



Gold Silver Bronze

1. The five showcases for the most part show trophies presented to the Swiss Rifle Museum won by great marksmen of the past. The first showcase is devoted to the match shooters Konrad Stäheli (117 international medals), Emil Kellenberger (36 international medals) and Konrad Roderer (8 international medals). The second case covers the legendary Walter Lienhard (44 international medals) and Fritz Kuchen (12 international medals). The third case contains awards to Karl Zimmermann (92 international medals), Otto Horber (36 international medals), and Emil Grünig (23 international medals). The fourth case contains winnings of Dr. Willy Schnyder (15 international medals) and Dr. Rudolf Schnyder (1 international medal). The fifth case is for Fritz Zulauf (11 international medals), and Heinrich Keller, Loritz Minder and Rolf Beutler (each of whom won 2 international medals).

Showcase 1

Konrad Stäheli, Emil Kellenberger, Konrad Roderer

2. The Schweizer Matchschützenverband, the Swiss International Match Rifle Association, was founded in 1922. The International Match was established in 1897 and in 1907 the international shooting union, Union Internationale des Fédérations et Associations de Tir (UIT), was founded in Zürich. Around 1900 Swiss marksmen (with Konrad Stäheli, among others) were very successful and brought home many prizes and trophies, which can be admired in the two hexagonal showcases and the wall showcases.

3. Konrad Stäheli

Konrad Stäheli, from St. Fiden in Canton St. Gallen. He lived from 1866 to 1931. The figure is an original representation of the greatest Swiss marksman, who won a total of 117 medals and gained 24 Olympic and World Championship titles. His Martini target rifle carries the inscriptions «Rud. Elmer», «St. Gallen», and its octagonal rifled Hämmerli barrel is engraved «C. Widmer St Gallen». The rifle has a set trigger, target sights, extended trigger guard and palm rest. The elongated walnut stock is set with its owner's identifying medallion, and the leather sling is also original. Stäheli won the World Championship several times with this match rifle. His trophy collection is displayed in the showcases behind this pavillion.

4. Konrad Stäheli's greatest individual successes were the gold medal for 300m kneeling **at the Paris Olympics of 1900, and the World Championships in all three positions at Lyons in 1904, Zürich in 1907, Hamburg in 1909, Rome in 1911, Biarritz in 1912, and at Camp Perry in 1913.** In 1906 he won the World Championship with the pistol (introduced in 1904). In 1898, 1904 and 1907 he was pistol and revolver champion at the Federal Rifle Championships in Neuchâtel, St. Gallen and Zürich. In 1906 he was in the first place team in the International Match in Athens, winning the trophy displayed here.

5. Emil Kellenberger

Emil Kellenberger from Walzenhausen, who lived from 1864 to 1943. In 1900 Emil Kellenberger won the gold medal in 300 metre rifle shooting at the Paris Olympics, and in the same year in Paris he won the three-positional World Championships. In 1901 he won the World Championships in three-positional and prone at Lucerne; in 1903 in Rome he won the World Championships in three-positional and standing; and in 1903 in Buenos Aires he won the World



Championships in three-positional and kneeling. In 1898 Emil Kellenberger was the 300 metre champion, the Schützenkönig, at the Federal Rifle Championships in Neuchâtel.

6. Items from the trophy collection of Emil Kellenberger (1864-1943) from Walzenhausen can also be seen on the second floor of the museum (number 75 in the collection). This showcase contains a bronze statue on marble pedestal from the World Championships in Rome in 1902. The figure is of a Roman soldier with leather jerkin and helmet surmounted with an eagle, drawing his sword. The circular pedestal carries the signature E. PICAULT. Also to be seen here are the gold medal and gold plaque for first place at Rome in 1902, a chain, gold plaque and silver medal from Buenos Aires in 1903, and the monograph which Kellenberger wrote in 1903 on the «Swiss Shooters' Journey to Argentina».

7. Conrad Roderer

Conrad Roderer was born on 12th July 1868 in Trogen. He trained as a draughtsman, which brought him to the centre of the embroidery industry in St. Gallen. For many years he ran the Restaurant Peter on the Rosenberg, and was widely known and well liked as such. At the side of his friend Konrad Stäheli and with their colleagues Hess, Richardet, Widmer et al., Conrad Roderer brought honour to Switzerland eight times in the 50 metre international matches. In 1900 in Paris he won both the Olympic pistol championship and the World Championship with a score of 503, which at that time was sensational. In 1901 he became the pistol Schützenkönig, the pistol champion, at the Federal Rifle Championships in Lucerne. He died in 1928.

