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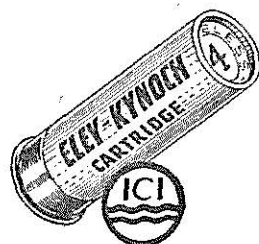
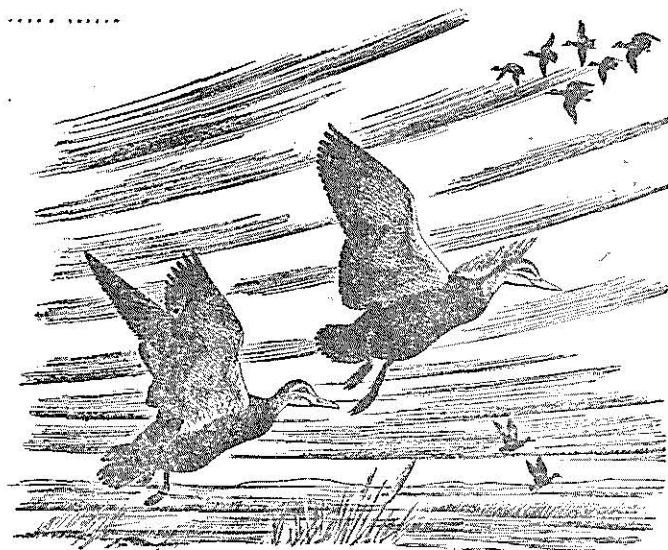
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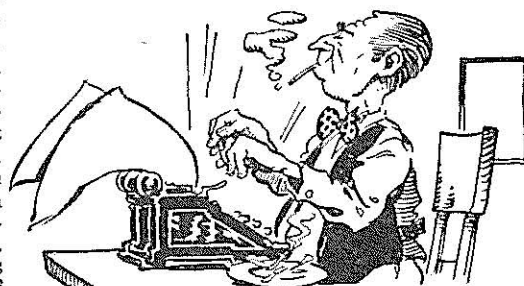
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## THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Shooters from outside Victoria gained five out of the first seven places in high-gun order for the Australian Team in the Third International Match, of which Australia's section was shot at East Burwood (V.) on March 14 last. Full details of the scores of the Australian team are published in another section of this issue. Absolute high-gun figures went to R. Redpath, of Hobart (Tasmania), who registered the brilliant total of 97/100. J. A. McCraith (Essendon, V.), 96/100, was next, and A. E. Poxon, of Launceston (Tas.), third high-gun, with 95/100. Match conditions were 100 birds per man from 16 yards, 2½ in. shells, loaded to International match standards. The Great Britain teams shot their section of the match at Dundee (Scotland), on July 2. Results were not to hand when this edition went to press—should these arrive before publication the winning team and its aggregate



score will be announced in "Stop-Press."

Australia will shoot its 1950 International at the usual venue on March 13, 1950. This will be preceded by the usual Champion of Champions (Australian National Championship) on Saturday, March 11, 1950.

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The tendency which has become prevalent of late, of affiliated clubs holding shoots on public holidays without first obtaining the approva

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of the Association, has necessitated the following reminder: The Association by-law on the point states that "The Association is in charge of all holidays, and clubs desirous of shooting on these days must first obtain the approval of the Association." It is hoped that in future clubs will bear this in mind and ensure that the Association has approved of any proposed shoot on such days.



## AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL SCORES

The scores to count compiled by the Australian International Team in the Third International Match against England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, totalled 1,374 points, for fifteen men. The team aggregated this total at East Burwood (V.), on March 14 last, in perfect weather. The average was 91.6. The score of the substitute shooter, J. Bryant, who was included in the team after the first round of 25 birds in place of "Bendigo" (H. Ceresa), is disallowed, and therefore is not included in the "scores to

count." The Australian Team official scores were:

	Total
Redpath, R. (Hobart) ..	24 25 24 24 97
McCraith, J. A. (Essendon) ..	24 23 24 25 96
Poxon, A. E. (Launceston) ..	24 23 23 25 95
Burns, A. F. (Footscray) ..	24 23 21 25 93
Thomas, N. (Townsville) ..	25 21 23 24 93
Brook, F. (Gulgandra) ..	24 21 24 24 93
Cameron, K. (Roma) ..	20 24 25 23 92
Biggs, E. G. (Malvern) ..	23 25 23 21 92
Bryant, J., Jnr. (Blackburn) ..	25 25 20 21 91
Eldridge, H. (Alvie) ..	23 19 23 24 89
Skate, F. (Blackburn) ..	23 20 22 24 89
Donnelly, H. R. (Wangaratta) ..	22 22 22 23 89
Haynes, A. E. (Thornbury) ..	23 23 20 23 89
O'Callaghan, D. B. (Brighton) ..	23 20 20 25 88
Arnold, W. (Colac) ..	22 22 21 23 88

Scores to count—Total 1374

COUNTED OUT:	
Johns, W. R. (Malvern) ..	23 21 23 21 88
Fraser, V. (Lakes Entrance) ..	22 19 21 22 84
Schilling, L. L. (Ormond) ..	20 24 18 20 82
Brice, E. W. (Canowindra) ..	20 23 17 20 80
Bryant, J., Snr. (Blackburn) ..	24 23 24 24 95

