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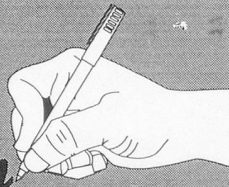
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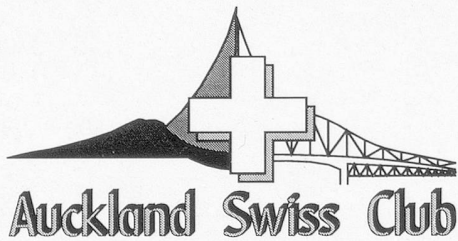
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**Auckland Swiss Club**

**Im Septämber, im Septämber  
versorget dä Puur sini warme  
Hämder!**

**Hi there, long time no seen...**

It has been a while since the last News Letter. Due to the Swiss Societies decision to reduce the number of **NEWLOOK HELVETIAS** from 12 to 8 issues a year we try again to inform you of the dates for 2-3 months. We know that it will stress your "re-memory" a bit but still hope to see many of you taking part and enjoying the coming functions.

## NEWS FROM THE JASSABIG

The July Jass Abig attracted 15 players. Once more **Toni Manser** won the evenings 1st prize. **Hans Iten** was lucky too and took home the 2nd prize. **Marie-Theres Melville Schöpfer** won the evenings spot prize. All prizes were kindly donated by the **Swiss Bakery, Patisserie & Café of Milford**.

### 1. AUGUST

All though the ticket sale was slow the event ended up in a very successful and enjoyable afternoon/evening function at the **'De Vines'** vineyard cellar in Henderson. Just over 150 members & friends, new immigrants and visitors from Aussi enjoyed Auckland's casual Swiss National Day function with the Children's Dance Group as the main entertainment.

A special big thanks goes to the following:

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These were our sponsors who quietly helped us with their generous donations.

## NEW FROM THE ESI

A little change was made with the ESI name. It no longer stands for 'Europa Societies Incorporated'. The new name is now **'Federation of European Clubs & Societies'**. The abbreviation 'ESI' and the logo is still valid.



## INTERNATIONAL 10 PIN BOWLING COMPETITION

On the 25 July 1993 the first Bowling Competition of the **ESI** was held at the Takapuna Bowling Centre. The participation was very good with 12 team of 4 from the **German, Dutch, Hungarian, Austrian and Swiss clubs**. Bowling started without much delay at 2 o'clock with great enthusiasm. There were a few professionals playing, seeing the final results. Others could do with some coaching. The competition ended around 5 o'clock with the prize-giving. The cup (Wanderpreis) was donated by **Adolf & Virginia Amstutz**. Also travel bags and bottles of wine were to be won. Since this event was such a success, everybody agreed that it should be repeated. So, on **31 October 1993 at 2 p.m.** a fun bowling will be held at the **Takapuna Bowling Centre**.

### Results of 3 games:

1. 'A' Team German Society 1610 pts
2. 'B' Team Dutch Society 1552 pts
3. 'C' Team Dutch Society 1400 pts
4. 'A' Team Hungarian Club 1248 pts
5. 'B' Team Hungarian Club 1154 pts

### Highest individual scores:

1. Peter Hinsch 176 pts German Society
2. W. Schultfaber 157 pts Dutch Society
- 3/4. Imre 137 pts Hungarian Club & Kauenhoff
- 137 pts German Society **J.M.R.**

## JASS ABIGE

**Every third Friday a month** until October at the **Gasthof "Prost Ethnic"**, **224 Hobson Street, City**.

The September Jass Abig is your last chance to compete for that precious challenge trophy (**The Schüpbach Wander Preis**). The last Jass evening on 15 October will be a Fun-Jass Abig with the prize giving.



As you already know playing for the cup your best four out of five possible scores count. If you missed more the one

evening you can still come and play cards for fun and the evening prizes.

The cost per evening is only \$2 per player. Feel free and bring a plate. Drinks are available.

If anyone would like to donate a prize for our Jass Evening don't hesitate and contact **Hans Iten on 620-9208**. It would be very much appreciated.

