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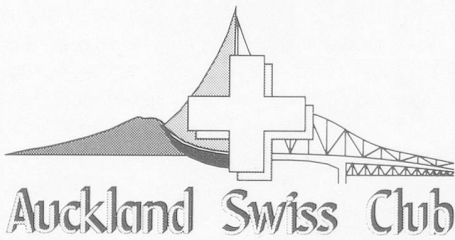
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Auckland Swiss Club

AGM SWISS SOCIETY

The Auckland club delegation had an uneventful but pleasant trip to Wellington. We thank the Wellingtonians very much for their hospitality and we look forward to see them next year. The meeting was over in 25 minutes. One of the meetings item was the subscription fee for the Helvetia magazine which stands again at \$25.00 per year.

Peter Schüpbach

JASSEN 16TH JUNE

Results: **1.** Paul Steinemann, 3717 points; **2.** Syd Melville, 3520 points; **3.** Kurt Leutenegger, 3451 points. Congratulations. Hans Fitzi sponsored a Salami as first prize and Erwin Knechtle a box of chocolate as second prize. Thank you sponsors as well. Hans Iten is off to a holiday in Switzerland for a few weeks and during that time Toni Manser is running the show. See you again on 21. July at Oskis place.

DATES 1995

21 July Jassabend
29 July Swiss National Day

18 Aug Jassabend
22 Sept Jassabend
23 Sept Fondue
28 Oct Fastnacht
21/22 Nov Working Bee
Dec 3 Samichlaus
Feb 11 Picnic
March Society Shooting
Society Jassen
May AGM
June AGM Swiss Society

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EHRUNG FÜR WOLFGANG LEONHARDT

Im Juli wird Herrn Wolfgang Leonhardt das Bundesverdienstkreuz für ausser-ordentliche Leistungen für die deutsche Gemeinschaft in Neuseeland verliehen.

Herzlichen Glückwunsch Wolfgang, und auch vom Schweizer Club herzlichen dank.

*Mancher findet nur
darum ein Haar in jeder
Suppe, weil er das Haupt
schüttelt, solange er isst.*

Friedrich Hebbel, 18. März 1813

INVITATION

SWISS NATIONAL DAY

Saturday, 29 July 1995

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Welcome to this month's news from your Christchurch Swiss Club. For any suggestions, comments or contributions, please contact your Secretary of the Chch Swiss Club, Jürg Hönger, 58 Hackthorne Rd. Christchurch 2, Phone (03) 332 6211.

PROGRAMME

Here is the new year's programme. Make a note in your diary of the events you fancy going to right now. We will provide more details on the events planned closer to their respective dates.

Friday 28 July: 7.30pm. Swiss National Day Celebration at the 'Old Stone House', Shalamar Drive, Cashmere. See below for details.

Sat. 19 August: 7.30pm Jass and games evening at Gwynneth and Werner Schibli's place, 72 Hawford St. Christchurch (Ph 332 5525) B.Y.O. drinks and a plate for supper to share.

Sun. 1 October: Walk and Picnic on the Port Hills. We meet at Victoria Park at **11.30am**. B.Y.O. picnic food and afternoon tea.

Sun. 19 November: Walk and early barbecue tea (from approx. 4pm) at Johanna and Peter Cunningham's bach at 57a Andersons Rd. Charteris Bay. Let's get to Johanna and Peter's place by about midday, so we can have a bit of a stroll before the barbecue!

Sun. 3 December: 2pm. Christmas/Samichlaus party, at Othmar and Noeline Kennel's place, Sutherlands Rd. Christchurch.

Weekend, 10/11 February 1996: A weekend at Mt Somers (Mid Canterbury). You can either stay at the camping ground or book a chalet at the "Stronechrubie" (Country-Restaurant and Chalets). This place is apparently run by some Swiss people, Christine and Robert Koller, and is well known for

its delicious "European-style" meals. The area features a range of excellent walks and some spectacular scenery!

Sun. 24 March: Another one of these so very successful and enjoyable wine trials!

Mon. 6 May: 7.30pm Chch Swiss Club AGM.

SNIPPETS

Your secretary can now also be reached via the "Information Super-High-way" (I hate this term!) - the *Internet*. So for all you computer freaks out there (are there any Swiss ones?) drop me a note, an interesting article, some nice photos or whatever for the next *Helvetia* on jurgh@teleng1.tait.co.nz, or on CompuServe 100035,2177.

