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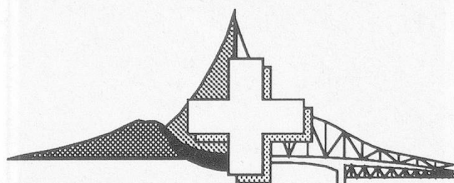
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New Zealand's Swiss Club News



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Auckland Swiss Club

HELLO AND WELCOME...

Hurrah! The last Newsletter for this year. Summer is just around the corner and the well earned holidays are on the way for most of us. It has been a busy year with a variety of events including a change in leadership and a major project of improving the farm. I hope everybody has found something of interest during the club year. If not, the committee would like to hear from you to see if we can rectify it.

I would like to thank Annegret Wolf for her regular lively contribution to the Auckland Newsletter. Well done! That's all for now. Have a good Christmas and see you fully recovered from your holidays at the picnic in February.

Dec 3	Samichlaus
Feb 11	Picnic
March	Society Shooting
	Society Jassen
May	AGM
June	AGM Swiss Society



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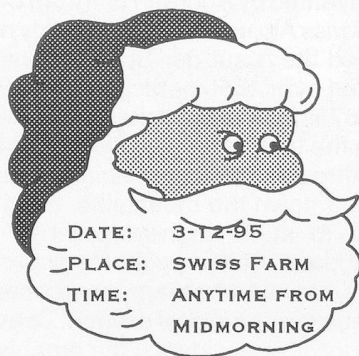
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OBITUARY

ECKERT ANDRE (FÖRSTER)

Andre died suddenly on 17th November 1995 aged 45 years. Förster arrived in New Zealand 1974, worked on many building sites around Auckland. He later married Filla, had 2 children Beatrice and Darren. Förster was a very active member of the Auckland Swiss Club and served long and hard on the Farm Trustee Committee. He used to enjoy the company of the Swiss at the Aurora Club for a few drinks and lots of friends fresh from Switzerland. Many of these friendships still stand. His hard work and commitment will be sorely missed. Our sincere condolences to Filla Beatrice & Darren.

Goodbye Förster from the Auckland Swiss Club, Farm Trustees and 20 years Aurora Club.

Christine & Chris Hochuli

CHRISTCHURCH SWISS CLUB

Well, how amazing! Another year is shortly going to come to an end. On behalf of the Christchurch Swiss Club, I would like to wish all readers a glorious Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. If you are lucky enough to have a bit of a holiday as well, I hope you can really enjoy it!

For any suggestions, comments or contributions, contact your Secretary of the Christchurch Swiss Club, Jürg Hönger, 58 Hackthorne Rd. Christchurch 2, phone (03) 3326 211.

PROGRAMME

We will provide more details on the events planned closer to their respective dates.

Sunday 3 December:

Christmas/Samichlaus Party, at Othmar and Noeline Kennel's place, Sutherlands Rd. Christchurch. We will start at 2pm with Samichlaus arriving around 3pm. He will have a small present for all children under 12. In terms of food, there will be a surprise awaiting everybody! All you need to bring is a salad and some Swiss Christmas "Güetzi" to share and drinks for the adults. Everything else will be provided.

Weekend 10/11 February 1996:

A weekend at **Mt Somers** (Mid Canterbury). You can either stay at the camping ground or book a chalet at the "Stronechrubie" (Country-Restaurant and Chalets). This place is run by an English and Swiss couple, Christine and Robert Koller and is well known for its

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You should have well and truly booked your stay by now, but if you haven't yet, pick-up the phone right now - you may just be lucky! Please let the secretary know if you were, so we get a rough idea on how many are coming.

The area features a range of excellent walks, picnics, fishing, relaxing and some spectacular scenery!

Sunday 24 March 1996:

Wine trial

Monday 6 May 1996:

7.30pm **Christchurch Swiss Club AGM**

Well that's all from your club for now. We wish you a very happy Festive Season. I am looking forward to seeing you on one of our events.

Regards, *Jürg Hönger.*

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sat. 17th Feb. Shooting Competition. 11 am. Bring your own lunch.

Sunday 18th Feb. Picnic, 11 am start. BBQ sausages, cakes, coffee and cold drinks will be available as well as entertainment for the children. A day for the whole family.

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wish that all members and friends keep this night free for a great time.

The Hamilton Swiss Club Committee would like to thank its members and friends for their support over the past year and wish them all a safe and happy Xmas and New Year.

E.C.

TARANAKI SWISS CLUB

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

31 Dec. 95. New Year's Eve. Members and friends welcome. Admission \$5.00 per person and ladies please bring a plate for supper.

10 Feb. 96. The semi finals of the Cowbell competition will be held against the Wellington Swiss Club. Lunch will be provided for visitors and participants. Do come and join in the fun and friendly rivalry.

11 Feb. 96. Annual picnic at the Club grounds, commencing at 10.00 am. Schwingen and children's games to be held. BBQ sausages for sale, as well as drinks and ice-creams.