## BRASS MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR

The **Errol Mason Memorial Trust** proudly presents the **Seventh International Brass Musician of the Year**



Also performing will **Eric Heusler** the Swiss Open Solo Champion with his Soprano.

**Sunday, 19th September 1993 "The Ballroom", Centra Auckland Hotel, Albert Street**

Doors open 1.30pm

Solo Competition begins 2.00pm  
A concert by Continental Airlines Brass  
with selected soloists follows

**Tickets:** Adults \$15.00, Children & Senior Citizen \$ 10.00 Group bookings (10 or more) 20% discount.

**Bookings and enquiries to:** Brass Musician of the Year, 4/59 Glencoe Road, Brown Bay, Ph: (09) 479 2349

## FUN SHOOTING & HOCHULI CUP

**On Sunday, 10 October** starting at 10am at Martha & Ernst Glaus's place at 145 Chamberlain Road, Henderson you are invited to take part at our well liked Fun Shooting and **B.Y.O.** picnic day. For a small cost you can compete and win a prize or even go home with the thought after Hochuli Cup. If small bore shooting is not your cup of tea just grab your Chilli-bin and come around for the picnic to met and make new friends.

## ESI BALL - OKTOBERFEST

**On Saturday, 16 October, 7.30pm** there will be the biggest ever held European Ball. Be prepared to find a real Oktoberfest Stimmung!! The venue is the well known Mandalay in Davis Crescent, New Market. Expected are several hundred (approx. 600) people from all the European Clubs. Wear casual dress, your 'Sännehütteli' or a National Costume and represent our colourful Switzerland. Admission is \$35 per person.

For more information and Tickets ring **Julia Moors-Roth on 832-3518, Heidi Black-Gogel on 528-3300 or Adolf Amstutz on 631-5243**

**"Warum sind eigentlich die Ozeane so wertvoll?" - "Weil soviele Öl darau schwimmt."**

## FONDUE ABIG

On Saturday, 6 November to welcome the warm NZ Season we will have a real Swiss Fondue Abig up at our Farm in Kaukapakapa. It will start around late afternoon and finish when the last ones have gone to bed or home. In order to buy enough Cheese, Bread & Kirsch, Wine & Beer, organise the Röschos & Gaglons and work out a fair price (approx. \$10 p/p) we need firm bookings from you! The numbers of bookings is limited to the space available in the top hut.

To book and let us know whether you too can bring along a Fondue Rechaud & utensils, please ring **Doris Binder on 627-8767 (Hme)**. If you are interested you better let her know in time otherwise you will definitely miss out!!

### DATES

- 17 Sept. Jass Abig, 7.00 p.m.**  
224 Hobson Street, City
- 19 Sept. Brass Musician of the Year**  
Centra Auckland Hotel
- 25 Sept. Carneval Ball with Gugge-**  
**musik, Ph: Peter 836-0493**
- 10 Oct. Fun Shooting, 10.00 am**  
145 Chamberlain Rd., Henderson
- 15 Oct. Last Jass Abig, 7.00 pm**  
224 Hobson Street, City
- 16 Oct. ESI Ball, 7.30 pm**  
Mandalay, New Market
- 31 Oct. ESI Fun Bowling**  
Takapuna Bowling Centre
- 06 Nov. Fondue Abig**  
Swiss Farm, Kaukapakapa
- 27/28 Nov. Working Bee**  
Swiss Farm, Kaukapakapa

## THE PRESI'S RECIPE CORNER

### VERY SPECIAL FRUITE CAKE

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup dried fruit
- 4 large eggs
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 cup brown sugar
- lemon juice
- nuts
- 1 bottle schnaps

#### METHOD

Sample schnaps to check for quality. Take a large bowl. Check schnaps again. To be sure that it is of the highest quality, pour 1 level cup and drink. Repeat. Turn on the electric mixer and beat 1 cup of butter in the large fluffy bowl. Add 1 peastoon of sugar and beat again.

Make sure schnaps is still OK. Cry another tup. Turn off the mixer. Break 2 leggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of fried duit. Mix in the turner. Check schnaps. If fruit gets stuck in beaters, pry loose with a drewscrifer. Sample schnaps again.