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THE WINNING AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL TEAM, 1949.  
Back Row: L. to R.—F. Brook (Gulgandra, N.S.W.), W. R. Johns (Malvern, V.), L. L. Schilling (Ormond, V.), H. R. Donnelly (Wangaratta, V.), A. E. Haynes (Thornbury, V.), V. Fraser (Lakes Entrance, V.), A. F. Burns (Footscray, V.), J. Bryant, Jnr. (Blackburn), J. Bryant, Snr., Newton Thomas (Townsville, Q.), Keith Cameron (Roma, Q.). Front Row: L. to R.—E. G. Biggs (Malvern, V.), J. A. McCraith (Essendon, V.), Harvey Eldridge (Alvie, V.), H. Watts (Referee), R. Redpath (Hobart, Tas.), W. Arnold (Colac, V.), A. E. Poxon (Launceston, Tas.), D. B. O'Callaghan (Brighton, V.), F. Skate (Blackburn, V.), and E. W. Brice (Canowindra, N.S.W.).

## ASSOCIATION SHOOT

The Association shoot, held on the East Burwood grounds of the Australian Clay Target Club, on King's

Birthday holiday, June 13, again proved a most attractive and interesting series. Almost 100 entries were received for both the A.C.P.T.S.A. Intermediate Championship and the

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SHOOTING GROUNDS ST. LEONARDS

## PROGRAMME

to be held at the Tasmanian Gun Club, Launceston  
on the

# 6th August, 1949

Event No. 1:

### Double Barrel 5 Bird Sweepstake

Nomination, 5/-

Event No. 2:

### CLUB D.B. CHAMPIONSHIP

20 Birds from 18 yards.—Trophies: 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and front marker's trophy. Nomination, 15/-.  
Optional Sweepstake, 10/-.

Event No. 3:

### 7 Bird Round of Skeet

Nomination, 10/- Divided 60, 30, 10.  
Other events, time permitting.

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First Grand Australian Handicap—the deciding of the two events occupied the full day. Organisation went perfectly, so much so that shooting competition, handing over of trophies and the usual convivialities, which are common on big occasions, were all disposed of by 5 p.m. The efficient referees, scorers and general administrators of the shoot are to be congratulated on another highly successful effort, which was favourably commented upon by all. The outstanding efforts of the day were contributed by Fred. Skate and the youthful 15-year-old, Harvey Eldridge, of Alvie (V.), who won the Grand Australian Handicap (45 birds from Association handicaps, points scoring two and one), with the excellent score of 85/90 from rapidly improving Bill O'Brien, of Holbrook (N.S.W.) (mine host at the Riverina Hotel). Bill scored 93/100. The tyro shooter, F. L. Dempsey, of Yarram, registered 91/100 to run third. Then followed, after tie shoots, T. J. Sandy (secretary of Swift's Creek Club), 91/100 (fourth), A. Hamilton (Dandenong) 89/100 (fifth). Vern Dudley (Balwyn), 91/100, was sixth. This ended the official prize list. Others who shot well were George Simpson (Pirron Pallock) 90/100, J. J. Dawson (Beaumaris) 89/100, John Bryant (Blackburn) 89/100, A. J. Russell (Warrandyte) 80/90, E. J. Matthews (Bowna, N.S.W.), and Reg. Plunkett (Bowna, N.S.W.), each 79/90. "Ingi," L. L. Schilling and R. Ridgway (Pirron Pallock) each 78/90, C. Wise (Wangaratta), J. Hyett (Sunshine), and C. W. Growcott (Bairnsdale), 77/90's, M. Atkinson (Sale) 76/90, J. H. Headland, A. C. Tie, Len. J. Robinson (Sale) 75/90. The attached sweepstakes resulted: (10/-), H. Eldridge (1), W. C. O'Brien (2), T. J. Sandy (3). (5/-): W. C. O'Brien (1), T. J. Sandy (2), and G. Simpson (3).

The Intermediate Championship (20 birds from 16 yards—restricted to shooters whose handicap did not exceed 16 yards on June 13), which preceded the Grand Australian Handicap, brought forth three possibles. Fred. Skate, the ultimate winner, went to the 40th round with an unbroken score, before he shook off

E. Rodgers, 39/40. Frank Tuck was third, 34/35. Rodgers missed his 36th and Tuck his 31st. There were eight 19/20's, and these shot on to decide the fourth and fifth trophies. The shoot-off resulted: M. Atkinson (Sale) 34/35 (4), W. C. O'Brien (Holbrook, N.S.W.) 33/35 (6th). Then followed Lance Small (Caulfield), E. J. Matthews (Bowna), T. J. Sandy, "Red" (L. W. F. Robertson, Deniliquin, N.S.W.), A. Hamilton and E. A. Borley, each 23/25, then J. H. Headland, 22/25.

The series concludes the A.C.P.T.S.A. shoots for 1949. The Association's next fixtures will be the 1950 Champion of Champions Cup (Australian National Championship), and International meeting, which will take place on March 11th and 13th, 1950, at East Burwood. This will be the usual Victorian Eight Hours Day week-end holiday and intending competitors should keep these dates in mind and make necessary accommodation reservations in plenty of time.