18 Feb. 96. Championship and Society Shoot at 1.00pm.

M.B.

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

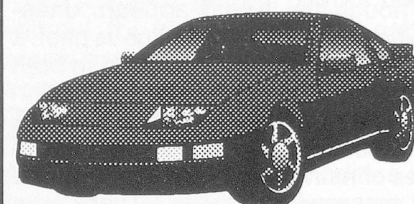
FORTHCOMING EVENTS

9. Dec. Adults' Christmas Party, 7 pm. at the Clubhouse. Please ring Rosemarie McKinney Ph 475 3996 to enrol. Members \$22.00. Non-members \$25.00.

10 Dec. Carol Singing (17 Dec. rain date). Botanic Gardens at the Sound Shell. This annual event is becoming a highlight of the Christmas Season. European Communities from all over the Wellington region perform carols in their mother tongues. The public bring candles which look lovely in the dark. They also have a cake stall next to the Sound Shell to which the Swiss will contribute some Christmas baking. Any baking is gratefully received at Maya's by Wednesday 6. Dec. Last year's Swiss baking was a huge success. All proceeds to Red Cross. Thank you.

Jan 96. Society Competition - Shooting

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3 Feb. 96. Society Competition - Kegeln, Steinstossen

10 Feb. 96. Cowbell Competition in Taranaki.

Further News from the absolutely positively Wellington Swiss Club!

Trip to Somes Island, Sunday 29th October.

Many of us have always marvelled at the tiny little Island that is lying in the middle of Wellington harbour - but for one reason or the other had always missed the boat which usually only left once a year in January. But the times are different now... The Trustbank ferry took us over in just a short 20 minutes ride. We walked the 2 km circuit track, admired the world's largest collection of really big seagulls, made photos of the island's lighthouse Sentinel and felt like sunbathing in the lichen covered gun emplacement. One of the highlights was



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the seminar given by Trudie Bruehlmann on the reforestation of the island with native trees. Ruth Messmer brought 67 tree plants from her own garden to be resettled on the island.

Though the island appears unassuming now, it has a tumultuous past: it served as an internment camp in both World Wars and as a quarantine station for people and more recently animals. A pa site could be found until 1835. Name plates of native plants are interspersed with the marked graves. There is a monument to the victims of smallpox and influenza who died between 1870 and 1920 while quarantined on the island.

All the 23 of us enjoyed this small adventure and can't wait to take some visitors over there to show them this pearl in 128 Nicholson Harbour.

Norman HYNES, born 31 October 1995. Congratulations to the happy parents Elisabeth and Peter HYNES.

CAN ANYONE HELP?

Basel, 12. September 1995

Sehr geehrte Mitglieder of the Swiss Society,

ich bin eine Krankenpflegerin aus der Schweiz and habe nun schon seit 7½ Jahren Berufserfahrung. Ich habe seit meiner Ausbildung auf verschiedenen Geriatrie und Akutabteilungen gearbeitet, unter anderem habe ich 13 Monate ein krankes Baby in then USA gepflegt.

Mein Freund ist Privatpilot auf Kleinflugzeugen und ist im Moment bei seiner Fluglehrer Ausbildung.

Mein Frage an Sie ist nun, ob für uns irgendeine Möglichkeit besteht in Neuseeland legal zu leben and zu arbeiten und ob Sie uns irgendwelche Tips und Adressen zukommen lassen könnten.

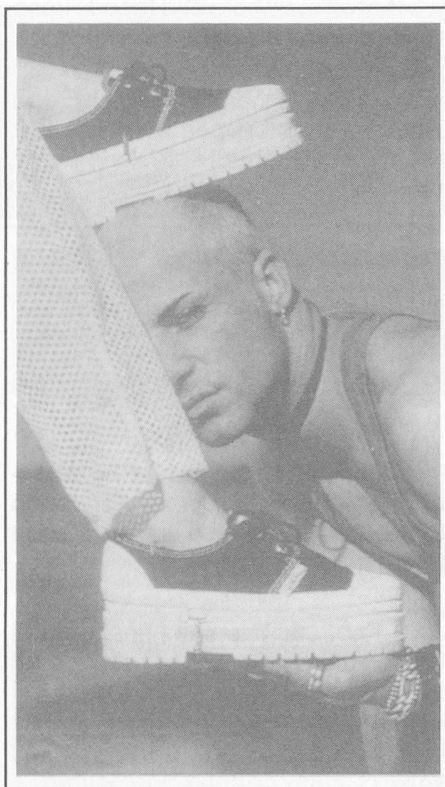
Ich weiss, dass mein Anliegen an Sie aussergewöhnlich ist aber ich glaube, dass Sie oder eines Ihrer Mitglieder das nötige Wissen und die Erfahrung haben um neutral Auskunft zu geben, wie vor zu gehen ist.

Für Ihre freundliche Hilfe danke ich Ihnen im voraus.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

K. Schaub

Please direct your answer to Frau Kerstin Schaub, Beckenstrasse 9, 4056 Basel, Switzerland.



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