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THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Once again, the annual dinner of the Swiss Rifle Association was well attended. In point of fact, there were even fifteen people more present than last year, which shows quite clearly that the Glendower Hotel, where the dinner was held, is appreciated as much as ever for its "gemutlich" atmosphere and its fine cooking.

I believe that it was H.E. the Swiss Ambassador, Monsieur Armin Daeniker, honorary president of the Association, who made the remark that the Swiss Rifle Association is amongst the most lively of Swiss societies in Great Britain today. Indeed, the spectacle offered at the Glendower Hotel on Friday, 1st December, entirely convinced a novice like myself of the truth in this remark.

I only wonder how these honourable gentlemen manage to combine a remarkable talent for shooting and an obvious love of our Swiss wine so successfully!

We were almost at the end of our excellent dinner when fartherly president Schmid said a few words, briefly relating the activities of the Association during the past year. Previously, vice-president Vetter had welcomed H.E. the Swiss Ambassador, and several guests from the Swiss Embassy, including Monsieur Jean de Stoutz, Colonel Mosiman, Dr. Vogelbacher, Mr. Ansermoz and Consul Ribí. Also special mention was made of faithful Mr. Stauffer, who seems to be standing up to his retirement extremely well. The Ambassador then rose to thank the Swiss Rifle Association for the invitation it extended to him.

Mr. Magnin, the honorary secretary, once more had the task of announcing the results of the various competitions, which were as follows:—

Senior Cup: Joseph Hess 52 points, Félix Ansermoz 46 points.

Challenge Cup: Aldo Orlandi 318, Marcel Bucherer 306.

Major Talbot Smith Cup: Hans Jürgen Kobler 53, Aldo Orlandi 52.

Grümpelschiessen: Peter Fischer 53, Aldo Orlandi 52.

Handicap: Adolf Schmid 55, John C. Wetter 54.

Lausanne Competition, 1960: Joseph Hess 77, Peter Fischer 71, Félix Ansermoz 68. *1961:* Peter Fischer 70, Marcel Bucherer 69, Aldo Orlandi 67.

Zürich Competition: Hans Jürgen Kobler 55, Aldo Orlandi 53, Marcel Bucherer 53, Peter Fischer 53, Karl Schmutz 52, Joseph Hess 52.

St. Gallen Competition: Peter Fischer 91, Marcel Bucherer 90.

Feldschiessen: Jack Wetter 82, Marcel Bucherer 79, John C. Wetter 73, Karl Schmutz 72.

The Challenge Lausanne for the Swiss abroad has been won in 1960 by the Swiss Rifle Association London.

As is their custom, the Society again presented the various guests and supporters with gifts, which proves that the champions of Bisley are not only excellent marksmen, but generous-hearted gentlefolk.

P.H.