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A KING IN SWISS MILITARY SERVICE

A news item received from Switzerland was headed "A King in the School of Recruits". For the first time, a young man on the initial military training has become **Schwingerkoenig**, Motor-mechanic Recruit Rudolf Hunsperger from Habstetten (Berne). At the Federal **Schwingfest** in Frauenfeld, he was awarded the title as champion **Schwinger**. Even the head of the Federal Military Department, Federal Councillor Chaudet, sent the young champion congratulations by telegram.

The Federal **Schwing- und Aelplerfest** took place in the Thurgau capital on 13th and 14th August. The weather was beautiful and hot. Over 20,000 visitors gathered on Saturday and 25,000 more on Sunday to watch the procession, the many folkloristic events as well as the sport.

Federal Councillor Chaudet gave an official address in which he referred to the historic connection—the first of such contests having taken place about 1215. The federal **Schwinger** flag was brought by the Aargau contingent whose members distributed whole wagonloads of carrots.

The three first prizes were a couple of young bulls and a foal.

Federal Councillor Gnaegi represented the Government at the Federal **Hornusserfest** which was held at Lyss on 20th and 21st August. 256 groups with a total of over 5000 **Hornusser** took part in this typical Swiss sports contest. (A.T.S.)

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Auckland Swiss Club

OPEN SHOOTING COMPETITION

The Auckland Swiss Club held the Opening Shooting Competition on the 29th and 30th October and on the 5th November, 1966. This national sport is getting more popular as we had for the first time 40 competitors. We had the pleasure to welcome guests from Hamilton, Taupo and Whakatane.

Rangliste Freundschaftsschiessen:

1. E. Bachmann	.....	96 Pkt	8. H. Enzler	.....	94 Pkt
2. T. Buenter	.....	96 Pkt	9. G. Gebert	.....	94 Pkt
3. S. Hartmann	.....	95 Pkt	10. H. Fitzi	.....	94 Pkt
4. K. Hirzel	.....	95 Pkt	11. V. Bachmann	.....	93 Pkt
5. F. Reichmuth	.....	94 Pkt	12. A. W. Mueller	.....	92 Pkt
6. Hedy Calonder		94 Pkt	13. J. Schwartz	.....	91 Pkt
7. E. Zuest	.....	94 Pkt	14. E. Huebscher	.....	91 Pkt
			15. T. Sidler	.....	90 Pkt

Gaeste:

1. M. Pratt (Schuetzenkoenig)	99 Pkt	3. B. Fluehler	95 Pkt
2. B. Bolli	95 Pkt	4. W. Unternaehrer	93 Pkt

Rangliste Jagdschiessen:

1. H. Enzler	72 Pkte	6. F. Reichmuth	62 Pkte
2. K. Hirzel	69 Pkte	7. J. Schwartz	61 Pkte
3. T. Sidler	67 Pkte	8. Hedy Calonder	60 Pkte
4. A. W. Mueller	66 Pkte	9. G. Gebert	60 Pkte
5. S. Hartmann	64 Pkte	10. H. Fitzi	60 Pkte

Gaeste:

1. Brajko	72 Pkt	3. B. Fluehler	62 Pkt
2. M. Pratt	68 Pkt		

Gewinner vom Wanderpreis: J. Schwartz

We also distributed the distinctions for the "Karabinerschiessen".

Eidg Wettschiessen:

1. L. Holzgang	91 Pkt	4. H. Fitizi	83 Pkt
2. U. Amstutz	87 Pkt	5. H. Enzler	82 Pkt
3. S. Hartmann	84 Pkt	6. K. Hirzel	82 Pkt

Auslandschweizerschiessen:

1. T. Sidler	95 Pkt	6. E. Zuest	81 Pkt
2. L. Holzgang	92 Pkt	7. O. Stadler	78 Pkt
3. H. Fitzi	89 Pkt	8. W. Zuest	77 Pkt
4. S. Hartmann	85 Pkt	9. Sylvia Enzler	56 Pkt
5. H. Enzler	82 Pkt		

Internationales Freundschaftsschiessen mit Vancouver:

1. H. Enzler	88 Pkt	4. S. Hartmann	85 Pkt
2. H. Fitzi	87 Pkt	5. K. Hirzel	85 Pkt
3. T. Sidler	87 Pkt		

Gewinner vom Jahreswanderpreis im Karabinerschiessen:

S. Hartmann 330 Pkt

The committee would like to thank all the helpers on the Shooting Ranch as well as to those who helped to make the evening a big success.

Our friend, Walter Risi, will now write a few words from his impressions.

SHOOTING SECTION DINNER, 5th NOVEMBER

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm said Emerson, the great essayist, and one had to be an outside visitor to the Auckland evening to realize what can be done with that essential ingredient for success.

Apart from the culinary feast of trout and venison a la Swiss, the hall was expertly decorated and a lot of time must have been spent to fetch the greenery and other things to create that sportsmen's atmosphere.

The highlight of the evening, however, was the prizegiving, where the two Presentation Hostesses (Ehrendamen), Misses Vreny and Elisabeth Bachmann, in their magnificent dresses, performed the official duties very capably and enhanced to the dignity of the occasion. One couldn't help but to admire the glowing smiles of the recipients, from the President of the Auckland Club up to the visitors from Hamilton, when they came back with their trophies and that shy little kiss on their cheeks.

Alf Meier, Max Bachmann and Charly von Rickenbach's traditional Swiss music and Hubschers entertainment all helped to round off an expertly organized most successful evening.

Many thanks and congratulations from a

Hamilton Visitor



~~~~~ Forthcoming Events ~~~~~

Hamilton Swiss Club

The Hamilton Swiss Club's Christmas evening will be held on Sunday, 18th December in Pine Lodge. Bring your children to see Father Christmas. Ladies a plate, please. (Note change from Saturday to Sunday.)

Wellington Swiss Club

The Wellington Swiss Club's Christmas party will be held on Sunday, 4th December at 2.30 p.m. in the Brooklyn Community Hall.



~~~~~ News from Switzerland ~~~~~

WORLDWIDE SUCCESS OF NUCLEX 66 IN BASLE

Nuclex 66, the First International Fair of Nuclear Industries, which has just closed in Basle (Switzerland), was attended by 12,000 visitors from 51 countries in Europe and overseas. It has become the most important trade event in this field. The general atmosphere was highly favourable to business contacts. The Technical Information Days, organized by Nuclex 66, proved fully justified, being attended by 1450 participants. The next Nuclex Fair will be held in 1969, from October 6th to 11th, in the halls of the Swiss Industries Fair in Basle. (OSEC)