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News of the Colony

Auckland Swiss Club

A LITTLE NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Over ten years ago Hans Enzler, with a handful of men, started the Shooting Section in Auckland. They used to shoot with ordinary .22 rabbit rifles, but soon after better rifles were bought and a proper 50m range was built by the members.

Year after year one could see more improvement and more interest by the competitors, but Hans Enzler would not rest just by smallbore shooting; he fought a big battle to get 30 Swiss carbines into this country. A 300m range had to be built then which needed a lot of organising, running around and work.

Today after more than ten years of shooting (five of them with the carbines) we can look back on a most successful past in the Auckland Shooting Section.

As the new Riflemaster I would like, on behalf of all shooting friends and myself, to thank Hans and Sylvia Enzler for the excellent effort and pioneer work to keep the traditional Swiss custom in New Zealand which makes the job for all future Riflemasters so much easier.

K. Hirzel.

A.G.M. OFFICERS

The Annual General Meeting was held this year in the Link Office on 17th April. Newly elected were.—

President: Mr H. Fitzi. Vice President: Mrs R. Webber. Secretary: Miss E. Bachmann. Treasurer: Mr H. Sigerist. Members: Mrs M. Leutschg, Miss P. Brohin, Messrs J. Spillman, S. Hartmann, J. Preisig, R. Spengler.

Shooting Section: Mr K. Hirzel, Mr and Mrs Graf, Messrs W. Piatti, P. Withrich.

Farm Trustees: Messrs T. Sidler, M. Bachmann, H. Fitzi.

Hamilton Swiss Club

VISITING ORCHESTRA WELCOMED

In conjunction with the Hamilton Chamber Music Society our Club recently welcomed the Zurich Chamber Orchestra at their concert in Hamilton.

They were met at the airport and after the performance we joined the Chamber Music Society in entertaining them at the Top

of the River Restaurant which was decorated with Swiss flags. Committee members in national dress helped to serve them dinner.

A full capacity house gave the musicians an enthusiastic hearing. The Hamilton critic was full of praise for the exquisite string tone and superb musicianship.

They are nearing the end of their seven-month world tour and will be home later this month. —H.B.

CARD EVENING

Our first Card Evening this season, which was well attended, was held on Saturday, May 1st at the Eureka Hall.

First prize went to Mr L. Steiner; 2nd prize to Mr J. Villiger, and 3rd prize to Mr J. Wehrle.

Taranaki Swiss Social Club

The Annual Meeting of the Taranaki Swiss Social Club was held on 19th April in the Lounge of the Kapuni War Memorial Hall. The President, Mr Len Chamberlain, welcomed all those present and spoke on how the Club had enjoyed another successful year with all functions being well attended. Highlight of the year was the picnic which attracted a very large crowd.

The Riflemaster, Mr Ted Napflin, reported that the Club had many successful shoots on the Club's rifle range and with keen competition excellent scores were achieved.

A motion that the Club join the "Link" Association was successfully passed at the meeting. The committee elected for the forthcoming year comprised the following.—

Patroness: Mrs C. Schuler Snr. President: Mr Len Chamberlain. Vice-President: Mr Joe Hermann. Secretary: Mr Raymond Waldvogel. Members: Mesdames C. Gwerder, R. Gwerder, P. Meyer, J. Dettling, Messrs Paul Amstalden, Dan Butler, Bruno Frank Jr., Alex Gwerder, Alec Kuriger, Lou Kuriger, Ted Napflin, Holdi Mathis, Hans Krumenacher, Rudi Dudli and Trevor Gilbanks.

Shooting sub-committee: Riflemaster, Mr Ted Napflin. Members, Messrs Len Chamberlain, J. A. Kaiser, Zeno Hospenthal, Edwin Fuglistaller, Holdi Mathis and Raymond Waldvogel

—R.W.

Christchurch Swiss Club

This year's Annual General Meeting was held at Riccarton House; 24 members attended. Mr Moser welcomed everyone and after the minutes and apologies had been heard, we sat and listened to Mr Moser's rather stirring report on the year's activities. Our finances have risen slightly according to the Financial

Report. The Club's new rules were passed after being read to all present. Two motions were passed: (1) that Subscriptions be increased, and (2) that the Club would join the "Link".

Elections were as follows.—

President: Mr A. Moser. Vice-President: Mr K. Gottini. Secretary: Mrs J. Feldmann. Treasurer: Mr M. Nussbaumer. Executive Member: Mr W. Friedauer. Sub-committee: Mrs N. Gottini, Mrs A. Mueller, Mr R. Mueller. Auditor: Mr H. Wagner. Riflemaster: Mr W. Friedauer.

After eight years' service on the Committee of the Club, Mrs E. Miles retired. The Club's appreciation was shown by presenting her with a gift.

Our programme for the year will be a big headache to work out, but we hope to please most of the people this time.

At the conclusion of the meeting we stood for the National Anthem.

CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE:
A revised list of Presidents' and Secretaries' addresses will appear in the June issue of the Helvetia. Please forward all changes and additions to the Editing Committee before 12th June next.

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