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Auckland Swiss Club

Past Events

Friday, 11 May, Monthly Jass

1st	Emil Tellenbach	4123
2nd	Pia Knarston	4031
3rd	Andrew Iten	4022
4th	Henry Werffeli	4009
5th	Hansruedi Wolf	3979
6th	Carmen Gordon	3965
7th	Berta Good	3903
8th	Hans Iten	3894
9th	Louis Wallimann	3884
10th	Heidi Wilson	3879
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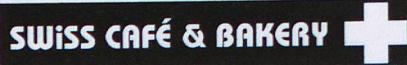
Friday, 8 June, Monthly Jass

1st	Lynne Dunphy	4177
2nd	Heidi Wilson	4149
3rd	Heinz Frei	4148
4th	Andrew Iten	3962
5th	Franz Krieger	3953
6th	Berta Good	3828

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7th	Fidel Good	3809
8th	Louis Wallimann	3768
9th	Adrian Blaser	3751
10th	Henry Werffeli	3625
11th	Carmen Gordon	3468
12th	Hans Iten	3429
13th	Erwin Steiner	3394
14th	Edith Hess	3291

Friday, 22 June

A night with Diccon Bewes

We got to know Diccon Bewes during our time of producing the *Helvetia* as Diccon, an author living in Switzerland, was writing some guest articles for us from time to time. Diccon Bewes' expert knowledge dispels the myths and unravels the true meaning of "Swissness". We heard all about it on the evening of 22nd June when Diccon, currently on a world tour, visited us at the Danish House for a night of laughter, intrigue and desserts. Over 80 people enjoyed the deliciously scrummy dessert buffet while Diccon Bewes entertained us with the thoughts and views of an Englishman living in Berne. He introduced us to and had his 2 bestselling books for sale: 'Swiss Watching' and 'Slow train to Switzerland'. Swiss Watching is an original and intriguing read about our landlocked island, going behind the stereotypes of banks and skis, francs and cheese. So many of us Swiss expats, who view Switzerland from the outside now, could relate to his hilarious encounters with the Swiss way of life. It was a great evening and lovely to finally meet Diccon in person and getting my book signed.

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday, 1 August

Bonfire at the Swiss Farm to celebrate Swiss National Day

Friday, 10 August

Danish House – Monthly Jass – who will be victorious this month?

Friday, 14 September

Danish House – Monthly Jass – join us for an evening of competition. We always look forward to welcoming new members to the game

Saturday, 22 September

Danish House – Swiss Movie Night
further details to follow via email and on facebook.

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Hamilton Swiss Club

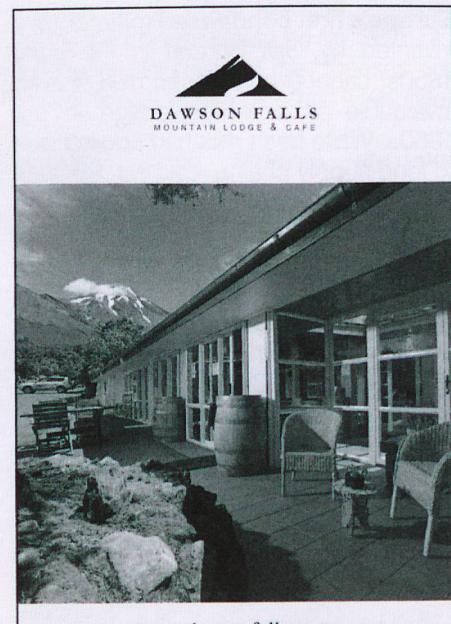
Past Events

Shooting weekend – 26 + 27 May

Once again the Hamilton Club members made their way to the two-day Auckland Farm Shooting Spectacular. Our leader Hans, as always, spent some considerable time getting the troops together and organising the catering and shooting programme. A smaller than usual contingent of shooters made their way to the Kaukapakapa shooting range.

