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FORTHCOMING EVENTS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SWISS SOCIETY.

The Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Society of New Zealand (Inc) will be held in Wellington on the 6th June 1982.

Agenda:

A. Welcome by President.

B. Apologies.

C. Reading of Minutes of last A.G.M.

D. Matters arising from Minutes

E. The Presidents Report.

F. Financial Report by the Secretary.

G. Matters arising from Financial Report.

H. Setting of Subscription for year 1982/83.

I. Helvetia Report.

K. Riflemasters Report.

L. Election of Officers.

M. General Business and setting date and place of next A.G.M.

As of the 13th of April 1982 no remits came to hand by the Secretary/Treasurer.

H.J. Staheli, Sec/Treasurer.

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB.

Card Players please note - The fourth and final card evening will take place at Eureka Hall, Saturday, 26 June 1982. 7.30 p.m.

Preliminary notice for the 1st August, National Day Celebration -

Date: Saturday, 24th July, 1982.

Venue: Laughingstein Hofbrau, London Street, Hamilton.

Members please mark your calendars and keep this date free for a 1st of August with a difference.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the last card evening, and after that will be obtainable from the Committee. There will be a limited number available, so be early with your bookings on and after 26th June 1982. Further information in the July Helvetia.

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB 25 YEAR CELEBRATION of the WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB at 7 p.m. in the Overseas Terminal.

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NEWS OF THE COLONY HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

The Hamilton Swiss Club's Annual General Meeting took place on Saturday, 24th April 1982, at the Swisscraft Factory, Frankton.

The evening started with a few games of bowling during the "Happy Hour" and was followed by a beautiful barbeque dinner, compliments of the Club

The meeting started at 7.30 p.m. with the President welcoming all 30 members present, and business proceeded as usual.

The Officer's and Committee Members for 1982/83 are as follows:

President: Mr H. Staheli
Vice-President: Mr E. Fluhler
Secretary: Mrs U. Hawes
Treasurer: Mr T. Ammann
Riflemaster: Mr H. Meister

Committee Members: Mrs D. Ammann, Mr & Mrs J.

Caldwell, Mrs J. Fluhler, Mr B. Rufer, Mrs W. Staheli, Mr & Mrs K. Waldvogel, Mrs A. Zuber.

It was a fairly brief meeting, finishing at 9.30 p.m. However, it was once more a major disappointment to the President and his Committee to see so few members at the AGM. One wonders whether this is due to the complete lack of interest by the members or maybe everyone is so totally satisfied with the way the Hamilton Club is organized and has no complaints at all that they feel no need to attend. This would be a compliment of course!

The evening came to a close with the Committee serving coffee and delicious cakes.

U.H.

The Hamilton Swiss Club had two successful card evenings. The first being held on 21st March, 1982 at Eureka Hall which was a combination of Competition Jass, well attended by over 50 people. The winners were:

1st, Bruno Arnold; 2nd, Werner Fluher; 3rd Lotty Reichmuth; 4th, Frank Schuler; 5th, Peter Arnold, and the Booby prize went to W.L. Steiner.

The secnd card evening was held on the 1st May, 1982 at Putaruru and was also well patronised by 48 people. The winners were:

1st, M. Nussberger; 2nd, L. Steiner; 3rd, P.E. Rust; 4th, W. Frohlich; 5th, H. Wehrli, and the Booby prize went to D. Jack.

On both occasions delicious suppers were served.

E.F.

IN MEMORY OF KARL BISCHOF

Sometimes it comes to us to retrace steps to get all said that a man is due for and write a few more words which he richly deserves.

Unfortunately the last sentence in his Obituary from the Wellington Swiss Club, conveying the deepest sympathies to Mrs Bischof and the two sons, was accidently left out and I must apologise for this.

Karl was a businessman of repute, representing the Omega Watch Company one of Switzerlands most important Watch making firms. He applied his skills also to other activities such as educating young adults in the Boy Scouts movement to which he applied particular dedication. In 1957 when the Wellington Swiss Club intended to join the growing circle of the New Zealand Swiss Club movement, Karl was the choice to lead the Wellington People through the chores of forming the Club. He proudly served as their first President. When then in 1967 the Wellington Swiss Club was asked to nominate the Society President for a five year term, Karl again stepped forward and accepted the task.

As the President he had some particular ideas about the conduct of the Society business and sometimes I question myself for not heading his warnings. He thought we would achieve greater harmony among the members by applying stricter rules; we would get a better cooperation with a not so flexible give and take policy.

Karl Bischof was a great friend and we are sorry we have lost his advice through his untimely death; he was a little forthright sometimes but to the point. Walter Risi.

CONGRATULATIONS.

The Wellington Swiss Club likes to congratulate, Mr Wynton Rufer, son of Mr and Mrs Rufer of Miramar, Wellington, and formally of the Junior National Soccer Team, to be selected to play for the World Cup in Spain, next June.

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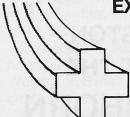
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