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PERSONAL PARS.

We regret to report the death of Mr. E. Huber-Bell, of 136, Warwick Street, W.1, a member of the City Swiss Club since 1918. Mr. Huber had been staying at Ramsgate to regain his health after his having been ailing for some time, when he unexpectedly but peacefully passed away last Tuesday. The interment took place on Thursday, the 1st instant, at the Ramsgate Cemetery.

SWISS SPORTS.

HERNE HILL ATHLETIC GROUNDS.

"The end of a perfect day" was the verdict uttered by a good many as the evening of Saturday, May 27th, drew to a close. This opinion was undoubtedly general among the leisured spectators, the busy officials and, last but not least, the sporting competitors, on whom devolved the duty of interesting and entertaining the representative, though not overcrowded, gathering and incidentally the pleasure of sweeping the table of its load of handsome and valuable prizes.

The donors of these were:—The Swiss Minister, Mr. C. R. Paravicini, who presented the Challenge Cup for the Veterans' Walking Handicap; "The Swiss Observer," Challenge Cup for Tug-of-War; G. Dimier, Esq., Watches and Clocks; A. Barbezat, Esq., Three Cups; H. Hoesli, Esq., Sets of Brushes and Mirrors; C. A. Aeschimann, Esq., Cigarette Holders.

Twenty-seven events were crowded into the afternoon's sport, providing plenty of fun and excitement for the spectators, and though no world's records were broken, it is satisfactory to record that no necks, limbs or bones were broken either, although one competitor in the Sack Race had the misfortune to come a 'bad cropper', needing for some little time the attention of the ever watchful staff of the St. John's Ambulance.

The classical events, such as the 100 and 220 yards flat, the 120 yards hurdles and the 1 mile flat handicap, introduced some new blood which promises well for the future.

The Swiss Bank Tug-of-War "A" team's appetite for Cups is as keen as ever, for they again won in the contest against the Swiss Mercantile Society's team, and are consequently the holders of "The Swiss Observer" Challenge Cup until the next competition comes round again.

There is no doubt that the Swiss Bank "A" team require some "stout" opponents to beat them, particularly if the luck of the toss also favours them and decrees that they shall meet their "relatives," the Swiss Bank "B" team, in the first bout, as was the case this time. However, it is to be hoped that the Swiss Mercantile Society team, who had the beating of the "Schweizerbund" team and then had to meet the Swiss Bank "A" lions of the rope, will continue undauntedly to prepare for the next battle; as far as physique is concerned, there is little to choose between the two teams, and victory in the all-important second round next year should, with diligent training and practice of technique, not lie beyond the reach of the Swiss Mercantile Society team.

Mr. Chas. Mottu secured final possession of the Swiss Minister's Challenge Cup for the Veterans' Walking Handicap, winning this event for the fourth year in succession; the gentleman being in his 76th year, he may well be called "The Grand Old Man" of the Swiss Sports. Mr. Georges Dimier finished a good second, and Mr. F. Riederer third. As usual, this competition attracted keen attention, and hearty applause greeted the victor and the runners-up.

The 1 Mile Relay Race between teams of the Swiss Mercantile Society and the "Schweizerbund" was also keenly contested, resulting in victory for the Swiss Mercantile Society team.

Bumper fields turned out for the Ladies', the Girls' and the Boys' races, and it is a pleasant feature that the juveniles are assembling in greater numbers every year. Perhaps the organising committee will cater a little more lavishly in future for the rising generation—not with regard to prizes, for they are always plentiful and tempting, but by arranging one or two more events for them and by

bringing their competitions closer up to the tribune and stands, thereby providing not only a better feast for the eyes of the spectators, but also creating a more encouraging and comfortable environment for the kiddies through closer proximity to the eyes of their happy parents.—

Another little matter about which it may prove useful to make a mental note is the question of Ground Stewardship. The first of the instructions on the programme to competitors and officials reads as follows:—"None but "Officials, and Competitors during their events, will be "allowed on the Course." It is obvious that this is a rule where exceptions *do and must prevail*, and it is also obvious that, for the safety of the public and the competitors alike, these exceptions must be kept within proper limits. It should not be impossible to find a gentleman who would exercise this admittedly thankless, and sometimes vexatious, office of Ground Steward with the requisite tact and justice and to whose discretion it can safely be left to hand badges to such non-members of the Committee as should be privileged to come on to the ground. He should take up his position at the main gate leading to the track and have one or two seconds at his disposal on the course, who would have to see that Instruction No. 1 is under no circumstances infringed, and that none but persons wearing the official badge are permitted to be on the grounds.

