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Local Communications

Brisbane

Swiss Society of Queensland

It is really great to see so many people turn up to our various functions lately and of course, we are very happy about this! Quite a few new members joined our Club during the first months of this year and we would like to welcome them all and hope that they will be with us for many years. Our treasurer, though, is not quite so happy these days because a considerable number of members have still not paid their fees for 1977 yet. We therefore appeal to you again for your support in this respect and would very much appreciate it if you would send Heinz Wirth your remittances as soon as possible. We repeat that cheques must be made out to the "Swiss Society of Queensland" and not to Heinz. His address is: 85 Timor Avenue, Loganholme.

Now let us have a look at the forthcoming events: The 1977 Swiss National Day Celebrations will be held on the 30th July, at the Pony Club Ground, Algester Road, Ridgewood Heights, which is just off Beaudesert Road, past Acacia Ridge. A hot meal will be served again, we shall dance and sing, a huge bonfire will be lit, and have a jolly good time together! For the second time, you will be able to compete in the 'Unspunnenstein' - Competition for that coveted trophy (namely the stone itself) and the title of 'strongest bloke in the Club'. On 3rd September a Raclette Evening will be held for the first time. It is one of the very few events that is reserved for members only and we suggest an early RSVP because we can only accommodate a limited number of people that night. A camping weekend is foreseen on 1/2 October, at Springbrook, that beautiful rain-forest area in the Hinterland of the beautiful Gold Coast.

Some of you may be little fed up with the constant 'fund collections' we confront you with invariably. We feel that this is the only way to raise sufficient finance in order to achieve our goal of maintaining a club house or club locality eventually. We will only consider a viable proposition, though from which every investor will benefit. This

takes time of course, but some very competent people are working on the project and we hope to have some further details for you in the near future.

That's all for now, folks! We sincerely hope that you will continue to participate so actively in all club events and look forward to seeing you soon!

P.G.

Enquiries to:

Hans Heer — Tel. 52 3214 (a.h. 44 6529)

Peter Gloor — Tel. 229 1322 (a.h. 355 9993)

Bundaberg

A new club called KLUB EUROPA has been started at Bundaberg. As it is not possible for the Swiss in the Wide Bay-Burnett Region to attend the function of the Swiss Society of Queensland in Brisbane (distance!), the new club will be able to bring the Swiss community of the region closer together. As it would be financially impossible to have a club in Bundaberg for Swiss only, German - speaking groups, as the Germans and Austrians, together with the Swiss, have started this club.

KLUB EUROPA will provide social functions as Tanz, Schnaps und Kaffee, Essen im Freien, Fasnacht, Bierfeste, usw. However, it will also provide support for German-speaking migrants, tutoring services to schools, translations, etc. Members of other Swiss Clubs or travelling Swiss are always welcome at the functions.

For more information please contact B. Odermatt, 17 Station Street, Bundaberg, Queensland 4670, Tel. 79 3228/79 3101 from 9-5.

Darwin

The celebration of Swiss National Day will be held as usual at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fuchs, 44 Wells Street, Fannie Bay, on Sunday, 31st July, 1977, commencing at 7.30 p.m. It will be a barbecue with steaks, servelat and drinks provided. Tickets \$6.00 each, children free. Please ring 81 8225 by 28th July, if attending.

Melbourne

Swiss Club of Victoria

89 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, Vic. 3000, Telephone 63 1196.

FROM THE GENERAL MEETING— 23rd MARCH, 1977

Mr. Peter Meury, the outgoing President, was congratulated by the Members for the successful year. Peter and his Committee worked hard to turn a \$25,000 loss into an almost 'no loss' position in the short space of 12 months. It was the careful planning of Eddi Zimmermann, Peter Meury and Othmar Jaeggi, as well as the excellent book-keeping of Agnes Zimmermann that enabled the Club to achieve this good result.

The Manager, Toni Erb, and his staff, also contributed greatly to the upward trend of our trading. Our special thanks must go to all who helped to achieve this excellent Balance Sheet.