SWISS NATIONAL DAY

We invite all members and friends to our very special 1. August Celebration at the "Old Stone House", Shalamar Drive, Cashmere, Christchurch 2. This year we will celebrate our National Day on **Friday, 28 July 1995**, starting at **7.30pm** with an aperitif.

As in past years, this evening promises to be an exciting and cosy occasion to meet other Swiss and friends over a lovely dinner, a glass of "Glüh Wein", fireworks for all kids big and small, and much more.

Don't miss out! Get your ticket(s) at the earliest opportunity, as places are definitely limited. For bookings and tickets contact **Matthias DAMM, c/- HAMCO Ltd. (P.O.Box 1803), 162 Tuam St. Christchurch**, before 15 July 1995. You can ring him at work to reserved - **phone 366 3667** - but you need to collect and pay for your tickets for the booking to be accepted.

Please bring any tapes or CD's you may have of your favourite Swiss Dancing Music!

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the National Day Celebration. Please mark your diary and organise those tickets promptly. See you there.

Regards, Jürg Hönger.

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The Hamilton Swiss Club held a Special General Meeting on **Thursday, 18th May 1995**, to determine whether the club should purchase land and building in Putaruru for use as a clubhouse. 22 members attended the meeting as well as having received many postal votes. A total of **81 votes** were received with 17 favouring the option of purchasing a clubhouse, and 64 against. Therefore, the outcome of the Special General Meeting was that the club would not purchase the land and building in Putaruru. Thanks was given at the meeting for all the work

undertaken by the subcommittee who thoroughly prepared the proposal for the purchase of the land and building in Putaruru.

The committee would also like to thank all those members who took the time and effort to respond to the clubhouse proposal.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Card Evenings:

Sat. 8 July 1995, 7.30pm, Eureka Hall

Sat. 22 July 1995, 7.30 pm, Tirau Memorial Hall

1st of August: 5 August 1995, 8pm, Tirau Memorial Hall

Fondue Evening: 30 September 1995, 8pm, Eureka Hall *Erika Clarkin*

CLUBHOUSE QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

We had an excellent response to our recent questionnaire/newsletter regarding the possible purchase of land and a hall for a clubhouse. I would like to thank everyone who took the time to vote either by mail or attend the special meeting. The result was 64 against, 17 for. A lot of people felt the location was wrong and also there were concerns that the club had inadequate funds.

Many thanks to those who went to view the property and looked into the feasibility of a clubhouse. *Doris Rust.*

HAMILTON WINS THE COWBELL

Queens Birthday Weekend, and nearly twenty members of the Hamilton Swiss Club descended upon Wellington to attend the AGM and win back the Cowbell. The weather was against us and with the Desert Road closed for the first time for the season, most members were forced to make long detours, some arriving quite late on Saturday evening.

Rather than venture into Wellington at its worst (southerly gales and freezing cold rain) and not knowing of any other plans, we decided to stay at the Aotea Lodge for a meal and this proved to be an excellent choice. For a very reasonable price we sat down to a lovely three course meal together. Not having to drive meant everyone could eat, drink and be merry and that is

exactly what happened. We finally adjourned to a unit to continue the festivities, have a few rounds of Jass and, for the very keen, watch the rugby.

Maybe it was lack of sleep resulting from four games of rugby overnight, but whatever the reason, the next day started somewhat disastrously. Seven cars proceeded in convoy along the motorway, past a speed camera, into Johnsonville and made a short detour to the nearest BP service station for Herbert to "tank-up". Unfortunately, a vehicle resembling the Staheli "Rocky" chose the same time to leave the station, heading towards Khandallah, followed in hot pursuit by more than half of our contingent!

To cut a long story short, four of our cars (led by John and Bill) took the "scenic route" to Ohariu Valley via the narrow winding roads of the Khandallah Hills! We were just about to send out a search party when the "tourists" found their own way to the clubhouse, and the competitions finally commenced.

Our Jass players were ushered into the warmth of the house to begin immediately. Fortunately the "tiki-tour" had not spoilt their concentration and they won by five games to three.

