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## ● TARANAKI SWISS SOCIAL CLUB

On Sunday, 9th February, the Taranaki Swiss Social Club held its 16th annual Picnic at Te Ngutu Park. After dismal weather the previous day we were fortunate to have a fine day as usual.

We were very pleased to have with us Mr P. Erb, Charge d'Affaires, and Mrs Erb and family, and Mr and Mrs E. Homberger from the Embassy of Switzerland in Wellington; Mr K. Bischof, President of the Swiss Society of N.Z., and family, and Mr and Mrs A. Tresch and family, representing the Wellington Swiss Club. Also present were visitors from America and Switzerland, and from not so far away as Taumarunui, Palmerston North and Feilding, as well as a large number of members and friends from all parts of Taranaki.

Mr Erb and Mr Bischof addressed the gathering, and expressed their pleasure at being present among their Taranaki compatriots. A highlight of the day, particularly for the children, was the dropping of lollies from the air kindly arranged by Mr A. Dunnenberger.

Throughout the day some fine Swiss recordings played through an amplifying system, kindly provided by Mr A. Kuriger, gave a true Swiss atmosphere. Musical items were provided by our accomplished musicians Mr F. Imhof (clarinet), Mr P. Amstalden, Mr A. Engelberger, Mr A. Tipler and Wayne (accordions), and Mrs A. Scherrer (yodelling).

The hours seemed to pass by all too quickly and all too soon it was time to depart, particularly for the farmers and our visitors, and we hope they all took happy memories home with them and will return again next year.

Results of competitions were as follows.—

Steinstossen: Senior men, Mr B. Muller (24ft 4in) 1st, Mr R. Rhyner (21ft 8in) 2nd. Junior men (lighter stone), Mr K. Meyers (26ft 4in) 1st, Mr V. Gwerder (26ft) 2nd.

Skittles: Ladies, Mrs W. Hermann 1st, Mrs C. Gwerder 2nd. Men, Mr P. Zimmerman 1st, Mr H. Mathis 2nd.

Raffle: 1st prize, Mr J. Hermann; 2nd prize, Mr P. Suter.

—R.W.

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### Swiss Society of New Zealand

#### **“AROUND THE WORLD — SWITZERLAND TOO”**

Group travel arrangement are being completed by the end of this month. Would further interested parties please contact me before it is too late.

**Arnold Biland**, Travel Organiser.