8. In the team events Konrad Stäheli and Conrad Roderer won, among others, the gold medal for the 50m revolver and pistol match at the World Championships in Paris in 1900, Lucerne in 1901, Rome in 1902 and Lyons in 1904, and the silver medal in Milan in 1906 and Hamburg in 1909, and the bronze in Rome in 1911. The gold medal from Paris in 1900 is exhibited here (see also number 18 in the collection).

Showcase 2

Walter Lienhard, Fritz Kuchen

9. Walter Lienhard

Walter Lienhard was born in Olten on 15th May 1890 and spent part of his youth in Yverdon, before his parents moved to Kriens. He took a commercial apprenticeship, and moved first into insurance and then into a commercial profession. His home, a real «shooting museum» with over 2,000 trophies that are now in the collection of the Swiss Rifle Museum, was a 1960 bequest of the Olten industrialist Franz Stirnmann as a «House of Marksmen», where Lienhard spent the evening of his life and where today the SSV, the Swiss national rifle association, has its seat. Lienhard was the winner of a number of World Championships, and won the title of Schützenkönig, or champion marksman, at the Federal Rifle Championships in Aarau in 1924 and Bellinzona in 1929. He died in 1973.

10. Pictures from the Federal Rifle Championships at Lucerne in 1939, with Henri Guisan congratulating Walter Lienhard on his team victory in the Army Rifle Match, winning the Mannerheim Trophy; and from the World Championships at Milan in 1922, where Lienhard became World Champion in the prone position. Lienhard was also World Champion prone at St. Gal-



len in 1925, in the Army Rifle match at Loosduinen in 1928, and kneeling in 1931 at Lemberg. World Champion Walter Lienhard's match crossbow is also to be seen, inscribed «Walter Lienhard World Champion» (1970).

11. Training manual «Learn to Shoot: Two Champions Reveal their Experiences and Training Methods», by Walter Lienhard and Emil Grünig (Lucerne 1936). Walter Lienhard's sub-calibre training inserts; and silver wreath from the World Championships at Loosduinen in 1928 for the first place of the match rifle Swiss team, to which Karl Zimmermann and Walter Lienhard also belonged.

12. Fritz Kuchen, the champion marksman from Winterthur, was born in 1877 and died before his 96th birthday in 1973. He was a mechanical engineer and from 1913 a gunsmith with his own workshop (see advertising in the shooting journal). In 1893, aged 16, he shot with the Veltheim club in the cantonal championships, and he joined the Winterthur rifle club at the turn of the century. At the age of 90 at the jubilee meeting in Winterthur he beat all 1200 competitors from 46 clubs in the Free Rifle prone event, with the following result: (two sighters) 10,10; (two series to count) 10, 9, 9,10,10,10, totalling 58 points (see newspaper cutting).

13. Fritz Kucher's most precious prize was the large cup which he won for first place at the Federal Rifle Championships at Zürich in 1907, and which may be seen here in the photograph from the 1907 championships journal. He was in tenth place at the Federal Rifle Championships at Berne in 1910, first place in kneeling at the 1911 World Championships in Rome, and at the Olympics at Anvers in 1920 he placed third in the 300m Free Rifle and Army Rifle Prone. In the team events he and his colleagues won gold at the World Championships at Biarritz in 1912 and at Viborg in Denmark in 1914.

14. Various trophies won by Fritz Kuchen, including the trophy and diploma from the World Championships at Rome in 1911 and from Antwerp in 1930, and the third place diploma from the 1920 Olympics at Anvers (i.e. Antwerp). The signed statue of the goddess of Victory by the French sculptor Laurent-Honore Marquestre (1848-1920) was the first prize in the team event at the 11th International Rifle Match at Biarritz in 1912 (Konrad Stäheli won gold in both the team and individual events).