Next, sift 2 cups of salt or something. Who cares?! Check schnaps again. Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add 1 babblespoon of srown bugar or whatever colour you can find. Wix mell. Grease oven. Turn cake pan to 350 gredees. Don't forget to beat off the turner. Throw bowl out window. Check schnaps and bo to ged!!

**NOTE:** A nottle of bum may be substituted for ththee schnaps. The wresults rillbill sthe samee.

### OBITUARY

It was with great sorrow that we heard of the sudden death of **Susanne D ale** of Christchurch the wife of our old friend Walter D ale and mother of Sarah & Walter. That sudden, unexpected death did come far to early in the blooming time of that young family. We sincerely hope that Walter and the children will have no trouble continuing their family life despite that great loss.  
**Chris Hochuli & friends.**

### LOST & FOUND

On the 1. August party at 'De Vines' **Thomas Pfenniger** found a nice brooch. He took it home and put it in safe place and is now keen to find out who lost it. If it was you or you know the person please give him a ring on **09-420-8517** so he can give it back to the real owner.

## CHRISTCHURCH SWISS CLUB

### WELCOME

Some of you may only just now have discovered News of our **Chch Swiss Club** in this new form in the **HELVETIA**. I welcome you all warmly and hope you enjoy what you read, and you join us on some of the planned activities!

#### ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTION?

I would like to hear them, and am more than happy to receive your contributions for future inclusion in this magazine! Yes I know I am the secretary, but then I am a very busy man, with my head full of all sorts of other things to do as well. Surely there are other people inside or outside our club, who have also something to tell! Just have a go - I'd love to make this part of the **HELVETIA** really interesting too!

Please contact your Secretary of the Chch Swiss Club,



J rg H nger,  
58 Hackthorne Rd  
Christchurch 2,  
Ph: (03) 332-6211.

Thank you and happy reading!

## PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR 1993/94

We have some exciting events planned for the coming months. We would love to see you all joining in - the ones who do usually enjoy themselves very much.

### Saturday, 18 Sept.

Another **Jass & Games evening**, at Gwynneth and Werner Schibli's place, 72 Hawford St., Christchurch 2 [Ph (03) 3325 525]. Please ring Gwynneth and Werner if your interested. Would you like to learn to play that famous game of JASS? Well here is your chance - very patient 'professionals' are all geared up to teach you! **WARNING** - there is a high probability that you are going to get hooked. You could end up spending many an evening playing cards with your friends, and really enjoying yourself!

We will start around 7:30 pm. Bring your own drinks, and a plate to share for supper. Coffee and tea provided.

### Sunday, 17 October

**Walk at Lake JANET:** We will meet at the Hotel, on the main street in Amberly (Nth Canterbury), at 11 am. This promises to be a very pleasant Sunday outing. Walks are always popular, and with this one you have a choice of just a short stroll around the lake, or more strenuous 2 hours or more of hill walking. Of course you can also just have a picnic at the lake, should you feel like a lazy Sunday. Bring your own picnic.

### Sunday, 5 December

**Samichlaus Feier:** from 2 pm (Samichlaus at 3 pm), again at Othmar and Noeline Kenel's place, Sutherlands Rd, Christchurch. As in previous years, we will be having a barbeque. Father Christmas will again have a small present for all the children. More details to follow in later editions of the **HELVETIA**.

### Sunday, 6 February 1994

**Ride and Picnic on the TUHOE:** she's a restored, lovely old boat, that travels through Kaiapoi on the rivers Cam and Waimakariri. We will meet at the wharf in Kaiapoi at 11 am. The sailing trip takes approx. 1.5 hours, and costs \$8 per adult (\$4 for school age children). Bring your own Picnic. We are currently thinking of staying on in the saloon of the boat after the trip, for a chat, a drink, maybe some (Swiss?) music & dancing, or whatever. Interested? Again, for details watch this spot in the **HELVETIA** editions closer to the time of the trip.