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SHOOTING GROUND: BRIGHTON (TAS.)



23rd July, 1949

Commencing at 11 a.m.

EVENT No. 1:

NOVICE SHOOT, 5 BIRD DOUBLE-BARREL. Nomination, 5/-.

EVENT No. 2:

5 BIRD DOUBLE-BARREL HANDICAP SWEEPSTAKE

Nomination, 5/-.

## LUNCH RECESS

EVENT No. 3:

10 BIRD JACK RABBIT EVENT

Nomination, 5/-, with 20/- added, which is refunded 2/- each kill for the ten birds to each shooter. Balance remaining is shared by High Gun on 12 yard, 13-14 yard, 15-16 yard, and backmarkers.

Club Handicaps.

EVENT No. 4:

## 1949 I.C.I. TROPHY

10 Birds, nomination, 10/-; 1st, I.C.I. Trophy; 2nd, 3rd, and 12 yard trophies. (12 yard Trophy donated by D. Bridges, Esq.).

EVENT No. 5:

3 PAIRS DOUBLE RISE, 5/- SWEEPSTAKE.

NOTE: STATE DOUBLE RISE CHAMPIONSHIP ON 20th AUGUST

Referee:

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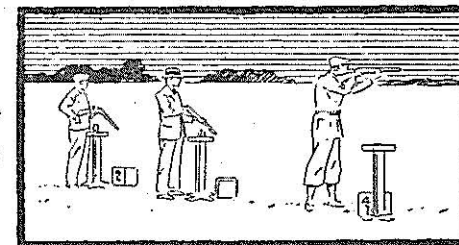
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# AROUND THE CLUBS AND MEETINGS...



**CAMBERWELL (V.)**—The club's single-barrel championship was the chief interest on June 11, when nearly 40 shooters turned up. The title contest produced a surprise result when victory rested with "Stuart," who is none other than ex-Geelong college boy, Stuart Johnson, son of the Australian Clay Target Club's secretary, Aub. Johnson. "Stuart" has been encouraged by his father to take an interest in the sport, and although the young sportsman has many interests he is now finding it hard to keep away from "the gun." Results were: No. 1 5 birds, D.B., div. A. H. Brenk, W. R. Bloomfield, "Stuart," "Eskdale," "Dick" and Bill Delaney 7/7, No. 2 Club single-barrel championship, 20 birds, from 16 yards. Four 16/20's. Tie shoot, "Stuart" 20/25, John Bryant 19/24, A. H. Brenk 18/25 and "Crom" 17/25 ("Crom" won the 13/14 yarders trophy. 15/16 yard award went to Charlie Wignell 15/20. Bill Bloomfield's protegee, W. Jenkins, won the novice event, 13/20, No. 3 5 birds, D.B. div. A. H. Brenk, V. Dudley, P. Cronk, C. S. Bromfield, and Aub. Johnson 5/5. The latter was in good form in the events "off the fence," winning one outright and dividing another with John Bryant and A. J. Russell.

Charlie Wignell won the main event on June 25. Cold weather made shooting conditions somewhat unpleasant. Results: No. 1 5 bird sweepstake, div. Vern. Dudley, W. Bloomfield, "Stuart," and Peter Sheridan 8/8, No. 2 10 bird Handicap, C Wignell 12/12, W. Bloomfield 11/12, R. W.

Delaney 12/13, 13/14 yarder, K. Jenkins 9/11, No. 3 5 bird, D.B., gun below elbow, silent rise, "Stuart" 5/5, No. 4 missout, K. Jenkins 5/5.

**ELTHAM (V.)**—Former 8th Division captain, Ben. Cook, who "enjoyed" the doubtful hospitality of the Japanese at Changi camp for 3½ years, returned to his best form on June 11 at Eltham, when he won the J. M. Wilson Cup. A number of visiting shooters from country clubs, including Theo. Norman (Colac), and Les. Black (Irrewillipe), were amongst the competitors. Results were: No. 1 5 birds, D.B., (seven possibles), div. C. Fisher, Phil. Power, W. Finnegan and Les Black, 7/7, No. 2. J. M. Wilson Cup at 10 birds from handicaps (to be won twice). Ben. Cook, 19/19 (1). A. Hamilton 18/19 (2), C. Thorne 21/23, 12 yarder, C. Fisher 9/10, 13/14 yarder, C. Martin 14/15.

**BENALLA (V.)**—Results of shoot on June 11: No. 1 5 birds, single-barrel, four possibles, divided sweepstakes, A. Roberts, L. Cook, M. Mathieson and M. Evans 5/5, trophy to M. Evans on 13th round, 13/13. No. 2 10 birds, two trophies. Sweepstake divided J. H. Lodge, P. Pettit, and L. Cook, 10/10's, trophies to L. Cook 24/24. J. H. Lodge 23/24. No. 3 5 birds, sweepstake and trophy, sweepstake divided R. Reynolds, S. Cordy (Wangaratta), P. Pettit (St. James), and J. Duell 5/5, shoot-off for trophy, P. Pettit 10/10. No. 4 (same), div. R. Thorne (Invergorden), C. Reynolds (Congupna Road), M. Mathieson and J. Plum (Benalla) 5/5, trophy to M. Mathieson 7/7.

