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lebone Rifle and Pistol Club this year and probably the British Free Rifle Club the next. Both clubs are of high standards and have international competition marksmen. They will indeed be a challenge for the Swiss Rifle Association, which, however, has nothing to be afraid of. This year, as mentioned by the President, it met the Kensington Rifle Club. It got beaten in indoor small-bore shooting, but gave the Londoners a due beating when they came out in the open on the Siberia Range.

Mr. Bucherer mentioned the case of a member who had swapped his marking sheet because he hadn't been satisfied with his results. Our President condemned this lack of sportsmanship and indicated the administrative amendments to prevent such a thing from recurring. He also informed us that the next Federal Shooting Contest would not take place at Aarau, as had been originally planned.

Aarau had finally declined to embark into the considerable investments necessary for a venue of this nature. The Contest may take place in Fribourg.

The accounts were then commented by Mr. Straub, and showed some profit. Mr. Adolf Schmid conducted the re-election of the Committee. The main change was the replacement of Mr. Abegglen as Honorary Treasurer by Mr. Mathieu, from the Embassy. Mr. Abegglen's resignation from the Committee was motivated by his possible departure at the end of the year.

The Association's new rules and regulations were examined and passed by the meeting. The proceedings ended with a debate on the possibility of inviting female membership. This was

turned down for the reasons given in the above message. This particularly long drawn AGM was succeeded by a lively dinner under the good care of Mr. Milani.

(PMB)

#### CORRECTION

We should like to correct an erroneous announcement concerning Mr. E. Tangemann which appeared in our 22nd January issue. Mr. Tangemann has not been promoted General Manager to the Union Bank of Switzerland's London branch, but Manager with effect on 1st January, 1971. Mr. J. T. Cannon has been promoted Assistant Manager and Mr. F. M. Rees, the former Deputy Manager, retired on 31st March.

Owing to an unfortunate setting error, we have indicated that Mr. Emil Hardmeier had recently celebrated his 73rd birthday, whereas he was just 83. We should like to convey to him our apologies and congratulations.

#### OBITUARY

It is with the deepest regret that we have to announce the death on Monday, 23rd March, at Whittington Hospital after a long illness, of Mr. Giacomo Carlo Milli, of 35 Bredgar Road, London, N.19, at the age of 78. He was the son of a founder-member of the Unione Ticinese and a staunch supporter of the Society for nearly 60 years. We also regret having to inform our readers of the death of Mr. Paul Eichenberger, of 3 University Avenue, Glasgow, W.2. We wish to convey our deepest sympathy to the families of the deceased.

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

##### Annual General Meetings

The Swiss Benevolent Society. Monday, 19th April, at 6.30 p.m., at 35 Fitzroy Square.

The Anglo-Swiss Society. Thursday, 22nd April, Dorchester Hotel, at 6.45 p.m.

The Swiss Club Manchester. Grand Hotel, Monday, 26th April, at 8.15 p.m., at the Grand Hotel.

The City Swiss Club. Tuesday, 27th April, at the Dorchester Hotel, at 6.30 p.m.

The Federation of Swiss Societies. Friday, 30th April, at the Ambassador's Residence, 6 p.m.

UNION TICINESE. Sunday, May 2nd, 4.30-11 p.m. Dance to the tune of the Harry Vardon Band at the Dorchester Hotel. Tickets inclusive of tea at £1.50 obtainable from the Secretary, E. Morganti, 10 Newport Buildings, Shaftesbury Avenue, W.C.2.

SCHWEIZERBUND. AGM and Dinner at the Orpheus Luncheon Club, Dumville House, St. Mary-at-Hill (off Eastcheap), London, E.C.3, 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m., on Friday, 7th May.

SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION. Shooting at the Siberia Range, Bisley, on 25th April and 9th May.

NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE. Swiss Hostel for Girls, Belsize Park, N.W.3, 7.45 p.m. on Friday, 23rd April, open meeting. Mr. J. C. Nicole, President of the Nouvelle Societe Helvetique, will speak on the Society's aims and activities in Switzerland.

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