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Schuetzenfest 2004 Kaukapakapa



Shooting in progress

A highlight for the Auckland Shooting section was a visit by the Swiss Senior Shooting Federation on March 20, 2004.

After many weeks of thorough organisation and a week of hard work and tough training drills at the shooting hut and in the target area just prior to the big day, our shooters finally arrived and we were able to concentrate on the shooting.

With renowned Swiss precision the 34 visiting Shooters arrived on time at our shooting range in Kaukapakapa, north of Auckland.

After a welcome and a short briefing, things got serious, as all in all 55 Shooters lined up for this competition, and to cope with this number of participants is quite a

task for our little facility. Some 30 Shooters had already completed the programme as part of the training in administration and target management the previous week. Right from the start the Auckland side discovered that the competitors from Switzerland did not come just to make up the numbers and some very good and challenging results were scored. By two o'clock, all the shooters had completed their programme and it was time for some serious socialising and getting to know our visitors better.

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In the meantime in the background, the chefs and their helpers had been busy since daybreak, preparing a true masterpiece of a dinner for the 120 guests who gathered at our farm.

After some waiting, the visiting competitors' partners came back from their sightseeing tour which included a visit to the Art of Cheese Cafe at Puhoi, which is owned and very successfully run by our members Nicole and Chris Leuthold.

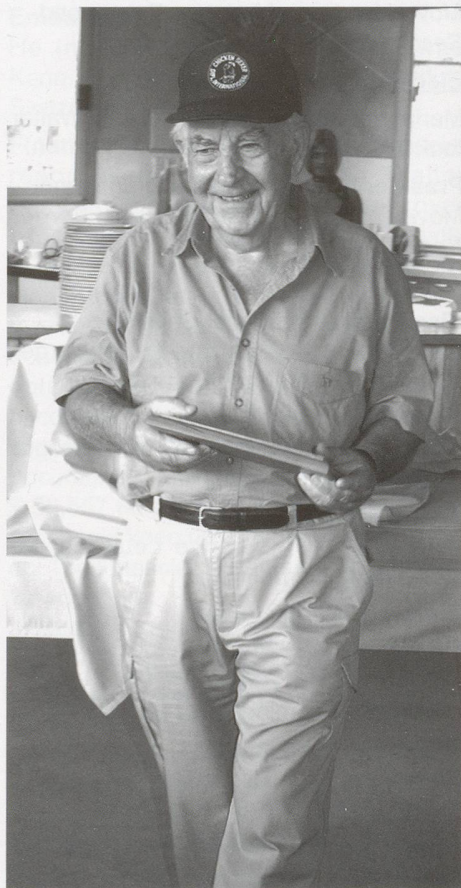
With everyone present, the prizegiving was then held. Every shooter received a special medal designed by Yvonne Buhler,

as well as a gift from the Senior Shooting Federation – be it a pocket knife or a watch from Switzerland.

During dinner we were entertained by the 'Woodchopper Band'. With the tunes echoing around the farm the party soon got under way and the opportunity to move the old legs was gladly taken up by a lot of people. During the breaks by the band, the Swiss Kiwi Yodelers presented a repertoire of their favourite songs and yodels. The Swiss Shooting Federation gave us a little sample of their own singing with: 'De Bueb vo Trueb', supported by the Swiss Kiwi Yodelers.

Only too soon it was time to say goodbye. We all hope that soon we will be able to catch up with our visitors again somewhere.

It was a great day shooting and socialising on the farm which, I'm sure everyone would agree, is far better than a bad day at work. We would like to extend our warmest thanks to the Swiss Senior Shooting



Hans Enzler with his well earned recognition for his life-long input into the Auckland Swiss Club Shooting Section.



Finding a winner

Federation for paying us this visit, and to all the generous helpers on the day and in preparation.

**Henry Werffeli,
Riflemaster,
Auckland Swiss Club.**



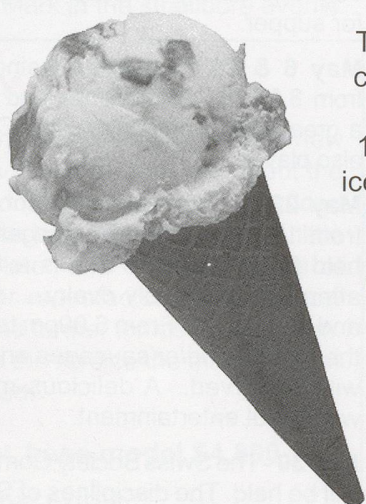
The big moment, 'the prizegiving'.



The Swiss Shooters with their special contribution to the entertainment.

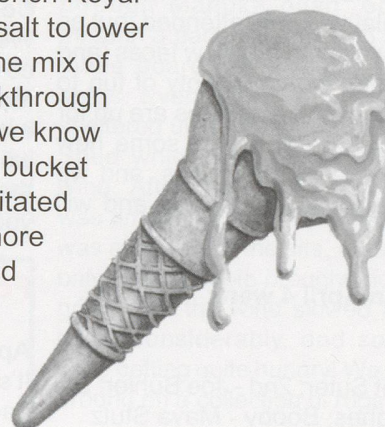
Hello Children

Where did ice cream originate?



The origins of ice cream can be traced back to Rome in the 4th century BC. The Roman Emperor Nero ordered ice to be brought from the mountains and combined it with fruit toppings. In the 13th century, Marco Polo learned the Chinese method of creating ice and milk concoctions and brought it back to Europe. Over time, recipes for ices, sorbets and milk ices evolved and were served in the fashionable Italian and French Royal Courts. The use of ice mixed with salt to lower and control the temperature of the mix of ingredients proved a major breakthrough in the creation of ice cream as we know it. The invention of the wooden bucket freezer with rotary paddles facilitated its manufacture. It was a Baltimore company that first produced and

marketed ice cream wholesale in 1851. The treat became both distributable and profitable with the introduction of mechanical refrigeration.



FACT FILE

During the 20th century many brands of ice cream were marketed on a large scale in supermarkets. Ice cream sundaes have also become very popular desserts with people of all ages.

Easter Competition pictures are on pages 15 and 16.