The older guard that left from Hamilton experienced a little hiccup: After Huntly the car was telling us that we're losing air in one of the back tyres. A quick check on the left rear tyre showed none of this was true so we carried on till we got informed by the car that it's the right rear not left! (clever bl...car). Good team effort had the stockpile of food, refreshments, sleeping pills (Schnapps) etc. spread out on the side of the road and the spare was fitted in no time. With only a little time delay we made it and got greeted by Henry the Riflemen and his team on to the Range.

The first day of shooting went quite well despite the awful weather! We



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enjoyed a well prepared dinner from our outstanding chef Hausie and team mate Vitus. This was followed by coffee with a little something in it and lovely tiramisu dessert. An outstanding evening, great camaraderie -something you cannot get anywhere else!

On Sunday the weather improved a little so did the score of the young guns and the older boys struggled to find the target. Bruno Epp showed us what a good night sleep can do with scoring the highest score. We finished the day with a lovely soup and Wuerschtlie to keep us warm for the trip home.

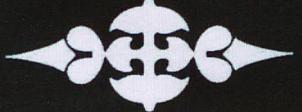
We would all like to thank Henry, Ernst and Andre for trying to guide us for two days to shoot into the centre of the target. We really appreciate all your help and camaraderie and look forward to next year.

Many thanks to Hausie and Vitus for spoiling us with their cooking skills and of course George who has got less and less stock in the paddock due to donating the meat - not to forget the good ladies who made the yummy dessert, Zopf and cakes. Till next year and hopefully with a few more participants who love a good weekend away!!! WZ

Swiss Society AGM – 2 + 3 June

The Hamilton contingent headed to Taranaki in five separate vehicles for a weekend of fun plus a bit of business. We had 14 attend the Saturday evening function and AGM on Sunday and 12 for

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the Sunday evening function because Anna and Leon had to travel back as Anna was heading to Switzerland the next day. The Hamilton numbers got boosted by a family of five who were in the area and decided to join the group for the Sunday dinner. This would be one of the first years our President Herbert did not attend – I think he would have got too upset handing over the cowbell after having it for three consecutive years. Congratulations to the Taranaki Club and runners-up Auckland. The meeting went to plan with no major issues discussed and with some interesting information gained by the speeches of Ambassador, David Vogelsanger and the Society Delegate for the Swiss Abroad, Peter Ehrler. Later on Sunday evening the Taranaki Club provided entertainment with people dancing and some lovely recitals of singing and yodelling. A great evening enjoyed by all! Many thanks to the Taranaki team for being great hosts and looking after us over the two days. We already look forward to our trip to Wellington next year. AZ

Card Evenings

Results from the first three card evening held in Cambridge are:

First Card Evening

1	Rosli Schurmann	4405
2	Max Schwitzer	4396
3	Angus Forsythe	4267
4	George Russenberger	4154
5	Florian Hurschler	3985
6	Heidi Santner	3979
7	Kurt Arnold	3971
8	Karl Waldvogel	3968
9	Elisabeth Gaemperle	3946
10	Heinz Leuenberger	3939
11	Pia Russenberger	3935
	Booby Prize Willetta Staheli	3090

Second Card Evening

1	Arthur Matti	4028
2	Heidi Wehrle	4002
3	Beatrice Leuenberger	3993
4	Hanna Frischknecht	3929
5	George Russenberger	3904
6	Pia Russenberger	3882
7	Owen Forsythe	3878
8	Bruno Epp	3867
9	Vern Forsythe	3852
10	Gabriella Burch	3850
11	Theresa Schicker	3840
	Booby Prize Anna Blattler	3327

Third Card Evening

1	Rita Braem	4379
2	Karl Waldvogel	4239
3	Theresa Schicker	4139

4	Hanna Frischknecht	4122
5	Heidi Santner	4043
6	Oskar Reichmuth	4028
7	Kurt Arnold	4022
8	Ueli Elmiger	3968
9	Hans Vetsch	3932
10	Pia Russenberger	3904
11	Angus Forsythe	3873
	Booby Prize Gabriella Burch	3272

A full report, together with the remainder of evening and overall results will follow in the next Helvetia. BL

Forthcoming Events

First of August

On Sunday, 29th July, we will once again celebrate our National Day with a luncheon event at the Matangi Hall, commencing at 12pm. For lunch, we will be serving a traditional Swiss meal – Pastettli, accompanied with veges; followed by a selection of home baking for dessert.

