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# ÄS WORT VOM PRESIDÄNT



Wo-n-i du afe-n-äntliche ha zämepackt gha für mi Autofahrt nach Hamilton am Samschtig-nomittag het d'Sunne z Wellington no schön gschine, der Wätterbricht het mi aber gwarned für Schnee und Isch, u das me söu die wärmere Chleider fürenäh uf die abetürliche Reis. Bis i du bi noche gsi mit auem isch du scho vieri gsi. Ume Tongariro ume het's fescht gränet u me het fascht nüt gseh. Zum Glück han i bim Heidi u Günther in Waitetoko dörfe übernachte. Es isch richtig schön gsi i di warmi Stube inez'cho wo ds Fүүr im Ofen no so schön brönnt het. Nachere guete Nacht Schlaf han-i am Sunntig du bi prächtigem Wätter dörfe-n-uf Hamilton fahre zur General-versammlig, u bi no sogar zur Zyt dert gsi!!

I would like to congratulate the Taranaki Swiss Club for winning the Cowbell Competition against Auckland. The saying is: "Othmar and his team did it again!"

An appreciation must go to all participants in the Cowbell Competition to make their time available to travel to Hamilton to take part in our cultural sporting activities. Thank you all.

I have really enjoyed the meeting of the Swiss Society in the Matangi Hall in Hamilton. Congratulations to Hans Vetsch and his team for all their efforts and hard work, it was very much appreciated by all participants. I

hope Herbert Stäheli has recovered from his 'flu.

Our Ambassador Dr Beat Nobs informed us about the talks between the two governments and especially the negotiations with the Ministry of Agriculture to come to an agreement for the importation of unpasteurized Swiss cheese in the near future. We better start saving up for the first Fondue with Swiss cheese in New Zealand, not Gerber but Gruyère and Vacherin!

The weather was very kind to us on Sunday and Monday, just

sunshine and warm for this time of the year. Just to put it on record: In Wellington it was raining and snowing, and extremely cold over Queen's Birthday weekend! So even for the weather alone it would have been worth coming to Hamilton!

We all have an invitation for next year to be in Taranaki on Queen's Birthday for our AGM, and I hope to see you all there.

Uf Wiederluege!

*Roland Schütz*

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