated team of singers, flag throwers, alphorn blowers and thalerschwinders have performed at various functions. The variety of their performances is enjoyed by everyone, and the Swiss Club is proud and fortunate to have them. It is great to see Beni blowing the alphorn with all his might again...and really cute to see his son, Daniel, in Swiss costume watching his Dad blowing a tune at the Opunake Market Day. Many thanks to John and Rosemary Mulling who invited the group and friends back to their place for a delicious afternoon tea with all the trimmings. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day.

The Taranaki Swiss Club wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and all the very best for the New Year. We look forward to your attendance at our functions in the year 2000.

M.B.



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Past Events....

16 October: Jassen Competition

We had an enjoyable evening; three tables with four jassers each competed in a most amiable atmosphere. Thank you, Theres Scherer, for your crucial initial contribution to the winner's score! - And thank you also for helping with the supper!

Forthcoming Events...

The **Children's Christmas** has been **cancelled**.

11 December - Saturday

Christmas Party, 7.30 pm, at the Clubhouse. - For bookings ring Monika Sörensen (478 56 49) or Ruth Messmer (388 62 49).

12 December - Sunday

(if wet: 19 December)

Carol Singing in the Sound Shell in the Botanical Garden. - This is a great opportunity to present our traditional Christmas carols to a wider audience. There will be a stall with Christmas biscuits. Please be generous and bake an extra batch for this occasion; Red Cross will be grateful.

- Please let Monika Sörensen (478 56 49) know what you can contribute. - Thank you!

t.b.

Report / Swiss Abroad Congress

(as supplied by Heinz Leuenberger)

At the autumn Session of the Council of the Swiss Abroad (CSA) the Delegates unanimously accepted a resolution, that the seven sectarian contracts with the EU be ratified (by the Federal Parliament) as early as possible. According to President G. Stucki, the free movement of people contained in one of the sectors, is of particular interest to the "Swissies" living in a European