Showcase 3

Karl Zimmermann, Otto Horber, Emil Grünig

15. Portrait of Karl Zimmermann (1894 – 1986), when he became Schützenkönig (champion marksman) at the Federal Rifle Championships at Lucerne in 1939, with his World Championships target rifle, and the Meissen eagle (see no.17) presented by the German Rifle Association, which he won at Helsinki in 1937. He won 92 medals in World Championships, second only to Konrad Stäheli. Among his other achievements he was World Champion in the standing position at Milan in 1922 and Rheims in 1924; and in all three positions he established a world record score of 1114 at Stockholm in 1929 and won the World Championships at Lemberg in 1931 with 1109. In total Karl Zimmermann was World Champion fourteen times in his 27 active years of competition, winning six titles standing and two kneeling, and setting eight world records. Exhibit on loan from Roman Zinniker, Lucerne.



16. Photograph of Karl Zimmermann's World Championships Martini target rifle, decorated with leaves and engraved scenes of William Tell and Arnold von Winkelried in the Historical Museum in Lucerne: including; the World Championships medal from Rheims in 1924; the silver Empire trophy from the 1928 World Championships in Loosduinen, first prize for the Swiss team (Karl Zimmermann, Walter Lienhard et. al.); world record target from Stockholm in 1929; Italian mounted guardsman, prize of King Victor Emmanuel, presented at the World Championships in Rome in 1935; laurels from the World Championships at Lucerne in 1939, and framed medals from Lyons 1921, Milan 1922, etc.

Exhibit on loan from the Lucerne Historical Museum (Karl Zimmermann bequest).

17. Meissen porcelain eagle standing on a rock, a prize presented by the German Rifle Association, which Karl Zimmermann received at Helsinki in 1937 (see also photograph, number 15).

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18. Gilded silver trophy for second place in the Army Rifle using the Swedish service weapon, won by the Swiss team (including Karl Zimmermann and Emil Grünig) at the World Championships at Stockholm in 1947 with a score of 2576 points. Donated by B. A. Hjorth & Co., Stockholm.

19. Books by Karl Zimmermann. «The Art of Shooting, by K. Zimmermann, World Champion Shooter at Lucerne», published in 1942, shown with his World Championships target rifle (see also photo, numbers 15/16), and 1929 world record target from Stockholm (see also number 16). «Simple Shooting Instructions for the Practical Use of Rifle, Carbine, Pistol and Revolver», published in 1942. «The Causes of Group Displacement in Target Shooting», published in 1945. «The Marksman's Lifestyle and the Successful Combatting of Match Nerves», published in 1946.

Otto Horber

20. The trophy collection of Otto Horber, who died on 14th March 2003 in his ninety-first year, was presented to the Swiss Rifle Museum by his son, Otto junior. The successful marksman Otto Horber won 36 individual and team World Championship medals. In 1924 and 1926 he won the Knabenschiessen, the traditional boys' rifle match, in Zürich. In 1952 in Oslo Otto Horber ended his sporting career with three team gold medals, and the silver medal for the 50 metre kneeling match. He was the only shooter to participate in the winning service rifle team match at three World championships. In 1955 Otto Horber was elected to the Union Internationale de Tir. In 1993 he became an honorary member of the SSV (the Swiss national rifle association) and of the European Shooting Confederation. After his death he was honoured by the world organization with the Blue Cross, the «Blue Riband' for his great services to the shooting sports.

21. Newspaper cutting of Otto Horber with his first wife, to whom he proudly shows his first World Championships medal. At Stockholm in 1947 he won the World Championships on the American course of fire, one point ahead of Karl Zimmermann. Also exhibited here is a banquet menu from Stockholm in 1947 (which included a «Tell» cake). A menu card from the World Championships at Lucerne in 1939 is also exhibited; the four-course meal there included young roast duck and Zug cherry tart. A telegram from Table 9 addressed to «Champion Marksman Horber from Lucerne» is also to be seen, together with the championship laurels.

22. Among the countless documents, trophies, medals and commemorative objects in Otto Horber's shooting legacy exhibited here, the following might be especially mentioned: silver



plates and gold, silver and bronze plaques from Helsinki in 1937; bronze medal and pin from Buenos Aires in 1949; silver vessels, gold and silver medals, and competition book from Oslo in 1952; sundry commemorative medals from the 1948 Olympics in London, the 1951 Bolivarian Games in Caracas, the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki and 1956 in Melbourne; and gold chain from Munich in 1972. Letter from Stockholm in 1947; travel document for Helsinki in 1937; Otto Horber's glasses; souvenir from Seoul in 1986, etc.