### Monday, 2 May 1994

#### ChCh Swiss Club AGM

#### Dates to be advised

There are still some activities in the pipeline, i.e. have not been confirmed as yet:

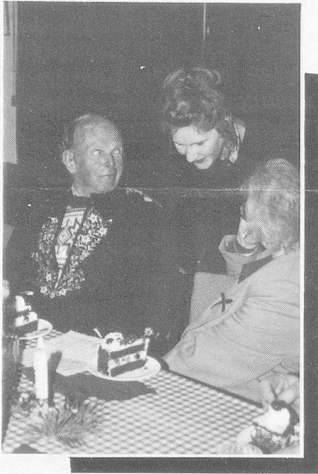
**Group Booking at a Chch Theatre**  
**A Trip to Arthur's Pass, or Peel Forest**  
**The Film 'M nner im Ring'**

Should you want to organise any of them (or any others for that matter), please get in contact with myself.



## SWISS NATIONAL DAY

The Christchurch Swiss Club celebrated this year's National Day on Friday, 30th July 1993, at the Old Stone House. Swiss Nationals from Timaru, Temuka and Switzerland joined us for this occasion. 54 adults and 12 children enjoyed the tasty Swiss style dinner, which started with a glass of 'Glühwein', followed by Minestrone soup and garlic bread, 'Cervelats', 'Fleischkäse', 'Sauerkraut' and a fine selection of homemade salads. A giant piece of Black Forest Cake and coffee rounded up the delicious meal. Between the main course and dessert, we listened to the 1. August speech for the Swiss Abroad, spoken in English by the 'Bundespräsident' A. Ogi himself. A 1. August celebration is not complete without some fireworks and children carrying their 'lampions'. This has become a tradition in Christchurch, and every year, after the speech & National Anthem the children lead the way outside with their candle lit lanterns. The firework display was once again the highlight of the evening, particularly for the children. 'Lüpfige Ländlermusik' drove people to the dance floor, and it was past midnight when the last guests headed for home. **Johanna Cunningham, President**



Our honourary member, Kurt Suter, is very obviously enjoying his piece of 'Schwarzwälder Torte'. Talking to him are Nicky Sinclair (middle), and his wife Evelyn



No prizes for guessing where her dad comes from.



Children with their 'lampions' braving the cool winter air to watch the traditional fireworks.



A good time to catch up with old friends, and make some new ones.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at some of the events coming up! Please mark your diary or calendar right now - we will NOT ring everybody anymore to remind them (as we used to do in the past).

Kind regards, **Jürg Hönger (Secretary for the Christchurch Swiss Club)**

## HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### Fondue evening - 18 September, 8 pm, Eureka Hall

- Medal Presentation for our large number of competitors.
- Jay Es Band Entertainment
- Delicious Fondue, bread, meats and cakes
- Everyone is welcome. Bring your friends
- Please bring your Fondue sets

#### Gemütlicher Abend. 20 Nov. 7.30 pm, Swiss Craft Premises, Frankton

- An enjoyable evening of bowling, cards, offers a catch-up on what's been happening
- No charge, with supper provided

### 1ST OF AUGUST:

This year about 120 members and friends met together at the Eureka Hall to celebrate Switzerland's National Day. Members and friends walked into a beautifully decorated hall with posters, lampions, balloons, placemats and flowers. Thanks must go to Heidi and Heinz Leuenberger for the Swiss Balloons and to Doris and Peter who provided the beautiful Appenzeller Placemats - a special treat indeed!

The evening started with a variety of enjoyable dance music provided by the Jay Es Band. A group of club members and committee performed two traditional dances which was greatly appreciated. Walter Risi provided further entertainment by demonstrating his new skill in flag throwing which was a special treat - we hope to see Walter performing at more of our functions!

Members and friends then stood to sing our national anthem accompanied by the Jay Es Band. The evening progressed on smoothly with the meal, cakes and coffee and more dancing to the early hours of Sunday morning. Thanks must go to those that helped prepare the delicious meal as well as the helpers in setting up and cleaning up the hall.

We hope to see you all at the Fondue Evening for another great night's entertainment and fun. **E.C.**

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## SUMMARY OF MEDAL WINNERS FOR 1993

(Report from John Unternährer)

The following is the list of this year's medal winners.

Be sure you attend the Fondue evening to pick-up your medal.

