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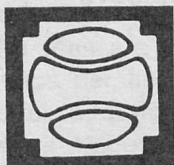
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Liebe Landsleute,

On the occasion of the Swiss National Day we would like to draw your attention to the various celebrations taking place. They are mentioned in detail in the regional news. So depending in which part of Southern Africa you live, look for the date, place and time where you can meet your compatriots and celebrate the 694th Anniversary of Switzerland!

As an announcement to the French speaking Swiss not only in Johannesburg but all over the country we would like to publish the following message:

LE SAVIEZ-VOUS?

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Le comite de l'Amicale Suisse Romande.

Of interest to many of our readers might also be the news that a book has been published on the History of the Swiss in the former Rhodesia ... Oscar T. Berner is the Author of "Schweizer im einstigen Rhodesien" and copies can be obtained from him direct: P.O. Box 2791, Pietersburg or Verlag Basler Afrika Bibliographien, Basel.

And now we wish you all a special Swiss National Day!

Arrivederci

Your Editor

JOHANNESBURG

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The National Day at the Swiss Club Johannesburg will be celebrated this year on one day only and it is the

Sunday 4th August as from 10 a.m.

There will be so much on offer on that day for the whole family that you must come along. See also separate advert in this issue of the Review.

After we had with the assistance of the Swiss Consulate the film Messidor at the Club we have now pleasure in announcing dates for the next shows of the Swiss Film "Hinter den sieben Gleisen" with Ruedi Walter, Margrit Rainer, Zarli Carigiet etc. On 21 and 23 August this film will be shown at the Swiss Club, so please come along.

Another big happening will be on the 2/3 Nov. the GSNA Aelplerfest with Schwingen Hornussen etc.

1st of December is the Date of the Xmas Party for the Children and Senior Swiss. But in-between there are lots of other activities, six-a-side Soccer, and of course the **Swiss Closed Tennis Championships** from Weekend 12 Oct. to Weekend 3 Nov. This is a competition open to all Swiss also if they are not members of the Club. So please send in your entry forms, see also separate advert in this issue.

1985 seems to be the year of the Eidgenoesische Feste in Switzerland! The Schuetzenfest in Chur with participation of the Johannesburg Swiss and the Eidg. Hornusserfest with the GSNA in Studen.

Results from both events will be given in the next Review.

The Rifle Club has the following programme for the coming months:

31 Aug. Everite Cup.
28 Sept. Feldschiessen & Obligat.
26 Oct. Familienschiessen.
30 Nov. Ruetistich, Intertown.

Remember:

Swiss Film evenings 21st & 23rd August at the Swiss Club, Johannesburg

Johannesburg

Eisteddfod Roodeport 5 - 12 October.
Unconfirmed reports have it that a Folklore Group from Sachseln - Obwalden comes to this event. Watch Swiss Club Bulletin JHB for further news.

CAPE TOWN

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First the Details of the Swiss National Day celebrations with an invitation to all compatriots to join in and celebrate with us:

Thursday 1st August - A luncheon will be held at the Club House.

Saturday 3rd August - In the evening the big celebration will start in a Festhutte/Marquee at Greenpoint there will be lots of entertainment, the Swiss Male Choir with traditional Swiss Folklore. Dancing until the early hours.

Sunday 4th August - Switzerland - Germany Soccergame which will show who went to bed early on Saturday night! For the Family there will be a braai and of course games and entertainment for the children. The draw for the winner of the Swissair Ticket competition will also be made on Sunday so please come along.

Once again we repeat our invitation to all the Swiss living in the Western Province and also visitors to come to these functions. Another big event we would like to mention already now is the **Soccer Gruempel turnier 9/10 November**. If things go right (and we might be lucky) there should be a group of visitors from Switzerland at this event and they would present "imported" Swiss Folklore there might even be a Jodlerklub!

But there are many things happening every week at the Club; Choir practices Jassen, Frauentraeffen, Tennis, Soccer, etc and of course the Rifle Club has regular competitions:

Sept. 14 St. Galler
Sept. 28 Intertown
Oct. 12 Wappenscheiben & Appletiser Comp.
Oct. 26 Baumberger Rapid
Nov. 2 Kannenstich, Appletiser.

You are always welcome at the Club Grounds at Greenpoint, just ask for any committee member.

P.S. Special thanks to the founder President of the Swiss Male Choir for organising the Gotthelf Abend and lots of good wishes to Paul Steinmann the new Präsi of the Choir.