We are very proud to present to you the Members of the Committee for 1977, the people who will run the Club for you, the Members:

Joe Schibli, President; Josef Koch, 1st Vice-President; Roger Kirsten, 2nd Vice-President; Hanspeter Frei, Secretary; Basil Jenkins, Treasurer; Monica Bandlin, Membership; Zita Stampbach, Public Relations; Darby Dunstan, Management; Peter Bolton, Function; Hansruedi Frieden, Entertainment.

And, here is the Management who will serve you:

Toni Erb, Manager; Helen Angehrn, Hostess; Toni Schepis, Chef; Frank Christoph, Steward.

We have a first-class team who will cater for your wishes.

Bring your friends to the Club, have a Party at the Club, be a Business Function. You will be surprised how good the food is and the price is far cheaper than anywhere else in comparison.

So we say "WELCOME" and "GRUEZI".

"BON VOYAGE"

On Saturday, 30th April, 1977, our Consul, Mr. Zellweger and his family have left for a well-deserved holiday in Switzerland.

During almost two years we were able to get to know the Consul and his wife very well, as they have participated in all the functions of our Club. Mrs. Zellweger is the driving force behind the Swiss Ladies' Luncheon which is held bi-monthly at the Club. Mr. Zellweger is also very involved in all activities Swiss, including the Swiss Businessmen's Luncheons.

We all wish them a happy holiday and God Speed. We look forward to having them back for the 1st August Celebrations.

FAMILY PICNIC AND GRUEMPEL-TURNIER — 27th MARCH, 1977

Under threatening clouds, we made a bold decision to go on with the planned Family Picnic - Football Match. Our sincere thanks to all who participated and the many helpers. (Over 500 friends attended.) The competition was fierce, yet very friendly (no broken legs). The singing of the Yodellers brought the rain down but the welcome speech by our Consul, Mr. Zellweger, made it stop again.

A total of 17 teams fought out the honour and glory of being the winner of the first Gruempeltturnier. The highlight was the battle of the three ladies' teams — where the "Hot Pants" really showed their skills (you should have seen the super-fit Mothers). Two Boys' teams contested against each other.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

- 4 June, Disco Night
- 11 June, Candlelight Dinner
- 18 June, Fondue Night
- 9 July, Metzgete
- 16 July, Disco Night
- 6 August, Disco Night
- 13 August, Candlelight Dinner
- 20 August, Bunter Abend

1st AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

As usual, we will be celebrating our National Day in many different ways, starting off with the GRAND BALL, on the 29 July, 1977, at Chaucer's Reception and Convention Centre, Canterbury. Further details will be available to all Swiss through the Ball Program and various other communications.

There will also be a 1st of August Celebration, on Sunday, 31 July, 1977, either at the Club or at a Picnic Ground, depending on the weather. May we extend a hearty invitation to everyone to help us celebrate our National Day.

Swiss Yodel Club Edelwyss, Melbourne

The Yodel Club, "Edelwyss", is making fine progress with their preparations for the trip to Switzerland. Next year, our group will celebrate the 25th Anniversary and can proudly look back at a very colourful history of exciting events. The highlight of our celebration will be the active participation of our group at the "Eidgenoessische Yodlerfest" in Switzerland. It will be held from the 30th of June to the 2nd of July, 1978, in the city of Schwyz.

Our group will leave in mid-June and will most likely perform once in the Kursaal in Luzern, before taking part on the wonderful Yodlerfest in Schwyz. Further tentative arrangements have also already been made for other performances at various centres in Switzerland after the Yodlerfest.

Although this visit to Switzerland is mainly to mark the 25th Anniversary of our yodel group, we are keen to represent the whole Swiss community of Australia there.

We therefore invite all of you, from all parts of Australia, who plan a holiday in Switzerland next year, to come with us on this exciting trip. How about it? We will all leave together in mid-June, 1978, and then return separately with our own choice of date. In the same spirit, we also extend a cordial invitation to all who can sing to join us, as we desperately need more voices to sing and yodel with us in Switzerland. We are practising every Monday night from 8-10 p.m., in the premises of the Swiss Club of Victoria. Come and join us right now and take advantage of this "once in a lifetime" experience. One of our members, Gusti Sidler, will be 80! next year, but he would not miss this trip for all the tea in China.