**KING ISLAND (Tas.)**—The King Island club's meeting, which coincided with the start of the pheasant shooting season, produced the largest field of entrants for any series staged by the Bass Strait club. In addition, a greatly increased number of spectators enjoyed the shooting. L. Davies, the visiting Victorian sportsman, gave a display of archery during the day. The first event at 5 bird, went to Harry Waight, of Ballarat (V.), shooting on 18 yds.; he won outright. The main 20 birder was won by L. Kennedy, of Richmond (V.), 20/20, shooting off 14 yards. N. Ellis, 19/20, was runner-up, and W. Jacobs and L. Davies equal third 11/20. Bill Rainbird, of Launceston (Tas.), the A.C.P.T.S.A. Vice-President, took over the duty of presenting the trophies in his usual breezy style. Bill also congratulated the club on its organisation and the excellent sport it provided for visitors.

**WANGARATTA (V.)**—Wangaratta Gun Club held a clay bird shoot for the benefit of the Kindergarten, and will hand over a tidy sum out of the proceeds.

Shooters were present from Albury, Holbrook, Burrumbuttock, Benalla, Dookie, Wangaratta, Glenrowan, Eldorado.

Highlight of the shoot was the No. 2 sweep, which was divided by Geo. Walker, of Wangaratta, and H. McMasters, of Burrumbuttock, after shooting 33 out of 33 clays straight. Both shooters were on their toes, and provided one of the best exhibitions of marksmanship witnessed on the grounds.

The president, Mr. J. C. Bell, after welcoming the visitors, paid special tribute to Mr. Walker and Mr. McMasters on their fine performance. Also to Miss J. Plum, of Benalla, who came in for special mention on winning the 12 yard novice event.

Following are the results of the afternoon's shoot:—

No. 1 5 bird D.B., divided by J. and M. Feldtman, Dookie; J. Lodge, Miss J. Plum, Benalla; J. Duell, Eldorado; H. McMasters, Burrumbuttock; M. Ward, Wangaratta.

No. 2—10 bird trophy event, divided by G. Walker, Wangaratta South; H.

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No. 3—12 yard novice event, won outright by J. Plum, Benalla, O. Holmes, Carboor, second, D. A. O'Brien, Glenrowan, third.

No. 4—Deauville Doubles, three pairs. Won by J. Duell, Eldorado, and I. Reith, Wangaratta, 17/18 pair; C. Dean and S. Cordy, Wangaratta, 2nd, 15/17 pair.

No. 5—Double rise, three pairs, won outright by G. Walker, Wangaratta South, 6 pairs.

No. 6—Miss, Out, from 25 yards. Won outright by C. Wise, Wangaratta, 5/5.

Trophy for most consistent shooter who did not win a trophy or prize in the first three events, won by K. Ward, Wangaratta, 27 points.

**COBURG (V.)**—The club's double-rise title on June 11 was the main event. Several Interstate shooters attended, including a number who were preparing for the Association shoot on June 13. The title went to "Ingi" (Cliff Ingbritsen), of Coburg, 10/12 pairs. Runner-up was Jack

Bryant, 9/12. (Jack missed three out of his first four pairs, and then shot eight pairs straight). George Biggs was third, 7/12. Other results were: No. 1 3 pairs, double-rise, div. K. Steedman, A. Poxon (Launceston, Tas.), and Clem Mudford, 2/3 pairs. No. 2 5 pairs, Deauville doubles, outright to "Ingi" and Roy Johns, 10/10 pairs. No. 3 5 birds, D.B., 10 possibles, tie shoot, div. N. Guy and "Peters", 8/8 pairs.

On June 25, the Metropolitan double-rise championship was not favoured with congenial weather. A strong half gale crossing northerly wind made conditions for shooting extremely difficult. The title went to George Biggs, making his 12th championship in the last 12 months. Biggs won outright, 7/12, from Frank Tuck (who seems to have a runner-up complex, having had the disappointing experience of running second on many occasions recently), 6/12, and "Peters," 6/18, 14 yarder trophy went to Bill Wager, 5/18. Other events resulted: 3 pairs Double-rise, G. Biggs

3/3, No. 2 5 birds D.B., Fred Ingbritsen 10/11, G. Biggs 9/11.

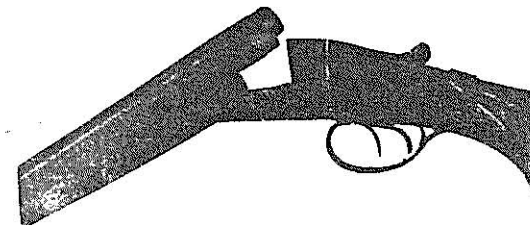
**TOWNSVILLE (Q.)**—(June 18th): The opening 5-birder, a sweepstakes shot under single barrel conditions, resulted in possibles from W. Jones, T. Clay, and J. Doyle, who divided the pooled prize money.