NATAL

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On the actual **1st of August Thursday evening** Dinners will be held in Durban and Pietermaritzburg and we ask you to get in touch with the organisers as soon as possible for the bookings:

In Durban contact Walter Grab and in Pietermaritzburg Hans Deubelbeiss.

Then we invite everybody and especially also the Children for the great **Family Day on Sunday 4th August** at the Hammarisdale Rifle Range. There will be games organised for the children, Competitions with Airgun shooting will be held, then a Braai and Lampionparade. A Day full of fun and of course to meet friends and compatriots.

So please come all along.

The next dates in our yearly programme are:

3 August	Shooting - Handicap Cup
7 Sept.	Shooting - Nachschiessen
8 Sept.	Alt & Jung Sports Day
5 Oct.	Shooting - Team Competition
26/27 Oct.	Octoberfest Pietermaritzburg
2 Nov.	Shooting Umkomaas competition
11 Nov.	Day at the Beach with Champagne Breakfast
7 Dec.	Shooting - Family competition and Xmas

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Some 15 Swiss from Bloemfontein have already made a booking to celebrate the Swiss National Day 1985 over the **weekend 2 to 4th August** at the Golden Gate Resort.

Who knows the visitors might even see some real "Schneeberge" with the Maluti Mountains as a backdrop to Golden Gate.

Isn't it quite something that probably the smallest Swiss Community in South Africa i.e. the Vrystaat - Swiss have the longest celebration over a period of 3 days!

We wish them all lots of enjoyment.

What about the Kroonstad, Kimberley and other Swiss? We hope to hear from them before the next issue of the Review.

We have just heard that Bruno Koch has opened a Restaurant called the SWISS CHALET in Bloemfontein. Your chance to sample some typical Swiss dishes in the Orange Free State.

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First the Details of the National Day celebrations:

Saturday Afternoon & Evening 27th July is the date, and the place is the Post Office Village at Derdepoort.

It is also at that venue that the Schwingers from Pretoria have regular trainings and where they have built very nice facilities.

This was shown recently when the S.A. Championships were held, won by Mark Robinson.

The National Day celebration will be held in the usual traditional way with the Choir from Johannesburg being present but this year we will have visitors from Switzerland. A group of Jungschwinger mainly from Baselland and Aargau will be competing against the S.A. Juniors and we ask all the compatriots to come numerous on the 27th July to make it a memorable stay for our young Swiss.

Our yearly programme then continues with the following events:

- 1 Sept. Braai & Fishing (for the lucky ones who can catch something!) at the Roodeplaat Dam.
- 13 Sept. Skittling/Kegeln at Swiss Club Halfway House
- 26 Oct. Dinner at the La Perla Restaurant
- 3 Nov. The Shooting competition with prizegiving for the yearly Championship at the Farm of Family Arnold
- 30 Nov. Our Xmas celebration will be held.

So as you can see quite an interesting programme and we always welcome new members, just give us a ring or come along to enjoy of the events mentioned.

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Once again the Highlight of our Club activities approaches fast:

The celebration of our Swiss National Day. They will take place this year on **Saturday the 3rd of August at 19.30h**. The venue is the Deutscher Klub in Lorraine. A Dinner will be served and it is very important that you reserve your seats by phoning the above.

There will be Laendlersmusik and other entertainment and if the past years are any yardstick you can be assured of a very enjoyable evening.

So please phone us today and make your booking and we see you all on the 3rd of August.

The Swiss in Port Elizabeth also welcome a new member, Doris and Steve Lourens. Gruezi mitenand!

East London: The Editor of the Review is holding thumbs that we might receive a report of a Swiss National Day celebration this year? Unfortunately he missed R. Rauber when he was recently in Johannesburg.

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Generalversammlung

Ohne Höhepunkte, ausser der Neubesetzung des Präsidentenpostens ging unsere Jahreshauptversammlung über die Bühne. Es scheint, dass unser Club doch vielen Leuten am Herzen liegt, sonst wäre dieser Abend nicht so gut besucht gewesen.

Die Auflösung der Schiesssektion ist von den Anwesenden eindeutig befürwortet worden.

Ämterverteilung innerhalb des Vorstandes
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Lesezirkel

Interessenten fuer einen solchen Lesezirkel werden gebeten sich mit der Praesidentin in Verbindung zu setzen. Verschiedene Zeitungen und Zeitschriften sind bereits zur Verfuegung. Eine Lesemappe wurde dann zur kulliert.

Nationalfeiertag

Am Donnerstagabend ersten.
August um 19.30 Uhr treffen wir uns im Jungenbundesheim, John Meinertstr. 77.

