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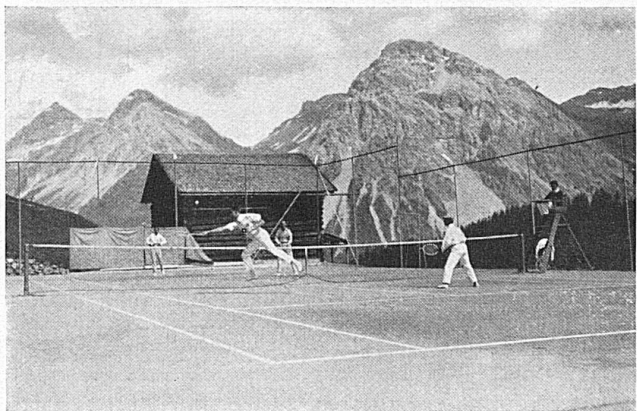
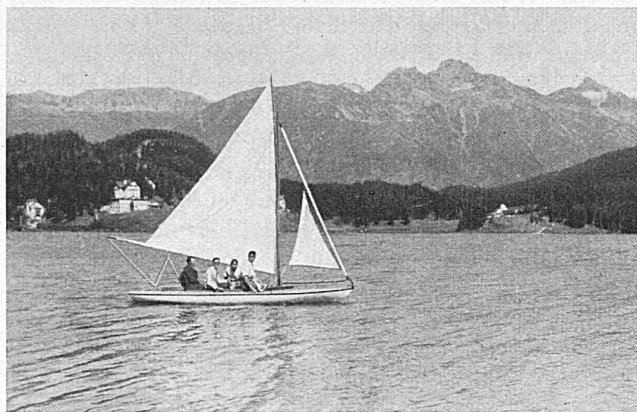
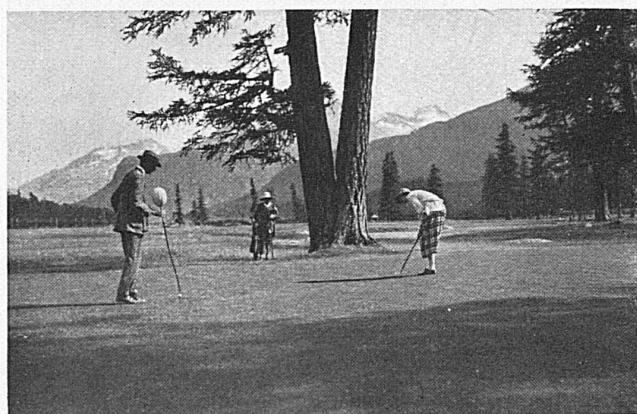
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SUMMER SPORTS



Nowhere in Switzerland is such a wonderful sporting ground for all imaginable sports to be found as in the Grisons. The mountains stretching their arms up to the blue sky, represent a Fairyland. But the same mountains in summertime yearly shelter thousands of guests who are afraid of the unbearable heat of the burning sun. It always is the sun that makes the season for the Grisons, or unmakes it. In winter the warm and wonderful sun attracts visitors, and in the summer the sun's heat, making life unbearable in the lowlands, summons thousands of the travellers again up to the "paradise of the 150 valleys".

Be it winter or be it summer, *sport* is always the slogan on the "roof of the world". The Elite of the winter sports, people of three continents gathered last winter at St. Moritz, fitly baptised by the Anglo-American community "the most beautiful stadium in the world". There is nothing in winter sports that cannot be found at St. Moritz. No place in the world that can equal it. Davos and Arosa deservedly stand second in line; around and near those places, off the beaten track many an excellent resort may also be found: Klosters and Maloja, Pontresina, Bergün and many others. 1880 English summer guests at St. Moritz glad to have found a spot 6000 feet above sea level, started winter cure. Ever since, some of those same men came winter after winter to the Engadine.

And how about *summer sports in the Grisons*? Every imaginable sport can be had almost everywhere. In the Engadine alone *four Golf Courses* are to be found and all of them close to the glacier mirroring lakes. Maloja has a 9 hole course, also Vulpera and Waldhaus-Flims. St. Moritz possesses two beautifully situated links, one of which in St. Moritz-Dorf and one in St. Moritz-Spa, while a 18 hole golf course owned by the Engadine Golf Club, is at Samaden easily to be reached by special golf trains or in 10 minutes motorcar. This course has the distinction of being the eldest course on the European continent, though situated 6000 feet a. s. l. When the heat of the burning sun makes one long for a cool place, English and American travellers leave the golf links of the low-lands to gather at the fashionable places with golf courses in the mountains of the Grisons.