Just before 7 p.m. the events on the card had been disposed of, and the President of the Swiss Sports, Mr. Georges Dimier, announced that Madame Paravicini had kindly consented to assist in the distribution of the prizes. He also read to the gathering the following telegram from the President of the City Swiss Club, who is at present in Geneva:—

"En pensées—avec vous, meilleurs voeux. Réussite."

The speaker then expressed the hope that everybody present had derived a full share of pleasure and enjoyment from the *free* entertainment which had been provided for them, and which it was only possible to offer through the munificence of the various donors of gifts and funds, to whom he wished to convey the Committee's warm thanks for having contributed so handsomely.

Mr. Dimier also tendered his compliments and thanks to the Swiss Minister and Madame Paravicini, who had put in an early appearance, thoroughly enjoying the afternoon's proceedings. He also commended the able services rendered to the cause and to the day's success by his able seconds, Mr. F. Burgin, Secretary; Mr. J. Oltramare, Treasurer; Mr. C. Kiefer, Assistant Secretary; Mr. M. Paschoud, Director of Sports and Referee, who voluntarily and ungrudgingly took upon their shoulders the discharge of an immense amount of work; and further thanked all the members of the Organising Committee, on which every Swiss Society in London is represented by four of its members.

Then the President called for the tribute to "La Patrie," which was lustily paid by the assembly's singing of "Qu'elle Vive." He concluded his address by extending a hearty invitation to all for next year's Swiss Sports Carnival.

The Swiss Minister, Mr. C. R. Paravicini, then requested the gathering to join him in giving the President of the Swiss Sports three hearty cheers as a token of appreciation for his invaluable services rendered to the Swiss Colony in multiple spheres. Needless to say, the Swiss Minister's request was enthusiastically responded to.

Madame Paravicini now proceeded to hand over to the victorious competitors the long array of prizes, shaking hands with, and addressing a few congratulatory and encouraging words to every recipient. That pleasant function

terminated the "Perfect Day" so far as the Herne Hill Athletic Grounds were concerned.

Motor engines were then heard to start their droning tunes, and motor coaches and motor buses were boarded and left the grounds for the "Union Helvetia" and the Swiss Club "Schweizerbund," the stewards of these clubs, Messrs. A. Wyss and A. Isler, having thoughtfully not only arranged Swiss Sports Dinners with subsequent Dances, but also saw to it that the participants got to the respective Club Houses with as little delay and as much comfort as possible.

From what we hear, these after-functions were well patronised and fully enjoyed—at once a compliment and satisfaction to the enterprising stewards.

RESULTS.

100 yds. Flat Handicap.—1st: J. Tobler; 2nd: C. Studer; 3rd: W. Schwendener. Time: 10 1-5 secs.

220 yds. Flat Handicap.—1st: W. Schwendener; 2nd: J. Tobler; 3rd: M. Schönholzer; 4th: A. Jacot. Time: 23 secs.

440 yds. Flat Handicap.—1st: W. E. Macve; 2nd: J. Dutnall; 3rd: D. McDermott; 4th: Gordon; 5th: Wellman. Time: 51 4-5 secs.

1 Mile Walking Handicap.—1st: C. Donati; 2nd: G. Rueff; Consolation: A. E. Nussle. Time: 8 mins. 41 secs.

1 Mile Flat Handicap.—1st: A. Roten; 2nd: V. L. Chablon; 3rd: H. W. Lichtensteiger. Time: 4 mins. 58 secs.

120 yds. Hurdles.—1st: H. Herzog; 2nd: J. Tobler; 3rd: E. Weber.

Veteran's 440 yds. Walking Handicap.—1st: Mr. Ch. Mottu; 2nd: Mr. G. Dimier; 3rd: Mr. F. Riederer; 4th: Mr. R. E. Pfister; 5th: Mr. Th. Nanzier; 6th: Mr. — Guignard.

