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Forthcoming Events

AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB

Our next event will be the Fancy Dress Ball, to be held in the Edendale School Hall on 14th September, 1974, commencing at 8 p.m.

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

Fondue Evening.—

To be held on Saturday, 12th October, in the Eureka Hall, at 8 p.m. Traditional Swiss and Pop music!! Please keep that date free for another "gemuebliche" evening.

R.E.W.

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AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB

A dine and dance was held on 6th July, 1974 in the Professional Club. We were very pleased to have several members of the Taranaki Club with us.

During the excellent meal prepared by Paul Wuthrich we were entertained by Nick McDonell, one of the best horn players in New Zealand. He plays with the National Band. After the meal we all enjoyed dancing to the Tony Parker Jellyroll Jazz Band. Unfortunately, for many people, the evening ended too soon.

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HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

National Day Celebration:

After the break with "Riverlea", we needed a change in celebrating our National Day. Lampions, Swiss Posters and Flags greeted the close to 200 members and friends who arrived at the Eureka Hall on Saturday 3rd August.

Soon the Tiplerband had most of them on the dance floor. Our President, Mr E. Staheli, welcomed everybody, especially our visitors from Taranaki and some new settlers from Switzerland. During the evening Mr J. Egger thrilled us once again with his expert flag-throwing, the H.S.C. Trachtengruppe with two of their dances, accompanied by Mr H. Oettli and Mr H. Odermatt and three different yodel items by Mr A. Kuriger, Mr P. Arnold and Mr P. Zullig. After 10 p.m. our caterer served big steaming dishes of Sauerkraut, potatoes, ham, bacon and sausages, followed by coffee and cakes. Unfortunately one member who has been hoping for years for a sit-down dinner like this couldn't enjoy it because of illness. But we made sure he got some the next day! Renaldo, we hope you are fit and well again. After supper our President, Mr E. Staheli, presented Mr and Mrs W. Steiner and Mr and Mrs W. Muller with a gift of appreciation for being Committee members for a very long time. (Our former President, Mr J. Villiger and his wife, Mrs Villiger were made Hon. Life Members at our last Annual General Meeting).

Then, the big moment for the Sportsmen! A very shy Secretary pinned those well deserved medals on their lapels and got a kiss in return. Somebody remarked that they could hear that kiss right at the back, even without a loud-speaker!

After that spell everyone was keen to go back on the dance floor again. The Tiplerband played till well after 1 o'clock, when most of our guests reluctantly had to go on their way home. A few "hard core" ones talked, sang and danced to well loved Continental records till after 3 a.m.

We do hope everyone had a safe journey home and may I take this opportunity to thank one and all who helped make this birthday of our native country such a success. R.E.W.

TARANAKI SWISS CLUB

Taranaki August 1st Celebrations:

About 300 people attended the Swiss Celebrations held in Kapuni Memorial Hall, beginning with a buffet dinner at 7.30 p.m. Dancing during the evening was enjoyed to the lively music of the Tipler Trio, Miss M and Mr Z. Hospenthal. The President, Mr Chamberlain, welcomed the many guests and the medals and trophies were presented to club members by our Rifle Master, Mr E. Fuglistaller and Mr M. Kalin, of Napier.

Yodelling items were given by Mrs Dudli and family and Alex Kuriger, to a very appreciative audience. Novelty dance winners were Mr R. Bishop and Miss K. Nolly, Mr and Mrs K. Biesek. L.K.

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

National Day Celebrations in Wellington:

Swiss living in the Wellington district were very privileged to be invited to a cocktail party given by our Ambassador, Mr Corti and Mrs Corti at the International Lounge. After everyone had renewed old acquaintances, chatted to friends and greeted new arrivals from Switzerland whilst enjoying the delicious savouries provided, Mr Corti gave a most interesting and informative speech, followed by a taped speech from the President of the Confederation. I'm sure all Swiss present would join with me in thanking Mr and Mrs Corti very much indeed for this very enjoyable cocktail party.

The ball which followed was held in the recently renovated Otto's Cabaret which provided an ideal setting for wining and dancing. Guests of honour were our Ambassador, Mr Corti, and Mrs Corti. Nearly 200 people were present and kept the evening "swinging" until 2 a.m. A small choir trained by Mrs M. Katz, sang Swiss songs and a Maori song during the evening and tombola tickets were quickly sold to those eager to win a prize. The buffet supper was excellent, as always.

P.W.

CHRISTCHURCH SWISS CLUB

We began our 1st August early this year. The Cathedral Square rang with the music of Alphorn playing from Rainer Kuprecht, supported by enthusiastic cowbell carillon from other members. At 10 a.m., then during the lunch hour this attracted several hundreds of interested onlookers.

We gathered to watch the T.V. news presentation of our "Swiss National Noises" (quote from Christchurch Press, 2nd August), up at the Sign of the Takahe; our Christchurch "Schloss". Free wine, gay Landler music greeted a record attendance. It was a "something-for-everyone" evening. After a truly gourmet buffet dinner and coffee, dancing and singing commenced. We had quieter firelit corners for friends to talk about old times, gay bright areas for dancing and yodelling etc., with wine freely provided for all. A more reflective time came with the Swiss President's address, a recitation from Mrs S. Nussbaumer and the medals presentation. More dancing, singing and yodel helped the evening go too fast and coffee at midnight was too soon.

Our thanks to Mr Gottini, our President, our committee and the staff from the Sign of the Takahe for a memorable 1st August.

Gwyneth Schibli.

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