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Taranaki Swiss Social Club Elects To Be On Their Own

THE NEWS from the Taranaki Swiss Social Club's Annual General Meeting that they did not elect to be affiliated with the Swiss Society has a sobering effect on all.

In spite of the fact that the Taranaki Swiss Social Club had a perfect right to choose to be different, nevertheless, it was regrettable that they did not join, especially because a large number of their Club members do already belong to the Society and we sincerely hope that they will remain so. The co-operation in the shooting section and in other sports, such as Steinstossen, Kegeln and Jassen, which is in its first stages now, should prove to be of immense interest to all members who do partake in any such sport and a generous number of medals has been allotted to Taranaki to participate for (20% of all competing members of the Swiss Society in any area who compete in the above sports do receive a medal; for instance Waikato has won 21 medals this year). However, we fail to see the controlling of these sports to be as effective as if it is done by the local Club and we sincerely hope that they go back to the 1973 A.G.M. in Taranaki and say that "we are sorry we were wrong and we wish to come in".

The Annual General Meeting of the Society in Auckland had to make some change to the reference of the Taranaki Swiss Social Club in the Helvetia, due to some pressure from affiliated Clubs, but the Society's most sincere desire to keep the line open has been preserved and we hope that in due course we are able to welcome the Taranaki Swiss Social Club as a full member of our Society.

—W.R.