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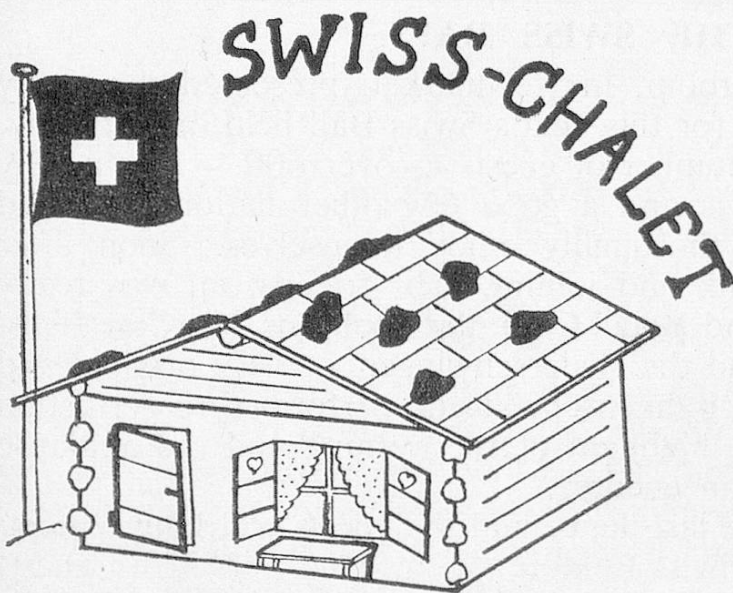
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COMPETITION REPORT

The new Swiss Society Competition with its manifold events is well under way, and looks as if it will be a great success. The aim of these four events is to provide every Swiss in the colony with the possibility of coming together socially. A great community spirit can be achieved as each person joins in on all four events, not just for his personal victory, but also to help another win a medal by boosting up the percentage. My hopes for these aims are being realised when I see the numbers of the contestants and their keenness.

I am glad to announce that after some delay and inconvenience, I have received the Import Licence for the Competition Medals. The medals for this year's Competition are already in my hands, and very worthy of the struggle. Air transport for the medals was provided free by the courtesy of Swissair, who also have donated a 'Kuh Glocke' as a floating trophy to be used for inter-club competition. It is my idea that the winners of each event from each Club meet and have a knockout, as in football competitions.

The format of the Group Trophy Shooting Competition is to be slightly altered, and instead of going to the best of four people, the best eight or ten scores of each Club are to be counted, and the Club with the highest score is the winner. This prevents, I



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feel, the specialisation of the tiny groups, and allows each individual to be counted in his own right.

The point of who should be allowed to take part in the Society Competition has arisen. All competitors in the Swiss Society Competition need to be members of that Society. I feel the subscription is not excessive, and also the member receives "Helvetia" which is our only newspaper for the Swiss Colony, and as such, a vital link between Clubs and individuals.

Funds have been received from Switzerland for Shooting Insurance and an insurance has been made for the Swiss Society covering the four ranges in Auckland, Christchurch, Hamilton and Taranaki. This policy covers us all year round, so no additional insurance is needed for Club events except where non-Society members are present.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Arthur W. Muller,
Riflemaster.

NEWS OF THE COLONY

Auckland Swiss Club

THE SWISS BALL

The Mandalay Ballroom, in Newmarket, presented the really beautiful surroundings for this year's Swiss Ball held on Saturday, 13th May. A record number of guests — over 600 — was a jolly mixture of Swiss, Kiwis and a good few other nationalities and everybody seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. Soon after arriving, finding a drink and joining their friends, all was ready to listen to the Auckland Yodel Club, the Alphorns, the Cow Bells, the Swiss Orchestra and the 'Talerschwinger' — very original and most fascinating. The 'Fahnenschwinger', performed to perfection by Joe Egger, was the highlight of the evening and the applause did not stop without an encore.

All too soon was the last dance and the guests will long remember the true sound of Swiss folklore. —M.V. (a guest)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Club's Annual General Meeting was held this year at the Newmarket Club on April 22nd. Newly elected were.—

President: Mr H. Fitzi. Vice-President: Mr W. Piatti. Secretary: Miss E. Strassmann. Treasurer: Mr H. Sigrist. Treasurer: Mr H. Sigrist. Members: Miss U. Voegtli, Mrs E. Hess, Mrs M. Mosser, Mr U. Holzapfel, Mr H. Wolf and Mr H. Gamperle.

—E.S.