Please discuss these propositions with your families and friends and come forward with a favourable decision. You may have to postpone or advance your planned vacation a little but this should be really worthwhile.

All interested participants, active or passive, should contact me as soon as possible at my home address or in the Swiss Club on a Monday night.

My address:

Hans Brunner, 9 Cooina Court,
Frankston, Vic. 3199,
Phone: 783 7439.

As usual, our group is always in great demand for performances in town and country festivities. One of the forthcoming engagements will be a visit to Canberra in early June. We have been kindly invited to spend an evening at the Swiss Embassy, before attending several functions, including a Ball. Mr. F. R. B. Gallman is organizing this venture and we are looking forward very much to a most pleasant week-end in the Capital City.

Hans Brunner

SCHWEIZERSCHULE MELBOURNE

Am Samstag, den 16. April 1977, hat "unsere" Schule wieder ihre Betrieb aufgenommen. Wegen der Osterfeiertage und einigen Organisationsfragen konnten leider nicht alle Eltern rechtzeitig benachrichtigt werden. Trotzdem waren 17 Kinder erschienen. Diese Zahl wird sich in den kommenden Wochen sicher wesentlich erheben. Im Anschluss an den Unterricht orientierte unser Konsul, Herr W. Zellweger, die Eltern ueber die Ziele der Schule. Er wies besonders darauf hin, dass man nichts Unmoegliches von dieser Institution erwarten duerfe. Wichtig sei, dass die Eltern nicht die ganze Aufgabe der Schule ueberlassen, sondern auch zu Hause mit ihren Kindern soweit moeglich "Schwyzerduetsch" sprechen und versuchen, ihnen unsere Heimat naeher zu bringen. Herr Zellweger erwaehte ferner, dass bei den Kindern ein Minimum an Deutschkenntnissen vorausgesetzt werden muesse, da es nicht moeglich ist in den wenigen Stunden im Monat einen regelrechten Sprachunterricht — und dazu noch in unserem Dialekt — aufzubauen. Die heimatkundlichen Faecher mussten dabei zu kurz kommen. Aber gerade um diese geht es ja bei der ganzen Sache.

Als neue Lehrerin konnte Frau Rosmarie Moser begriesst werden. Sie ist von Frau Esther Laeng in ihr neues Amt eingefuehrt worden. Die beiden Lehrerinnen hatten einen Fragebogen fuer die Eltern ausgearbeitet. Die eingehenden Antworten werden mithelfen, ein Arbeitsprogramm fuer die kommenden Monate aufzustellen. An einem der naechsten Schultage sollten auch zwei oder drei Elternvertreter bestimmt werden. Wegen der relativ schwachen Beteiligung war dies leider am 16. April nicht moeglich gewesen. Unsere beiden Lehrerinnen legen grossen Wert darauf, eventuell auftauchende Probleme mit

diesen Vertretern besprechen zu koennen.

Herr Konsul Zellweger konnte zum Schluss der ebenfalls anwesenden Frau Verena Spandel den herzlichen Dank fuer ihre Taetigkeit waehrend der beiden vergangenen Jahre als Lehrerin der Schule aussprechen. Unsere Schule ist zu einem grossen Teil auch das Werk von Frau Spandel. Falls Not an Mann kommt wird sie uns immer wieder mit ihrer grossen Erfahrung und tatkraeftigen Hilfe beistehen. Schliesslich sei noch erwaehnt, dass Herr Hans Ochsenbein einige organisatorische Fragen eroerterte. Er gab den Eltern auch Aufschluss ueber die finanzielle Lage der Schule. Dank grosszuegiger Spenden bestehen in dieser Hinsicht gluecklicherweise keine Probleme. SWISS SCHOOL: Saturday morning 10.00-11.30 (+Znuei until 11.45), in Swiss Club of Victoria, 89 Flinders Lane, Melbourne.

Next dates.

June 11, 25; July 9, 23; August 6, 20; September 10, 24.

Our aim: Opportunity for our children to learn about their parents' homeland, practise the Swiss-German dialect and to familiarise themselves with verbal and written German.

