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An hour and a half later, at the top of Mount Eden we had morning tea and coffee with chocolate muffins, and after another hour or so we stopped for lunch in Cornwall Park for chicken salad and Profiteroles (Thanks to our in house Chef - Edith Hess).

The Swiss flag gave us a welcome rallying point and we flopped on the grass to catch our breath! The keen ones went up to the Top of One Tree Hill to see the view after lunch while the rest of us had a bit of a rest.

At 2pm we started off again, and with perfect timing we arrived at the Onehunga Lagoon 3



minutes before the bus was due to leave back for the Viaduct.

Thank you everyone for coming! It was a great day!

Our Club seems to acquire keen young Swiss families recently, which is so good to see.

New members:

Mirco & Andrea Merazzi and their son Sean.

Future Events:

7 December - Samichlaus: A family event at the Swiss Farm.

11.00am sharp: Kasperlitheater (Puppet theatre).

12.00 noon: Lunch - Sausages & Swiss bread, drinks, Swiss bakery items & bags of Swiss Christmas cookies for sale. Later: Santa Chlaus arrives. Children can see Santa if they so wish.

13 December - Christmas carol singing and Christmas Party at Rothesay Bay Hall.

Where? Rothesay Bay Ratepayers' Hall, Corner Rothesay Bay

Road & Beulah Ave, Rothesay Bay, North Shore City.

Musicians? Players of instruments please contact Nelly Steinemann as soon as possible (479-4038).

What? There will be afternoon tea, singing of Swiss Christmas carols, great company in a lovely Hall. From 2.00pm, 13 December.

Cost? Very little. There will be an email later.

2 February 2009 - Society Shooting and Working Bee on the Farm.

14/ 15 February 2009 - Wald-fest & Picnic at the Swiss Farm.

Jass Results for November

1st	Hansruedi Wolf	4115
2nd	Hans Iten	4046
3rd	Paul Steinemann	3956
4th	Annagret Wolf	3936
5th	Lynne Dunphy	3869
6th	Molly Gianotti	3791
7th	Marcel Ruedi	3741
8th	Verena Ruedi	3715
9th	Nelly Steinemann	3660
10th	Hans Fitzi	3619
11th	Edith Hess	3587
12th	Louis Wallimann	3549
13th	Hilda Iten	3536
14th	Emil Tellenbach	3532

Final 2008 Jass Results

1st	Hansruedi Wolf	28,697
2nd	Annagret Wolf	27,805
3rd	Hans Iten	27,232
4th	Louis Wallimann	27,211
5th	Lynne Dunphy	26,870
6th	Marcel Ruedi	26,422
7th	Nelly Steinemann	26,404
8th	Heidi Wilson	26,122
9th	Verena Ruedi	25,898
10th	Edith Hess	25,300
11th	Hilda Iten	24,989
12th	Adrian Blaser	22,769
13th	Andrew Iten	22,692
14th	Molly Gianotti	18,121
15th	Fidel Good	15,454
16th	Paul Steinemann	15,313
17th	Emil Tellenbach	14,371

Well, that's all from me. Have a non-hectic Christmas and a lovely summer!

Heidi Wilson, Secretary

Kaspar Josef Kopp (Joe)



Joe was born at Beromünster on June 1st 1924. He was one of 9 children, 5 girls and 4 boys, him being the oldest of the boys. Joe's parents were farming on 4 hectares of their own land with some lease land near by. As a young boy he would have seen his parents battling to make ends meet and worse still he experienced the depression years in the Thirties. World War II was the next dark cloud on the horizon. In 1943 Joe was called up for Swiss army training followed by one year of active service. The following years saw Joe working on farms and as a truck driver for an industrial firm. On 15th November 1951 he emigrated, owing his passage to his future employer, the Hurley Family in Taranaki.

In 1962 Joe married Grace Buckwell and they started married life as farm workers at Hangatiki/Otorohanga. Over the next years the family grew by 4 girls and an adopted son. Then followed a time of sharemilking at Parawera until they managed to buy their own dairy farm at Korakonui near Te Awamutu. Joe and his family worked very hard to improve the farm, and to augment their income, Joe started contract work for local farmers.

Joe's wife Grace died in 1982. A few years later Joe suffered ill-health himself and decided to sell his farm. He bought a 2-acre life style block at Pirongia. Some happy years followed for Joe, raising young stock, pigs and laying hens. Joe was a man of many talents and his knowledge to produce a very fine "Chrüter Schnapps" brought many a Swiss friend to his door.

Old age made life difficult, with loss of hearing, visual impairment and finally lung cancer. He was fortunate only having to stay in Waikato Hospital and the Rest Home for a few days before his Creator called him back.

The funeral service for Joe Kopp took place at the Catholic Church of St. Patrick's in Te Awamutu on 11. November 2008. A good number of Swiss friends attended the funeral. During the service the Swiss National anthem was sung to the accompaniment of the accordion by Peter Ganziani, and Rinaldo Rust delivered the Eulogy. The sound of Swiss cow bells mingled with the tunes of the accordion as the hearse departed the church for private cremation. - May he rest in peace.

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