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News of the Colony

AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB

SHOOTING SECTION MEETING

The Auckland Swiss Club shooting section held their first and only General Meeting on May 18th at Blockhouse Bay. The purpose of the general meeting was for the election of officers and passing of range rules.

Officers elected were: Riflemaster, Hans Enzler; Treasurer, John Schwartz; Secretary, Werner Zuest.

It was announced that the 300 metre range had been passed by the New Zealand Army, Ministry of Defence.

Riflemaster Hans Enzler thanked all the members for the hard work done during the year in the building of the range on the Auckland Swiss Farm and expressed his appreciation for services rendered by Frank Reichmuth on his retirement from the shooting committee after many years of loyal assistance.

The meeting was chaired by John Schwartz, who read the range rules to the members for comments and amendments if required. The rules were passed unanimously and carried. —J.S.

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

A show of seven coloured Swiss films on Sunday afternoon, June 9th, at the Regent Theatre in Morrinsville, attracted a crowd of 170 adults and children. "Valais, Land of Contrasts", "Reunion in Switzerland" and "Catilena Helvetica" were three films which explored and discovered the most beautiful regions of our home country—tourist propaganda at its very best! "The Town in the Heart of Europe—Berne", as well as "Rhythm of a City—Zurich", breathed the atmosphere of these two famous centres of continental history and culture. A tour across the "Swiss Expo 1964" refreshed many exciting memories for those fortunate ones who saw this remarkable show in reality.

Finally, the film "The Heart that Beats", gave an insight into this old-established industry, manifest of precision and craftsmanship which gained world-wide recognition in our famous Swiss watch.

All in all, seven films, perhaps not that rich in action, but most interesting, provided an afternoon of pleasant family entertainment. —H.O.

TARANAKI SWISS SOCIAL CLUB

TARANAKI SWISS MEET

A very successful Social and Dance was held in the Kapuni Memorial Hall on June 6th, being attended by well over 200 people. First class music was played by Mr B. Tipler, Wayne and Rosemary, and by Messrs J. Fohn, L. Kuriger, R. Wright and E. Wright, who is a top class clarinetist with Swiss music. A yodel was given by Mr A. Kuriger, accompanied by Wayne Tipler.

Novelty dances were won by Miss M. Hospental and Mr F. Walker; and Mrs J. Fohn and Mr L. Chamberlain. The raffle resulted: Mr H. Keift 1st, Miss F. Melville 2nd. —L.K.

CARD EVENINGS

During May the Club held three Card Evenings (Jass and Euchre) at St. Paul's Hall, Normanby, which were very well attended. Results were:

1st Evening.—Ladies: Mrs R. Benkert 1st, Mrs C. Schuler (Snr.) 2nd, Mrs C. Riddick 3rd. Gents: Mr P. Suter 1st, Mr D. Meyer 2nd, Mr A. Schuler (Snr.) 3rd. Competition: Mr F. Suter (Snr.).

2nd Evening.—Ladies: Mrs J. Kaiser 1st, Mrs A. Schuler (Snr.) 2nd, Mrs R. Benkert 3rd. Gents: Mr F. Seller 1st, Mr F. Suter (Jnr.) 2nd, Mr A. Meier 3rd. Raffle: Mr Albert Dettling.

3rd Evening.—Ladies: Mrs C. Gwerder 1st, Mrs M. Suter 2nd, Miss B. Gwerder 3rd. Gents: Mr V. Gwerder 1st, Mr A. Gwerder 2nd, Mr J. Schmid 3rd. Raffle: Mr P. Gwerder.

SILVAPLANA

The following extracts are taken from an article which appeared in the Taranaki Daily News on May 20th, 1968:

CONDENSATE PIPE ON SWISS SHIP

"Over 800 tons of pipe for the Shell and B.P. Pipeline Services Ltd's 33-mile pipeline, which will carry condensate from the Kapuni field to New Plymouth, arrived at Port Taranaki on Saturday.

. . . The pipe is aboard the 10,780-ton Silvaplana, which is only the second Swiss-registered vessel ever to call at the port.

Mural

. . . Silvaplana is the name of a Swiss lake high in the Grison mountains, and the ship has an unusual wooden mural on the wall of the officer's mess, which depicts this lake, using the natural grain of different types of trees. The ship's captain, Mr Robert

Von Arx, said this had been made by Susy Noesch, a Swiss artist, and fitted when the ship was launched 12 years ago."

