

Hello & welcome to another issue of the Christchurch Swiss Club newsletter. After a long and cold winter, spring is approaching fast and so are all those great events, organized by the Swiss Club. The upcoming events should be lots of fun, and we think there should be something interesting for everybody. The newsletter will be distributed via mail for Swiss Club members with e-mail, others will receive a paper copy.

Hope to see many of YOU at the upcoming events.

Your newsletter editor Stefan & the Swiss Club team ☺

-> Upcoming events

Wheelchair rugby world championships held in Christchurch

Come and see the worlds top teams, including the Swiss, playing against the wheel blacks!

When: 12.9 – 16.9.2006

Where: Westpac Center, Addington

Stammtisch

For a good catch up with fries and real tasty Belgian beer!

When: Tuesday, 19. September 2006, 7:30pm onwards

Where: Torenhof, 88 Armagh Street, Christchurch

Jass & Game Evening

Please join us to a relaxed Jass & game evening at Rowena & Max's Farmstay 'Bergli' in Teddington.

When: Friday, 27th of October, 7 PM onwards

Where: Bergli Hill Farmstay, 265 Charteris Bay Rd., Teddington, phone 03 329 9118

Map on the Internet: http://www.vmacgill.net/bergli/bergli_map.pdf. Bring cards and a blackboard if you have. If you are not a 'Jasser' bring the games along you like. Please bring a small plate to share. Coffee, tea and juice will be provided. For registration and questions, call Christina at 337 19 69. You may want to car-pool, considering the distance from town.

Samichlaus BBQ

Lets keep this good Swiss tradition going and combine it with a true Kiwi-style BBQ.

When: Sunday, 3. December 2006, 2 pm

Where: At the Groynes.

The event starts at 2pm, Samichlaus (..busy as always at that time of the year..) will arrive at 3 pm, followed by a family BBQ. The Swiss club will provide sausages, BYO drinks and food to share (salad, dessert) for the BBQ. Please RSVP to Stefan Buerki (Contact details see on page 4) until 17. November 2006. For all RSVPs, we will let you know which section we will have booked for the BBQ at the Groynes. Please also prepare a story about your child/ren so Samichlaus can personalize the message to the children.

Ambassador visit and movie night

When: Wednesday, 6. December 2006

Where: Pegasus Arms, 14 Oxford Terrace

Program: Event starts at 7:00 pm, 7:30 Ambassador speech, Movie starts at 08:30 pm (8\$ entry per person, includes finger food and entry for the movie). This will be a great night out where you will have the chance to meet the new Swiss Ambassador Beat Nobs and watch a "must see" movie called "Grounding" – this movie shocked



many Swiss, over the ignorance of highly ranked personalities not to safe one of Switzerland's best promotions it ever had, Swissair.

-> **Swiss Club member ship fees** – Subscription-time: (a note form your treasurer)

You will always continue to receive our newsletter because we like to inform you & see you on one of our events. So the question arises, why pay a subscription? Answer: So you can represent yourself as a Swiss Club member & also enjoy some special benefits at our events! Many of our members have already paid their subscriptions. However if you did not attend our National Day party or did not pay at the time, please note your subscription is due now. Our subscription has not increased for the past 10 years and barely covers our events subsidy. So please play your part

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-> **Exciting News - Our brand new Website Goes Live!**

By the time you read this newsletter, the Christchurch Swiss Club has a new and exciting presence on the web! Go to www.swissclub.org.nz for the latest happenings in your local Swiss community. Forgotten when or where the next club event was going to be - just check the events calendar on our website. Have your say too - there will be the SwissBlog, and just so much more. Let us know what you think, what you want to see, and you never know, you might even win a prize!

-> 1st of August celebration 2006 – a word from the Swiss Club president

We handed out a feedback form at the end of the 1st August Swiss National Day Celebration that was filled in by a good number of members. Many thanks for that. It provided us with useful information for the planning of next year's celebration.

In short, it seems that most people really enjoyed the evening, but expected more in regards to food.

In particular people liked the following:

- It was a family friendly format
- It was possible to easily move around and to talk to different people
- Very good entertainment

To be improved:

- More food
- Better food
- Better distribution of food

Thanks again for taking part in this survey!

Pictures of the 1. of August party will be available from the Swiss Club home page (www.swissclub.org.nz)



-> Successful Swiss mountain bikers in New Zealand

The world elite of mountain bikers met in Rotorua NZ in August to compete for world championship titles in different mountain bike categories. The Swiss did extremely well; they won a total of 10 medals (4 gold, 3 silver, 3 bronze). The Swiss have never been so successful at MTB world championships. But best of all, they have been the most successful nation overall, how often does that happen in sports? A huge promise for the upcoming Olympic games in Peking in 2008

One of the gold medal winners, Nino Schurter (U23 Cross Country) on the climb to the top of mount Ngongotha in Rotorua.



Nino Schurter goes for Gold!

-> Introduction of the new Swiss Club committee members

At the last AGV of the Christchurch Swiss Club, a new committee has been elected for a full year, with new office holders, Reto and Peter have just swapped seats, and some new young blood revitalizing the old guard with new ideas, energy and enthusiasm. This newsletter is a good opportunity to introduce the Swiss Club committee members to the readers.



From left to right, Juerg, Stefan, Helena, Peter, Reto, Verena, Margrit

Names, functions and contact details of the Swiss Club committee members are listed below:

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If you have any suggestions for the next newsletter, please forward your input to:

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Thanks again for supporting the Christchurch Swiss Club, "tschuess" and see you soon at one of the upcoming events!