

Second attempt at UN membership

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Forthcoming Events

Playgroup Friday 4th Sept. 9.30 am
Contact: Nicki Demm
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Stammtisch Every first Tuesday of the month, at Rene's in Cass Bay. A chance for everyone with any sort of Swiss connection to come and meet others.
Starts at 6.00 pm.

Carnival Party, Saturday
17th October from 8.00 pm. at the
Huntsbury Community Centre. Tick-
ets \$ 15.00.
Complimentary champagne cock-
tails. Supper available. Prizes for
"most daring" and "best" costumes.
Tickets available for sale at
HAMCO, Tuam Street, Chch. ph.
366 3667: and Rene's Restaurant,
15 Governors Bay Road, Lyttleton,
ph. 328 9493.

Groynes John Road, Area A, Sun-
day, 8th November, from 10 am to 5
pm.
Walks, fishing etc, BBQ afterwards.

BYO food and drinks. Contact
Gwyneth Schibli, ph. 332 5525.

Samichlaus Sunday, 6th Decem-
ber, at Ernst and Renate Frei's,
Cashmere Road, Co-ordinators and
contacts:

Lesley Browne, Secretary,
ph. 328 9478, fax 328 9491;
and Nicki Damm, ph. 332 8520.

Past Events

Fondue Evening - 4th July

The evening was a great success
with fondue pots steaming, swiss
background music, and the clinking
of glasses. You would never have
thought you were in New Zealand at
all, as the Chalet-look of Rene's
restaurant in Cass Bay was more
like somewhere in the Berner Ober-
land!

A good night was enjoyed by all.

First August Celebration

Another enjoyable event which went
very well and people seemed quite
reluctant to go home. Herr Franz
Schneider from the Wellington Em-
bassy joined our celebrations, prov-
ing to the rest of New Zealand that
we are part of the country. The
traditional menu consisted of Basler
Mehlsuppe, Raclette with potato and
salads, followed by pavlova (very
Swiss!) and fruit salad, finishing with
tea, and coffee with home-made
Schnapps. Thank you to all those
who made the evening run smoothly.

resident outside of New Zealand, so
it was a delight to read that the First
of August was also being celebrated
in Samoa, complete with the tradi-
tional bonfire!!

Marco also wrote in his letter that a
visit or correspondence from any
Society members would be most
welcome. (Don't all go at once!!)
For anyone who wishes to contact
him, call me for further information.

Beatrice Leuenberger

*If any of our Society-Only members
would like to insert a short article or
news of interest (non-"advertising"),
please feel free to contact or write to
myself or the Editor. We would
really like to hear from you.*

Second Attempt at UN Membership

Article provided by Heinz Leuenberger

Twelve years after Swiss voters
overwhelmingly rejected joining the
UN, the timing now seems to be on
cue for trying again.

The Blockade between East and
West, with its associated conflicts, is
now over. Today, the Security
Council is primarily involved in pre-
vention; imposition of sanctions; and
occasionally, limited military ac-
tions. And with the problems of
globalisation in economic, political,
environmental and social areas, it is
felt that many matters can no longer
be dealt with entirely at a national
level.

According to the Minister of Foreign
Affairs, Mr Flavio Cotti, Switzer-
land's foreign policies of the 1990's
are close to being identical with
those of the UN. The goals in the
peace, human rights, and environ-
tarian policies, as well as in humani-
tarian aid, would be much better
served by a world encompassing
organisation, rather than by continu-
ing alone.

The question of neutrality, the main
barrier for the 76% NO vote in 1986,
now seems to be "agreeable". And
as a full member, apart from the
compulsory dues, Switzerland
would, under certain circumstances,
have to provide its armed forces to
re-establish democracy and to safe-
guard humanitarian help. It would
also be required to uphold any eco-
nomic sanctions imposed by the Se-
curity Council; and all these actions
are already presently being fulfilled
on a voluntary basis. The country

NEWS OF SOCIETY MEMBERS

My President's message this month
quotes the number of "Society-only"
members, at the time of writing, as
106, however this has since in-
creased to 107. On 11 August, the
Society gained its first non-New Ze-
land resident member, and I would
like to warmly welcome Mr Marco
Kappenberger, who lives in Western
Samoa. I am told that there are a
number of Swiss living in Samoa, as
well as on other South Pacific Is-
lands, creating even the possibility
of forming a new "Off-Shore" Club!!
Most definitely though, with the as-
sistance of our new member, I will
be doing my best to increase num-
bers in this yet "untapped" region. I
must admit that I never really
thought about these Swiss citizens



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would in no way be obliged to take part in confrontational military actions under the UN banner (eg. Iraq / Iran conflict).

Last year, Switzerland paid a total of Sfr470 million to the United Nations, making it one of the "most important payers". Reliable calculations show that membership would increase this expenditure by 'only' a further amount of Sfr36 million. On the other hand, this money is returned to Switzerland five to six-fold. UN activities support the annual Geneva economy by Sfr2½ - 3 billion. Presently, Geneva is still the most important location in Europe, but opposition is becoming very acute. At the same time Switzerland's observer status is now only marginal. Of the 17 observer nations which existed at the beginning of 1948, only one other, the Vatican City, still remains. The Federal Council stresses the point that at present the country is already performing the more important duties on a voluntary basis, but forfeits the most important right - to be able to vote and elect as a member in UNO General Assembly.



Summary of "ONE WAY TICKET TO NEW ZEALAND"

MA -thesis - Auckland 1998

by HELEN BAUMER

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The aim of my research was to fill in some of the gaps relating to migration since the Second World War, in particular the reasons for this migration, the travel experiences of the Swiss who migrated, and the degree of integration of Swiss New Zealanders into their adopted country. To this end I conducted 50 interviews with Swiss living in the Auckland, Waikato and Coromandel areas.