23. Karabiner 31, serial number P400778, with medallion inscribed «Presented to OTTO HORBER by the Federal Military Department in commemoration of the victory in the International Service Rifle Match, Lucerne 1939» and sticker from the Federal Rifle Championships in Zürich in 1963, together with sling. Donated by Otto Horber junior, Zürich.

Emil Grünig

24. Emil Grünig, who was born in Krattigen on 26 July 1915 and died in 1995, and who first trained in law and administration, won 23 international shooting medals. At 19 he became a 300m Schützenkönig (champion marksman) at the 1934 Federal Rifle Championships in Fribourg, and 50m champion at Olten in 1935 (see photographs of the results in 1934, left; and in 1935, right: on loan from Kurt Grünig in Malters). Walter Lienhard was impressed by him and took him into his factory making sporting arms at Kriens. There he met his wife to be, Frieda Schaub, who was a niece of Walter Lienhard. He was active in the national shooting squad from 1935 until 1954, and as a member of that team won ten gold medals, and further silvers and bronzes. From 1955 to 1961 he was the national squad trainer.

25. Photographs from 1948. Left: Emil Grünig receiving the gold medal for the 300m three-positional match at the awards ceremony for the Olympic Games at Wembley stadium in London in 1948, watched by 100,000 spectators and 5,000 athletes. Right: Emil Grünig with his coach Walter Lienhard (donated by Dr. Friedl. Pezzei). Emil Grünig won the first Swiss gold medal in shooting at the Olympics after the Second World War, and won three silvers in 1937 and 1939.

26. Replica of the Olympic gold medal won by Emil Grünig in London in 1948 and a newspaper cutting, showing the victor's target and Emil Grünig with his target rifle in London. Exhibit on loan from Kurt Grünig, Malters.

27. At the World Championships in Buenos Aires in 1949 Emil Grünig and Otto Horber shot 5508 points in the target rifle match, and won the second prize, the «COPA CONFEDERACION ARGENTINA DE DEPORTES Comité OLYMPICO ARGENTINO Campeonato Mundial de Tiro» which is exhibited here.

28. At the World Championships since 1910 a national match has been shot using the service rifle of the host country. In 1962 at Cairo the Swiss Karabiner 31 was used, and from 1970 the service rifle was displaced by the Standard Rifle. Fritz Kuchen won once in the kneeling position. Emil Kellenberger won the three-positional match once (in 1922), Karl Zimmermann three times (in 1925, 1930 and 1931) and Walter Lienhard once (in 1928). The best result in individual positions was attained by Zimmermann four times kneeling, and once each standing and prone. Dr. Willy Schnyder, the pistol champion, won twice kneeling, and Josias Hartmann and Walter Lienhard once each standing. In 1935 a national team event was introduced, and Switzerland won the bronze medal.



29. The Swiss team of **A. Salzmännli**, **M. Ciocco**, **E. Grünig**, **K. Zimmermann**, and **O. Horber** won the gold medal with the Finnish service rifle in Helsinki, together with the Mannerheim Trophy which was then awarded for the first time (there are also silver and bronze editions of the trophy), and the prize of a live bear. The bear was named AMEKO from the initial letters of the first names of the team members, and it can be admired on the second floor. The Swiss team also won the Mannerheim Trophy in 1939 in Lucerne with the Schmidt-Rubin Karabiner 31, and won again in 1952 in Oslo and in 1982 at the World Championships in Caracas. The silver trophy from Oslo is exhibited here, a gift from the Argentine Confederation.

30. Photograph of the Mannerheim trophy.

The gold Mannerheim perpetual trophy, presented by the Finnish Marshal Baron Carl Gustav Mannerheim, was awarded to the winning team in the Army Rifle match from 1937 to 1986. According to information from Ernst Büchi, director of the Swiss Rifle Museum at the time, the trophy was exhibited at this museum from 1982 after Caracas, until he left in 1987. According to the newspaper cutting mentioned above (see herewith) it was intended that its final resting place should be the Mannerheim Museum in Helsinki. Since the year 2000 however, according to information from Kaisa Laitinen at the Sports Museum of Finland, it has been in the possession of the Finnish national rifle association in Helsinki (the Finns were the last team to win it at Skövde in Sweden in 1986).