The second event, a 10-bird single barrel handicap for three trophies, resulted in an outright win for J. Carrington, with the only 10/10 possible scored. J. Doyle, with 9/10, filled second place, and W. Jones, with 11/13, was third.

The second stage of the competition for a canteen of cutlery shot for at 10-birds point shooting, followed, and resulted in D. Casey, with a possible 30/30 points, running out a clear winner, and annexing the points for first placing. D. Peberdy, J. Carrington, and J. Gerber, each with 27/30 points, led the rest of the field, and as a result of a shoot off, J. Gerber filled second place, J. Carrington third place, and D. Peberdy took fourth points. The competition for this

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JULY 9th, 1949

5 Bird Double-Barrel Sweepstake. Entry, 4/-.

**Club Mixed Birds Championship.**

5 Bird Double-Barrel.

JULY 23rd, 1949

3 Pairs Deauville Doubles.

**Club Deauville Doubles Championship. 5 Pairs,  
16 Yards.**

5 Pairs, Double-Rise.

AUGUST 6th, 1949

10 Birds, Double-Barrel.

10 Birds, Single-Barrel.

10 Birds, Double-Barrel.

AUGUST 20th, 1949

10 Birds, Double-Barrel.

**CLUB WALK-UP CHAMPIONSHIP.**

5 Birds, Double-Barrel.



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trophy, which is being shot for over five stages, is in an interesting position, and is still open to anyone to strike form over the next two rounds and run out a final winner on the fifth stage. Ten points are allotted to the winner of each round, six points second, four points third, and the fourth man in each round scores two points. The highest aggregate of points won at the end of the fifth round takes the trophy. Points won to date are: D. Peberdy 12, D. Casey 10, W. Jones and J. Gerber 6, J. Hanran and J. Carrington four, and R. White 2.

The final event, a 5-bird walk-up sweepstakes, was won outright by Rus McKimmin.

The next big shoot to be held on the Townsville Gun Club's grounds will be the 1949 Commonwealth single-barrel clay pigeon championship meeting on August 6th and 7th next.

Club members and sportsmen generally now eagerly await July 1st for the opening of the wild duck season, which is open this year for three months from July 1st to September 30th, in North Queensland.

ROMA (Q.)—Roma club recently completed its five track lay-out in concrete. This work has been accomplished by the members at week-ends. Members have also erected a club office, covered the puller's stand, and shortly intend to build a spacious pavilion. The club now claims the second-best club lay-out in Queens-

land—this is a remarkable effort for such a young club with a small membership. The supply position is hampering activities greatly, and the club is concerned regarding the shooting of its championship allotment. Results of last shoot were: No. 1 5 birds, D.B. (1st) div. Keith Cameron and Nev. Bassett 9/9, R. Bell 8/9, No. 2 5 birds, D.B. points, J. D. Bassett and H. Carne 9/10, R. Bell 11/13, No. 3 (same), div. C. Mitchell and Keith Cameron 12/12, C. R. Fletcher 11/12, No. 4 20 Bird, D.B. Trophy event, H. Carne 20/20, C. R. Fletcher 19/20, H. Rothwell and R. Bell 18/20, best 12/13 yarder, D. Fletcher 17/20, No. 5 3 Bird, S.B., H. Rothwell 4/4, D. Fletcher 3/4, No. 6 5 birds, D.B., W. Carne 6/6, C. R. Fletcher 6/7, R. Bell 5/7, No. 7 miss-out, S.B., H. Rothwell 6/6, R. Bell, J. Bassett and Murray Cameron, each 5/6. (C. R. Fletcher, secretary).

MITCHELL (Q.)—King's Birthday week-end saw our biggest shoot since last September. Many visitors took part—but the local support was disappointing, chiefly due to the fact that we have been unable to stage any worthwhile shoots since our September meeting. During the nine months which have elapsed we have only been able to secure 5,000 English cartridges and 3,500 clays. We finished up having to borrow 500 from one of our neighbouring clubs to enable us to get through our championship fixture. Keith Cameron (Roma) won the Maranoa District double-barrel championship, and with it the silver cup presented by J. M. Bauman, Esq., M.B.E., of Brisbane, with a score of 19/20. K. Bassett (Roma), was runner-up, 23/25, from T. Akers (Charleville), third, 22/25. Others close up were: H. Rothwell (Roma), 17/20, J. C. Dyson (St. George), 16/20, D. W. Cameron (St. George), 16/20, A. Thomas (Roma), 15/20, H. T. Siddins (St. George), 15/20, J. W. Raleigh (Clara Creek), 15/20. The South-Western Queensland single-barrel went to K. Bassett (Roma), 19/20, Clive Evans (St. George), 18/20 (2), J. W. Raleigh (Clara Creek), 24/30, J. C. Dyson (St. George), 23/30 (4). Other events resulted: No. 1 5 birds S.B., N. Bassett 10/10, J. D. Bassett 9/10, Keith Cameron 7/8 (3), No. 2 Miss-out D.B., N. Bassett 5/5, Ossie Smith (Charleville), 5/6, R. Akers (Charleville).

