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## Swiss News

### Forthcoming Events

With the first Friday in April being Good Friday, no pub night in April!

#### Jassen Friday 10 April 7.30pm

Danish Club, 6 Rockridge Ave, Penrose  
We welcome newcomers and casual Jassers, do give it a go

#### Cowbell semifinals

##### Sunday 19 April in Hamilton

Do support our club, we need strong Aucklanders to compete in Kegeln and Steinstossen, und lucky / brainy ones to help with the Jass, and support people to cheer us on. We will car-pool. Please contact Adrian if you are interested in participating; [adrian.blaser@swiss.org.nz](mailto:adrian.blaser@swiss.org.nz) or 09 832 0366

For your info: the finals will be at the AGM in Wainuomata/Wellington on Queens Birthday weekend. Us Aucklanders would love to get that Cowbell back from Taranaki!

#### Pub night Friday 01 May

Keep the night free. You will get an email with the locality, or check our website [www.swiss.org.nz](http://www.swiss.org.nz) or our facebook page.

#### Market Day Sat 02 May

Please see ad on page 4 for details. Also, your beloved Swiss books and souvenirs may find a new life there. See page 7.

#### Jassen Friday 14 May 7.30pm

Danish Club, 6 Rockridge Ave, Penrose  
Join us for a fun evening, meet likeminded and share some joys and frustrations!

**AGM Monday 18 May 7.30pm** at the Danish Hall, 6 Rockridge Ave, Penrose  
Please do come along – what would our club be without YOU. Your personal invitation will follow.

We are lucky that our president (Adrian), our vice presidents (Alex and Martin) will stand again for their roles – they must like it! Carmen our treasurer will be resigning, after nine years, thank you very much Carmen! Toby has kindly agreed to take over the job. We are looking for a secretary – do contact Adrian now if you feel you might be able to help.

As usual, the AGM will be followed by a delicious supper. And with Adrian's efficiency, it will not last forever.

**Society AGM** weekend 30 May to 1 June in Wainuomata, Wellington  
Have you ever been to a Society AGM? I went to last year's in Taranaki, this was the first time I had travelled to one. It was so much fun to meet all these amazing

Swiss from all walks of life, I won't miss it. See invitation and agenda on page 9. I got really cheap flights. Our Club is planning to book accommodation and hire a van for transport between Wainuomata and Wellington. But we do need to know NOW, please contact Adrian if you are interested. Promise you'll love it!

#### Looking ahead to June and beyond

Film evening Friday 5 June  
Jassen Friday 12 June (and every second Friday of the month)  
Fondue Saturday 04 July  
National Day Celebration Saturday 01 August at the Danish Club  
Rollerblading Sunday 13 September  
Kaffeeekänzli Sunday afternoon 20 September, and much more

#### We welcome our new members

*Werner & Verena Stebler and André & Jenny Habegger.* We trust you enjoy what we do. Looking forward to seeing you at many events. Don't hesitate to contact one of the committee with your suggestions, we depend on you!

#### THANK YOU TO SABINE

Our secretary of the past 18 months, Sabine Wyss, has decided to return to her roots. She left for Switzerland in February. It has been a pleasure to have you Sabine, working very hard for our Club, and doing amazing things in between, like helping out Indian Women to become more self-reliant. We wish you the very best in Switzerland and wherever else in the world fate may take you to. Thank you so much for all you have done for us.

#### OUR NEW, TEMPORARY SECRETARIES

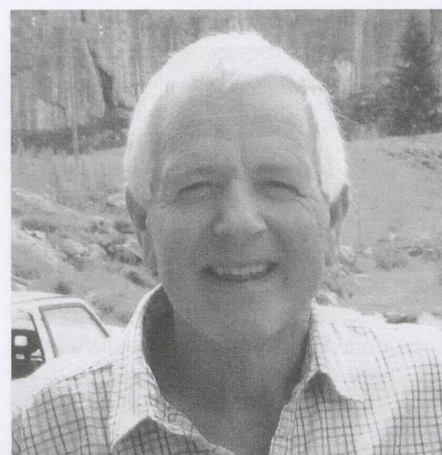
Our advertisement for the attractive, fun filled but not so well paid role as Club Secretary has drawn a few enquiries, but we have not found anyone prepared to do the full job yet. These people took on a slice for the time being, until our AGM:

- Andre Weibel is looking after new members and update the memberlist
- Victoria will do the minutes at the meetings
- Alex will do website (and facebook page)
- I myself, am having a go at the club news once again.

Where would our club be without these volunteers! Thank you everyone.

We very much hope to appoint a secretary at the AGM on 18 May. Please put your hand up if you feel you could help. The support team is there! Nelly S

## Obituary



### Bryan Luond

8 April 1949 – 15 December 2014

Bryan was born to Don and Ida Luond and was the fourth youngest of eleven. He was brought up on the family farm on Oeo Road, Auroa (in Taranaki) and attended Auroa Primary School and Opunake High School. Upon leaving school he worked on the family farm for two years, then Taikatu Road Dairy Factory. From there he share-milked with his brother John and soon after met Cindy Meyer whom he married in 1976. They were blessed with three girls – Angela, Sharon and Kristin and have six grandchildren.

They bought their Midhirst farm in 1977, and then in due course purchased other farms, before moving to Stratford. Bryan and Cindy were proud that all their daughters followed their passion for farming or being associated with the farming industry. Bryan was a family-man, loving his wife, children and their families, as well as his extended family.

Bryan enjoyed several other activities besides his passion for farming. He was actively involved in the Toko District Lions Club where he was twice President and also assisted to establish a water line in Nepal. He was very proud of his Swiss heritage, travelling twice to Switzerland – once for his brother Don's wedding and more recently with Cindy. He enjoyed attending Swiss Club functions – fondue evenings, 1st of August, keglen (9 pin bowling) and appreciated going on several bus trips.

Sadly Bryan passed away on 15 December and will be greatly missed by his loving wife Cindy, their daughters and families, together with the extended Luond and Meyer families.

The Taranaki Swiss Club and the Swiss Society of New Zealand extend their deepest sympathy to Cindy and family, as well as the extended Luond and Meyer families. MD