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RIFLE ASSOCIATION MEETS UNARMED FOR ONCE – TO DINE TOGETHER

Annual Dinner and Dance at the Devonshire Restaurant, Bishopsgate, on Friday, 3rd November, 1978

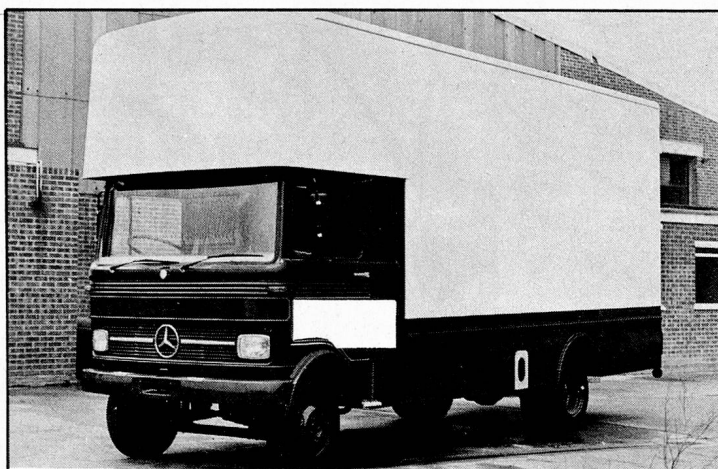
The 4th Annual Dinner and Dance of the Swiss Rifle Association was again held in the Devonshire Restaurant and was as successful as the previous ones. In friendly atmosphere members and guests arrived and exchanged greetings and happy memories over their drinks and were welcomed by the President Marcel Bucherer.

Mr. and Mrs. Redhead of the Marylebone Rifle and Pistol Club, Mr. Batt of the Kensington Rifle Association and representatives of the Surrey Rifle Association joined in to express their appreciation of the good understanding and friendship that has existed over the many years.

An impressive Tombola table with juicy pieces of a smoked ham, flowers, drinks and other tempting prizes invited everybody to take part and support the club's finances with their contributions for tickets. The waiters were quite busy cleaning away all the empty envelopes and messages of "mercy".



The prizes on the tombola stand understandably attracted considerable attention.



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No wonder competition is so keen when cups, trophies, and other goodies like these are at stake!

A second table gave an original picture of the year's activities with the Cups — the Talbot, the Challenge, the Senior, the Rudisser (all won this year by Marcel Bucherer), the Col. Fisher Trophy (won by P. Fisher), the Ladies' Cup (won by G. Tresh) and the General Guisan Trophy (won by U. Scherer) for pistol shooting.

A great number of medals and cards of honour for the Swiss Army Obligatorium and Feldschieszen and for other competitions showed that there had been an extensive programme and a fine spirit of sportsmanship. Eight meetings had been held at Bisley, 28 members had participated in different competitions and 4,080 rounds of ammunition had been fired — to judge from the results most of them had been in the black and quite a good percentage of "bull's eyes". Thirteen members had attended the four meetings for pistol shooting with 2,048 rounds of ammunition.

After prayers by the chaplain an excellent dinner was served, which not only delighted the members and guests, but also the waiters and the chef de cuisine. The toasts and after dinner speeches were short and to the point and followed each other like rapid fire so that no time was lost for enjoying the dance, led by the Peter Regan Ensemble, the different competitions and the presentation of prizes and awards.

Everything was well organised and there was never a dull moment. Young and old enjoyed the lively dancing and games and the ladies, now being full members and carrying away their trophies too, proved that it had been a very good and wise

decision to let them join with full membership instead of acting as silent encouragement and decoration.

Only too soon it was time to get home again and everybody remembered the words of thanks expressed earlier in the evening to the Hon. Secretary, B. D. Kett and Armin Lötscher for having so successfully organised the evening with imagination, hard work and style. Already the activities for the coming year; especially the "Eidgenössische Schützenfest" in Lucerne on the 15th and 16th July, are being organised and all members can look forward to an interesting year in 1979.

P.B.

1979 PROGRAMME

1. 300M Programme — Bisley Camp

Sunday April 22nd *
 Sunday May 13th *
 Sunday May 20th *
 Sunday June 3rd
 Sunday June 17th — Match with Marylebone R.C.
 Sunday Sept. 2nd — Match with Surrey R.A.
 Sunday Sept. 16th
 Sunday Sept. 30th

* Feldschieszen/Obligatorisches Shooting starts at 10.00

2. 25M Programme — Marylebone Rifle & Pistol Club

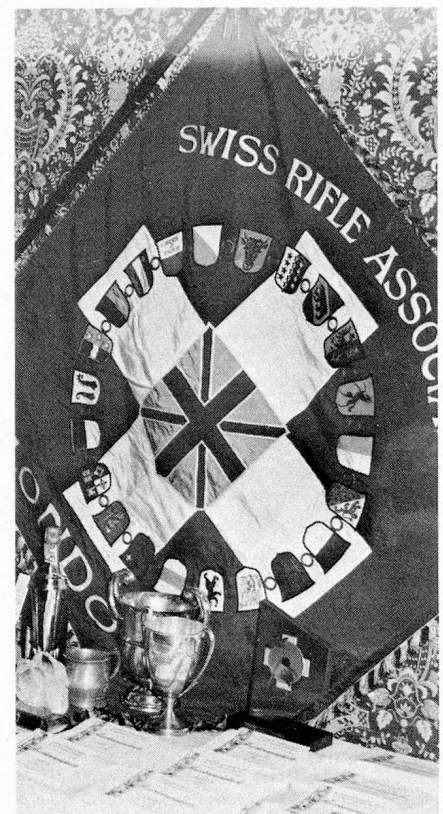
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Sunday Feb. 4th *
 Sunday March 4th *
 Sunday Oct. 14th
 Sunday Nov. 4th

* Feldschieszen/Obligatorisches Shooting starts at 2.00



The oldest member Adolf Schmid (right) chats with SRA President



And this beautiful motif set the scene without needing further description.

TORGON — TOBOGGANING IN SUMMER

The resort of Torgon in the Canton Valais, which can be reached by postal motor coach from Aigle, is offering its summer guests a winter sport attraction, the "Tobo-Roule". Similar to the popular sport of tobogganing, the vehicle runs on metal rails at a speed of up to 50 m.p.h. over a course set in forests and meadows down to the valley, where a chairlift awaits the tourist to carry him back to the start of the run.