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NEWS FROM BERNE

International Coin Market in Berne

Thirty-five coin dealers from Europe and overseas have already announced themselves for the International Coin Fair which is being held in Berne's Casino on 15th April, 1972. The fair is organised by the Numismatische Verein Bern (the Numismatists' Association of Berne). It is open from 0900-1700. Entrance fee is 5 francs. Coins from the most varied selection of historical epochs will be on sale. Numismatists will be able to find ancient pieces from the most distant lands and Swiss cantonal coins, medallions and commemorative thaler, the Swiss federal coinage and paper money from several countries.

Eighth Berne Grand Prix of Epee Fencing

The best epee fencers in the world will compete against each other in the federal capital on 29th and 30th April, 1972. They will be taking part in the 8th international contest for the Grand Prix of Berne. Once again the competition will take place in the

gymnasium of Neufeld Grammar School (Gymnasium), which is particularly suitable for epee contests. Some 200 fencers are expected for the championship, which counts towards the world cup. Invited to compete against the best fencers of Switzerland are swordsmen from Italy, France, Sweden, West Germany, East Germany, Austria, England, Hungary, Poland and the Soviet Union.

International Berne Prize for Clay-Pigeon Shooting

The traditional International Grand Prix of Berne for clay-pigeon shooting will be held from 4th to 7th May, 1972, at the Bergfeld shooting butts in Bern-Hinterkappelen. Arranged by the Jagdschützen Bern (Berne Shooting Club), the contest takes place on its own beautifully sited range a few minutes by car from the town centre. More than 100 marksmen from the world over will be competing in four classes. As an opportunity for training and selection before the Summer Olympic Games in Munich, this year's Berne Grand Prix is of special importance.

The Bergfeld shooting range is one of the most attractive of its sort. It will be the venue of the 1974 World Shooting Championships for Trap and Skeet shooting, and is now being extended and enlarged. The range is open to non-members giving prior notice (the address is obtainable from the Berne Tourist Office).

Through the Sense Valley by Steam Train

Berne does not only have the shortest cable railway in Europe (the Marzilibahn), the quickest funicular (the Gurtenbahn), and the steepest "tramline" in the world (the public lift from the Matte to the Cathedral Terrace, known to the true Bernese as the "Senkel-Tram"). A short way out of the federal capital, west of the city, you can also travel on a small steam railway. It runs between Flamatt and Gümmenen in the Sensetal on Sundays from May till October. The railway has been made a going concern once more by train enthusiasts—and has won a place in the hearts of young and old.

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