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the Surrey Rifle Association on 3rd September. The Swiss Rifle Association will try to field an automatic rifle team.

Further items raised included the question of ladies participation. This point had been debated at length at the previous AGM and the Association's policy remains firmly unchanged for several practical reasons, the two main ones being that there would be no time to organise 11 competitions in eight meetings and teach women how to handle a gun, and, secondly, that a great many passive members to whom the Association is indebted for their membership would probably not turn up at the "Old Boys" Annual Dinner if they had to bring their wives with them. The member who suggested the inclusion of ladies in the Association actually claimed that its shooting results would be improved if this were to be allowed!

The meeting also took due note of Mr. Charles Naegeli's election to the Committee of the Surrey Rifle Association as liaison officer with the Swiss Rifle Association. The meeting showed its overall approval of a novel social event: An outing on the Grand Union Canal, starting at "Little Venice", near Paddington. Catering would be organised by two club members. Invitations to this promising outing will be mailed to members in due course.

The time for dinner had come. There were enough people to fill a

large U-shaped table in the Glendower's dining room. We were well looked after by Mrs. Schmid and her attractive daughter and had ample supplies of ham, boiled meat, sauerkraut and potatoes and wine. For dessert, we had a huge meringue. This was followed by two films on the 1969 Federal Shoot in Thun presented by Mr. Adolf Schmid, and Mr. Peter Fischer. Both brought home happy memories to the many who had competed that year in Thun and at Oensingen.

### SWISS CLUB, MANCHESTER

As part of a series of social events, members and friends were invited to a Film Show to be held on the 24th March, 1972 on the premises of Messrs. Ciba-Geigy, Healds Green, Manchester, and even if it was only for this venue, it would have assured us of a full success of the evening. The writer, and worse for him, was impeded for being there, and he felt certainly sorry for it, but it could not be helped. However, thanks also to information kindly received from Miss E. Rellstab, we are able to tell you more about it.

The large number of members and friends who all assembled at Messrs. Ciba-Geigy were most indebted to their staff who went all out to assure us of a splendid and friendly

evening, presenting us with a buffet very generously stocked with an excellent assortment of food which included also drinks and coffee. This was indeed a very pleasant start for what had to follow.

After the Buffet the guests moved to the Lecture Theatre, where they were welcomed by Dr. Bolliger. Before the film started he notified the audience of the upgrading of the Swiss Consulate in Manchester to a Consulate General, and of the promotion of Mr. Born, who was unfortunately not present, to Consul General. Mr. Leuenberger was asked to pass on to him the best wishes of the Club.

Dr. Bolliger reported that Mr. H. P. Riesen had been elected as Hon. Secretary of the Club by the Committee. He reminded the members again of the 50th Congress of the Swiss Abroad and expressed the desire that many of us would partake in this important meeting.

The film followed "Backerei Zurrer" which was made about 15 years ago, showed the story of a family quarrel. It was seasoned with good humour and ended with the solution of all the problems between the young and the old generation.

An enjoyable and interesting social event ended at about 10.30 p.m. and will certainly encourage our Committee to organise soon a similar come-together.

*E. Berner*



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