Swiss contact with New Zealand date back two centuries, to 1777. The first Swiss to set foot in both Australia and New Zealand was almost certainly a man called John Webber, whose father was a Wäber from Berne.

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1998 SOCIETY MEDAL WINNERS

HAMILTON CLUB

Flühler Bert	1st	Shoot, men
	1st=	Bowls
	10th	Card
Frischknecht Hanna	1st	S-Put, lady
	8th	Cards
Kennel Joe	1st=	Bowls
	9th	Cards
Leuenberger Heidi	1st	Shoot, lady
	8th	Bowls
Miles Bill	3rd	Shoot, men
	3rd	S-Put, men
Rust Peter	1st	S-Put, men
	5th=	Shoot, men
Achermann Vitus	4th	Bowls
Alpiger Joe	9th=	Bowls
Arnold Joe (sen)	13th	Cards
Blättler Robert	5th	Cards
Canziani Monique	13th=	Bowls
Canziani Peter	6th=	Bowls
Dow Colin	9th=	Bowls
Dow Silas	1st	Bowls, jun
Fitzi Theresa	1st	Cards
Fransen Heidi	3rd	S-Put, lady
Fransen Paul	3rd	Bowls
Flühler Josie	6th	Cards
Flühler Peter	9th=	Bowls
Frischknecht Robert	4th	S-Put, men
Gillon Patricia	2nd	Cards
Häslä Fritz	4th=	Cards
Hewson Christine	13th=	Bowls
Hewson John	3rd=	Shoot, men
Knaus Marco	5th	Bowls
Leuenberger Heinz	3rd	Cards
Miles Trudi	2nd	S-Put, lady
Rust Rinaldo	12th	Cards
Rust Theresa	7th	Cards
Staheli Herbert	6th=	Bowls
Schwitzer Max	11th	Cards
Untermährer John	2nd	Shoot, men
Wilson Tony	9th=	Bowls
Worth Philip	1st	S-Put, jun
Zuber Walter	2nd	Shoot, men

151 Competitors/42 Placings = 28 %

AUCKLAND CLUB

Werffeli Henry	1st	Bowls
	1st	Shoot, men
	5th	S-Put, men
Bühler Yvonne	1st=	Shoot, lady
	6th=	Bowls
Hess Dominic	2nd	Bowls
	2nd	S-Put, men
Roggen Oscar	3rd	Cards
	3rd	Bowls
Böni Karl	3rd	S-Put, men
Brändli Edi	1st	Cards
Bühler Markus	4th	Bowls
Bühler Stefan	1st	Bowls, jun
Fitzi Hans	5th	Bowls
Hess Ulrich	1st	S-Put, men
Madelin Jackie	1st=	Shoot, lady
Müller Eveline	1st	S-Put, lady
Pfenniger Thomas	1st	Shoot, jun
Pfenniger Willi	6th=	Bowls
Ryter Albert	6th=	Bowls
Steiner Serge	4th	S-Put, men
Walliman Louis	2nd	Cards
Wolf Hans Ruedi	4th	Cards

73 Competitors / 23 placings = 31 %

TARANAKI CLUB

Dudli Ruedi	2nd	Cards
	4th=	Bowls
Kiser Angela	1st	Shoot, lady
	8th=	Bowls
Kiser Niklaus	1st	Shoot, jun
	3rd=	Bowls, jun
Rufer Markus	1st	Cards
	2nd	S-Put, men
Seifert Heidi	1st	Bowls
	5th=	Cards
Zimmermann Michael	1st	S-Put, jun
	2nd	Bowls, jun
Benkert Lisette	4th=	Bowls
Benkert Marianne	1st	S-Put, lady
Freimann Helen	2nd	Shoot, lady
Füglister Edi	1st=	Shoot, men
Hebel Othmar	4th=	Bowls
Kiser Erwin	3rd	Bowls
Kiser Joe	1st=	Shoot, men
Kiser Mark	1st=	Shoot, men
Kiser Michael	1st	Bowls, jun
Kuriger Paul	2nd	Bowls
Maechler Margaret	4th	Cards
Mathys Holdi	4th	Shoot, men
Meier Frieda	5th=	Cards
Mills Louisa	3rd=	Bowls, jun
Monti Rosa	7th	Cards
Muggeridge Ross	1st	S-Put, men
Neuburger Fred	3rd	Cards
Seifert Myrtha	4th=	Bowls
Seifert Walter	8th	Cards
Sidler Bertha	7th	Bowls

115 competitors / 32 placings = 28 %

WELLINGTON CLUB

Hughes Christine	1st	S-Put, lady
	1st	Shoot, lady
Hughes Murray	1st	S-Put, men
	1st=	Bowls
Buess Hans	1st	Cards
Buess Margrit	2nd	Cards
Fisher Peter	1st=	Bowls
Fuhrer Max	3rd	Cards
Glauser Hans	1st	Shoot, men

24 competitors / 9 placings = 37 %

Although every care has been taken to ensure that accurate points and placings have been printed, as well as correct spelling of names, we apologise for any errors which may be found.

A big "Thank You" to all competitors for taking part in the competitions, and congratulations to all the medal winners. This year we have two "treble" winners - Henry Werffeli from Auckland and Bert Flühler from Hamilton. It's also encouraging to see some junior members involved in medal competitions, and hopefully next year we'll see even more.

Society Riflemaster,

Peter Rust