Wir werden die Bundesfeier im traditionellen Rahmen, mit einem I. August-Feuer und Cervelat braten durchführen. Selbstverständlich hören wir auch die Ansprache unseres Bundespräsidenten.

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LESOTHO

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First the details of the Swiss National Day celebrations which will be held on **Friday 2nd August**. The Place is the Lesotho Sun Hotel where the Swiss Chef will prepare a Fondue Bourignon.

We start in the late Afternoon, and there will be plenty of time for meeting everybody and for the Children to play before we sit down for the Fondue, this is followed by a Dessert.

The Lesotho Sun also offers very special rates for overnight and weekend stays. So why not take advantage and spend a pleasant time there.

It gives us now pleasure to publish the final instalment of the Report on the activities of the Helvetas Swiss Aid Organisation in Lesotho:

A summary of the achievements to date:

In the last 3 years the following water systems have been built which serve the population as indicated.

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Population served.	18 000	24 000	44 000

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Since 1980 approx. 110 Bricklayers have been trained in 3 month courses. 29 Foremen have completed the 9 months course. 5 construction leaders have been trained in the 6 months course.

Despite all the achievements a lot remains to be done, especially for the training and education.

Helvetas therefore continue with the Project and the target is to be able to see the VWSS becoming self sufficient and managed by well trained and motivated local staff.

We are confident this will be achieved with goodwill and co-operation of all involved in the project.

Ulrich Graf, Teamleader Helvetas, Lesotho

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All the Swiss living in Swaziland and nearby are asked to contact the above representative of the Swiss Consulate Peter Rutsch as soon as possible as he will then make arrangements for the celebration of the Swiss National Day.

Only if you contact Peter will he be able to choose a date which will be suitable to everybody and which will enable as many compatriots as possible to join in the celebrations.

Swiss spirit of patriotism is still very much alive, also in this corner of Africa.

Peter is also at your disposal for any queries you might have in connection with Consular matters.

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On the 29th June we had a Bernerplatte which was enjoyed by everybody and on the 14th July we visited the Cone Textile Company. We thank all the organisers and helpers of these events. We are starting with a Jassmeisterschaft and hope that all the Jass Players will contact us as soon as possible.

The highlight of our Club activities is the Swiss National Day, and it will be celebrated this year on Saturday 3rd August.

We start at Lunchtime with entertainment for Young and Old, but the children will be specially catered for, towards evening the Bonfire will be lit and a lampionparade will be held.

A supper of Swiss specialties will be available. We invite all Swiss compatriots to join us on that day at the Club. Remember it is Saturday the 3rd of August.



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July 7: Anniversary Shoot, 10 am - 3 pm. Meal at 5.30 pm. Plate please.
 August 2: Swiss National celebrations at Kaponga Town Hall. Handing out the medals from the Society Competition.

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

July 13: Club Evening
 August 3: National Day celebration
 18: Club afternoon

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

June 29: Sixth and final card evening. Eureka Hall 7.30 pm.
 July 27: National Day celebration, Eureka Hall.

AUCKLAND

Our 1st of August celebrations will be held on Saturday, July 27 at the Freemans Bay Community Hall, Hepburn Street, Freemans Bay, Auckland. Personal invitations will be sent in due course.

OBITUARY

OLGA HAGEN-STEINER

With deepest regret we learned of the passing away of Olga Hagen-Steiner.

Olga was born in Brunnen on May 28, 1938 and died after a long illness on April 13, 1985.

Olga came to New Zealand in 1973 and later married Nikolaus Hagen. The marriage was blessed with one son, Andreas, for whom Olga tried desperately to fight the cancer and live for her beloved husband and son.

