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## Club News | Clubnachrichten

# Hamilton Swiss Club

### PAST EVENTS

The Swiss Society AGM was held in Hamilton on Saturday 11th July at 1pm. At the time of planning we thought we might only be able to have 10 people and have to 'Zoom' in the various clubs from around the country, but luckily things relaxed and we ended up having over 30 people attend. We were very happy to host Ambassador Michael Winzap for this occasion and were fortunate to put on a lovely winter's weekend to show him what Hamilton has to offer.

The Hamilton AGM followed the Society AGM with an attendance of 19 people. Apologies to those members who missed out. Due to Covid-19 restrictions at the time of planning we were only able to notify some members via the committee. We received resignations from Vitus and

Hanspeter who had each served about 20 years on the committee. We now welcome Pia and George Russenberger to our committee and look forward to their participation and outlook from a slightly younger perspective.

Our fondue evening was planned for September 26, but at our recent committee meeting it was agreed that it would not be wise for us to organise a function while level 2 restrictions were in place. We are now planning to hold a lunchtime function on Sunday October 18 instead. Members have been sent a newsletter with further details.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### OCTOBER

**18: Medal/trophy presentation,** lunchtime function. Members will be sent further info.

**30: (to Nov1): Hiking Weekend** in Rotorua. We have booked the All Seasons Lodge at Hannah's Bay for a weekend of walks in the Rotorua vicinity – particularly suitable for families and varied abilities. Accommodation is \$35 per person/per

night in lodge-style bunk rooms. We will plan for communal meals (as done on previous hiking events) at minimal shared cost. We hope other members will join us for this weekend – there will be the option for members to join us for the day only and come on some of the walks. Contact Herbert 021 962 708 or Anita 027 495 170, email [anita.zuber@swiss.org.nz](mailto:anita.zuber@swiss.org.nz) if you need more information or would like to book – limited numbers.

#### DECEMBER

**6: Family Christmas Party** from 11am. Children will be able to decorate biscuits and do Christmas crafts, as well as enjoy the lovely adventure playground. Santa will visit on the day and have gifts for the younger children. BBQ lunch, raffles and lots of time for socialising for all ages.

Please keep updating us with your email addresses. In these times of constant change, it would be great if we can contact our members at short notice. *PS: We have a Kegelbahn for sale. Contact Herbert for information, 021 962 708.*

## We remember | Todesanzeige

### Arthur Adelrich Schuler 21.11.1928 – 04.03.2020

Arthur was born in Te Aroha to Marta and Alouis Schuler who were farming in Litchfield, Tokoroa.

Arthur married Marta Nyffeler in October 1959 and together had six children – Heidi, Charmaine, Peter, Michelle, Ruedi and Grant. He spent many years working as a fencing contractor until finally settling in Te Teko in 1974, where he and Marta established White Cross Orchard, which became an iconic business in the Whakatane district. Arthur and Marta grew a large range of beautiful fresh fruit and vegetables which they sold through their roadside store. Arthur will be remembered for propagating and growing the delicious prunes which were supplied to Swiss Clubs throughout New Zealand for many years. He was deeply

passionate about Switzerland and everything it stood for, visiting many times as a young man, before settling down and marrying. Later in life, after 'retirement', he worked as a conductor on the Rigi Bahn in Vitznau during the summer seasons. His other passions were hunting, fishing off the beach and he was also an excellent beekeeper.

Arthur's passing leaves a deep void in the hearts and lives of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and will be forever loved and missed by all who loved him.



## We remember | Todesanzeige

### Lydia Lenggenhager-Spahn 17.11.1934 – 29.05.2020

Lydia was the oldest of six children. She grew up in Reutlingen, just outside of Oberwinterthur. Her parents had a small farm. Besides farming, her father also cared for the local forest for the council and was a beekeeper. Being the oldest she was kept busy looking after her siblings and helping in the household.

At age 18, Lydia went to Denmark with a friend, where she made her first acquaintance with Jakob Lenggenhager. In 1959 Lydia and Jakob married and lived in Dinhard; together farming on the family farm.

In 1967, having been blessed with three children, Christine, Markus and Kathy, they decided to look elsewhere for a better life. They considered Canada, but after Jakob read an article about New Zealand, they made contact with the embassy, and secured a dairy farm job near Stratford. On July 20, 1967, the family landed in New Zealand. Due to the Gulf War,

the Suez Canal was closed so they were without furniture when they first arrived. After working for a year in Stratford, they moved to Matangi; then two years later they were then able to purchase a farm in Tirau, where they stayed for the next 31 years.

As well as working together on the farm, Lydia also had a large vegetable garden, and sewed and knitted many of their clothes. Lydia was involved in many groups including a ladies choir, knitting group, the Centennial Drive Group, maintaining and planting the drive, and the local music appreciation group. She also enjoyed many trips to Australia, Canada, Pacific Islands and Switzerland; as well as enjoying visits from family and friends. She will be missed.

