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seen for a long time. Sharing news, drinking coffee or playing cards, it was a truly relaxed atmosphere and I enjoyed being there and having the opportunity to meet people originally from Switzerland but living in Auckland.

After all, I asked myself, was it a Swiss or a Kiwi event, that Santa in summer time? I think it is a bit of both. People took the best of both cultures to create something that has elements of the two cultures but is unique in its appearance. That is also the reason why there were two banners on the flagstaff, the white Swiss cross as well as the Southern Cross of the New Zealand flag.  
Dominik Rohrer.

### Hi everyone,

Before getting into the nitty-gritty of club matters and plans for the New Year, I would like to thank Dominik very much for the excellent article he has composed for us. While he was here in Auckland, he came to our Jass evenings and made quite an impression there and took an active part in club activities wherever it was. All the best, Dominik and come and see us again some day.

### Welcome to 2006 and A Happy New Year!

In 2006 of course we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Auckland Swiss Club. The Jubilee will be celebrated in style at Springs Garden Restaurant, Western Springs, on 7 October 2006. Details and promotions can be found in every edition of Helvetia from February this year. We sincerely hope that you will mark that special day in your calendar. The 1st August Celebration on 29 July 2006 at the Farm will double as the Jubilee Family Event with fun & games for children and their families.

### New Club Members

We would like to welcome to our club Peter & Yangi Schibli, who got married at the Farm on January 29. We wish the happy couple all the best for their future together.

### Jass Results

#### Schuepbach Cup 2005

1	Marie Theres Melville	23524
		Points
2	Heidi Wilson	23290
3	Andrew Bunter	23173
4	Louis Wallimann	23046
5	Nelly Steinemann	22941
6	Hilda Iten	22768
7	Andrew Iten	22463
8	Hans Iten	22404
9	Jakob Preisig	22382

#### Jass Results 18.11.05

1	Hans Fitzi	4287
2	Hansruedi Wolf	4134
3	Nelly Steinemann	4028
4	Dominik Rohrer	3817
5	Hans Iten	3817
6	Louis Wallimann	3782
7	Adrian Blaser	3619

8	Marie Theres Melville	3645
9	Heidi Wilson	3623
10	Annegret Wolf	3561
11	Andrew Bunter	3552
12	Lea Fitzi	3534
13	Roman	3446
14	Hilda Iten	3371

Heidi Wilson, Secretary.

## CHRISTCHURCH SWISS CLUB NEWS

### Past Events

#### Swiss National Day 2005

What an eventful night! Celebrated in style by close to 100 people, we enjoyed a traditional menu prepared by chef Phillippe Meyer, while Graham Wardrop supplied the soothing sounds from his latest CD, with a charming backdrop of Swiss pictures flickering away in the background.

We listened to the speeches and when it was dark enough, let fireworks off. I seem to recall that the adults had more sparklers than the children did. The Tombola was a tear-away success, hardly surprising when you see the quality and selection of those amazing prizes. This was due to the generous donations made by : Albergo Hanmer, Impex, Swiss Embassy, Hamco, Cracroft Chase Vineyard, myRobot, and Heritage Matters. If and when you visit any of these companies, please THANK them for me. They make our Tombolas!

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Yes, you could say that yet again, the 1st August was remembered in a manner to which we Mainlanders have grown accustomed. I am already looking forward to what the Committee come up with for next year. Aren't you?  
**Jessica Bagge**

### Forthcoming Events

#### Terassen Stammtisch

Tuesday 7 February 2006 at the Belgian Cafe Torenhof, 88 Armagh Street from 7.30pm. Enjoy a summers evening on the Terraces of Torenhof overlooking the Avon - join us for a cool drink and a New Years catch-up.

#### Culture Galore

Saturday 18 March 2006. Ray Blank Park, Maidstone Road, Avonhead from 12 noon - 4.00pm. The Swiss Club will have a stall again, so come and visit us and enjoy the diversity of Canterbury's cultures with its' food and entertainment.

### QUOTES

*You're never a loser until you quit trying.*  
Mike Ditka

*There is nothing worse than a sharp image of a fuzzy concept.*  
Ansel Adams

*Recovering from failure is often easier than building from success.*  
Michael Eisner

*What a strange world this would be if we all had the same sense of humour.*  
Bern Williams

*The best way to predict the future is to create it.*  
Peter Drucker

*The brain is a wocerful organ. It starts working the moment you get up and does not stop until you get into the office.*  
Robert Frost

*You cannot hold back a good laugh any more that you can the tide. Both are forces of nature.*  
William Rotsler

*Sometimes something worth doing is worth overdoing.*  
David Letterman

*It's hard to believe that there was a time when clothing and music were handed down to the next generation.*  
Doug Larson

*Nothing is so embarrassing as watching someone do something that you said couldn't be done.*  
Sam Ewing