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WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

SECRETARY ON THE MOVE

Our secretary, Ursula DUNN, is on the move up North. She and her family will be living in Rotorua. They are managing the Motel Collingwood Gables (325 Fenton St). So when you are in Rotorua, call in - they will be happy to see a known face - and who knows, you might get a discount!

We are all sad seeing you leaving, but that is part of life. The Wellington Swiss Club wishes you all the best and good luck with your new enterprise. We also would like to thank you for your efforts and hard work in the committee. Farewell and see you around some time!

JODELKLUB BÄRGGLÖGGLI

The concert put on for us by the Jodelklub and the Wiggentaler Brassband was a great success. This was an excellent opportunity to see and hear a wonderful display of Swiss culture at its best. It was enjoyed both by the Swiss people and by the wide variety of nationalities represented in the audience alike.

NEW RIFLE-RANGE

Many of the members who took part in the Swiss Society Shooting Competition have commented on how well set out and organised the new rifle-range at **Hans SCHERRER's** farm is. Many thanks to all who helped with the shifting and re-building of the rifle-range, especially to Hans Scherrer, Mani Zuest and John Jordan.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate **Maya BEDDIE-GEISER** on passing her midwifery exams. So if you are thinking of a new addition to your family, let Maya know!!!

OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

On **Sunday 14 March 1993** we will offer you a chance to use your tramping boots and to enjoy each others company. We will meet at the carpark entrance to the Belmont Park off Oakley Street, Maungaraki. We will leave from there at 10.30 am for a 3 1/2-4 hours tramp. Good walking boots, parkas and warm jerseys are essential. Bring your own picnic lunch. If the weather is doubtful, ring **Roland Schuetz on 568-6772**

SWISS COWBELL COMPETITION

On **20/21 March 1993** we are competing against the people from Taranaki. Please come along and take part. There will be a BBQ lunch at about 1.00 pm at the Clubhouse in Ohariu Valley. The shooting and Steinstossen will take place in the afternoon. After dinner we will compete in Kegeln and Jassen. As usual we would like to billet our friends from Taranaki. If you are able to help with a spare bed on the **20th of March**, please contact **MONIKA, Ph. 478-5649**

A NIGHT OUT!

The NZ Dutch Kamaval Society, the "NUTCRACKERS" have invited us to come and share their "Prinsen Ball" which is to be held in the Lower Hutt Town Hall on **Saturday 27 March at 8.00 pm**. The music will be played by the famous 7 Wellington Hawkes Bay Battalion Army Band together with their Bavarian Ensemble. The evening will include supper and raffles. BYO drinks. Tickets are only \$20.00 per person. **Phone Hugh FRASER on 568-7677 or Bill TANIS on 567-4576**

REMEMBER:

13.3.93 Society Kegeln and Steinstossen competition **6.00 pm** at the Clubhouse in Ohariu Valley

14.3.93 Tramping in Belmont Park, meet **10.30 am**

20/21.3.93 Cowbell Competition against Taranaki **1.00 pm** at the Clubhouse

27.3.93 Society Jass Competition, **7.00 pm** at the Clubhouse

27.3.93 "Prinsen Ball" Lower Hutt Town Hall at **8.00 pm**



HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB AGM:

Saturday 24th April 8.00 pm at Swiss Craft premises, Frankton

INTERCLUB COMPETITION: Sunday 25th April 10.00 am at Swiss Craft premises, Frankton (Semi final Cowbell Competition between Hamilton and Auckland).

FIRST OF AUGUST: Saturday 31st July 8.00 pm at Eureka Hall.

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RAILWAY CLOCKS

Hans Hilfiker actually wanted to invent the "pedalo", but since he worked for the Swiss Railways (SBB) and they had no use for this type of transport, he decided to create the now famous railway clocks. "The hand showing the seconds used to be very thin, but since, at railway stations, seconds are very important, I gave the hand the form of a ladle, which is much more visible" said Mr. Hilfiker. Also rather than advancing second by second, he made the hand go round in a continuous movement. Hilfiker, now 90 years old, always wears his invention on his wrist, in a smaller wrist watch format of course.

