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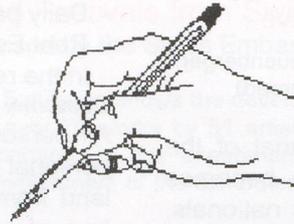
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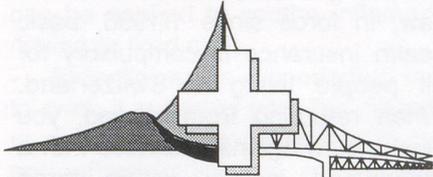
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Firstly many **thanks** to all the dozen or so members who came up to the working bee on the 3 February 2001, and gave their hands-on help for the upkeep of the farm and facilities.

It is the jobs you did that make the farm such a welcoming place for the upcoming gatherings. Thank you so much.

Forthcoming Events..

Society Games - Auckland Competition

Sunday 4 March 2001

Kaukapakapa Farm

Day programme:

10am - 1pm - Shooting

1pm - 2pm - Lunch break with soup and bread provided by the club

2pm - 5pm - Kegeln/ Steinstossen and Jassen

5.15pm Pot luck Dinner and social gathering, until late.

The winners of this series will face our 'adversary', Hamilton, in April.

And for those of you who are new, the winner out of that meet will then face the Taranaki or Wellington team on the occasion of the Society AGM (Queens Birthday Weekend), for the Cowbell competition.

It is time for Auckland to win, so we need all you people, old and new, to give your best for this sports event. We look forward to seeing you there.

Power Lightning Party

The connection to the mains network of electricity is big cause for celebration to us. To this end we are inviting everybody to a big night time party, where all the possible capacity of this facility will be offered to you. The farm will be flooded with **Light** and echoing with **Music**, and of course you will be spoilt with a wholesome 3-course **Dinner** provided by the club committee.

Date: Saturday 17 March 2001

Time: 8pm till late

Cost: \$20 including Dinner, coffee, music and dance.

Booking is essential.

We welcome you all to come and test the connection, and check for yourself what a difference power makes!

Call for booking, with the number of people you are bringing with you: **Tel. Edith 444 6972, or Trudi 376 4923.**

Annual General Meeting:

Saturday 5 May 2001

Late Afternoon

At the Kaukapakapa Farm

This change of venue and day from previous meetings is to invite all attending members to have dinner together (free!) after the formal meeting, in our beautiful farm surroundings.

We hope many of you will attend. Details to follow by personal invitation.

A note from the secretary:

Please check the **notice board** at the farm, it contains useful information that we receive through the mail, from other clubs and the organisation for the Swiss Abroad. A report from last year's ASO congress is there for your perusal.

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2001 Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Hamilton Swiss Club will be held on Saturday, 21st April, 7-30pm, at Swisscraft Premises, 39 Colombo Street, Hamilton. (For those who have never been to Swisscraft, it is next to the rear entrance of McDonalds in Frankton.)

The evening will commence with a 'Happy Half Hour' for drinks and a chance to catch up with friends.

The meeting will commence at 8pm and at the conclusion the committee will serve supper, which always consists of some delicious homebaking. We would like to encourage our members to attend this AGM and show your support for the club. As well, we would like you to consider coming on to the committee. Please let anyone on the committee know if you are interested - they can tell you more about it and then nominate you at the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Card Evenings

- 5th May, Tirau (including medal jass)
- 19th May, Eureka (incl. medal jass)
- 2nd June, Tirau
- 16th June, Eureka
- 30th June, Tirau
- 14th July, Eureka (Final night and overall prize presentation)

Please note these dates in your diaries now!!

All evenings commence at
7.30 pm, sharp!

This year, along with our regular 'jass' competition, as a trial, we will also be providing a special area for 'beginners and learners'. This will be limited to people who would like to begin coming along to our card evenings, but do not yet feel quite confident enough to take part in the competitive card playing.

The cost will be the same, and

scores will not be included in the regular competition - instead, there will be one spot prize drawn for this group of players.

Society AGM

The Swiss Society AGM will this year be hosted by the Hamilton Club, so we hope you will also mark this date in your calendar now:

Sunday, 3rd June - Queen's Birthday Weekend

We are planning a full evening of dinner, entertainment and dancing not to be missed !!

