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da parte degli accaniti seguaci di questo giuoco proprio alle nostra vallate. Ed anche le bocce erano ticinesi, arrivate di fresco dalla Turrita! Tennis, cricket, corse di 100 yarde per signorine e signore, per giovanotti ed anziani, corsa con l'uovo (quante frittate?), delle patate (dure queste patate di legno...) e risate schiette, allegria ovunque... Una vera festa campestre ticinese ideale. E dopo la... fatica delle gare venne il thè e la distribuzione dei premi, tutti quanti belli ed in numero straordinario, infatti, come ebbe a dire il Sig. Meschini—incaricato della distribuzione—ce n'era quasi per ogni presente e non soltanto per i vincitori! Poi, ancora fuori, all'aperto, gli uomini continuando la partita alle bocce, le donne la loro cicalata!

Non mancarono nemmeno i "quattro salti," a sera, al suono modulato d'una fisarmonica... che richiamava alla memoria le allegre festicciole paesane.

Ma "ogni cosa mortal passa e non dura" e purtroppo dovemmo riprendere la via del ritorno, verso le dieci di sera, mentre birichina in cielo la luna ammiccava, udendoci cantare le nostre canzoni popolari...

Mamma Unione Ticinese aveva mantenuto la sua promessa, ci aveva regalato una vera giornata felice, ideale. Noi, da bravi figlioli, dobbiamo essere profondamente riconoscenti ai membri suoi, ed in particolar modo, al presidente Sig. W. Notari, ed al vice-presidente Sig. C. Berti, per tutte queste ore di spensieratezza che ci procurano e che speriamo saranno molte e molte ancora, anzi, merita fare la cura Woronoff onde così poterne godere un numero grandissimo!

Elena Langhi.

CITY SWISS CLUB.

MONTHLY MEETING at The Brent Bridge Hotel, Hendon, 3rd July, 1928.

The City Swiss Club held another very successful Summer Meeting at Hendon last Tuesday, when, in spite of the very unfavourable weather, some 61 Members and Friends gathered together.

After the dinner, which was served with the usual military precision, and at the sound of the now well-known bell, the President, M. M. Gerig, proposed the toasts to the King and Switzerland. In a few well-chosen words, he addressed more especially the Ladies and thanked them in the name of the Club for their presence.

Amongst the many guests present, we were particularly pleased to welcome M. Marc Ruty, retired Honorary Swiss Consul at Sidney, after 25 years' activity in the Antipodes; M. and Mme. Schröter of Zurich, parents of our member M. Schröter; M. and Mme. P. A. Carmine and Mlles. Carmine; M. Georges Rueff of New York, a former member of our Club and brother of our ex-President M. Rueff.

Replying to the guests, M. Marc Ruty expressed his pleasure at being again amongst us. We should have liked to hear more of the comparison he was drawing between the social life at Sidney and our own activities here.

By a very happy coincidence, the box of chocolates, presented by our ever-thoughtful M. Rohr, was drawn and fell to the lot of Mme. Schröter of Zurich. Unfortunately the acclamation prevented us from hearing the presentation speech made by our President, M. M. Gerig, and the loss is entirely ours as made evident by the merriment caused on that side of the room.

The dancing which followed the dinner was greatly enlivened by the resources of our very active Secretary, M. Carlo Chapuis, who was very insistent that everybody should enjoy themselves to the utmost and would not hear of anyone missing a single dance.

The end came far too soon, as always, and it was with evident regret that we had to take leave of one another.

The originators of the idea that in the summer the usual "admissions, démissions et faits divers" meetings should give place to these gatherings at Hendon (or elsewhere) are certainly to be congratulated on that happy thought. P.B.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

In connection with the scholastic programme the following lectures were given by the students during last week:—

- K. Hasler, Zurich: "English Cathedrals."
- M. Ernst, Mammern (Thg.): "Marine Insurance."
- Miss Klara Müller, Aarau: "Modern Music."
- H. Saurer, Aarau: "Brussels."
- G. Fromm, Basle: "Dancing as a Recreation."
- A. Cereda, Lugano: "Tessin and Italy."
- W. Wilhelm, Zurich: "Hungary."
- M. Knecht, Uzwil: "My Journey from Madrid to London."
- Louis Neuwirth, Berne: "A Sunday Morning in Regent's Park."
- Fritz Eggstein, Zurich: "Germany in the Past, at Present and in the Future."
- Ernest Speck, Zug: "The Port of Antwerp."
- Max Meier, Zurich: "Rowing."
- Paul Hofmann, Brugg: "Stabilisation of the French franc."
- A. Felder, St. Imier: "History of London: A. Blank, Vevey: "Boy Scouts in French-speaking parts of Switzerland."
- F. Mayor, Montreux: "The Irish Character."
- Erwin Boller, Wangen a/A: "What will you do after Leaving our School."
- G. Ehrhardt, Berne: "Comments on a London Occurrence."
- W. Ingold, Winter-

thur: "Rhythm and Dance." Miss Gertrud Boob, Basle: "St. Albans." R. Werzinger, Basle: "Channel Tunnel Possibilities." Miss B. Schmid, Buchs (St. Gall): "Crime and Criminals." C. Senn, Chur: "Responsibility and Truth."

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

"Is the present rapid progress of science beneficial to mankind? Proposer, Mr. Eckert; Opposer, Mr. Schauwecker.

"Are General Strikes justifiable?" Proposer, Mr. Wüst; Opposer, Mr. Droz.

"Are modern girls good housekeepers? Proposer: Miss Staehli; Opposer: Mr. Schwarz.

"Are you in favour of free trade for Switzerland? Proposer, Mr. Ensslin; Opposer, Mr. Cherix.

SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION. BISLEY MEETING.

The Swiss Rifle Association paid the customary annual visit to the Bisley Camp on Tuesday last, the 3rd of July. The party consisted of about 20 members and friends, two teams of 4 having been selected to compete on the 100 yards Miniature Range. The following results were obtained:—

Team A.—J. C. Wetter 96, J. Haesler 95, E. R. Hirt 92, Alfred Schmid 90. Total 373 out of a possible 400.

Team B.—Arnold Schmid 93, H. Holliger 93, G. Burger 86, P. de Vincenti 80. Total 352 out of possible 400.

Practice (Best Results).—(100 yds.): Alfred Schmid 98, J. C. Wetter 98, ditto 97, H. Holliger 96, ditto 94, E. R. Hirt 96, C. O. Brullhard 95, J. Haesler 94. (50 yds., Pistol): G. Burger 93, P. de Vincenti 97, ditto 93.

These results are most encouraging; the score of 373 out of a possible 400 has not been reached before by any team of the Swiss Rifle Association, and we are now eagerly looking forward to see the results which will be known at the end of the Bisley Meeting.

There are 4 prizes and a shield; the number of clubs competing, however, is a large one.

By the way, it is worth while stating that we were indeed surprised to see the Swiss Army rifle used by two English competitors on the 1,000 and 1,100 yd. targets—"The Edge"—a match rifle event.

15 shots at 1,000 yards was won by Mr. A. E. Martin, of Glasgow, with an aggregate of 142, using Swiss rifle and ammunition. We understood that no rifles of foreign make could be used and further enquiries are now being made. Should permission be granted our riflemen would have to get used to the 200 and 400 ranges as 300 is considered an outrage. Ch. S.

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