The shot-putters were trying to avoid the heavier of the showers outside and the Hamilton strong-men won convincingly. In the meantime, the Kegelbahn was warming up as everyone took their turn, both teams slow to adjust to the unfamiliar alley. It was a close contest, with Hamilton being only three points ahead right up until the final bowler. However, in the end the pressure was too much for them and after three years of being runner-up, we have finally won the cowbell!!

Thank you Taranaki for a great competition.

Lunch of hot soup, sausages and fresh breadrolls was welcome and the AGM blessedly short and sweet.

Next on the agenda was a farewell to Peter and Dagmar Graf, and everyone was moved by the lovely words of farewell and thank you spoken by Maya Beddie-Geiser (dressed in Maori costume). Peter and Dagmar were presented with an especially made Maori Cloak and Head Scarf, after which Peter invited everyone to share in some good Swiss-made Kiwi wine and nibbles.

The free wine proved too much for a certain member of our club (who shall remain nameless) and his over-indulgence meant he was in no fit state to join us for a lovely smorgasbord dinner at the Swiss Chalet later in the evening.

On behalf of the Hamilton Swiss Club, I would like to thank Wellington for a most enjoyable weekend. *Anna Rufer.*

PRIZE WINNERS FOR HAMILTON'S FIRST 3 CARD EVENINGS

13-5-95 Eureka (Total 54 players)

1	Karl Waldvogel	4174 Points
2	Robert Frischknecht	4170
3	Max Nussberger	4165
4	Roland Rufer	4116
5	Walter Untermährer	4048
6	Theresa Fitz	3996

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7	Margaret Hayward	3966
8	Angus Forsythe	3963

27-5-95 Tirau (Total 52 players)

1	Emil Bosch	4196 Points
2	Uli Elmiger	4181
3	Joseph Arnold	4140
4	S. Odermatt	4100
5	Hilda Schicker	4094
6	Margaret Hayward	4069
7	Aaron Bosch	4048
8	Theresa Fitz	4043

10-6-95 Eureka (Total 60 players)

1	Hana Frischknecht	4255 Points
2	Richard Wehrle	4193
3	Emil Bosch	4163
4	Angus Forsythe	4147
5	Joseph Arnold	4093
6	Jack Dunner	4057
7	Beatrice Leuenberger	4052
	Uli Elmiger	4052

THANK-YOU TO AUCKLAND SHOOTING CLUB

On behalf of all the Hamilton Club Members who attended the Hamilton Shoot Day at the Swiss Farm in Kaukapakapa, I would like to express our appreciation to all the Auckland Club Members who turned out in the rain to assist us in our sport.

Unfortunately, the weather being what it was, we did not get quite the numbers that we expected to attend. Even so, those who did attend enjoyed excellent hospitality and took the chance to catch up with old friends and make a few new friends as well. Once again, thank you for an enjoyable day. We all look forward to meeting up again next year.

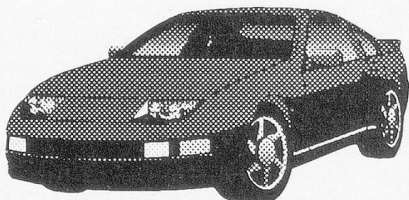
*John Unternährer,
Hamilton Rifle Master.*

TARANAKI SWISS CLUB

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Kegel Club: R. Benkert.

Committee: M. Kiser, J. Hermann, W. Seifert, M. Benkert

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

2nd July - Anniversary/Championship shoot starting at 11.00am

9th July - Cards at 1.15pm

23rd July - Cards at 1.15pm

29th July - National Day Celebrations - All members will be contacted.

FONDUE EVENING

This evening was held on May 13, and as usual proved very popular, with approximately one hundred people in attendance. Due to varying tastes, people could choose between cheese fondue or cervela with potato and carrot salad. Several people enjoyed a taste of both!!! A delicious meal, which, without a hand from so many willing helpers, would not have been possible. Grateful thanks to you all.

Many people were busy chatting and all were appreciative of the lovely music provided by Marie, Leo and Zeno. Several enjoyed dancing and Rudi managed to get a few to join in a Monte Carlo, which was won by John and Bertha Kuriger. Children were busy, the little ones with colouring in and the bigger ones with a game of marbles. They were also joined by "bigger kids"! Congratulations, you were all well behaved. A raffle was held with Walter, our president, winning a grocery parcel, Frieda Hospenthal and Alf Kalin each won a salami, and Sepp Kiser a box of chocolates. Once again we thank all of you who supported this evening, and it was a pleasure to see a few new faces.