For further details, please contact either: Swiss Consulate, Tel. 267 2266, or H. Ochsenbein, Tel. 85 8255.

SWISSAIR

SWISSAIR, our National Airlines, expands in Melbourne.

With effect from 1st March, Swissair under its Manager, Mr. George Franklin, has taken over the responsibilities of handling its own reservations and ticketing from Ansett Airlines of Australia, who have, for many years, represented Swissair, handling this capacity.

A larger office has been secured on the third floor of 343 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, and additional staff employed.

With this expansion in Melbourne, together with their Sydney office, Swissair is now the largest offline Carrier (Airline not serving Australia) represented in Australia.

The total staff now numbers 11 persons.

1976 proved, despite many other problems in the Airline industry, a successful year for Swissair, who carried more than 6 million passengers, just under the population of Switzerland.

The Matterhorn Society

229-231 Hawthorn Road,

CAULFIELD, Vic.

Tel. 509 5229 Club: 528 3360 Restaurant

YODEL CHOIR MATTERHORN

ANNUAL FOLKLORE NIGHT —

22 April, 1977

Annual Folklore Night —

Every Tuesday night: Choir practice. Every Friday night: Schwing training. Every 1st Wednesday of the month: Jass — Abig und g'muetliche Hock.

This year's Annual Folklore Night was again the highlight of the group's many activities. Some 400 guests enjoyed a most entertaining night in a tastefully decorated Caulfield Town Hall. None of the guests of Swiss origin would have felt left out, as there was a "Kantonswappen" on display for everyone.

The Consul for Switzerland, Mr. W. Zellweger and his wife, Mrs. Zellweger, were welcomed by the President, as Guests of Honour.

The Yodel Choir and the Laendlerkappelle Matterhorn provided the "Volkstuemliche Unterhaltung" which was introduced by the traditional and well-applauded "Alpfahrt" with Treichle, Glocken, Waegeli mit Mostfass, Blumenhoerner, Alphorn and many more. The well-known continental Orchestra "Oberkrainer" provided the "Tanzlustigen" with their happy tunes, well past the originally announced conclusion time of the night.

Traditional guest artists were again the famous Austrian Folk Dancers, "Edelweiss", led by Ignaz Martinu, who is also the President of the Austrian Club. Their Holzhacker-Act, with the pine log and the wood chips flying in all directions, really brought "the house down". The almost endless applause for our member, Chris Hostettler, proved the success of his performance.

The traditional Cuckoo-Clock, handmade by Walter Zur Schmiede, was won by the man with the "golden touch" and band member, Emil Fehr. (2. time.)

Dear friends and supporters, the Seventh Annual Folklore Night was a great success. Thank you all for coming along. Until next year!

R. G. Schmuki, President

SCHWING CLUB, MELBOURNE

22.Schwing-u. Aelplerfest. 27-2-77

In einer Festankuendigung wurde im Jahre 1805 im "Beyblatt der Numero 98, der Gemeynnuetzigen Nachrichten", geschrieben:

"Eine Gesellschaft Schweizer, Freunde alter Sitten und Geb-

raeuche, hat vermittelst Geldbeyaetragen ein laentliches Fest gestiftet, welches am 17. Augustmonat, an dem Namenstag des Stifters von Bern, Berchtold des 5ten, des letzten Herzogs von Zaehringen, gefeyert werden soll. Zu diesem Fest werden alle Alpherthen und andere Mannen eingeladen, welche sich entweder im Blasen des Alpenhorns, im Jodel, besonders aber im Schwingen und dem Spiele des Steinstossens, wie auch in dem Schiessen nach der Scheibe mit Feuerroehren, oder in einer dergleychen Fertigkeit geuebet haben."

Wenn auch nicht mit den gleichen Worten zum 22.Schwing-u. Aelplerfest eingeladen wurde, besteht sicher immer noch eine grosse Aehnlichkeit der heutigen Anlaesse mit denjenigen vor bald 200 Jahren; sogar in einer der entferntesten Schweizerkolonien.

