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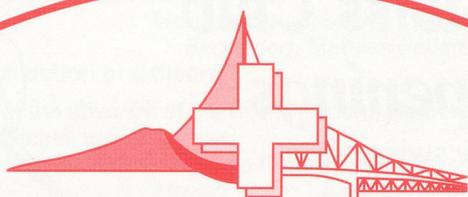
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Auckland Swiss Club

**1956 - 2006
50-YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

...In actual fact it was the Swiss Club that purchased the farm and these are the people who contributed to a sizeable deposit secured by a debenture against the club: Max, Susan and Verena Bachmann, Hilda Bischofberger, Anton Buenter, Hedi Calonder, Hans, Sylvia, Hanspeter, Mario and Ronald Enzler, Gottlieb Flückiger, John and E. Gämperli, Gody Gebert, Brian Gooding, Simi Hartmann, Kurt Hirzel, Eugen Hübscher, Hans Iten, Jack Leutschg, Arthur Müller, Charly Rickenbach, Walter Piatti, Hans Piller, Richard Stäheli, Otto Stalder, Max Stauffer, Frank Reichmuth, Jack Spillmann, John Nel Schwartz, Paul sen. and Paul jun. Wüthrich, Anton Sidler, Toni Käppeli. Many of these people left their loans unreturned as a donation to the club. The trustees who guaranteed a loan were: Toni Sidler, Hans Enzler, Max Bachmann. The territory of the farm actually covers an area of 213 acres in total.

Toni Sidler, being a stonemason and living on his own quarry, was one of a very dedicated group who built the sturdy chalet at the entrance of the property, which is now used almost every weekend. "The Farm" as we call it, has since been the main focus of the club's activities. Access in the beginning was difficult, and only the dedicated members were seen there on a regular basis, but the land has a very special, almost Swiss, feel about it, and when up there on a quiet sunny afternoon, one almost believes to hear the cowbells tingle in the distance. Occasionally the paddock right in front of the chalet on the first lot gives grazing to half a dozen cattle from the neighbouring farmer.

A pine planting investment brought in enough revenue to build a bigger structure with adjacent facilities in the late 80s and thus allow for gatherings of up to 200 people on a casual basis.

We are now preparing for the big gala evening on Saturday 7 October 2006, at the Springs, Western Springs, which should be a very special event and do us proud, and honour all the past and present members who are the pillars of this club. Let's celebrate!



**The People who made
the Chalet happen**