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Auckland Swiss Club

The Annual General Meeting took place on May 12th. An unexpectedly good attendance rolled up and it was stimulating to witness a lively interest in the Club and its affairs. Officers elected are.—

President: Hans Fitzi.

Vice-President: Otto Stalder.

Secretary: Mrs T. B. Mueller,

Treasurer: Miss T. Bitchman.

Committee: Ch. von Rickenbach, K. Glauser, A. Lussy.

Hamilton Swiss Club

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr & Mrs Toni Steiner, who are celebrating their Golden Wedding in the Catholic Church in Cambridge on June 19th. May they enjoy many more happy years together.

Taranaki Swiss Social Club

There was a large attendance at the Taranaki Swiss Social Club's annual General Meeting. The following officers were elected.—

President: M. J. Steiner.

Vice-President: Joe Dettling.

Secretary: Paul Herman.

Committee: L. Chamberlain, D. Butler, D. Hiestand, B. Machler, L. Kuriger, A. Kuriger, L. Romer, J. Herman, Mrs M. Steiner, Mrs E. Meier, Mrs C. Schuler.

—M. STEINER.

Wellington Swiss Club

The annual General Meeting of the Wellington Swiss Club was held on March 31st at the Brooklyn Hall. Just over 60 people were present.

The president gave a short summary of the activities in the year just passed and was pleased to mention that all Club evenings were always well patronised, the two most successful evenings being the "Housie Housie" and the traditional "Chilbi." Membership has increased by 21 and although on not one occasion entrance fee was charged, the Club's finances have climbed up the scale and the balance sheet looks very healthy indeed.

It has been a very busy year for every committee member alike, but by your attendance in such great numbers on all club gatherings, we all

feel most rewarded. Mrs R. Messmer, our long-standing and very able Secretary, to our very great sorrow declined to be re-elected. Mrs Messmer has always been a great help to the club and she has well earned her retirement as a member of the committee.

It was the president's pleasure to announce that at the last committee meeting it was decided that our Consul-General, Dr O. Rossetti, was to be given the Honorary Membership of the Club. On behalf of every club member I wish to express sincerest thanks to Dr Rossetti for his generous support of the Club. Also, it was the writer's privilege to show every members' appreciation to Mr K. Bischof for his unselfish work while serving the Club as able and enthusiastic president for four years. As a token of gratitude Mr Bischof was presented with a Silver Plate suitably inscribed, making him too an honorary member of the Club.

Election of officers resulted as follows.—

President: H. P. Ittensohn.

Vice-President: F. Wehrli.

Secretary: Mrs L. Napp.

Cashier: H. Schaerer.

Committee: E. Matt, W. Hoffman, R. Sommer.

As the business side of the evening took up only some 40 minutes, much time was left to dance to an excellent orchestra and, needless to say, nearly everybody tried the latest, namely the Twist! However, it makes one wonder whether the people actually twisting or the ones watching it being performed enjoyed it the most.

Your committee is anxious to provide an active Club year spiced with plenty of fun for all.

H. ITTENSOHN,
President.

HOUSIE HOUSIE EVENING

Encouraged by the stupendous success this event enjoyed last year, the Wellington Swiss Club held another Housie Housie evening on May 12th. The attendance of about 80 compatriots and friends was not quite as big as anticipated, but enticed by the beautiful display of the many valuable prizes most of them played with great enthusiasm. Game followed game with only two short breaks for refreshments and to give eyes and nerves a much-needed rest, until a little past midnight when the last and most coveted prize was won—to wit, a bottle of genuine Kirsch. But the ones going home laden with gaily wrapped parcels and those whose good luck was not with them on this particular evening all had a thoroughly enjoyable time. —L.N.