Bei strahlendem Sommerwetter und einer Rekordzahl von Zuschauern konnte der diesjaehrige Anlass in den "australschen Voralpen" von den Veranstalter in jeder Hinsicht als grosser Erfolg gebucht werden. Der Jodel Chor und die Laendlerkappelle Matterhorn umrahmten den echt schweizerischen Anlass mit volkstuemlichen Vortraegen. Grossen Applaus erntete die grosse, farbenfrohe "Alpabfahrt", die von den Mitgliedern des Jodel Chors zusammen mit allen Schwingern und Trachtenkindern veranstaltet wurde. Nebst der Hauptattraktion, des Schwingens, erfreuten zahlreiche andere Veranstaltungen Erwachsene und Kinder. Im Saegemehl wurde gute Schwingkost vorgesetzt. Die Buben, die dieses Jahr erstmals mit den Grossen am Wettkampf teilnahmen, wurden fuer feurigen Einsatz mit grossem Applaus belohnt, was besonders zutraf bei der juengeren Altersgruppe, die nicht immer mit stillechten Schwuengen miteinander umgiengen . . . Bis in den Schlussgang kaempften sich durch, Andreas Rechsteiner und Ferdym Schmuki. Nach vier spannenden Minuten gelang Rechsteiner, ein junger und erfolgreicher Kranschwinger in der Schweiz, der Siegeswurf und setzte sich verdient an die Spitze des Festes. Die sich in den ersten sechs Raengen befindenden Schwinger wurden mit einem wertvollen, gravierten Kupfer-Eimer bedacht. Es waren dies, A.Rechsteiner, F.Schmuki, B.Luedi, B.Huerlimann, L.Schumacher und D.Hirsch. Die Bubenrangliste wurde angefuehrt von Werner Huber, gefolgt von M.Horat, H.Waeger und M.Schacher.

Das 100 Pfund Steinstossen erfreut sich immer grosser Beliebtheit, da nebst den zahlreichen gewandten Teilnehmern auch "besonders starke "Maenner" manchmal mit wahren Zirkusnummern aufwarten und dadurch die froehliche Feststimmung noch steigern helfen! Den Sieg holte sich A.Rechsteiner mit 4.18 m, der den elf-jaehrigen Reckord um 6 cm ueberbot und mit diesem Resultat im Ursprungsland in den vordersten Raengen zu finden waere. Die anschliessenden Auszeichnungen holten sich, B.Tschanz, W.Horat, G.Schmuki, M.Weber und J.Raschle.

Der erste Preis der Lotterie, eine Holzuhr, "Marke 1291" fand den Weg in die Stube von Joe Schibli. Zum Abschluss dankte der Praesident allen, die dazu beitrugen, auch diesen Anlass wieder zu einem Hoehepunkt der Schweizer Tradition und Folklore zu gestalten.

R. G. Schmuki, Praesident

LADIES' LUNCHEON

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 20 July, 1977, at 12.30 p.m., at the SWISS CLUB of VICTORIA, 89 Flinders Lane, Phone 63 1196.

At our meeting in March, 1977, Mrs. Fisch-Thomann spoke before a large group of ladies about "Native Flowers". This subject was of great interest to everybody. In May, Mrs. Beatrice Delacretaz showed Swiss and Australian china painting. Her very instructive speech and the pieces of hand-painted china presented, found the admiration of all participants.

On 20 July, 1977, we will be honoured with the presence of Mrs. R. Renshaw-Jones, O.B.E., International Commissioner of the Girl Guides' Association of Australia. Mrs. Renshaw-Jones gladly accepted to speak about the Girl Guides' Movement.

These "Ladies' Luncheons" have become very successful. Would you not like to join us too?

Luncheon: \$4.50 (wine included). Contribution for baby-sitter 80 cents per child. This service operates from 10 a.m. on.

The Club manager, Toni Erb, would receive bookings not later than 19 July, 12 noon.

Christine Zellweger

Sydney

Swiss Club of N.S.W. Limited

P.O. Box 3713, G.P.O., Sydney 2001
Phone enquiries: 669 1749

Club meetings are held every Wednesday evening, from 6 p.m. till 11 p.m., at Cahill's Hungarian Csarda

Tavern, located at 123 Clarence Street, Sydney (near N.R.M.A. Buildings).

