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May 16 - The Swiss Society Competitions will be held from 10.00am. The cost this year is \$5.00 per discipline ... which consists of shooting, shot put, keglen (9 pin bowling) and jassen. Juniors (under 16) are in a separate section, so come along parents and grandparents, bring those youngsters along!!! Should you take part in at least three of the four sports, you will go in the draw to win two dinners at the Swiss Club (Queen's Birthday Weekend, Anniversary Shoot or 1st August) ... so compete in as many disciplines as possible!!! Championship Shoot will also be taking place from 1.00pm. Thereafter everyone can take part in a potluck tea at 6.00pm ... just bring sufficient food for you / your family and you will enjoy a delicious meal!!!

May 24 - This is the LAST day to order sausages which will arrive prior to Queen's Birthday Weekend. Please ring Lisette on 06 7628718 or Marianne on 06 7628757 to place your order as soon as possible.

May 25 - Any Taranaki Swiss Club members wishing to attend any of the functions at Queen's Birthday weekend must ring Marianne on 06 7628757 or Othmar on 06 278 6878 by 25th May 2010 for catering purposes and also so that we can organise name tags. Payment would be appreciated as soon as possible. We would love to have a strong Taranaki contingent present, so please make an effort to attend.

June 5 & 6 - Queen's Birthday Weekend, and we are hosting the final of the **Cowbell Competition** between Wellington and either Auckland or Hamilton and the **Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Society of New Zealand**. There will be a dinner on the Saturday evening, we will be providing lunch to everyone present on Sunday and a smorgasbord dinner will be served on the Sunday Evening (see programme in Helvetia). If any of our members are able to help in any way at some of our functions, please ring a committee member. We would appreciate your help.

June 13 & 20 Jassen and Euchre at 1.15pm. As always, Walter would love to see some new faces ... not that he doesn't like the ones that already come!!! So come along and enjoy a few games of cards and a delicious afternoon tea. The final Championship Shoot will be held from 1.00pm too, so come along and support Mark. Then enjoy a few drinks and at 6.00pm a potluck tea will be served ... bring along food for you and your family, and enjoy a delicious meal!!! The company will surely be great too!!!

June 20 - This is the LAST day to order sausages which will arrive prior to the Anniversary Shoot. Please ring Walter on 06 7628559 to place your order. Please note that this will be the LAST SAUSAGE ORDER until November! So order now! MD

MARIA EMMA ALPIGER-BONI

25 January 1935 - 7 November 2009
Born in Amden SG

JOSEF ALPIGER

25 May 1928 - 27 March 2010
Born in Engelburg SG

Both were born into hard working farming families, and life was tough. They both had a remarkable sense of adventure, a daringness and a willingness to try new things - which led to them meeting and marrying in Tillamook, Oregon, USA in 1959. Three years later, after having returned to Switzerland, they were off on another daring adventure to the other side of the world with two young children in tow. They arrived in New Zealand by ship/plane in 1962 where they made a farming life for themselves and the growing family in the Waikato and King Country Districts. Both worked extremely hard, and the children Beatrice, Lawrence (deceased), Irene, Yvo, Denise and Rita have many fond memories of family life on the farm at Waitomo, which they broke in from raw bush, building a home and lifestyle. Both have been able to take trips back to their homeland. Their memory lives on - the family home was relocated as a trampers' hut to Leach's Clearing in the Whareorino Forest south of Pio Pio - known today as the ALPIGER HUT.

May they both rest in peace.

The Hamilton Swiss Club and the Swiss Society of New Zealand extend their deepest sympathy to Beatrice, Irene, Yvo, Denise and Rita and their families.

Happy Mother's Day

I Love You Mum!

*Mum's smiles can brighten any moment,
Mum's hugs put joy in all our days,
Mum's love will stay with us forever
and touch our lives in precious ways...
The values you've taught,
the care you've given,
and the wonderful love you've shown,
have enriched my life
in more ways than I can count.
I Love you Mum!*

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