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City Swiss Club welcomes new president

Only a small number of members and guests attended the annual general meeting of the City Swiss Club. The president, Mr H. Jauslin, expressed his delight to see so many young people among the audience. A special welcome was given to the most senior member, Mr Paul Bessire. The present membership stands at 204.

In his review of the club's activities Mr Jauslin said highlights included evenings with guest speakers Mr Charles Pritchard, city editor of the Yorkshire Post and Lord Miles, the founder of the Mermaid Theatre. The summer dance at Great Fosters and the annual banquet and ball at the Portman – at which a total of £2,088 was raised through the tombola for the charities which the club supports – were a great success.

Card evenings were held at the St. Moritz Club, and 44 members and guests attended the club's Christmas dinner.

The meeting agreed to an exchange of information on the club's forthcoming events with the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, as suggested by their president, Mrs Mariann Meier, with a view to attracting a larger attendance at the functions.

It was agreed to donate £500 from the charity fund to the German Speaking Protestant Church, the French Speaking Protestant Church, the Catholic Church, the Swiss Benevolent Society and the Swiss Welfare Office for Young People.

Mr Chris Roth was elected as the club's new president. The committee was empowered to elect in due course a vice-president, and the remainder of the former committee was re-elected.

The retiring President, Mr Jauslin, who had to take over his

office two and a half years ago at very short notice and under difficult conditions, congratulated the new president and offered his support.

In appreciation of 20 years' service to the committee, Mr Roth presented Mr Jauslin with a silver-coated cork showing the coat of arms of his Canton, the City of Basle.

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Diary dates

COMING events at the City Swiss Club:

Friday, July 17: Summer dance at Great Fosters, Egham, Surrey.

Tuesday, September 15: Card evening at the St. Moritz Club, London.

Tuesday, October 13: Dinner with a prominent guest speaker at the Portman Hotel, London. Ladies welcome.

Friday, November 13: Annual banquet and ball at the Portman Hotel, London.

Friday, December 4: Christmas dinner with carol singing at the Portman Hotel, London. Ladies welcome.

Bright future for Ticinesi

THE Unione Ticinese held their annual general meeting at Valchera's restaurant in Richmond, the congenial setting for many of their indoor events.

President Peter Jacomelli

welcomed Mr Charles Glauser, Consul General, and his wife, and Mrs Lisa Hall, who represented the Nouvelle Société Helvétique.

The president was re-elected. Other officers are: vice-president, Annetta Diviani and Giuseppe Broggin; secretary, Diego F.A. Pogli; vice-secretary, Gemma DeMaria; treasurer, Emilio Morganti; collector, Joe Pedretti.

Committee members are: Frank Allegranza, Albina Allegranza, Virgil Berti, Louis Bozzini, Christiane Barber, Joe Diviani, Arnoldo Neukomm and Anna Scarabel.

Particular thanks went to the resigning secretary, Mr Frank Allegranza, for his dedicated and effective administrative and organisational work which had attracted praise for the UTL from other Swiss societies.

Members were told that future prospects for the club were bright, with increasing membership and a healthy balance. The programme for this year is: June 28, summer barbecue; September 28, autumn outing; November 8, Castagnata.

Additional events include the first of August celebration and lectures organised by the Nouvelle Société Helvétique and the Swiss Mercantile Society. Details of these will be given in future issues of the Swiss Observer.

The meeting was followed by dinner prepared by Mr Aldo Ferrari, the Valchera's chef and co-owner.

There is an open invitation to

all readers of the Swiss Observer, including those "hidden away" Ticinesi, to join the Unione Ticinese. Details from the secretary, Mr Diego F.A. Pogli, 150 Lonsdale Drive, Enfield, Middlesex. (Tel: 01-363 1591).

The Reverend Herbert Blum

IT IS with deep regret that we announce the death of The Rev. Herbert Blum, of Luftstrasse 26, 8820 Waedenswil, former minister at the Swiss Church in London. He died in his 68th year after a long illness which had compelled him to retire prematurely.

It was in the winter of 1945 when Sabine and Herbert Blum arrived in London with their large family. They had a difficult task. The German-speaking parish had to be brought together again after the war, and there was a great deal of work.

Both the minister and his wife gave of their best, and their activities were very beneficial. It was with great regret when the parish had to say goodbye to the Blums in December 1951.

Before his departure Mr Blum managed to ensure that the Swiss Church bought the Vicarage at 1, Womersley Road, which was his own property, thanks to generous donations by many members of the parish. Since then the house has been the property of the Swiss Church in London.

It is with great sympathy that we think of his wife, their seven children and their families who have suffered this sad bereavement. They may be assured that all those who knew Herbert Blum will remember with gratitude his quiet ways, his great gifts and his wisdom.

Army team on target

THE Swiss Rifle Association held a 300m Schutzenfest at Bisley, devised by the association's President, Marcel Bucherer. Under his direction the scoring, control and catering were administered by committee members and their wives.

Notwithstanding the indifferent weather conditions a high standard of shooting was achieved. The Army Rifle Association team were over-

all winners, with a score of 1147 x 1200, with Arthur Clarke the individual high-scorer with 295 x 300.

London and Middlesex Rifle Association team were second, with a score of 1,116, and the Regular Army team were third with 1,098.

It is intended to increase the participation at the 1982 event and also to include a separate class for SLRs.



The Army Rifle Association came out on top