### Kegeln:

H. Leuenberger, P. Rust, R. Mc Gowan, J. Stäheli, J. Acherman, H. Stäheli, J. Kennel, F. Haesli, B. Leuenberger, P. Stäheli, R. Rufer, J. Unternährer, H. Leuenberger, A. Bösch, M. Tellenbach, M. Poppe, W. Stäheli, H. Burch, M. Arnold, N. Brunner,

### Jassen:

W. Steiner, W. Fässler, D. Warth, E. Rust, R. Blättler, H. Schicker, G. Rust, T. Kennel, L. Steiner, T. Rust, A. Baggenstoss, E. Studer, W. Krenz, J. Flühler, Shooting: R. Rufer, P. Rust, I. Alpiger, W. Zuber, B. Flühler, W. Unternährer,

### Steinstossen (men):

F. Morgentaler, N. Brunner, P. Rust,

### Steinstossen (women):

B. Mc Gowan, I. Tellenbach, N. Bösch, This year we were fortunate and had extra prizes donated for the overall winners. For this a special thank-you must go to Wolfgang Krenz who persuaded his boss from Elders Real Estate, Matamata to donate a case of wine, and to Agnes Gamperle who made a tapestry cushion, which was donated as another prize.

This made a combined total of 14 prizes which were won by:

Name:	Points:	Place:
M. Schefer	20124	1
P. Gillon	20085	2
B. Flühler	20072	3
T. Fitz	20030	4
L. Steiner	20026	5
K. Waldvogel	19827	6
W. Unternährer	19801	7
J. Kennel	19747	8
M. Hayward	19644	9
A. Baggenstoss	19543	10
A. Forsythe	19543	10
H. Leuenberger	19420	12
O. Reichmuth	19324	13
E. Bolli	19322	14

### Hamilton Jass Evening Final Results

After completion of the final three Jass evenings, the first eight places at each evening are as follows:

Forth evening, 12.6.1993	Total:
1. M. Schwitzer	4213
2. T. Fitz	4113
3. M. Hayward	4097
4. O. Reichmuth	4071
5. K. Waldvogel	4068
6. M. Rust	4053
7. M. Schefer	3986
8. H. Schicker	3979
8. R. Wehrle	3979

Fifth evening, 26.6.1993	Total:
1. H. Stäheli	4363
2. J. Meyer	4205
3. M. Schefer	4201
4. B. Rufer	4135
5. E. Bösch	4116
6. J. Kennel	4112
7. A. Imlig	4054
8. R. Rufer	3998

Sixth evening, 10.7.1993	Total:
1. A. Baggenstoss	4287
2. A. Werder	4166
3. T. Fitz	4135
4. J. Kennel	4083
5. H. Leuenberger	4041
6. U. Elmiger	4014
7. M. Schefer	4008
8. W. Unternährer	3995

## TARANAKI SWISS CLUB

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

**September 19th.** Shooting starts again at 1 pm at the Clubhouse

**October 17th.** Trudi OH-Belt Shoot at 1 pm (Handicap Shoot)

**November 21st.** Championship and Ted Napflin Shield at 1 pm.

**Kegeln starts again in September.**

### ANNIVERSARY-SHOOT 1993

On Sunday the 4th July we held our Anniversary-Shoot.

We had perfect weather conditions and therefore we had a good attendance.

I believe, everyone enjoyed the friendly competition and the lovely meal afterwards (Rippli and Sauerkraut).

After the delicious meal was over, some people tried their luck on the Spinning-Wheel, which offered a good variety of prizes to be won.

Some had better luck than others, but it was all for a good cause.