Following lunch, we will sell raffles, so donations to the raffle table would be gratefully appreciated.

To mark this special day, we will play the Swiss President's annual speech and sing the national anthem, as well as sell Pro-Patria emblems.

If you can, please wear your national costume.

Fondue Evening

This regular function will be held on Saturday, 22nd September, commencing at 7.00pm, at the Matangi Hall. Medal and Trophy presentations will also take place during the evening. A newsletter with full information and attendance booking details will be sent out in early September.

Family Walk

This is planned for Sunday, 4th November, commencing at 11.00am. Venue and further information will be in the September newsletter, and in the next Helvetia.

For further club queries please contact Beatrice 07 843-7971 or email bea.leun@xtra.co.nz BL

„Mein Onkel hat fünfhundert Leute unter sich.“
„Was fuer eine wichtige Person ist es denn?“
„Friedhofgärtner.“

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Taranaki Swiss Club

Past Events

On the 12th of May we held our very popular fondue evening with about 150 people attending and enjoying a scrumptious fondue and / or cervelas and a huge selection of divine salads. It was great to see some people attend for their first fondue at the Swiss Club, together with our many regulars.

It was truly amazing how quickly the meals were served ... thanks to Ruedi and Lisette for grating the cheese; our amazing waitress Heidi who ensured everyone was served in order of coming in the door; our wonderful cooks Erna and Marlies; and the rest of the committee for ensuring burners, bread etc were ready when required, the pots scrubbed and dishes done ... people were impressed with our terrific team work and quickly everyone was served. Many thanks to the ladies who prepared delicious salads ... they were thoroughly enjoyed!!! It was great to host our friends from the Bernese Mountain Dog Club, who always help us out in parades coming with their beautiful dogs ... thanks so much for contributing to our club.

Mark and Bryce then awarded the Swiss Society medals and the Karabiner shooting medals ... congratulations to Walter Seifert and Robert Buhler for achieving their gold medal for twenty-four cards in each of the shoots in the big bore shooting, and Peter Canziani for achieving his bronze medal for

eight cards in each of the shoots ... well done!!! Many thanks to Lucy, Daniel and Richard for selling the raffle tickets ... so very quickly!!! You were great sellers, and we hope that you will help us out again some time! Thanks Erna for organising the lovely grocery baskets, together with the ½ salamis, they were great prizes. A huge thank you to everyone for coming and helping to make the evening the success it was. For new people to the Club, we hope you enjoyed yourselves and that we will see you again soon!!!

20th of May saw us competing in the Swiss Society Competitions, with a good number of people attending. It was great to see some juniors come along and participate too. In the keglen the juniors' winner was Tyrese Oliver with Daniel Drummond second. Othmar Hebler was in great form taking out the adults' competition with Walter Seifert second and Alby Schuler and Mark Kiser tied for third. Winner of the jassen was Robert Buhler, with his brother Joe second along with Walter Seifert ... you're having a great day Walter!!! The shot put was keenly contested, and as we had several over 65 year olds competing, we decided that they should be able to use the lighter ball rather than the concrete block which created a better competition. Winner of the junior boys was Oliver Arnold and junior girls champion was Victoria Arnold. The men's winner was Peter Arnold (senior) and the ladies conqueror was Marlies Hebler. Winner of the 'veteran' men was Ruedi Benkert with runner-up Alby Schuler and strongest lady in the 'veteran' section was Mary Dettling. Through this 'amended' shot put competition we had twenty-four participants ... thank you all very much ... for the more people taking part, the more medals can be won!!! First in the junior shooting was Daniel Drummond with 75 points, first equal in