Photograph provided by the Sports Museum of Finland, Helsinki.

31. Further results of leading shooters who made their mark in the 20th century. At the World Championships at Stockholm in 1947 Otto Horber won the bronze medal in the 300m Free Rifle three-positional match, and the gold medal with Emil Grünig and others in the national event. In the inaugural rapid fire match the Swiss team of Ciocco, Horber, Grünig and Tellenbach won the gold medal and Horber became World Champion; Karl Zimmermann, one point behind, won the silver medal and then retired from international competition. The silver horse on a marble base presented by the Argentine President Peron, the prize for the top place, is exhibited here (number 66).

Showcase 4

Dr. Willy Schnyder, Dr. Rudolf Schnyder

32. Picture of Willy Schnyder, who was born in 1894 and died in 1946, painted by Friedrich Traflet (1897-1954). «The Golden Years of Dr. Willy Schnyder of Balsthal» was the title Heinz Häsler gave to the marksman's twenties (in the special edition of the Schweizer Schützenjournal in 1999 [...], p.13). Willy Schnyder won 15 international medals; he was top individual in the 50m pistol event at the World Championships at Rheims in 1924, St.Gallen in 1925, Rome in 1927 and Loosduinen in 1928, and he also won the bronze at Antwerp in 1930. He also established a new world record (which Fritz Zulauf took from him with a 542 in 1929). He was World Champion with the Army Rifle in the kneeling position in 1922 and 1931.

33. Ammunition belonging to Dr. Willy Schnyder, bearing the inscription «Dr. Willy Schnyder, 50m Champion, Aarau 1924», together with match entry booklet from the 27th International Shooting Championships at Rheims in 1924, and diploma from the World Championships at Stockholm in 1929. Also exhibited is his Martini rifle, made by Jakob Häuptli in Solothurn, and bearing the owner's medallion inscribed «Dr. Willy Schnyder, Balsthal» (multiple World Champion).



34. Perpetual trophy in honour of Dr. Willy Schnyder, champion marksman and long-serving President of the Swiss Match Shooters' Association, presented by his widow, Dr. M.Schnyder-Fröhlicher, following his death in 1946. The trophy, modelled on his match pistol and bearing the coats of arms of the Schnyder and Fröhlicher families in bronze and silver on a wooden plinth, was to be awarded to the best individual pistol shooter at match championship events or the team winner at World Championships or Olympics. In 1976 it was given to the Balsthal rifle and pistol club and exhibited in the shooters' bar of the hotel Rössli in Balsthal. On loan from the Balsthal rifle and pistol club.

35. With their colleagues, Fritz Zulauf (see Showcase Five) and Willy Schnyder won the gold medal in the 50m pistol team event at the World Championships at Milan in 1922, Rome in 1927, Loosduinen in 1928, Stockholm in 1929, Antwerp in 1930 and Lemberg in 1931. The bronze statue bearing a silver gilt cup which was the first place prize at Milan in 1922 is exhibited here.

36. The pistol shooter Dr. Rudolf Schnyder, who trained as a dentist, was born on 22 August 1919 and died in 2009. He won the silver medal exhibited here in the Free Pistol individual event at the Olympic Games in London in 1948, and won silver again in the team event, with Heinrich Keller and others, at the World Championships in Oslo in 1952. He was active on the national and international shooting scene until 1971. In European championships he took second place at Versailles in 1950, and first place at Zürich in 1951 and Lucerne in 1957, and in the team event placed third in 1959. He was Swiss Champion in Fullbore/Free Pistol in 1951, 1953, 1954 and 1955, and placed first in the Sporting Rifle event in 1963. In 1977 he was awarded medal of merit of the SSV (the Swiss national rifle association).

37. The will of Rudolf Schnyder left his shooting legacy to the SSV (the Swiss national rifle association) and thus to the Swiss Rifle Museum, and this was executed by Frau Grollymund-Schnyder, one of his nine children, on 9 June 2010. This splendid donation included the Sporting Rifle targets exhibited here, and the plates from the 1972 World Championships in Thun and Berne (where Rudolf Schnyder organized the Sporting Rifle shooting at Hinterkappellen).

