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NEWS FROM THE COLONY

SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

Once again the Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Rifle Association was held at the Glendower Hotel on Friday, 1st April 1966, in order to render an account of their activities during the past twelve months, as well as to discuss and establish the programme for the forthcoming activities in 1966.

Mr. J. C. Wetter was in the Chair and there were about twenty members present. Mr. F. Magnin, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, read the minutes of the last General Meeting and also presented and explained the accounts which closed with a small surplus.

The President then gave a survey of the activities of the Association during the past year. Despite losses through death and departure from this country, the Association still numbered seventy-five active members. Eight shooting practices were held at Bisley during the year, and 5,556 rounds of ammunition were fired, compared with 4,880 in 1964. In a hard-fought competition against the Surrey Rifle Association in which six members took part on each side, our team scored a total of 886 points against 887 obtained by our opponents.

According to the presidential report there will be eight meetings at Bisley in 1966, namely:

24th April, 8th May, 22nd May, 5th June, 19th June, 21st August, 11th September and 2nd October.

Medals received from Switzerland which had been won in additional competitions in 1965 (see below) were distributed to the "crackshots". Moreover, it was agreed that a cheque for £10.10.0 should be sent to the Federation of Swiss Societies as our Association's contribution. As a token of our appreciation for the many kind and valuable services rendered to our Association by Mr. Georges Goodridge, Secretary of Surrey Rifle Association, who has now tendered his resignation, it was further decided that a watch should be given to him as a parting gift.

All members present were happy to hear the announcement that the old committee was prepared to carry on and, needless to say, it was re-elected *en bloc* with much applause.

Mr. J. C. Wetter warmly thanked his colleagues on the committee for the support they had so spontaneously given him during his year of office and special words of praise were tendered to Mr. F. Magnin and the Range Officers.

The members then adjourned for an excellent dinner.

H. SCHMID,
Press-Reporter.

In further additional competitions in 1965, medals were won by the following members:

Feldschiessen: Messrs. Peter Fischer 84 points, Marcel Bucherer 81, Peter Christener 80, Jack Wetter 79, John C. Wetter 76, Max Lustenberger 75, Col. Werner Koch 73.

Fernwettschiessen St. Gallen: Messrs. Marcel Bucherer 92 points, Peter Fischer 90, Peter Christener 85, Lucien Jobin 82.

Zürcher Kantonal-Spezialstich: Messrs. Peter Fischer 56 points, Peter Christener 56, Marcel Bucherer 55, Lucien Jobin 54, Francis Magnin 52, Felix Ansermoz 52.

SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER

Harewood House was the objective of the Manchester Swiss Club's Annual Easter outing this year. Thirty-five members left Manchester by coach on Sunday morning, 17th April.

Not unexpectedly, the weather was less than clement, but crossing the Pennines on the Lancashire/Yorkshire border, the white snow landscape was very beautiful and reminiscent of our own Switzerland. We were met at Harewood House by our President and other members who had made their own way there by car. We partook of our picnic lunch in the lovely grounds before visiting the Mansion itself.

This beautiful house is 200 years old and was built by the architect Adam. The Adam ceilings and mirrors are a special feature. The great many magnificent items of furniture, pictures, carpets, jade, and *objets d'art* have to be seen to be appreciated. The wonderful Waterford crystal chandeliers particularly fascinated me. The visit to the stately home of the late Princess Royal and of the Lascelles family was enjoyed and appreciated.

Our homeward journey high tea was taken in the old raftered tea room at Templenewsum, and the day's pleasure in good company terminated with Adieu to our friends in Manchester in the late evening.

Severina.

SWISS CHURCH ASSEMBLY

On Sunday, 22nd May, a special Service will be held in French and German at the Eglise Suisse, 79 Endell Street, W.C.2. The Service will begin at 11 a.m. Lunch will be at 12.15; soup will be served, but participants should take their own sandwiches. The Assembly will start at 2.15. The Church's activities will be reviewed, and there will be a chance to discuss the annual report. Arrangements are being made to take care of children whilst parents attend the Service and the Assembly.

WELFARE OFFICE FOR SWISS GIRLS IN GREAT BRITAIN

The Committee has pleasure in announcing the appointment of Mrs. B. Kind as Welfare Officer. Mrs. Kind, a fully qualified welfare worker who trained in Zurich, will be assisted by Mrs. A. Sharpe who has been in charge of the Welfare Office since the resignation of Miss Hubacher in August 1965.

BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

We send best wishes to Mrs. F. G. Sommer who celebrates her birthday on the 15th of the Month. Many happy returns to her as well as to any other of our readers of whose birthdays we are not aware.

OUR NEXT ISSUE

The "Swiss Observer" is published every second and fourth Friday of the month. Our next issue will appear on 27 May. We shall be glad to receive articles and reports not later than Wednesday, 18th May. Short news items only can be accepted later.