the men's was Mark Kiser and Remig Zimmermann (also with 75 points), and first lady was Vonnie Ngatai with 76 points. These points all contributed to our quest to win the Cowbell, so thanks for your terrific accuracy. Our voucher winner for people competing in at least three of the four disciplines was Oliver Arnold ... congratulations. Once again, many thanks to all of you for participating, even in disciplines that you know you won't get a medal in; the Taranaki Swiss Club really appreciates your valuable support. Next year we would love to see some more participants, especially in the juniors, to make the competition even more interesting and intense!!! A delicious afternoon tea was held, with many taking the opportunity of playing a few more hands of cards ... while some of us diligently rolled tombola tickets!!! Many thanks to all those who helped with this job; we now realise how much time Lisette has put into rolling these tickets for many years!!!

On the 2nd and 3rd of June we hosted the Swiss Society AGM and the final of the Cowbell Competition. The Club house doors were open from 4.00pm on the Saturday and we eagerly awaited the arrival of our guests. A good contingent came from Auckland and Hamilton and Trudi from Wellington, and together with our own members we enjoyed a delicious dinner of cold cuts, potatoes, salads, and cheese board topped off with a dessert of apple shortcake and biscuits. Then finally our friend from Wellington, Roland, arrived ... a real 'Berner'!!! However he, too, enjoyed dinner ... lucky there was still some left!! It was a great time to catch up with friends and make new acquaintances, and in view of having a big day the following day, the evening wasn't too late!!! Everyone arrived on time on the Sunday and the friendly rivalry in the Cowbell Competition commenced!!! Taranaki had already won the shooting, thanks to our accurate shooters from the Swiss Society competitions. The Aucklanders gave us a real hiding in the keglen winning by a most comfortable margin, while Taranakis' men out muscled the city slickers in the shot put; mainly thanks to Martin Hess and Peter Arnold!! Now it was down to the jassen where four tables battled it out ... and it did come down to the wire ... after all those games only 56 points separated the two teams!!! Luckily for us, the Taranaki jassers were victorious ... and an 'ausjassen' didn't need to be done. With the competitions completed, everyone sat down to enjoy a hearty vegetable or pumpkin soup with



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French sticks and wienerli. Down to the business end of the weekend, and the AGM took centre stage ... Hans Vetsch chaired the meeting very well, and good discussions were held on a variety of topics. Please all take an interest in the proposed new Swiss Society rules that will be compiled by the Swiss Society and give your views, contributions and recommendations, as this isn't an easy job and all opinions will be considered. Our Ambassador, David Vogelsanger, in his last address to a Swiss Society of New Zealand AGM as his term in Wellington comes to an end, gave a very informative and interesting speech. David, we thank you very much for your active involvement in the Swiss Society and also the individual Swiss Clubs or Swiss Groups in New Zealand ... your participation, friendship and commitment to Kiwi-Swiss has been invaluable and appreciated by us all ... you have set a high standard for your successor!!! Following the meeting a delicious afternoon tea was held ... Swiss people obviously all enjoy great food, as every Swiss Club offers such divine cuisine ... we really are spoiled!!! Playing of cards and chatting was on offer before a dinner of mutton on the spit, ham, potato gratin, vegetables and coleslaw ... we thought we had oodles ... but did it disappear? You had better believe it!!! We were expecting 70 people but ended up with 90!!! However I'm sure that no-one went home hungry, especially with fruit salad and ice cream, together with home baking still on offer!!! Once again, we were very spoiled with musical entertainment ... many thanks to Peter, Aaron, Bernhard, Zeno, Leo and Othmar ... many people danced while others enjoyed listening. Many thanks to the Singing Group who sang some well-known Swiss tunes with many of the audience also joining in; great to have Pia from Auckland help out too!!!