The recent introduction of BINGO (Zahlen-Lotto), played during the dance evenings, and always held on the last Wednesday of the month, showed a surprising increase in numbers of members and friends attending. We could almost call it "full house" in every respect. Well, there are still some tables left for players, so do come along and join and — who knows, you may even win a prize . . . surprise.

The first major function was the joint boating party with the Austrian Club. Those who got on to the boat, enjoyed themselves and had a good time. The last-minute rush for seats was so great that a boat twice the size could have been filled, alas — too late; so next time we shall hire a boat from the Swiss navy and fully man it ourselves.

Swiss Small Bore Rifle Club (Kleinkaliberschiessen)

As mentioned in the Swiss Club News an inaugural meeting for a Swiss Small Bore Rifle Club was held and, despite a mix-up in dates, a sufficiently large number of both sexes showed interest in this new venture. Everything is now under way to have this section "active" in the shortest period of time. We trust that, by the time this edition of SWISS REVIEW appears, the first shots will have been fired at the Manly Small Bore Rifle Range, David Thomas Reserve, Campbell Parade, Manly Vale, where it is intended to hold target practice every Friday night, as from about 7 p.m. onwards. Hans Schaeppi has taken over the Presidency ad interim until proper elections can be held of all members, and he is happy to assist with further information during office hours on 939 2776 or after hours on 467 2516. Pre-requisite for joining this section is membership of the Swiss Club.

The CLUB fully supports this RIFLE section to enable purchase of rifles, sights, scopes, targets etc. An extensive program has been prepared also, to allow beginners to participate (with proper handicap points scoring), in competitive events every Friday evening; also on a monthly and championship basis. Our Consul General, Mr. R. Tellenbach, has already generously indicated to donate a Championship Cup. There will also be a special President's Cup for Lady participants only. Further sponsorship of Cups, etc. is sought for the weekly and monthly competition events.

This is an exciting development for Sydney's "Tellentoechter und Tellensoehne", also Juniors as from 14 years of age can participate. Thus, do not hesitate to contact Hans Schaeppi if you are interested and would like to join.

1st August, National Ball

This event is well known to most if not all Swiss living in Sydney and surrounding areas. We are holding the Ball this year again at the Wentworth Hotel, on Saturday evening, 30th July. Should you fail to receive a copy of the special invitation, please contact our Function Director, Hans Schaeppi, after hours on 467 2516, or Armin Roth on 669 1749.

METZGETE

Due to an unforeseen program change, this event had to be postponed to Saturday, 15th October, as the date originally set was taken up with a SWISS film night. The "Metzgete" will be held at the Forestville Memorial Hall, and details for bookings will go out with the Swiss Club News in early August. As the next issue of the SWISS REVIEW will only reach you by about mid September, please write to the Club or phone our Function Director, Hans Schaeppi, for a definite booking before then.

Armin Roth

Dear Reader,

Some years ago the then Committee of the Swiss Club gave thought to arrange a special get-together for senior members of the Sydney Swiss Club.

The question had problems: Transport, Traffic, Night-driving, late hours to get home again, also distances had to be considered.

A first go was a Bus-tour with Swiss Tourists to Mount Wilson. The outing was a most amiable one, even though the day was rather wet. After that afternoon the "seeing each other" continued over an arranged luncheon date. Saturday proved to be the acceptable time for all, for the retired and the not yet retired members and non-members.

It is not an organisation. It is not tied by rules. There is nothing binding by joining.

Just bring yourselves and your friend and I am sure the surprise is on your side when shaking hands with friends of long, long ago. If you would like to enjoy a couple of hours with other old timers, send your address to: K. Vetsch, 56 Waters Road, Naremburn 2065, N.S.W. and an invitation will come

your way. It is held about three or four times a year, at not too regular intervals and time and place as I am able to arrange and can easily manage, so be WELCOME!

