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Past events....

26 February; End of an Era !

"Bring a plate" it was; was this the reason why bookings were a bit slow in coming in? - Anyway, in the end we could welcome over seventy members and friends to celebrate our last function in the old clubhouse.

The evening went well. The potatoes were a bit slow, as the potato chef ran out of gas without noticing it. But he was forgiven, and we all enjoyed a very varied, rich dinner with memorable stories of the 28 years history of the clubhouse, told by old members. We had many laughs - and a tear for the black handkerchiefs provided by Maya Beddie-Geiser.

5 March: Züglete

Some of us had sleepless nights and nightmares about the Züglete, but when Ruth Messmer got to Ohari Valley 20 minutes ahead of time, Hans Buess had already carried stacks and stacks of chairs to the storing shed. Soon almost twenty eager helpers shared the tasks, and many hands made light work, as the saying goes. Strong men worked on the skittle alley and shifted heavy furniture- even our piano reached the shed safely. And so did all the plates and glasses, all carefully wrapped in newspaper. And by lunchtime the room looked very bare and naked and not like our old friendly clubhouse at all.

Well done, workers of all ages (4 to 70+)!

Next event....

15 April: Annual General Meeting
- Members will have received a personal invitation.

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To all Swiss and Swiss Kiwis with voting rights in Switzerland

We have received the following Internet Web-addresses to enable you to follow discussions on the voting weekend of 21 May 2000 regarding the bi-lateral contracts to be ratified with the European Union.

EVD-Forum:

<http://www.evd.admin.ch/d/forum/forum-d.html>

EDA-Forum:

<http://www.eda.admin.ch>

The following explanation is underlining the importance of these contracts;

The ratification of the seven contracts with the EU comes at the end of a four-year working period between Switzerland and the EU.

The seven areas of contractual arrangements are;

- * Free movements of people
- * Road traffic
- * Air traffic
- * Research
- * Agricultural products
- * open markets
- * restrictions on commerce.

Not only is Switzerland often called "the heart of Europe" in geographical terms, but in many ways it also fits this description in commercial,

political, historic and cultural realms.

The new bi-lateral contracts will bring a new quality to the relationship between Switzerland and the EU. - Let us not forget that two-thirds of our foreign (external) commerce is bound up within the EU. The seven contracts are mainly of an economic nature and as such will help to keep the European market open for the young entrepreneurs of Switzerland

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