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4/5, No. 3 5 birds, D.B. points, K. Bassett 5/5 and T. Akers div. 5/5, No. 4 5 birds D.B., R. F. Bell (Roma) 8/8, R. Akers 7/8, O. W. Kinchington (Mitchell) 6/8, No. 5 5 birds, D.B. points, J. Allen (Clara Creek) 14/14, G. D. Mitchell (Mitchell) and H. T. Siddins div. second 12/14, No. 6 5 birds D.B., J. D. Bassett (Roma) 8/8, E. Parry (Charleville) (2), 7/8, J. R. Munns (Mitchell) and T. Akers divided third 6/8, No. 7 (same) div. H. T. Siddins and R. F. Bell 5/5, No. 8 walk-up D.B., H. Rothwell 4/5, S. Grieve (Roma) 3/5, No. 9 miss-out, D.B., O. Smith (Charleville) 6/6, S. Grieve 5/6, R.

Chambers (Mitchell) 5/6, J. L. Liston, second.

FOOTSCRAY (V.), (4th)—No. 1 5 birds, D.B., div. J. Hyett and N. Fuy 5/5, No. 2 15 birds, double-barrel, two possibles, Brian Kelly 15/18 (1), K. Loveridge 14/18 (2), D. Haddow 15/18 (3), No. 3 10 birds, D.B. div. J. H. Headland, K. Loveridge and C. Wilson 9/10.

The shoot on June 18 provided another interesting day when the main event was the club's Mixed Birds title. This went outright to George Biggs 14/18, from Jack McCraith 13/18, and J. Bryant 21/30.

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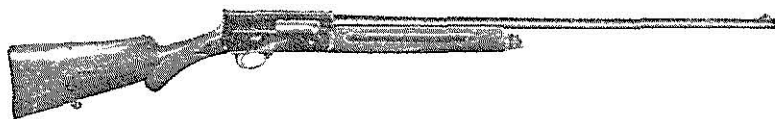
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The front-marker trophy award was taken by C. Sydenham 19/30. Only one event was possible owing to the dull light and brief hours of daylight.

**CHARLEVILLE (Q.)**—Results of a recent shoot conducted by the Charleville Diggers' Gun Club were: No. 1 5 birds, S.B., Tom Akers 5/5, No. 2 (same), div. R. A. Akers and E. Parry 3/3, No. 3 (same), won outright by Reg. Akers 3/5.

**AUSTRALIAN (V.)**—The June shooting opened with the well-attended meeting on June 4, when the Club Deauville Doubles title was the main interest. Shot at 12 pairs from 16 yards, five pairs returned possibles. In the shoot-off, Frank Brown-Roy Longmore proved the steady pair of the tieists, and won 22/22. The Dandenong pair, A. (Mick) Hamilton and Joe Kirkham shot 28/30 to run second, and Lance Small-A. C. Tie gained third honours 27/30. In the minor events, the results were: No. 1 5 birds, D.B., 21 possibles, tie-shoot, "Kim" 12/12, A. J. Russell 11/12 (back 5 yards on handicaps), and "Stuart" 10/11. No. 2 15 birds, two possibles, shoot-off, E. G. Biggs 16/16, C. Thorne (Greensborough) 15/16, L. Small 17/18; E. T. (Bill) Lees won the 13/14 yarder's award 16/18, and Murray Gardiner the 12 yarder's prize, 13/17.

The club's three track lay-out was a decided asset on June 18, when the dull weather made for a short shooting day. Bill Finnegan, of St. Kilda, the Gloucester Cup holder, had his best day since his Gloucester win, by securing a division and win in the main double-birder. Results were: No. 1 5 bird sweepstake, 15 possibles, tie shoot, divided Lionel Byrne, Bill Finnegan, Lance Small and Allan Tie, 11/11, No. 2 10 birds single-barrel (no possibles), tie shoot, "Peters" 10/11, A. H. Brenk 9/11, Murray Gardiner 16/18, 13/14 yarder, E. A. Borley, 14/17, 12 yarder, K. McCrabb (Trafalgar East) 9/11, No. 3 10 birds, double-barrel, 9 possibles, tie shoot, Bill Finnegan 20/20, Frank Tuck 19/20, W. Bloomfield 10/11, 12-yarder, G. Cooper 11/12, 13/14-yarder, A. C. Tie 13/14.

**YARRAM (V.)**—There was a good attendance of local and visiting shooters at the Yarram Gun Club's Championship shoot at James Street, on 28/5/49, W. J. Albert winning the Championship event, and Don Barlow the £20 handicap.

The following were the results:—  
Pipe Opener (5 birds), E. Daw, (Yarram), Don Barlow (Yarram), M. Atkinson (Sale). Divided 7 birds.  
Gippsland Double-Rise Championship 12 pairs and Optional Sweepstake: Outright winner W. J. Albert, (Yarram), 10 pairs. (Yarram Gun Club trophy, silver tea service and tray). Second, R. Barlow (Yarram) (Mrs. H. W. Bell's Trophy). Third, E. Daw (Yarram), (Mattern Bros. Pty. Ltd. Trophy). Optional sweepstake: W. J. Albert (Yarram) 1; R. Barlow (Yarram) 2; M. Atkinson (Sale) 3.  
£20 Double Barrel Handicap, 15 birds, and optional sweepstake—Winner, Don Barlow (Yarram) 1, 15 straight. 2nd and 3rd divided by E. Daw (Yarram) and C. J. Willis (Yarram). Optional sweepstake, Don Barlow (Yarram).