1 Mile Relay Race.—1st: Swiss Mercantile Society; 2nd: Swiss Club "Schweizerbund."

Long Jump.—1st: H. Nozières (20 ft. 10 in.); 2nd: W. Zürcher (18 ft. 6½ in.); 3rd: A. Notzli (18 ft. 4½ in.).

High Jump.—1st: M. Schönholzer (5 ft. 2 in.); 2nd: H. Nozières (5 ft. 1 in.); 3rd: W. Schwendener (5 ft. 0 in.).

Putting the Weight.—1st: G. Scheaker (31 ft. 7 in.); 2nd: H. W. Lichtensteiger (30 ft. 0 in.).

Tug-of-War.—Winners: Swiss Bank "A" Team; Runners-up: Swiss Mercantile Society.

Wrestling (Middle Weight).—Winner: J. Christea (5 mins. 40 secs.).

Wrestling (Heavy Weight).—Winner: G. Schenker (0 min. 28 secs.).

100 yds. Ladies' Handicap (Heat 1).—1st: Miss G. Kiener; 2nd: Miss C. Bossard; 3rd: Miss E. Campart.

100 yds. Ladies' Handicap (Heat 2).—1st: Miss Short; 2nd: Miss Tellier; 3rd: Miss Garrett.

60 yds. Girls' Handicap (Heat 1).—1st: Faith Scobie; 2nd: Rosita Linter; 3rd: Elise Angel; 4th: Bertha Bexley; 5th: M. Petipher; 6th: Doris Warren.

60 yds. Girls' Handicap (Heat 2).—1st: Ellen Spuhler; 2nd: Phyllis Light; 3rd: Esther Gustavson; 4th: Elsie Catoni; 5th: M. Hafter; 6th: — Homberger.

60 yds. Girls' Handicap (Heat 3).—1st: Grete Kiener; 2nd: C. Bossard; 3rd: W. Freeman; 4th: O. Hospa; 5th: Ad. Campart; 6th: — Homberger.

80 yds. Boys' Handicap (Heat 1).—1st: Paul Sernier; 2nd: John Peacock; 3rd: Cecil Bailey; 4th: H. Bruderlin; 5th: Oscar Boehringer; 6th: — Burge.

80 yds. Boys' Handicap (Heat 2).—1st: J. Pettipher; 2nd: W. Freeman; 3rd: D. Ansell; 4th: C. Sutter; 5th: W. Walser; 6th: J. Bruderlin.

Egg-and-Spoon Race (above 12).—1st: A. Smith; 2nd: Courtney; 3rd: Grace Sernier; Consolation prize: Miss Wright.

Egg-and-Spoon Race (under 12).—1st: C. Bosshard; 2nd: Gustavson; 3rd: Phyllis Light.

Potato Race.—1st: Miss E. Wright; 2nd: Miss Bosshard; 3rd: Miss Courtney; 4th: Miss Day; 5th: Miss Collins; 6th: Miss Hempleman.

Sack Race.—1st: Steiner; 2nd: Heritier; 3rd: C. Bailey.

Three-legged Race.—1st Lady: Miss Short; 1st Gentleman: M. Allenbach; 2nd Lady: Cathleen White; 2nd Gentleman: Cyril Suter; 3rd Lady: Mrs. Suter; 3rd Gentleman: E. Weber.

SOME SNAPSHOTS FROM THE SWISS SPORTS OF 1922.



1.—H. Nozières doing 20 ft. 10 in. in the Long Jump.

2.—M. Schönholzer, winner of the High Jump 5 ft. 2 in.

3.—Watching the Sack Race. From left to right: Mr. H. de Pury (Swiss Bank Corporation), Mr. P. F. Böhringer, Madame Paravicini, The Swiss Minister, Mr. H. Senn, Mr. F. Rohr (competing).

4.—Three-Legged Race. A. Hill, the World's 1 mile and half mile Amateur Champion (Antwerp) leading with Miss Courtney of the English Ladies' International Team.

5.—120 yards Hurdles, Final. Left to right: H. Herzog, A. Notzli, E. Weber.

6.—Mr. Georges Dimier, President of the Swiss Sports, the moving spirit in most of the patriotic enterprises of the Swiss Colony.

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