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SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Annual General Meeting.

The Swiss Rifle Association held their Annual General Meeting on 8th April at the Glendower Hotel, Glendower Place, S.W.7. Mr. A. Schmid was in the Chair, and there were twenty-four members present, amongst them H.E. the Swiss Ambassador, who during the last season has again been shooting at Bisley. In opening the Meeting the president paid a warm tribute to the memory of General Henri Guisan, whose death had just occurred in Switzerland. He announced that several members were prevented from attending, amongst them Colonel Th. Mosimann, Military and Air Attaché at the Swiss Embassy.

Mr. F. Suter explained the various items on the balance sheet, which showed a surplus of £46.9.4; for this efficient stewardship he thanked the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. Magnin. The accounts were accepted with acclamation.

The president then gave a short résumé of the activities of the Association during the last twelve months. He recorded that thirteen resignations were received (principally owing to departure from this country), and seven admissions came to hand. The number of members, therefore, was sixty-nine, or five fewer than last year.

Mr. Schmid said that the committee had decided not to make any change in the annual subscription of £1.10.0. He proposed that Mr. A. Hollenstein, the well-known Swiss "Meisterschütz", who during last year's "Swiss Fortnight" was in London, and who had taken part in a shooting competition at Bisley between the Swiss Rifle Association and the Surrey Rifle Club, should be elected as an Honorary Member. This proposal was accepted unanimously. It was also decided to make a donation of 100.- Sw. francs towards the Fund for the erection of two monuments (at Geneva and Heiden) to the memory of Henri Dunant, the founder of the Red Cross.

The president said that as a *beau geste* the Federal Military Department in Berne had offered a quantity of rifle ammunition free of charge for the members. (*Applause.*) He mentioned that during the last shooting season some very satisfactory results had been obtained, and expressed the hope that in the near future some younger members might be enrolled. He thanked his colleagues on the committee for their loyal support.

Mr. Schmid announced that all the members of the outgoing committee had agreed to carry on for a

further year. They were duly re-elected. Mr. O. Grob, on behalf of the members of the Swiss Rifle Association, thanked the committee for the good services they had rendered, wishing them success in 1960/61.

The committee consists of: Alfred Schmid, President, J. C. Wetter, Vice-President, F. Magnin, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, F. Suter, Auditor. Range officers: Messrs. Marcel Bucherer, Peter Fischer, Hermann Schmid, Fritz Burgunder, Hans Straub.

The shooting programme at Bisley was fixed as follows: 24th April, 8th and 22nd May, 12th and 26th June, 25th September. The "Grümpelschiessen" will take place on 9th October 1960. Three new members were elected.

Before closing the Meeting the president expressed his sincere appreciation to Mr. F. Magnin, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, for his devoted services rendered.

The Meeting then terminated and members indulged in cocktails, and afterwards adjourned to the dining room for a sumptuous dinner consisting of Le Saumon Froid Parisienne, La Sauce Mayonnaise, Le Contreflet de Boeuf Rôti, La Sauce Raifort, Le Brocoli au Beurre, Les Pommes Nouvelles à la Menthe, La Salade Verte, Le Café. There were no toasts and no speeches. After the dinner, which was much enjoyed, and for which the family Schmid is to be congratulated, members indulged in another "National Sport" playing "Yass" until nearly midnight, when they departed with the feeling of having spent a congenial and useful evening.

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FETE SUISSE COMMITTEE

A Meeting of the "Fête Suisse" committee was held on Wednesday, 6th April, at 12 Grafton Street, W.1, under the presidency of Mr. Alfred Renou. There were seventeen members present.

The President informed the Meeting that this year's "Fête Suisse" will be held on Wednesday, 22nd June, at Central Hall, Westminster. Principal performers will be the "Chanson du Rhône"; the "Corale" of the Unione Ticinese will also take part in the programme. Mr. Renou announced that Mr. E. Bonvin of the Montana Hotel will arrange the catering.

Further particulars will be given in the "Swiss Observer".

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