**TASMANIAN (Launceston, Tas.)**, (30/5/49).—A large crowd attended the club's monthly fixture at St. Leonards. Ideal weather prevailed. A novice event attracted 11 competitors. This was particularly satisfactory, as one of the main objects of the club is to encourage young shooters. Competitors from all parts of the State took part. Results: No. 1 5 birds S.B., div. C. Poxon, J. Blake, M. Johnstone (Latrobe), H. Saunders, R. Pitt (Hobart), H. Smith and R. Mitchell 5/5, No. 2 Novice shoot, T. Kerr, H. Saunders, G. Smith, S. Meagher, W. Wood and A. Pitt each stopped 4/5's. The shoot-off result was: H. Saunders, 13/14, W. Wood, 12/14, T. Kerr, 7/9. No. 3 Main event, £20 handicap (28 noms.). Two possibles, by Mac. Johnstone (Latrobe), and R. Mitchell (Launceston), and they agreed to divide first and second. Third was divided by R. Powell (Cressy), N. Frith, R. Rockliff (Latrobe) 14/15, No. 4 3 pairs Double-rise, Alf Poxon 2/3 pairs (outright win), C. Young 3/5.

**HOBART (Tas.)**—A feature of the meeting was the success of the

Kempton shooters, H. Munnings, who won the "silent rise"; M. Munnings (his son), second in the £20 Handicap; and A. Smith, who shared in a division of the 5-bird sweepstake and gained third places in the £20 Handicap and "silent rise" events.

About 35 shooters participated. Juvenile sportsmen figured prominently.

The most outstanding performance was that of A. Smith, who registered 50 "kills" out of a possible 53. A great future is predicted for this shooter, because of his outstanding consistency and ability to adapt himself to any conditions. He is considered the most promising of Tasmania's younger shooters.

The 5-bird novice shoot was won by L. Fisher, with the possible. M. J. Watt and E. Pulford were equal second with 4/5.

The 5-bird double-barrel event was divided by J. McKenzie, E. Nelson, K. Pulford, C. A. Reynolds, E. Pulford, T. Cannon, M. Munnings, and A. Smith after the shoot had gone to the sixth round.

H. Munnings and J. McKenzie were the only shooters who scored the possible in the 10-bird "silent rise." Munnings won when McKenzie missed his first bird in the shoot-off. Six shooters registered nine "kills," necessitating a shoot-off for third place, which emanated into a tussle between W. Reynolds and A. Smith. Reynolds missed on the 23rd round.

Scores in the chief events:

£20 handicap (15-bird): K. Pulford, 17/18; M. Munnings, 16/18; A. Smith, 22/24; C. Allwood, 21/24; I. Fisher, 17/20; G. Smith, 17/20; T. Cannon, 16/19; W. Reynolds, 14/17; E. Nelson, 12/15; A. Nelson, F. Pulford, M. Bale, R. Pulford, C. Clark, C. A. Reynolds, E. Pulford, D. Wilson, H. Munnings, 11/15.

"Silent Rise" (10-bird): H. Munnings, 11/11; J. McKenzie, 10/11; A. Smith, 22/23; W. Reynolds, 21/23; A. Nelson, 14/16; L. Fisher, 11/13; D. G. Wilson, 10/12; K. Pulford, 9/11.

5-bird Handicap: J. McKenzie, E. Nelson, K. Pulford, C. A. Reynolds, E. Pulford, T. Cannon, M. Munnings, A. Smith, 6/6 (divided).

COLAC (V.) (28/5/49).—With 10 first barrel kills, Harvey Eldridge won the Jack Brennan Trophy, the main event at the Colac Gun Club's clay bird shoot on Saturday, 28/5/49.

Due to other attractions, the Colac Gun Club's clay bird shoot in aid of the Hospital Rebuilding Appeal drew only a medium sized field of 22 shooters. It is expected that an amount of £15 will go to the fund.

The main trophy for the day, which was donated by Mr. J. Brennan, of the Commercial Hotel, was won by Harvey Eldridge, who shot particularly well. Jack McCarthy was second and Geoff. Lewis (Birregurra) gained the sectional trophy for 12/13 yarders. Jack Ross (Birregurra) won the next event, with Geoff. Lewis second, after a tie shoot, with four others. Charlie Grist captured the main trophy in the third event after Harvey Eldridge had taken him to the 11th round. Results:—

Event 1, 5 bird sweep: Divided by W. Arnold, J. Moran, D. Corstorphane and F. Eldridge, all 8/8.

Event 2, 10 bird, points decision: First H. Eldridge, 20 points; second, J. McCarthy, 19 points. 12/13 yard sectional trophy, G. Lewis, 16 points; 18 points to W. Arnold, C. Grist and D. Corstorphane.

Event 3, 5 bird, single barrel: J. Ross 5/5 first; G. Lewis, 8/9, second; after a tie shoot with W. Arnold, J. McCarthy, J. Moran, D. Corstorphane and H. Eldridge.