Erna and Silvia had organised a great tombola (Swiss raffle), and our grateful thanks to the Swiss Deli who were very generous providing many prizes, as well as the Stratford New World with a lovely gift basket ... we really appreciate your terrific support. Many thanks to our amazing raffle ticket sellers: Josh from Hamilton, Cedric from Auckland and our own Richard ... you guys were incredible selling so many tickets ... thanks heaps!!! The many lucky ticket winners collected their prizes, anticipating what they would win ... a towel, a grocery basket, a salami or????!!! A few little funnies happened over the weekend ... 1. Berta Good had a ringing sound in her ear and removed her hearing aid while driving. They got out to have a drink and then continued the trip to Taranaki. Upon arrival Berta realised that she had lost her hearing aid. Retracing their footsteps (for many kilometres) there it was on the footpath!!! What good luck to find it!!! 2. Fidel Good in his rush to go to the toilet went to the ladies one ... he couldn't get out of there quick enough!!! 3. Remigi enjoyed his dancing so much, he suddenly let go of Erna and she was on the floor in a screaming heap!!! So you can all see how much fun we have at Swiss Society AGMs, so come along and join us in Wellington next Queen's Birthday Weekend ... you won't be disappointed!!!

Many thanks to all the organisers of the weekend, especially the ladies (and yes, many of them outside of our committee) who baked and cooked to put on such delicious meals ... thanks Doreen, Marry, Mary, Vreni, Lisette, Marlies, Erna, Andrea, Silvia and Marianne ... your input was tremendous and greatly appreciated by your Club. Thanks too to those who helped clean up ... some of these were members from other clubs ... we really appreciate your assistance. All in all it was a terrific weekend, and we're looking forward to the next one hosted by Wellington!!!

Card results for 27 May

We had a great muster of jazz players, and I must thank everyone for their patience as Adrian, Daniel and Richard took part for the very first time ... thank you so much, they really enjoyed their afternoon. For Daniel it must have been 'beginners' luck' as he managed to gain eighteen points, together with Joe Buhler, Myrtha Seifert and Frieda Meier ... a real rookie amongst the very experienced!!! Well done to you all!!! At the other end I claimed the booby prize, and

got a ribbing all the way home ... it was a long half an hour!!! The raffle winners were Frieda Meier, Jean Fuglistaller and Daniel and Richard Drummond. A lovely afternoon tea was had with several players keen to play a further few games.

10 June

1st	Myrtha Seifert
2nd	Heidi Seifert
3rd	Edi Fuglistaller
Booby	Frieda Meier

The lucky raffle winners were Heidi Seifert, Maya Stutz (great to see you coming back to play cards, Maya!), Berta Hughes and Walter Seifert.

17 June

1st=	Myrtha Seifert and Alby Schuler with 16 points.
3rd	There were six people with 14 points and Edi Fuglistaller won the cut.
Booby	Joe Buhler

The lucky raffle winners were Myrtha Seifert (by golly gosh you're having a good run with great cards and lucky ticket numbers ... good on you!!!), Jean Fuglistaller, Zeno von Hospenthal and Robert Buhler.

There was also small bore shooting on today with good participation. Following all the sports a pot-luck tea was held, with, unfortunately, only a small number participating. However those who did attend had a lovely meal and good chatter with many laughs ... in other words,

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a good time was had. Should anyone have any other ideas about a mid-winter, social function, please let a committee member know. The pot-luck tea was started due to a request by one of our members, however numbers seem to be dwindling so perhaps someone has another idea we could try. We would love to hear from you, our loyal members.

Forthcoming Events

July

29 The Swiss National Day, together with music from the Swiss Army Band, will be held at the War Memorial Hall in Stratford. All members will be contacted prior to the evening; as this is a catered event (so the committee ladies can have a well-earned rest) we do need confirmed numbers ... please commit to the people selling the tickets as they do not have an easy job! We look forward to a great crowd to listen to this amazing band ... tickets will be available to non-Swiss too so booking your seat early is essential. Please note there will be no door sales. Further details will be printed on the tickets.

30 The Embassy is organising an event where The Swiss Army Band will be playing somewhere in New Plymouth in the early morning but we don't have all the details at the moment. However, information about this event will be printed in our local paper closer to the time, so please look out for this!