TO THE AGM IN WELLINGTON

Our annual bus trip to the Annual Meeting started in Midhirst, among the snow flakes at our president's house. On our way to Hawera, we stopped to pick up our twenty-four fellow travellers. After a short stop in Wanganui, we had lunch in Foxton. We made a short stop in Levin to invest some money in Lotto, then on to the Manor Inn in Johnsonville. The very organised Walter had rooms allocated to everyone. Only two hitches: the five guys had to share three single beds and a double bed!!! (fortunately we later found a spare mattress in another room) and sec-

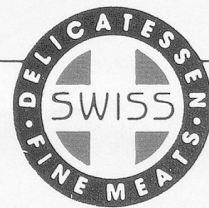
only Margrit had to travel upstairs to bed (although she did very well!!!).

After a short rest (for some) everyone went to the Johnsonville Club for a delicious meal at very reasonable rates, with even the wine included. From there we went to the Wellington Club House (sorry we were late Maya) for a great night's entertainment. Lots of games with most people participating...many thanks to Maya and her helpers, you did a wonderful job. Taranaki beat Wellington passing the orange (about the only thing we won all weekend), Emmi and Myrtha won against Sepp and Bruno in the mat making competition (although we were greatly surprised at the men's artistic ability) and we all laughed watching the blindfolded Mark and Myrtha passing cotton wool with a teaspoon from one bowl to another. Mark only being successful with the last spoonful. We then had a delicious supper and returned to our lodgings. Even Walter had to turn in early as he was left drinking Kaffee Schnaps alone!! During the night our entire unit was awoken with someone sleep talking (we believe Walter was very nervous about having to make a speech the next day!!!).

We left for the Club House again on Sunday morning to try and retain our dearly beloved Cowbell. Our shooters had already won, so it was up to the other three competitions...Jassen, Stein-stossen and Kegel.

Well...what can I say... the men must have left their muscles at home or they were daunted by the youthful look of the Hamiltonians. Score: one each. Next, the Jassen was finished and our ladies returned with tears in their eyes (they pride themselves as they haven't lost for years). I think Heidi and Maya practiced too much and then couldn't win a game when it counted. Maybe time for a change next year. Score: 2-1 to Hamilton.

Our last chance was the Kegel. Well... Markus tried his very best and



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top scored, but the rest of us?? Well...we had one more hope...Mathias... but I really believe his nerves got to him, and so Hamilton won this competition too! Score: 3-1.

Sadly we had to relinquish the treasured bell. However, congratulations Hamilton, you are worthy winners and we all enjoyed the happy, competitive spirit in which these games were contested. A tasty lunch was welcome by all, and it was great to see all the clubs intermingling.

At 2pm the AGM started and to everyone's surprise, finished at 2.45pm. A very well-conducted meeting, Hans. Thereafter drinks were offered firstly by the Wellington Swiss Club and secondly by Peter Graf (Consul at the Swiss Embassy who is leaving for Teheran). Many Thanks to both, it was thoroughly enjoyable. A great time to chat or have yet another game of cards. Talking of



