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ANNUAL SWISS SPORTS AND GARDEN PARTY.

Many amongst my readers will, no doubt, remember with pleasure the various Swiss Sports events which took place in pre-war days, either at the Herne Hill Grounds or at the Duke of York's Headquarters at Chelsea.

These Sports Festivals proved to be very popular and hundreds of our compatriots regularly attended, and in time this yearly gathering of the sports fraternity assumed the dimension of a large "Lands-gemeinde."

Who could forget the names of some of the former promoters such as: George Dimier, Ch. Barbezat, P. F. Boehringer, P. Hilfiker and H. Senn? alas, all gone to the "Elysian Fields."

Then the war intervened and interrupted these yearly gatherings, which were such an admirable feature in the life of the London-Swiss Colony, to which especially the younger generation looked forward with much eagerness.

An attempt was made in 1949 to revive this Sports Festival, and it was held again at the Herne Hill Grounds in connection with the Swiss National Day Celebration on the 1st of August, and in spite of dismal weather conditions which prevailed, proved a success.

For some reason or other it has not been possible to arrange to hold this Festival since, which had caused great disappointment in certain quarters.

Happily enough, this year, the Swiss Sports Committee, under the leadership of its President, Mr. R. de Cintra, has made great efforts so that this meeting could once again be re-introduced.

The Polytechnic Stadium at Chiswick has been booked and the event is fixed to take place on Saturday, June 21st from 2.15—7 p.m.

Owing to the changed circumstances there will be fewer Sports Events taking place than in the past, but nevertheless an attractive programme has been set up, particulars of which have been given in a recent circular which was inserted in the "Swiss Observer", and I feel certain, that all those who will venture to the Chiswick Stadium on the 21st of June will spend an enjoyable and interesting afternoon.

The Committee is anxious that a large number of the members of the Swiss Colony, together with their families and friends, should give them their support. The Swiss Minister and Madame de Torrenté have given their patronage and will be present.

Don't say "I *may* come along", say "I *will* be there, and I am certain you won't regret it, and don't forget that admittance is free. ST.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SWISS CLUB BALLOCH.

The Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Club Balloch took place on Saturday, 26th April, 1952, in the Canteen of The British Silk Dyeing Co. Ltd., at Balloch.

The President, Pr. H. Berli, opened the meeting and welcomed a good many members. He had a special word of greeting for our Consul in Manchester, Mr. Schneider, and expressed the pleasure of all in having this opportunity of making the personal acquaintance of our official representative.

After a short survey of the past year by the Chairman, the Secretary, Mr. Wirz, read his report, followed by the Treasurer, Mr. Welti, who was happy to be able to show a balanced account. Both these gentlemen were accorded a hearty vote of thanks. The business of the election was very brief, as there were no resignations from the Committee and the members were only too ready to give them, as well as the auditors, their confidence for another period of office.

Changed conditions in the past few years had made a revision of the rules necessary. The Committee had worked out a revised form to bring these up-to-date, and this was accepted unanimously.

The Chairman was then pleased to propose Mr. George Ziegler as a new member and, on the President's invitation Mr. Schneider also expressed his willingness to join the Club. Both were unanimously elected. In the general discussion that followed, it was decided to leave the annual subscription per member at 5/-.

The high tea, served by the Canteen staff, that followed gave the opportunity for a few hours in pleasant company. Mr. and Mrs. Berli had arranged a shooting and a guessing competition which proved a great attraction. In the former, Mr. Welti was the winner and was presented with a lovely framed picture, while, in the latter, Mr. Schneider was the lucky one and was rewarded with a home-made "Gugelhopf" for his skill.

The evening passed only too quickly and, before one realised it, the time had come to part again.

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