Later on we danced the night away until we settled down for our late-night-supper.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came along, for their support. A special thank you to all the helpers, the musicians and all the people who donated in any way. I do not mention any names this year, in case I leave someone out! Thank's one and all. **W.S.**

### RESULTS FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIP-SHOOT (MEN)

#### President-Challenge-Cup:

Winner: E. Fueglistaller (150)  
Runners-up: L. Nolly & P. Canziani (142)

#### Self-Handicap-Challenge-Cup:

Winner: H. Mathys (150)  
Runners-up: S. Kiser, P. Canziani & E. Kiser (148)

#### The Kiser-Cup (B-Grade):

Winner: S. Kiser (148 + 140)  
Runners-up: E. Kiser (148 + 137)

#### The Fueglistaller-Trophy (C-Grade):

Winner: D. Kull (136 + 110)

### JUNIOR: MOST IMPROVED SHOOTER!

#### The Junior-Cup:

Winner: R. Kull (140 + 129)  
Runner-up: D. Kull (136 + 110)

### RESULTS FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIP-SHOOT (LADIES)

#### Ashleigh-Lodge-Cup (Ladies-President-Shoot):

Winner: M. Canziani (139)  
Runner-up: R. Mathys (131)

#### Engelberger-Memorial-Cup (Ladies Self-Handicap-Shoot):

Winner: R. Mathys (149)  
Runners-up: M. Canziani & A. Kiser (145)

This concludes the Shooting report for this year. I hope to see you all again on the 20th September 1993, when we start the

next season's Championship-Shoot.

Congratulations to all the winners and many thanks to everyone who supported the Smallbore-Club throughout the season.

**Riflemaster, Smallbore: W. Seifert**  
**Ph. 762-8559, Midhirst**

### OBITUARY

Martin Joseph Steiner who passed away on Dec 21 in his 84th year. Farmed at Manaia for 10 years, worked in the Kaponga Dairy Factory for 5 years before buying his own farm at Normanby where he stayed for 25 years before moving to New Plymouth 27 years ago where he worked on the country for several years before retiring. Martin was a very capable president of our own Taranaki Swiss Club from 1964-69. To his wife Mary of 57 years, their two married sons, we offer our sympathy in the passing of this wonderful Husband, Father and Grandfather. May he rest in peace. **L.K.**

## WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

### COMING EVENTS

**4 Sept. Society Jass Competition**  
7pm at the clubhouse. (Please note earlier starting time). Supper available for a small charge.

**25 Sept. Surprise Dinner**  
Bring your friends along and treat yourself to a night out with music for all tastes and ages, good company and fine food.

**Where:** Flamingo Cabaret, 25-27 Hutt Rd. Thorndon, Wellington

**Costs:** \$ 24.00 per person, please note, the Flamingo is fully licensed and we buy our drinks there.

**When:** Saturday. 25 September at 7.30 pm

Please book with Ruth Messmer. Phone her on 388 6249 not later than 17.9.93.

**16 Oct. Take your family Tenpin bowling**  
We meet at 7pm at the Strikeline Tenpin Bowling Centre, 35 Kenepuru Drive Porirua.

Please ring Christine by 5 October and let her know how many people would like to take part. Phone 232-6139

**6 Nov. Club evening**

### WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB GOES ON A SEAL WATCH

During winter Wellington's coasts turn into a holiday resort for native fur seals. The seals migrate from the Southern Ocean and subantarctic rookeries and can be found by the hundreds from May onwards on the rocks at Sinclair Head near Red Rocks, Cap Terawhiti, Tonque Point, Turakirae Heads and Cape Palliser. Some seals migrate as far as Three King



Island, north of Auckland, but Wellington has some of the most populated wintering areas in New Zealand.

A strong and vigorous walking group took the last Sunday in June to visit such a seal colony on the Turakirae Heads on the Wainuiomata coast. In 45 Minutes we reached the seals, the sight was tremendous and well worth the battle against the northerly wind. Some scarred and exhausted bulls were laying lazily around, the younger generation could be seen dancing in the huge waves of the ocean. We could even observe a few pups trying out their independence, which will help them survive the long swim back to the south in September. We found the seals to be placid and composed creatures, but we made a point of keeping a distance so they wouldn't feel threatened. During the 18th century fur seals were hunted to near extinction, it is only since the 1950s that populations have returned to normal. We are indeed lucky to be able to admire these delightful animals in such close proximity. It was a remarkable walking tour and a superior lesson in natural history. **MBG**

### EVEN THE "WELSCHSCHWEIZER" LIKED IT

As all Swiss citizens know, the Fondue originally comes from the French-speaking part of Switzerland and not from France (Haute Savoie) or the North of Italy (Val d'Aosta) as I have heard from some confused people...