Further details will be in the next issue of the Helvetia. AZ

**Hamilton City Marathon
 28.01.01**

It was a crisp beautiful morning at 5.15 am as seven "early birds" of our club have been busy setting up the No. 1 drink station for this popular, international run. The number of runners was considerably lower than last year, yet the thirst for the power- and pure water drinks was the same.

Swiss flags across the road, Members in national costumes and 'Ländler' music highlighted strongly our country of origin. After the run we enjoyed a well deserved continental breakfast followed by a "gemütliche" Jass ! Many thanks to all the keen helpers.

REW

Congratulations

On 8th February, Lisel Oettli celebrated her 89th birthday with family and friends.

Ernst Ammann will celebrate his 90th birthday on 3rd March.

The Hamilton Swiss Club wishes you both a very happy birthday, good health and happiness.

Congratulations

to
Beatrice Leuenberger
 on her
 40th Birthday
 celebrated recently !

The Hamilton Swiss Club together with the Committee and Editing team of the Swiss Society take this opportunity to thank Beatrice for all the valuable work she does on their behalf.



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Past Events....

Picnic

Our annual picnic was held on 11th February... For the first time in years it was a little wet, but definitely not cold!!! To our surprise many people still attended...knowing we had a club house is definitely a big plus!! Even had Max and Marco from the Waikato..., great to see you again!!! All the farmers were grinning from ear to ear with the lovely warm rain. Fortunately we could still hold the *schwigen* and the rain stopped sufficiently for people to not get soaked!!! Junior numbers were down, but competition remained fierce, with Sami and Thomas Werder in the final..., age must've helped the winner, Sami..., congratulations and well done. Thanks to all participants, as "participation is the name of the game"!! Our senior numbers were boosted by several tourists and competition was great...! Mathew Styger had improved big time, and was 5th..., well done..., just by doing lots of farm



Patrick Deck (visiting tourist) and Janick Ruchti ready to do battle. Referee is Paul Ruchti

work eh?!! Nicol Ruchti was again able to make the final, but was pipped at the post by a tourist from Switzerland, Bernhard Wyss. - Many thanks to Paul, Othmar, Nic and helpers who ensured the smooth running of the *schwigen* event. It was great to see spectators taking an interest, even though the weather was dicey.

- Well done to all competitors, and let's hope the fine weather is with us again next year. Once again, we barbequed *cervelats* and *bratwürst* which were absolutely delicious..., selling them was easy. Thanks to

the Swiss Deli for the great quality of your sausages and for your prompt service. We held the annual picnic tombola which was very well supported. Thanks to Erna and Lisette for organising it, and to the committee for rolling up the tickets, with the usual banter after a committee meeting.

- Many people then played cards or had a social chat with afternoon tea of barbequed sausages!!! By tea time everyone was glad to have a rest from the barbeque and a pot-luck tea was delicious. All in all an excellent day. Many thanks to everyone that came, and most importantly thanks to all those that helped in any way to make the day so successful.

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By the time the HELVETIA is issued, we will have competed against Wellington in the semi-final of the cowbell competition! I'm sure that you will have had a good time.

- Walter, we all appreciate your efforts in getting a great bunch of people together for the bus trips..., what a fabulous salesperson !!!

We all thank you very much, and look forward to the next one !!!



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Forthcoming Events...

Fritz Adams Cup Jassen will take place on 10 March 7.30 at the Club House. - Would you like to see your name on the cup? Please bring a plate. Hope to see you there!

Ruth Messmer.

25 March : Outdoors Activities

(new date!) We thought the 11 March would be too close to the Cowbell Competition date. We hope the weather will still be fine and you all will be full of energy, and eager to get together for a great Sunday.

- We meet at 10 am at the Club-house. Bring your own picknick/barbeque: gas grill provided. See you there!

21 April : Annual General Meeting

- a new date, too. Or would you have liked to come to the AGM on Easter Saturday? We apologise for the blunder. Personal invitations will be sent in time to all club members.

MB.

Forthcoming Events..

18 March - Championship/Society Shoot at 1-00 pm.

8 April - Cards at 1-15 pm.

22 April - Championship/Society Shoot at 1-00 pm. Join in, the Society medals are beautiful, and everyone has a chance.

29 April - Cards, once again..., at 1-15 pm. (must be a favourite pastime for some Swiss!!!)

6 May - Swiss Society competitions at 10-00 am. Great day, and the competition is fun.

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