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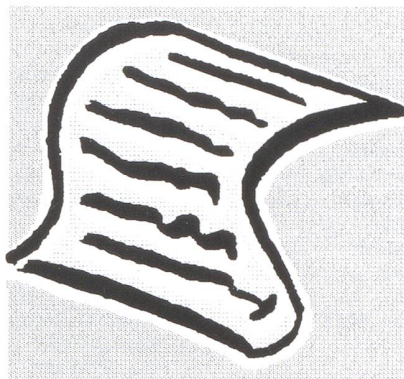
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AGM -

- the Club's 38th AGM was held on 3 May, where a few changes were made to the Club Committee. Details of the 1999 committee are:

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The Price of a Telegram

Many members will remember when we sent funny telegrams to be read out at weddings, and used telegrams because they were cheaper than toll calls.

In fact many businesses relied on the speed and efficiency of telegrams to advise prices, or confirm 'details' etc.

Then it cost a few pence (cents) per word. Today N.Z. Post operates the Telegram Company, and your completed form is either telephoned in or handed into the nearest Post Shop.

- However, you may be staggered by the costs;

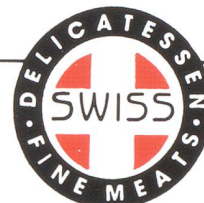
Within N.Z. **minimum charge** for up to 100 words **\$ 15.50**, and each additional 50 words \$ 5.00

- However, **"Urgent Telegrams"** are sent only to Auckland, Wellington or Christchurch cost \$ 25.00 or **\$ 40.00** if delivered on a Saturday. Note - no deliveries on Sunday. Delivery of your telegram to other than a pre-selected list of 16 main centres will be sent by Fastpost to reach people by the next working day, or if rural, may take longer. In other words - excuse the pun - one may as well send Fastpost letters. They do however set a 2 hour delivery target within the three main centres if sent

urgent on weekdays within business hours. It is certainly faster to telephone, send a Fax or E-mail and of course a lot cheaper. Overseas telegrams cost **\$1.00**

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