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interested in shooting at Bisley, it is not worth their entering the Swiss Rifle Association. They would be lost among an overbearingly male company and Marcel Bucherer encouraged them to join a female rifle club or even form their own Swiss Women Rifle Association.

Could women come to shoot at Bisley meetings without being members of the Swiss Rifle Association? Unfortunately not, because they would not be covered by the Association's insurance. One or two other members spoke out at the AGM to voice their disagreement to the entry of ladies in the Swiss Rifle Association. It would have meant, they thought, a preferential treatment and hinder the smooth activities of regu-

lar meetings. The suggestion was, however, submitted to a vote but it was rather difficult to see any show of hands in its favour!

(PMB)

### THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION

This year's AGM of the Swiss Rifle Association was exceptionally well attended. The meeting, which took place at the Glendower Hotel, began with a minute's silence in memory of a member of long standing of the Association. Mr. P. Odermatt, who died last October.

Among the various points raised

in the Secretary's report and the President's survey, we can mention the encouraging intensity of shooting during 1970. No less than 5,060 cartridges were fired during eight meetings. Membership stood at 85 and there had been 27 new members during the year.

The President, Marcel Bucherer, told the meeting that he had been approached by the Marylebone Rifle and Pistol Club for a friendly match this year, as well as by the British Free Rifle Club. Mr. Bucherer had accepted the first proposal for this year, but had turned down the other, in view of the already tight shooting programme of the Association.

The Swiss marksmen of London can therefore expect to meet the Mary-

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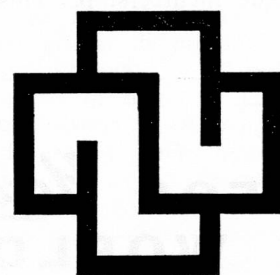
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lebone Rifle and Pistol Club this year and probably the British Free Rifle Club the next. Both clubs are of high standards and have international competition marksmen. They will indeed be a challenge for the Swiss Rifle Association, which, however, has nothing to be afraid of. This year, as mentioned by the President, it met the Kensington Rifle Club. It got beaten in indoor small-bore shooting, but gave the Londoners a due beating when they came out in the open on the Siberia Range.

Mr. Bucherer mentioned the case of a member who had swapped his marking sheet because he hadn't been satisfied with his results. Our President condemned this lack of sportsmanship and indicated the administrative amendments to prevent such a thing from recurring. He also informed us that the next Federal Shooting Contest would not take place at Aarau, as had been originally planned.

Aarau had finally declined to embark into the considerable investments necessary for a venue of this nature. The Contest may take place in Fribourg.

The accounts were then commented by Mr. Straub, and showed some profit. Mr. Adolf Schmid conducted the re-election of the Committee. The main change was the replacement of Mr. Abegglen as Honorary Treasurer by Mr. Mathieu, from the Embassy. Mr. Abegglen's resignation from the Committee was motivated by his possible departure at the end of the year.

The Association's new rules and regulations were examined and passed by the meeting. The proceedings ended with a debate on the possibility of inviting female membership. This was

turned down for the reasons given in the above message. This particularly long drawn AGM was succeeded by a lively dinner under the good care of Mr. Milani.

(PMB)

#### CORRECTION

We should like to correct an erroneous announcement concerning Mr. E. Tangemann which appeared in our 22nd January issue. Mr. Tangemann has not been promoted General Manager to the Union Bank of Switzerland's London branch, but Manager with effect on 1st January, 1971. Mr. J. T. Cannon has been promoted Assistant Manager and Mr. F. M. Rees, the former Deputy Manager, retired on 31st March.

Owing to an unfortunate setting error, we have indicated that Mr. Emil Hardmeier had recently celebrated his 73rd birthday, whereas he was just 83. We should like to convey to him our apologies and congratulations.

#### OBITUARY

It is with the deepest regret that we have to announce the death on Monday, 23rd March, at Whittington Hospital after a long illness, of Mr. Giacomo Carlo Milli, of 35 Bredgar Road, London, N.19, at the age of 78. He was the son of a founder-member of the Unione Ticinese and a staunch supporter of the Society for nearly 60 years. We also regret having to inform our readers of the death of Mr. Paul Eichenberger, of 3 University Avenue, Glasgow, W.2. We wish to convey our deepest sympathy to the families of the deceased.

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

##### Annual General Meetings

The Swiss Benevolent Society. Monday, 19th April, at 6.30 p.m., at 35 Fitzroy Square.

The Anglo-Swiss Society. Thursday, 22nd April, Dorchester Hotel, at 6.45 p.m.

The Swiss Club Manchester. Grand Hotel, Monday, 26th April, at 8.15 p.m., at the Grand Hotel.

The City Swiss Club. Tuesday, 27th April, at the Dorchester Hotel, at 6.30 p.m.

The Federation of Swiss Societies. Friday, 30th April, at the Ambassador's Residence, 6 p.m.

UNION TICINESE. Sunday, May 2nd, 4.30-11 p.m. Dance to the tune of the Harry Vardon Band at the Dorchester Hotel. Tickets inclusive of tea at £1.50 obtainable from the Secretary, E. Morganti, 10 Newport Buildings, Shaftesbury Avenue, W.C.2.

SCHWEIZERBUND. AGM and Dinner at the Orpheus Luncheon Club, Dumville House, St. Mary-at-Hill (off Eastcheap), London, E.C.3, 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m., on Friday, 7th May.

SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION. Shooting at the Siberia Range, Bisley, on 25th April and 9th May.

NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE. Swiss Hostel for Girls, Belsize Park, N.W.3, 7.45 p.m. on Friday, 23rd April, open meeting. Mr. J. C. Nicole, President of the Nouvelle Societe Helvetique, will speak on the Society's aims and activities in Switzerland.

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