1. Members of the Taranaki Swiss Club at the end of the Cable Car ride.



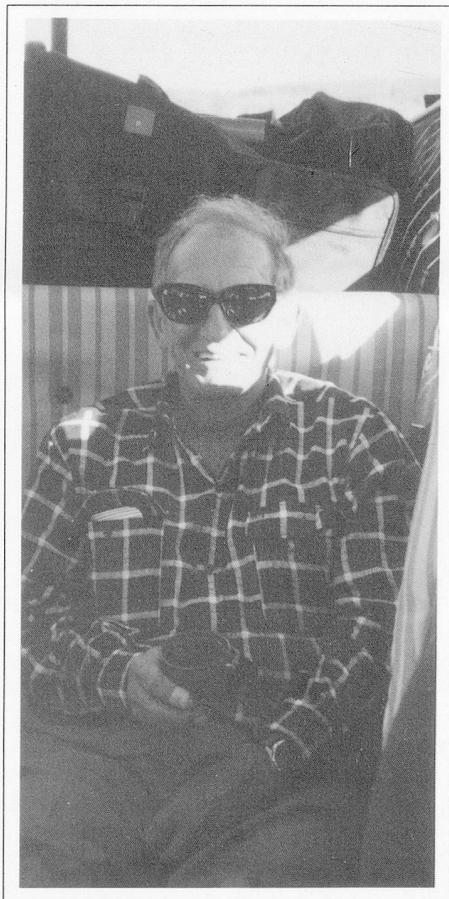
2. Lou, our lolly man



4. Two happy picnickers, Mathias and Myrtha

cards, one Hamiltonian was so happy at having won the Jassen in the afternoon, we never saw him for tea!!! Great day, eh Bill. I believe the drive from Ohariu Valley didn't agree with you. Or was it John's driving???

From there we went merrily to the Swiss Chalet where a delicious meal was had by all. I hear that Holdi accidentally fell off his chair and ended up at a lady's feet... just under her skirt! And that was without much alcohol. I understand, that night, Regi woke him as he had a nightmare. Peter, it was a great pleasure to listen to your playing... you are certainly a very talented person.



3. Holdi, happy amongst old bags!

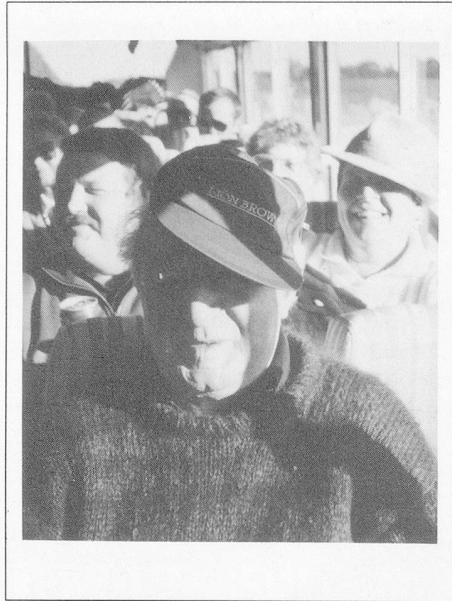
The following day, we drove around the beautiful Wellington bays, accompanied by Maya and Franz. We went with the Cable Car, then were invited by Ruth Messmer for coffee. What a beautiful home, wonderful scenery and a lovely garden. Many, many thanks, Ruth, for your generous hospitality and Maya and Franz for your company.

We then headed north, having salami, cheese, bread etc for lunch at a rest area. Many thanks to the contributors. A stop of one hour in Wanganui at K-Mart was enjoyed, and there we realised that the \$3 million Lotto ticket wasn't ours...

Many thanks to the Wellington Swiss Club for their hospitality. We thoroughly enjoyed our weekend amongst Swiss friends from other clubs. A special thanks to those from Taranaki who ventured south and helped make the weekend so enjoyable. MB



Dagmar (already dressed up for Teheran) and Peter Graf with ancient Maori Maiden.



5. The sun was a bit bright for some on Monday!

WELINGTON SWISS CLUB

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

July 15: 7pm Club Evening: Jass, Workshop and other games. Why not try the Differenzler, the Frauenjass or the Guggitaler? Please bring a plate for supper, tea and coffee will be provided.

July 29: National Day Celebration 7pm at the Club house, Ohariu Valley. There will be mulled wine to start the evening with, followed by a buffet. Members \$22.00, non-members \$25.00. B.Y.O. Please let Walter Hartmann know that you're coming by **23rd July on 236 6754** or leave a message.

August 1: Bonfire at Petone Beach 6pm. We will meet at the children's playground on the eastern side of Petone Beach, opposite the toilets on McEwan park. Hot drinks, cold drinks for children. Sausages and breadrolls will be provided. Lampions for the chil-

dren are available. If the weather is doubtful, phone Maya on 478 2324.

August 26: Club Evening. Kegeln and Jassen 7pm. Please bring a plate for supper. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Rosemarie McKinney, Secretary.

REMINDER: The subscriptions for 95/96 are due now: *Couple \$45.00, Single \$35.00* (this includes the subs for the Society and Helvetia Magazine of \$25.00).

Please make out your cheque to: *Treasurer Wellington Swiss Club* and send it to Ruth Messmer, 15 Fortification Rd. Seatoun, Wellington. Thank you.