Kaspar

Swiss National Day Celebrations 7th August, 1977, Kellyville

The Swiss Yodlers of Sydney are again inviting all Swiss, their families and friends to the family picnic at the Divine Word Mission Dairy Farm, 1 km past Kellyville, on the Windsor Road (Signs will indicate where to turn off to the right). Last year, many might have felt that activities were a bit scattered. This year, thanks to the generous support of Brother Eugene, we will be able to have singing and dancing co-ordinated much closer to the barbecue. There, a well-organised team of helpers will attend to the feeding of the multitude, with all the popular goodies Swiss style from the grill, as well as hot soup, coffee and cakes.

The Lortz Continental Band will have everybody swinging, and the Yodlers, Gino and Fredi with the Alphorss, will, with their melodies from our Homeland, translate all into the atmosphere of a traditional "Aelpler Chilbi", complete with the smell of grazing cattle. A huge Bonfire will again be the climax of the day and remind us of our wonderful heritage of freedom and keep awake in our hearts our ties with our beautiful Switzerland.

So, President Gmuer and his Yodlers say "auf Wiedersehn!"

Perth

Invitation

A Swiss Club of Western Australia was founded on the 3rd of November, 1976, with 50 founding members.

We usually meet on the first Wednesday of every month at the "Chalet Rigi", on Mundaring Road. Some champions of our national Jass game meet there every Wednesday. Although one could not wish for a better or more attractive meeting place than Mr. and Mrs. Petrig's chalet and restaurant — with all the Swiss specialities to tempt a hungry, or not so hungry stomach — the long-term view is to secure Club premises of our own. In addition to our regular get-togethers, our Committee also arranges special functions. We thus already celebrated the "Samichlaus" (St. Nicolas Day for the children). Had a picnic in the Chittering Valley and a fancy dress ball

at the "Chalet Rigi" last February (Fasnacht!), all wonderfully successful and most enjoyable "uf Schweizerduetsch and English".

A car rally now is planned in the near future and the Committee is busy with preparations for other social functions, not to speak of a non-plus-ultra first of August festival, another picnic and a dance or two.

There usually is also a ladies' luncheon at Elsie Abplanalp's place, the wife of our Vice-Consul, on the second Wednesday of every month. The more members we have, the more we shall be able to do for them.

There are three main categories of members:

1. Active: Swiss nationals, ladies and gents, including those who have acquired Australian citizenship.
2. Subscribing: Non - Swiss nationals — all nationalities.
3. Non-Resident: Swiss or other nationals whose permanent residence is outside the metropolitan area and who do not wish to become active members.

The fees are — Entrance fee: \$10.00 per person; Annual subscription: \$15.00 single, \$25.00 double, i.e. couple.

For those who apply for membership before 3rd November, 1977, no entrance fee will be payable. *They will be considered as founding members.*

Membership application forms can be obtained from the Secretary: Miss H. Walter, 29 Westlake Road, Morley 6062, W.A. Phone 76 5751 after office hours.

Dr. J. Heitz is our President; Mr. R. Wieland, Vice-President; and Mrs. Susi Heitz, our Treasurer.

BE SURE OF A HEARTY WELCOME. E herzlichs Willkommen als Gruendigsmittglied.

H.S.

The Swiss Way . . .

At a very happy and jovial Swiss Club gathering in the Chalet Rigi on the 26th February, we celebrated carnival, with costumes, masks and all. Mr. and Mrs. Petrig, the owners of the attractive chalet restaurant in the hills, surprised us with a donation of \$A400.—for our special Swiss fund.

Some years ago, their Tea Room burnt down — but today their new Chalet Rigi reminds you again of the home country — some of the local Swiss made a collection a fonds perdu as a small token of

sympathy and help. We had forgotten about it. They did not. Thank you Rosli and Louis.

HS.

Consular Communications

Musical Event

The "Pro Arte" Quintette from Zurich will perform in Australia from the 7th July until 10th August, 1977. During the first week of their stay there will be 6 concerts at different places in Victoria, organized by the Victorian Arts Council. Several educational performances will be given at the Music Academy in Melbourne, with a Public Concert on the 24th July, with contemporary music. The Quintette will fly to Hobart, probably at the beginning of August. In Sydney "Pro Arte" Quintette will be heard on the 10th August, in a Concert, organized by the Mozart Society. Other appearances are foreseen at Sydney University. This program might be subject to modifications.

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