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RUTH HUGGENBERG WITH THE WEMBLEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

It was due to my avowed desire to familiarise myself in more detail with Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 1 in D minor that I wended my way to the Acton Town Hall on Friday evening, the 29th March, where our well-known Swiss pianist, Miss Ruth Huggenberg, was to be the exponent of this beautiful work of the great Master.

I was not disappointed in my anticipated conviction that I was to be present at a most delightful rendering of this Concerto, which does not, however, confront the soloist with the inherent technical difficulties of some of the other familiar Piano Concertos. Miss Huggenberg is to be warmly congratulated for the skill which she brought to her task, and her depth of feeling, particularly in the beautiful Adagio movement, which gave proof of her artistic discernment as also her faultless execution, the latter being amply demonstrated by her in the more vivacious Maestoso and Rondo movements of the Concerto.

What, in my opinion, vividly appeals to the connoisseur is Miss Huggenberg's dignified and modest approach to the task set before her, a charming feature which belies her sense of interpretation and complete command of the instrument at her disposal.

Miss Huggenberg was admirably supported by the Wembley Symphony Orchestra, although perhaps unduly subdued to some extent by the latter in the Adagio movement of the Concerto.

W.P.



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SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION. Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Rifle Association was held on Friday, March 29th, at the Glendower Hotel, Glendower Place, S.W.7. Mr. Alfred Schmid was in the Chair, and there were about 20 members present.

After the reading of the minutes by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. Magnin, the accounts, which were balanced — all expenses being covered by takings — were presented and explained by Mr. F. Suter and, after a short discussion, accepted with thanks to the Treasurer.

The President then gave a short *résumé* of the year's activities, saying that six meetings (1955: six) were held at the shooting range at Bisley, during which 6,300 rounds were fired. It was learned that the Swiss Rifle Association numbers 67 active and contributing members. (1955: 61.)

Mr. Schmid mentioned that the past season could be termed as satisfactory.

The elections for the new committee then followed under the chairmanship of Mr. O. Grob. He said that some of the outgoing members were prepared to carry on, but that, owing to the departure to Switzerland of two members and the resignation of another, the committee proposed to have these replaced by the following: Captain H. Wuergler, and Messrs. W. K. Rueger, Peter Fischer and Jack Wetter.

The new committee for 1957 to 1958 was then unanimously elected. It consists of the following:— President, Alfred Schmid; Vice-President, J. C. Wetter; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, F. Magnin; Range officers: Captain H. Wuergler, Assistant military attaché, Peter Fischer, W. K. Rueger and Jack Wetter; Auditor, Mr. F. Suter.

Before inviting the President to take the Chair again, Mr. Grob thanked him and his former members on the committee for the services they had rendered to the Association. In resuming the Chair, Mr. Schmid thanked the assembly for the confidence shown in him and his colleagues, paying a special compliment to Mr. F. Magnin for his painstaking and devoted services rendered as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

On the conclusion of the meeting a sumptuous and excellent dinner was served which was greatly enjoyed. There were no speeches, but Mr. J. C. Wetter briefly thanked the President, who also acted as host, for having so excellently looked after the more material needs of the members.

This evening spent among the "Sharp-shooters" of the Colony was again a pleasant one, and I wish to thank them for having asked me to spend a few enjoyable moments in their midst. ST.

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