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Trip! André Schleicher acted as our Tour Guide. He did a top job. Thanks again André. After we had lunch at the botanical gardens, we started heading back to Taranaki again. The weathergods meant well! We had perfect weather, both days. It was not until we got back to Taranaki that it started to pour down with rain. All in all, it was a great weekend, which everyone enjoyed.

On behalf of the Taranaki Swiss Club, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Wellington Swiss Club again for their warm welcome and their hospitality. We would also like to commend them for their fair and friendly competition. (We are sorry, we did not let you win!). Re: LOTTO: Bad investment! We spent seventy dollars with the hope of collecting the big one while we were down there, but all we got was twenty-five dollars. Well, better luck next time!

To our Club Members I would like to say thank you all for coming along and for all your effort to make it a successful event. I would love to see you all again on the 6th and 7th of June when we will go to Hamilton to try to do the same! Please contact me at Ph. (06) 764-8701 if interested.

Yours sincerely

Walter Seifert

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

NEW ELECTED COMMITTEE:

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COWBELL COMPETITION (20 MARCH 1993)

On this beautiful and calm Saturday afternoon we welcomed 40 competitors and supporters from Taranaki. The cold drinks and the BBQ including some McFuhrer burgers were ready. After the long bus journey, everybody enjoyed the sunny outdoor atmosphere and the hospitality. After a cuppa and dessert, the friendliness was put aside. The competition to find the party for the grand final was to begin: the shooters went off to Scherrer's farm, the Jasser separated in Fuhrer's seclusion and the rest of the combined group tried themselves in Kegeln and Steinstossen. The time in between was used for a friendly Schieber and for exchanging the latest news. The afternoon went by so quickly and everybody was looking forward for the buffet dinner prepared by "our caterer" Karl.

The evening was a combined function and included the farewell party for our ambassador, Dr Michael von Schenck and his wife. We in Wellin-

ton are very sad to see this co-operative couple leaving. Thank you once more very much for your understanding and active support.

After a few interesting speeches and presentation of our gift, the Handörgelers from Taranaki took over and encouraged the dancers with "lüpfigem" play to invade the dance floor. We seldom could see so many happy people enjoying themselves with Swiss music. Lets keep up this spirit.

Well, we should not forget the outcome and results of this years's friendly contest:

	Taranaki	Wellington
Steinstossen	102.3 m	102.0 m
Shooting	296 pts	278 pts
Jassen	8,545 pt	6,486 pts
Kegeln	186 pts	203 pts
Final score	3	1

Congratulations to our friends from Taranaki who presented a convincing performance on this particular day. We wish them well and all our support will be with them for the GRAND FINAL in Hamilton (it always looks better when we have been beaten by the final winner of the cowbell!).

I know I should not, but I cannot stop thinking about the 30 centimetres (out of 16 shoots) we were short. Usually our "stars" would have pushed the stone further even with a smile on their face. But still we need to improve more, then the decider would be Jassen and look at this smashing result. We Wellingtonians left the sweetness of victory to our visitors - let's hope the folks in Taranaki will remember this gesture next year!

The festivities and celebrations went on in the motel rooms - some complaints have been lodged. Family Fuhrer prepared a rich Swiss style breakfast in the Club House. André guided the group on a tour around the Capital - again Wellington at its best!

We thank the people from Taranaki to show up in such great numbers and for their enjoyable compagny. Also we should not forget our members for their great efforts in billeting, providing a huge dessert buffet and helping with the different chores in the Club rooms. Surely an event which everybody will remember with pride and pleasure.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Lis and Peter HYNES wish to announce the birth of **Thomas Peter Clark**, born 29 March 1993. A lovely brother for Shirley, Audrey and Raymond. We congratulate the proud parents.

REMINDER

If you come across any news which might be interesting for our community, please let the committee know about it. Thanks for your contribution.

After the weekend, our President received the following letter:

Dear Roland,

On behalf of the Taranaki Swiss Club, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your committee and all the club members who contributed in any way, (eg billet, food, tour-guide, etc) for your warm welcome and your generous hospitality during our visit on the 20th and 21st of March. We would like to congratulate you for a job well done! It was very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

W. Seifert

OBITUARY

It was with great sorrow that we heard of the sudden death of **HANS MESSMER**.

He was one of the founding members of the Wellington Swiss Club. Hans and Ruth arrived here in 1950. Hans worked for the first 4 years with a Swiss hairstylist, before setting up his own business in Willis Street. Hans was well liked and many a lady in Wellington missed him after his retirement in 1980. Hans always enjoyed good health and he and Ruth travelled a lot. His sudden death on the 30th of March came far too quickly and unexpectedly. Hans who lived close to the ideals of his thinking had no enemies. He was a true friend and gentleman and will be remembered for his fine humour.

G.St.

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