August

5 Please order your sausages with Marianne on 06 7628757 or by e-mail at littleacres@xtra.co.nz by today. Pick up is on 16th of August. We do appreciate your timely orders, but note that we are away from 27 June to 22 July. Thanks.

October

4 & 18 Keglen recommends at 7.30pm. For further information please ring Heidi on 06 273 4286 ... more participants would create a better competition, so please come along and give it a go!

21 One of our oldest trophies in shooting, the Trudi Ott Belt, will be competed for today, together with the Championship Shoot. If you would like further information please ring Mark on 06 278 6266; he will be happy to hear from you!!! Once again, the more shooters the better the competition! Any juniors are most welcome, with Mark willing to help coach.

November

At a date to be confirmed Mark Kiser is organising a special shooting course for young shooters, 9 years and over, about gun safety, respecting a gun and knowing how to operate it safely. If you're keen for your child to attend please ring Mark on 06 278 6266. MD

Wellington Swiss Club

Past Events

Sunday 6 May – Jassen

We had three tables of keen jassers – and a delicious assortment of cakes and biscuits to keep the sugar level up... What a pleasant way to spend a winter afternoon!

Saturday 19 May – Fondue

As usual, our members and friends took a while to decide whether they wanted to come to the fondue or not, but the ones who decided to come had a great evening. We had a very full house – and as usual, "it was the best fondue ever!" A big thank you to Roland and his cooking team; the fondue was great and the dessert delicious. A big thank you also to our cleaning-up team Oskar and Sharon; on Sunday lunchtime the clubhouse was spic and span, and only the very slightest whiff of cheese in the air...

Saturday 2 June/Sunday 3 June

Swiss Society AGM in Taranaki

On Saturday evening everyone was invited to an informal get-together and a rich buffet. On Sunday morning Auckland and Taranaki were in the final for the Cowbell; as we had lost to Taranaki in the Semi-final we had time off to socialize and renew old friendships. The afternoon was dedicated to the serious business of the Society AGM; you will read about that somewhere else in the *Helvetica*, no doubt. The dinner – well, that was something else! A pity not more Wellingtonians had made the trip to Taranaki!

Sunday 10 June – AGM part 2

Our president Roland Schutz had decided to step down. Roland's contribution to the Wellington Swiss Club has been tremendous and will be hard to match. He has organised countless

delicious Berner Aabig and fondues, among other events, and has been managing the club expertly on and off over more than 20 years. As we were unable to elect a committee on 15 April, we held a second AGM on June 10th. This time, Bernie accepted the role of president, and we elected/re-elected 7 other members. Here is the composition of the committee for the coming year:

President: Bernie Napp

Vice-president: Peter Hynes

Secretary: Odile Stotzer (one year only)

Treasurer: Flemming Sorensen (one year only)

Members: Sascha Schwinn, Oscar Gamper, Rahel and Mark Williams, Christine Hughes and Nico Staudenmann

Rifle master: TBC

Since then the committee has met and established a program of activities for the year 2018-2019 that we will be sharing if not done already.

Sunday 17 June - Jassen

As we didn't play on our usual first Sunday in the month (the first Sunday being Queen's Birthday Weekend, with the Society AGM) some of our players had other commitments, and we were down to six players. They soon decided on how they wanted to play, with two packs of cards, but not all the cards of the packs – in short, it sounded a bit complicated, but all the players understood and had a great time and played up to 5000. Once the Schiefertafel was full of bundles of sticks, crosses and little birds, it was time for afternoon coffee; thank you, Christine and Lotti, for cake and *Wähe!* And then it was time to go back to the game and have another round of little birds. Fairly late in the afternoon there was a question whether the cards really always added up to 314 – but it didn't really matter; we had a good afternoon, and that's what counts, isn't it?

Future Events

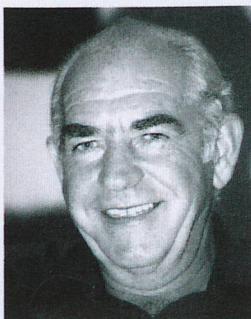
4 August– National Day Dinner

We will have a simple dinner at the club house. More details will have been provided to all members in the meanwhile. If you have not been contacted and would like to know more about it, please email wellingtonswissclub@gmail.com or ring Trudi on 56 28 019.

