

# Forthcoming events

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tinued with dancing and Swiss music played by our two musicians, Charley Rickenbach and Alf Meier.

#### HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

A card evening was held in the Tauwhare Hall on Saturday, 20th May, 1961. Prize winners were: 1st Jacob Von Holzen, 2nd O. Werder, 3rd A. Marty, 4th Mrs E. Trustch.

#### TARANAKI SWISS CLUB

The Taranaki Swiss Social Club held a Social and Dance in the Kapuni Hall on May 30th. A large crowd filled the hall and a very enjoyable evening was had. Music for dancing was played by A. Engelberger, J. Fohn, R. Buhler (accordions), L. Kuriger (bass) and Mrs G. Schneller (piano). Items were given by Mr & Mrs A. Whakaneke (songs), Mr & Mrs Thirwell (songs), J. Kaiser, T. Napflin, P. Zimmerman and F. Gwerder (yodelling). Mr Chamberlain was M.C. —M.J.S.

### Steinstossen Competition

Due to the fact that the Swiss Society's rectangular competition stone came under considerable criticism—because its shape lent itself to confusion as from which point to take the measurement—we have decided to replace this stone with a round one of similar weight. For this reason we did not hold an official competition this year.

However, the efforts which have gone into this year's Steinstossen, on picnics and on the day of the Swiss Society shooting competition are most praiseworthy. The best results of these competitions were 45 feet and over.

**Auckland:** A. Buchler 51ft 7in, C. Ding 51ft 1in, A. Muller 50ft 10in, H. Fitzi 49ft 3in, P. Gubler 48ft 7in, H. Briner 45ft 6in.

**Hamilton:** O. Risi 57ft 1in, R. Rust 53ft 3in, A. Schuler 52ft 2in, J. Risi 51ft 1in, F. Schuler 50ft 4in.

**Wellington:** B. Baumgartner 62ft 1in, H. Kratzer 53ft 1in, Dr Rossetti 52ft, Ernst Matt 50ft 6in, Urs Wolf 50ft 2in.

**Taranaki:** E. Wuetrich 64ft 6½in, A. Muller 57ft 5½in, J. Kuriger 54ft 1in, G. Halter 53ft 11½in, F. Gwerder 51ft 6½in, L. Zender 50ft 8½in.

Thus Taranaki hold the Cup again, as well as the best single. Special congratulations go to Ernst Wuetrich—he has opposition coming up from Wellington though.

Everyone should keep on practising for a really big event next year. The winner does not need to be a big man, practice is the key to success.

## Obituary

### MRS ELISABETH MULLER

Mrs Elisabeth Muller died in Morrinsville on May 15th, after a long illness. In order to get specialist treatment, Max sent her home to Switzerland 12 months ago and for a while it looked that their efforts were successful. However, it was not to be.

Mrs Muller, nee Elisabeth Weber, was one of three sisters who married three Muller brothers, of whom two of them came to New Zealand. Elisabeth and husband Max arrived here with their daughter in 1950. They settled in very well and were happy with the new country life, making a success of dairy farming.

In the social field they were regular attendants of the Hamilton Swiss Club functions, always enjoying themselves meeting other compatriots. The Hamilton Swiss Club will miss the company of Mrs Muller and extends the warmest sympathies to Max and daughter Bethy. —W.R.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

The next evening will be held on the first Sunday in July in the Riverlea. The Dutch orchestra will again play for you. Bring your partners.

## NEWS FROM SWITZERLAND

### SWITZERLAND'S FASTEST-GROWING CITY

Although Lausanne is the smallest of Switzerland's five largest cities, its population increase was proportionately the greatest in the decade 1950-1960, the rise being from 106,500 to 126,700, or 19 per cent. The next fastest growth was recorded by Geneva (16 per cent) which, with its 169,100 inhabitants, displaced Berne (population 164,200, increase 12 per cent) to take third place among Swiss cities. After Geneva came Basel, with an increase of 13 per cent, it has a population of 207,600 and is Switzerland's second largest city. The largest, Zurich, which now has 430,600 inhabitants, showed the relatively smallest gain (10 per cent). Together, the increase in the population of all five places was 125,900, almost equivalent to the total population of Lausanne. The average gain was 13 per cent.

### WINTER SPORTS SEASON SUCCESSFUL

St. Moritz reports that the 1960-61 winter sports season was a big all-round success. Even the public services did well out of the good business. February telephone receipts in St. Moritz (population 3000) were higher than in Zurich (population 430,000).