Tennis also is played all over the Grisons. During June, July, August, local championships take place yearly in some of the larger resorts, like Arosa, Davos Flims, Schuls-Tarasp. But the most important tournaments are played yearly at St. Moritz, at the beginning of August the championship of the Engadine and of the Grisons. Suzanne Lenglen, that Amateur Tennis Champion of the world, immediately before her departure for the United States gave exhibition matches at St. Moritz. The most famous devotees of the "white sport" usually in July and August meet in the Engadine and especially at St. Moritz.

From time to time alarming rumours cross the Channel or even the Ocean telling the Anglo-Saxon world of Englishmen and Americans who, trying to cross dangerous glacier regions fell into tower-deep cold crevasses. Those accidents, to be sure, are rare and occur

Mountaineering Sport at Davos / Golf in Samaden, the oldest links in Europe / Sailing on the Lake of St. Moritz / Tennis in Arosa
Bergsport bei Davos / Golfspiel in Samaden, dem ältesten Golfplatz Europas / Segelsport auf dem St. Moritzersee / Tennis in Arosa

Phot. Meerkämpfer, Davos, Steiner und Rutz, St. Moritz, Brandt, Arosa

IN THE GRISONS

exclusively from neglect of the necessary precautions which ought to be made before trying any *excursions to the lofty peaks of the snowcapped mountains*. But is there any sport more wonderful than such an excursion? The farther you walk the farther behind you is left a spoiled and artificial world, the nearer you will get the eternally pure snow fields. An unimaginably beautiful panorama will repay thousandfold all the hardships of your ascent. There are hundreds of peaks with views unforgettable. Try the Silvretta, - or the Calanda massive, the Roseg - or Bernina mountains, the chain of peaks in the Albigna- and Bondasca region! You will be overjoyed looking from glacier to glacier, from peak to peak and especially down the faraway beautiful valleys.

As for *lighter* though likewise very interesting *excursions* one ought to see the *Swiss National Parc* in the Lower Engadine. But though far off the beaten track, you will even amidst the eternal snows, find *shelter in huts* comfortably furnished of which more than 20 are at the disposal of the climbers and tourists.

Or you will enjoy a *sunbath* or a *swim* in one of the *idyllic little lakes*: the Cauma lake near Flims, the Laax Lake, the Lenzerheide Lake, the cosy little lake with the fine beach at Klosters. There are swimming competitions in the Lake of Staz, near St. Moritz, and in the Untersee near Arosa. And in all of them there are plenty of opportunities for all watersports: Diving, waterball, helter-skelter, slide etc. Orchestras fill the air with their melodies and there is plenty of fun all the time all around the little mountain lakes. Even rowing boats and motorboats are to be found on some of the lakes.

The rivers and streams of the Grisons are favoured meeting places of English and American *anglers*. The *mountain trout* is a catch one may be proud of. This trout is said to be by gourmands the most savoury and most delicious of all fish, but though plentiful in the streams, not very easy to hook.

Summer Sport in the Grisons! As for the ladies they have plenty of chances to show their physical fitness and prowess in all sports imaginable. Be it tennis or golfing or riding, swimming or mountaineering, the ladies are always the equals of men.

St. Moritz is well known for the horse races on the frozen Lake in winter. In summer also there are yearly *riding competitions*. Not only men, ladies likewise are invited to prove their horsemanship. The Grisons passes, as everybody knows, have only about a year ago been opened to free motor traffic. Since that time thousands have come to enjoy the beauty of the Alps, the splendour of the ever changing sceneries.

Indeed a paradise you may fitly call the Grisons. A paradise for those seeking health and for those wanting to see the alpine beauties. Go to the Grisons, breathe its fresh and bracing air and you will enjoy every minute of your vacation abroad. There is sun in the Grisons, plenty of it, more than in the lowlands. But this sun does not burn, nor oppress you. It is springtime sun, fresh, radiant and healthgiving. *Dr. Ch. Rickenbacher.*

*Horseback riding in St. Moritz / Fishing in the river Inn / On the bathing beach at Klosters / Sun and air cure in Vulpera
Ausritt in St. Moritz / Angelsport am Inn / Im Strandbad Klosters / Luft- und Sonnenbad in Vulpera*

Phot. Rutz und Steiner, St. Moritz, Berni, Klosters