ACTIVITY REPORT

The Wellington Swiss Club has been quite busy in the last few weeks, even in the middle of winter storms. Our last walk took us to the Butterfly Creek, an

attractive valley above the village of Eastbourne. The drizzle didn't stop the participants to enjoy the atmosphere, mood and smell of the native bush. On our way home, we dropped in at Trudie Bruehlmann's and got thoroughly spoilt with home-made cakes and coffee.

Then finally the long awaited Queens Birthday weekend arrived and with it the AGM of the Swiss Society. This time we Wellingtonians didn't have to travel far...

The fun started on Saturday night with colourful and joyful interactions between all the members of the different clubs. It was great to see all our friends from Taranaki and Auckland in action. The Taranaki and Hamilton Clubs arrived early on Sunday morning and the battle began for the distinguished "Cowbell". The fight was long and hard and guess who the winner was? Hamilton! Congratulations from



A serious Jass Team: Hans Fitz, Christine Hughes, Ian Gordon, Peter Schüpbach and Carmen Gordon.

all of us! Well deserved. The next competitions will take place on Queens Birthday 1996 in Auckland.

The AGM started in the afternoon and was very skilfully conducted by the Chairman, Hans Fitz. Quickly it was decided to increase the number of the Helvetia magazines to 10 per year and the subscription to \$25.00 per year per family or per single member. The AGM was concluded after a record speed of 30 minutes and the happy hour started in earnest. Peter and Monique Canciani prepared a ravishing afternoon tea, which was donated by Peter Graf. Many bottles of Swiss wine were opened and we saluted our cultural attaché Peter and his wife Dagmar, who was leaving our shores to take up a new position in

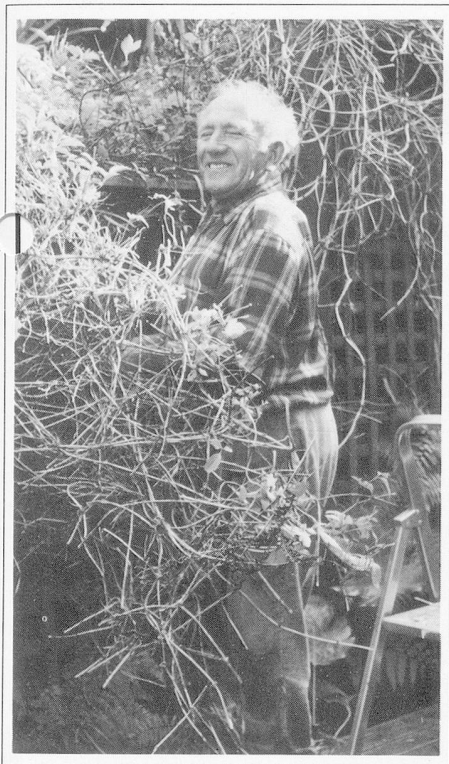
Teheran. An ancient Maori maiden gave then an address in the name of the Wellington Swiss Club, expressing the thanks and gratitude of the region for Peter's Enthusiasm and Engagement in the last four and a half years. We wish them both well in their new adventure and professional development. We will miss them!

The celebrations continued. Nearly seventy of us visited the Swiss Chalet in Newtown and sampled the different Swiss specialities. We loved the company and the music... And as parting is hard we decided to show our Taranaki friends a little bit more of the most wonderful city in the world: up the cable car we went, passed Massey Memorial, sited Mt. Crawford prison and a

mussel farm in one of the bays. In the Casa Ronco, Ruth Messmer had then a delicious morning tea prepared and everyone enjoyed the commanding view and the games played by an adventurous sea lion. After a final good-bye kiss, it was then au revoir until next year!

P.S. Another important news item from the Wellington Swiss Club is that we will soon have an Octogenarian amongst us: our friend Franz Rempfler is turning 80 years old on the 7th of August. Shortly Franz is leaving for a 4 month holiday in Switzerland. So from all of us: happy birthday dear Franz, have a great time amongst your friends and family in Switzerland.

MBG



Franz Rempfler is turning 80 shortly. We love him because he helps us with our gardens and teaches us Tai Chi.

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The "Bishop of Taranaki", Walter Seifert, surrounded by his choir.



Audrey, Shirley, Thomas and Raymond Hynes enjoying afternoon tea at Trudie Bruehlmann.

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