Jass Sundays

The hard core jassers will be contacted. If you are a keen player and would like to join us (usually on the first Sunday afternoon in the month), please ring Trudi on 56 28 019.

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Hans Enzler

27 January 1927 – 23 February 2018

Hans was born in Steinegg-Appenzell. The youngest of three children, with his brother and sister he grew up on his parents dairy farm. On leaving school his father sent him to different farms where he quickly learnt the modern techniques of farm machinery. Hans also helped his father on their Alp in Seealp. He was very adventurous at heart climbed every mountain in Alpstein including a first ascent of the Marwies north face in 1948. He attended many ski races with good results.

His first paid job was erecting high tension power lines which he found challenging, and enjoyed the camaraderie. Hans however had his eyes set on work in the Poultry industry. After military training in the motorbike section he started work for an important government official in the Canton of Valais. His job was to build up the poultry side of the farming operation. This he did with great success which led to a managerial position. Hans was not an academic but through his dedication in his job and the patient observation of the animals behaviour he became very knowledgeable about all matters relating to Poultry and disease control. After three years in the Valais Hans left to attend a course in Chicken-Sexing, something that was very new at the time. There were only six Graduates Swiss wide, and Hans passed with 100% accuracy, receiving the Diploma from the Swiss Poultry Board.

It was during this time that he met Sylvia at a carnival in Appenzell. He quickly knew that she was the one for him. A year later in 1953 they were married and moved to a small Poultry farm overlooking the Rhine Valley. During the chick sexing season (Jan-April) Hans travelled all over Switzerland doing contract work while Sylvia tended to the farm.

In 1957 Hans and Sylvia with their two year old son Hanspeter travelled to NZ. After a six week arduous boat journey they were pleased to move into their accommodation at Hans and Lia Fitzi's place in Hamilton (a fellow skiing colleague). In their free time the men went hunting and soon had enough venison for everybody. After a few months Hans and Sylvia moved to Auckland where he worked for a swiss engineering company as a press operator.

Before he could do any Chick-sexing he had to sit another exam for the NZ Poultry Board, and to their satisfaction he passed again with 100% accuracy. Hans got a contract for the Hawkes Bay region and served eleven farms. Word of his work ethic, punctuality and accuracy spread through the Poultry Industry and in 1961 Bromley Park, NZ's largest Poultry farm based in Tuakau offered him a contract. Hans introduced his special chick-sexing instrument and later a specialist teaching instrument which he developed. His good eyesight and endurance kept him working well after retirement age.

At the 1st August celebrations in 1958 they met Heidi and Thuri Muller and joined the Auckland Swiss Club. Keen to pursue the Swiss traditions Hans was the first Riflemaster from 1961-1971. During this time he and his fellow committee members built the small bore shooting range, acquired the Swiss farm in Kaukapakapa and with many helpers cleared part of the gorse covered land and built the 300m shooting range. He stayed involved with the club for years to come. He was well known for his sense of humour, witty jokes and many stories of adventure.

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In 1960 they built their first house in Royal Oak. Mario was born and one year later Ronny. With his friends and sons Hans enjoyed many hunting and fishing trips throughout New Zealand.

Hans and Sylvia made many trips home to Switzerland where Hanspeter and Mario now live with their families. Their four grandchildren brought them much joy. Their house was always open for guests, many from overseas. In 1986 they moved next door to their new house built by Hansueli Hess. Hans took great pleasure in developing his new garden.

In later years Hans had many operations, his sense of humour helped with his recovery. He was later well cared for at home, where he enjoyed the visits of family, friends and neighbours.

His was a life well lived which left a legacy of joy, pride and pleasure. A loving lasting memory our grateful hearts will always treasure.

Members of the Auckland Swiss Club and the Swiss Society of New Zealand extend their sincere sympathy to Sylvia and family on the loss of Hans.