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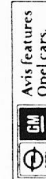
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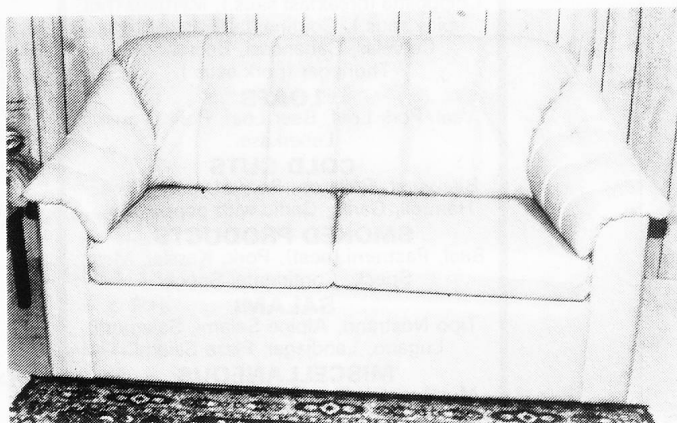
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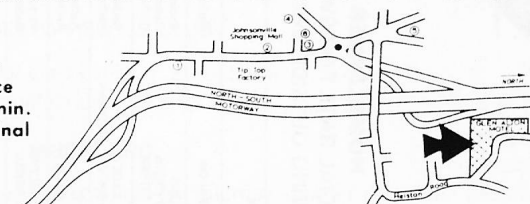
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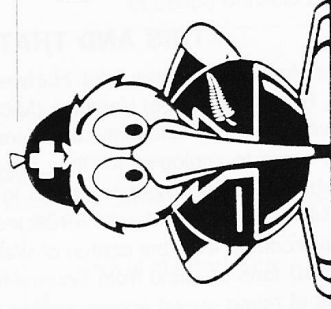
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NEWS FROM THE COLONY

TARANAKI SWISS CLUB

Charly and Doreen Schuler celebrated 40 years married. A gathering of families and friends got together to mark this occasion. As very active Members in Committee and Club we wish them all the happiness and good health in the years to come.

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

On Saturday May 25, 60 members and friends gathered at our clubhouse in Ohariu Valley for a fondue, what a delicacy it was! Our expert and cook mentioned before that the cheese was just right to bring out the best flavour. Thank you Max and Rosina for a special treat.

Fruit salad and later coffee and Prussien finished off this delicious meal which put people in a good mood.

Happy laughter, friendly chatting and music filled the hall, a most enjoyable evening!

And last but not least, we must thank those people, without whose help, these evenings would not be possible. Special thanks to Jurg Stucki for baking the Prussien.

CHRISTCHURCH SWISS CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, held on Sunday, May 19, 1985, at Sydenham Community Centre, Christchurch.

The new committee elected at the meeting is:

President: Matthias Damm re-elected, Vice-President: Alan Looser re-elected, Secretary: Rita Odermatt re-elected, Treasurer: Walter Puentener re-elected, Committee: Hanni Tschudin re-elected, Godi Tschudin re-elected, Jolanda Tschopp, Agnes Brandli.

What a surprise, 29 people came and the meeting could start on time. Everything went well and we were pleased to elect Mr Hermann Wagner as an Honorary Life Member.

The meeting closed after fifty minutes and we enjoyed a nice supper, white wine, donated by Mr and Mrs Kurt Suter and most of all the slides, which Mr Matthias Damm showed from his recent holidays in Europe.

Thank you all for a good evening.

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Serve with mashed potatoes.

THIS AND THAT

— The former American bomber pilot, Hartwell Davis from Virginia and his co-pilot, Robert Cary from Hastings (Michigan) visited Thayngen (SH), the village they mistakenly bombarded on Christmas Day, 1944. They came to apologise for their terrible mistake.

— The number of unemployed fell again in April. It now stands at 32,691, 1846 less than in March, 3908 less than a year ago.

— The apple producer from the canton of Wallis protested against the import of 1500 tons of apple from South Africa since there are still 19,000 tons of home grown apples waiting in the coolstores.

— Ten years ago Swissair opened a line from Zurich to Peking with a DC-8. Today the same route is flown with a DC-10 and the waiting lists are growing. Swissair applied for a second flight and hopes to start flying in summer '86.

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This is the fourth contract that the firm has succeeded in gaining in the People's Republic of China this year, in the face of keen European and Japanese competition. These orders represent a total of 120 million francs for Ems-Inventa.

A LAND OF HOLIDAYS

From the first still provisional results published by the Federal Office of Statistics it appears that the establishments covered by Swiss tourist statistics recorded some 74.3 million overnight reservations in 1984, i.e. 1.1 million or 1.5% fewer than in 1983. The downward trend which started after the record year 1981 continued therefore during the year under consideration.

This slight drop, which occurs however within the context of a general recovery in the world economic situation, is undoubtedly due mainly to unemployment, which has assumed alarming proportions, and to the not very reassuring prospects offered by the labour market. In addition, the high exchange rate of the Swiss franc has made itself felt abroad, except of course among American and Japanese tourists.

The drop occurred wholly in the parahotel trade; in the different forms of accommodation it comprises, 1.5 million overnight stays fewer than in the previous year (-3.5%), were recorded, whereas hotels and convalescent homes gained 0.4 million (+1%).

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