Therefore being the only "Suisse Romand" present at the fondue evening (it is not a bad average taking into account that we number only 6 in the whole Wellington region!) I was especially amazed and surprised how good the Fondue was. Yes, I have honestly to admit that although it was prepared by Swiss Germans, this was the best I have had since I have lived abroad!

Congratulations to Monika and all the people who helped her.

After this delicious meal, the President, Walter, welcomed some German guests (among them the President of the German Club in Wellington), gave a brief talk about what happened during the AGM in Hamilton and gave the result of the last votation in Switzerland. Some were thrilled with the result, some not at all (guess on which side the "Welschschweizer" was?). Then came the raffle. Some were too lucky, winning two prizes while others, as always seems to be the case, won nothing. I was particularly pleased to see how many young people were present during this enjoyable evening. I really hope those people will come again. Swiss Clubs, not only in New Zealand, need some young blood to continue and to perpetuate our traditions. It was clear to me during the evening and in comparison with other Swiss Clubs I have been to, the one in Wellington is thriving! **Francois**

## MIDWINTER WALK

Sunday, the 25th July was a fine and glorious day, not a cloud in sight. The sky was an intense blue, the sun was warm and invited us to our organised hike. What luck and chance in the middle of the winter! Our goal was to do the Eastern Walkway, a track which extends along the southern end of the Miramar Peninsula from the Pass of Branda to Tarakena Bay.

Eleven eager and lively members climbed the trail to the Beacon Hill. One lucky girl, Sonya, 18 months, got carried all the way by her plucky and resilient father Murray. From the Beacon Hill Lookout we enjoyed contrasting views - Cook Strait, Baring and Pencarrow Heads in one direction, the eastern suburbs, airport, Evans and Lyall Bays in the other. We learnt that the Beacon Hill Signal Station has been in operation since 1864 and played its part in the shipwreck disasters of the Devon, Wanganella and Wahine.

The geological formation of the Miramar peninsula, coupled with the diverse local history (from our path we could see terraces and ditches, which were ancient pa sites) gave the area added interest. What now exists as a peninsula was a separate island named Motu-Kairangi by early Maori. The island was isolated from the main land mass by a shallow channel. In 1460 a severe earthquake raised the island to form the peninsula. Another earthquake in 1855 caused a second uplift which created the peninsula we see today.

Finally we arrived at our lunch destination, the Atatürk Memorial Historic Reserve. The Memorial commemorates Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, defender of Gallipoli and first president of modern Turkey. Beneath the memorial is a container of soil from Anzac Cove, Gallipoli. Before we descended to Tarakena Bay we admired once more the exquisite view: the South Island and the snow covered Kaikoura Ranges.

A 20 minute walk along the quaint and whimsical houses of Breaker Bay brought us back to our cars. We all felt the same: Wellington must be the most interesting and appealing city in the universe and that we wouldn't, for all the money in the world, live anywhere else.

This was a lovely Sunday, spent in good company. The 2 hour walk was easily managed by everybody and could be recommended to everyone, young and old. **MBG**



*Walter Hartman, Lina Sutherland and Vreni Madgwick overlooking the Eastern Suburbs.*

A reminder to all members and friends who enjoy walking: We meet every last Sunday a month at 10am. The walks last 3-4 hours, including time for a pic-nic lunch. The walks are easy and suitable for all ages. For more info. phone Maya on 479-7503.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Hans Glauser** who won the Fritz Adams Cup competition!

We read the happy news that Margot Pfister and Greg Ross have announced their engagement!

## NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

80 members and friends gathered at the club house to celebrate Switzerland's birthday.

On arrival a glass of Glühwein warmed

us up and we were ready for a long and enjoyable evening. Many thanks to all the helpers who made this evening a memorable one. A special thank you to Karl Signer who prepared the delicious buffet dinner and also to the Swiss Choir for their entertainment.

## 1ST OF AUGUST BONFIRE AT PETONE BEACH

It is always amazing to celebrate the Swiss National Day in the middle of the winter! This year the day fell on a Sunday,