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She had been living in New Lynn. I am sure many of you remember Maria from earlier years in the Club.

New Members:

We would like to welcome the following new members to our Club and hope to see them at some of our events:

- Daniel & Pamela Jacot-Descombes
- Carolyn & Brent Brunner-Couling
- Tanja & David Latham-Zurbruegg
- Irene & Anthony Knowles
- Chris & Susanne Kaenzig
- Lukas & Erika Lanz
- Patrick & Vanessa Preisig
- Marianne Brunner & William Graf
- Peter & Cora Vogel
- Wendy Evans & family.

As you can see from the above list, our membership drive had an enthusiastic response and many of the new members have already taken part in some of our events.

If you check the Calendar 2008 for March, you will see that there is a day at the Farm for New Members and their families. New members will be sent an invitation. Please come if you can so that we get to know each other.

Past Events:

The Christmas Party at Rothesay Ratepayers' Hall was a great success. New members to the Club Peter & Cora Vogel and Daniel and Pamela Jacot-Descombes came and helped us sing those old Weihnachtslieder. There were between 38 and 50 people there! I would like to thank Nelly and her choir and musician for leading us and giving the afternoon a real Christmas atmosphere. Edith supplied us not only with yummy Christmas baking but she also decorated the tables beautifully, as she usually does.

As you can see from the new calendar, there are some innovative events like the Waldfest on the "menu". Study the Calendar and choose what you would like to come to. See you there. Check on www.swiss.org.nz/auckland if you have the internet.

The Auckland Swiss Club's 2008 Calendar.

(Please keep a copy of this for future reference!)

- 2 February 08** - Swiss Farm Working Bee Society Shooting
- 9+10 February 08** - Swiss Farm Picnic/Waldfest and Society Games
- 16+17 February 08** - Swiss Farm Shooting 300m obligatorisch
- 2 March 08** - Swiss Farm New Members Day
- 15+16 March 08** - Swiss Farm Shooting 300m Feldschiessen
- 14+15 April 08** - Swiss Farm Einzelwettschiessen
- 27 April 08** - Swiss Farm Cow Bell Competition, Auckland vs Hamilton
- 3 May 08** - Swiss Farm AGM Auckland Swiss Club
- 24+25 May 08** - Swiss Farm Shooting 300m Hamilton day
- 31 May-2 June 08** - Auckland Society AGM
- 6 June 08** - Auckland Film Evening
- 7+8 June 08** - Swiss Farm Shooting 300m Swiss Abroad
- 4 July 08** - Auckland Film Evening
- 1 August 08** - Swiss Farm Simple 1st of August Fire
- 2 August** - Auckland Swiss National Day Celebration
- 5 September** - Auckland Film Evening
- 11+12 October 08** - Swiss Farm Shooting 300m any rifle any sights
- 16 November 08** - Tour
- 29 November 08** - Swiss Farm Working Bee
- 7 December 08** - Swiss Farm Children's Christmas Party
- 13 December 08** - Xmas Carol Singing
- Every 2nd Friday, March to November** - Auckland City - Jassen
- Every last Saturday of the month** - Swiss Farm - Stammtisch

Shooting Section - Schützenfest 1 March 08
 Details to be emailed and mailed out later.

For the Committee,
 Heidi Wilson, Secretary

Top 10 popular names given to babies in New Zealand and Switzerland (2005)

<i>NZ female</i>	<i>CH female</i>
Emma	Leonie
Ella	Anna
Charlotte	Lara
Olivia	Laura
Jessica	Julia
Sophie	Nina
Grace	Sarah
Hannah	Chiara
Emily	Sara
Isabella	Lena

<i>NZ male</i>	<i>CH male</i>
Jack	David
Joshua	Noah
Samuel	Joel
Daniel	Tim
James	Luca
Benjamin	Simon
Liam	Jan
William	Jonas
Ethan	Lukas
Jacob	Samuel

You know you're Swiss IF...

...you've ever been confused with a Swede.

...you laugh when Americans believe that Swiss Miss is a Swiss product, but then have no clue that Nestlé and Rolex ARE

...you get frustrated if you go grocery shopping abroad and there aren't at least 10 different kinds of chocolate and 15 kinds of cheese available.