While berthed at Port Taranaki for nearly a week, the officers and several of the crew members were shown around Taranaki by our President, Mr Len Chamberlain.

Mr Chamberlain took a carload around Taranaki daily, but due to the traditional Swiss hospitality and the seamen having to report back to the ship at 5 p.m., it was not possible to visit more than three or four homes in a day, and thus many homes unfortunately could not be visited.

Homes and farms to which visits were made were those of Messrs J. Steiner, J. Wuetrich (New Plymouth), A. Schicker (Okato), J. Fohn (Mangorei), J. Riebli (Warea), J. Kuriger (Oaonui), E. Steiner (Tikorangi), O. Steiner (Kapuni), C. Schuler (Kapinga) and A. Kalin (Hawera). Visits were also made to the Club's shooting range on Mr J. Napflin's farm and Kapuni natural gas fields.

On the Thursday evening the officers entertained Swiss people from throughout Taranaki to a party on board the ship which extended into the early hours of the morning. Musical entertainment was provided by one of our accomplished accordionists, Mr J. Fohn. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

The seamen remarked on the beauty of Mt. Egmont and surrounding countryside and the nice homes of the Swiss people. Several indicated their intention of coming to live in New Zealand permanently. (Of a crew of 34, 25 were Swiss). —R.W.

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AN APPRECIATION

Delegates to the Hawera meeting were most impressed by the organisation and the overwhelming hospitality of the Taranaki compatriots.

To have practically a whole hotel at one's disposal plus a free bar and combined with the friendly Swiss atmosphere of cards, music and songs has sure made this annual general meeting a memorable one. Thank you Taranaki.

—A.B., W.R., J.V., H.O.

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FIRST PRIZE WINNER

Mrs L. Rufer has won first prize with her recipe 'Basler Laeckerli'. The contest for the best recipe, using honey, was run in conjunction with the Waikato Beekeepers' stall and the Honey Marketing Authority at the recent Waikato Winter Show. The entries, 250 of them, were judged by a panel of home science teachers, who pronounced Mrs Rufer's recipe the most balanced.

It was pointed out by the panel, that merely substituting sugar with honey often showed a lack of blend and/or a clash of taste. Mrs Rufer's prize consists in a sizable quantity of honey, delivered to her home. Herewith the prizewinning recipe.—

Basler Laekerli:

1½ lb flour, ½ lb sugar, ½ lb honey, 1 level teaspoon cinnamon ground, 1 level teaspoon cloves ground, little nutmeg, ½ cup milk, ½ cup mixed peel, finely chopped; 3 oz almonds, chopped; 3 oz hazelnuts or walnuts, chopped; few drops rum aroma or Kirsch, 1 teaspoon baking soda, some icing sugar.

Method: Bring honey and sugar to boil, then add milk and mix well. Take it from the pan, mix with the flour and other ingredients which you have ready in a bowl. At last, add the baking soda, which you have dissolved in a little warm water. Knead the dough and leave it to rest for three to four hours.

Roll pieces quarter inch thick, put them on a greased and floured tray, brush with sugar water and bake 12 to 15 minutes at 350 degrees. When still hot, cut into two-inch squares and ice with icing sugar which contains a few drops of rum aroma. This biscuit will keep for months in airtight tins.

Forthcoming Events

AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB

'**Bunter Abend**' with JE-KA-MI and Quiz, on 29th June, 1968, is to be held at Edendale Hall, Sandringham, at 8 p.m.

Our **National Day Celebration** is to be held on Saturday, 27th July, 1968, at the Edendale Hall, Sandringham.

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

Swiss National Day Celebration: 29th June, at the Riverlea. Friends welcome. Tickets available from Committee members.

The last **Card Evening** of the year is to be held on 6th July in the Swiss Chalet.

TARANAKI SWISS SOCIAL CLUB

The Taranaki Swiss Social Club wish to remind all members and friends that the **1st August Celebration** this year will be held on Thursday, 1st August.

The next **Social and Dance** will be held in the Kapuni Hall on Thursday, 4th July, at 8 p.m. Admission: Double Ticket \$2.50,