Showcase 5

Fritz Zulauf, Heinrich Keller, Moritz Minder, Rolf Beutler

Fritz Zulauf

38. Trophy collection of Fritz Zulauf from Altstetten in canton Zürich, who was born in 1883. Well known in shooting circles, the champion pistol shot Fritz Zulauf died at the age of just 58. His outstanding ability in his special discipline first gained him a place on the Swiss World Championship squad that went to Lyon in 1921, and through to 1933 he took part in almost every international pistol match. His greatest successes came in 1929, when at the international match in Stockholm he set the new world record of 542 points, and was pistol champion at the Federal Rifle Championships in Bellinzona with a score of 544.

39. Fritz Zulauf also won the bronze medal at the Olympic Games in Antwerp in 1920. His targets from Loosduinen in 1928, Stockholm in 1929 and Antwerp in 1930, and his gold medals from the World Championships at Rome in 1927 and Stockholm in 1930 are exhibited in the



showcase. Also shown is the silver prize for first place in the match pistol team at Stockholm (won by Fritz Zulauf, Dr. Willy Schnyder and others); the trophy was given by General Consul C.F. Hagströms. Further trophies are to be found at No.77 on the second floor.

Heinrich Keller (two international medals)

40. In this cabinet a very special piece is exhibited. The Luger pistol with a long barrel of almost 8 inches (200mm) instead of the standard 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches (120mm) and a magazine for cartridges in 7.65mm calibre, was a special production of the Waffenfabrik Bern, the federal arms factory, for the shooting World Championships in Buenos Aires in 1949. With one of these pistols Heinrich Keller became World Champion at Buenos Aires in 1949, with a score of 559 at 50m. Please note the accompanying group. The second pistol with a shorter 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (170mm) barrel was also produced for the World Championships in Buenos Aires, and afterwards returned for scrapping! Fortunately three pairs of these pistols were not destroyed.

Moritz Minder (two international medals)

41. In this cabinet one weapon in particular stands out: the .22 TOZ with the serial number MW202/T03-35 modified by Moritz Minder. With this pistol, made in 1973, Minder set the World Record of 577 at Seoul in 1978, and became World Champion. This single shot pistol has a falling-block action, micro-adjustable sight and a home-made synthetic grip with twin screws, bearing the Seoul World Championships sticker number 3326. The pistol is striking for its singular appearance, for its owner achieved his success using a radical stance. An example of the original TOZ-35 manufactured in Russia, upon which Minder based his self-made modifications, is also exhibited.

42. Photograph and frontispiece from the competitive shooting journal «UIT», showing Moritz Minder when he set the world record at Seoul in 1978, with his target, his pistol, and his unique grip. According to the residence records of Samedan he was born in Poschiavo in 1936 and died in Samedan in 1987. His only son, one of four children, runs the Minder sporting goods shop in Samedan.

Rolf Beutler (two international medals)

43. World Champion Rolf Beutler, who appears on the accompanying photograph, presented the Swiss Rifle Museum in Berne with the air pistol with which he won the UIT World Championship in Mexico in 1985, together with his medal from the event. The air pistol, Feinwerkbau Model 2 serial number 07303, is a single-shot with cocking lever; the gas cylinder is located under the barrel. The sights are adjustable, as is the palm shelf of the grip. The pistol bears a sticker from the World Championships in Munich in 1989.

44. Competitor number and medals won in assorted competitions by Rolf Beutler, who was born in 1940. The achievements of his shooting career included the following: silver medal at the 1981 World Championships in Santo Domingo and gold medal at the 1985 European championships at Varna in Bulgaria (both air pistol team events); 14th place in the 50m Free Pistol event at the Olympic games in Los Angeles in 1984; 20th place in the air pistol event at Seoul in 1988; assorted Swiss Championship titles, Swiss records and World Cup victories in the 50m and 10m disciplines. In 1985 he was also the 50m pistol Schützenkönig (champion) at the Federal Rifle Championships in Chur and accorded the title of Shooter of the Year. Beutler's successes also included various victories in international police matches and a bronze medal in the team event at the European Police Championships.