Event 4, 5 bird, double barrel: Possibles by C. Grist, T. Norman, A. McCorkell and H. Eldridge. First trophy to C. Grist, 14/14; second H. Eldridge, 13/14. Off-box events were won by A. Eldridge, C. Grist and D. Corstorphane.

(Don Corstorphane, Sec.)

HOLBROOK (N.S.W.).—The club championship held recently resulted in a win for Mangoplah shooter, Lox. Creasy.

The Championship, a mixed bird event which carried with it the "Colin McLaurin" tray, was won for the second year in succession with a score of 14/20, and L. L. Creasy now becomes the permanent holder of the trophy. Mrs. A. Halford, sister of the donor (Mr. C. McLaurin) presented the trophy to the winner.

S. Finemore (Mangoplah) and R. Hall (Wagga) tied for second place with a score of 12/20.

Other events: 5 bird D.B. Sweepstake: L. Creasy, Reg. Plunkett and Ray Matthews divided, 11/11.

5 pairs Deauville Doubles: Won by Norm. Plunkett and Ray Matthews, 5/5.

5 bird D.B. Sweepstake. Divided by W. O'Brien, E. Matthews, P. Gibbons and L. Creasy, 5/5.

(Harry Burge, Sec.)



## TEN YEARS AGO

During July, 1939, Dave Watson won the South Gippsland double-barrel championship, which was shot on the grounds of the Blackburn Club, under the auspices of the now extinct Narre-Warren-Dandenong clubs. On the same day Camberwell No. 1 Team defeated Blackburn No. 1 in the stage for the Narre-Warren Shield. Individual honours in this contest went to Commander C. R. Price, with 27/28. The latter, partnered by "Duxbac," won the Commonwealth Deauville doubles championship.

The Werribee Gun Club held its official opening on the Werribee race-course—the official words of the opening were spoken by this scribe—as might be expected the same scribe was hardly good enough to try firing the first shot!

At St. George (Q.) H. S. Smith, the young bank clerk/secretary of that club won the club double-barrel title with 25 straight from 20 yards. Smith (who later served with the A.I.F. in the Middle East) wrote afterward winning the title (he had shot in the Champion of Champions in Melbourne) "used the 2½ in. shells loaded with International loading, they will do me."

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## "Tips" and "Tails"

Sale Gun Club (V.) will shoot the Gippsland District Deauville Doubles championship on its spacious grounds in the East Gippsland capital on Saturday, August 13. A £20 handicap at 20 birds will follow the main event. Both Lou

Bourbaud (President) and Len Robinson (Secretary) attended the recent Association at East Burwood (V.), and both have promised the usual hospitality to visiting shooters.

Graeme Baker, Tumut Club (N.S.W.), young secretary advises his club intends holding its opening shoot on Saturday, July 23. This will actually be the club's "official" opening—several minor shoots have already been held. A £50 handicap at 25 birds is listed as the main event. A little "straight-eye" is reported to be available for those who like it!

A new formation is likely at Captain's Flat (N.S.W.), where ambulance officer E. G. Croker is main organiser. The club will start off with at least 22 members, all of whom will become registered with the A.C.P.T.S.A. as soon as the club affiliates.

Hillston (N.S.W.), where we know that a few good duck bags have been gathered by Victorian shooters in the past, also contemplates the formation of a new club. A. W. Cashmere is convener.

Atherton (N.Q.), has applied for August 13 and 14 for the shooting of the North Queensland Mixed Birds championship and accompanying first-class programme. This has been approved by the A.C.P.T.S.A.

Tasmanian Gun Club at St. Leonards (Launceston), has listed its premier double-barrel championship for decision on August 6. Conditions are 20 birds from 18 yards for four

trophies. A round of skeet is included in the programme.

Vic. Fankhauser has requested that information be published regarding the finding of a good-class raincoat at the East Burwood shooting grounds following the big Association day on King's Birthday, June 13th. This is available to the owner on the supplying of details to Vic. He can be contacted at WM 8166 (Vict.).

Shooting sportsmen throughout Australia will regret to learn that Mr. Claude Abel, an Association Hon. Vice-President, recently suffered a severe collapse, and is at present an inmate of Calvary Hospital, Hobart. All will wish him a speedy recovery.

Jerilderie Club's big day on July 16th promises to be one of the best yet. The main event will be the N.S.W. Mixed Birds title, and a £50 handicap. All enquiries should be made to Bob. Ferris, at Jerilderie.

D. D. Mackay, of Coorombong (N.S.W.), and a member of the Townsville Club, who was a member of the winning Australian Team in the Australian Teams' championship at East Burwood on March 12th, is now on his way to Scotland by the "Stratheden." D.D. comes from Caithness, in North Scotland, and reckons if he had been further North he would have been a Scandinavian. He shoots grouse in August.

News that the famous London Gun Club has been re-formed will interest many shooting sportsmen outside the great metropolis in the Mother Country. The meeting to re-form was held at the Charing Cross Hotel. Officers elected were: President, C. H. Champion; Committee, Captain E. M. Ginn, T. H. Hughes, W. Levison, C. Lucas, F. T. Moore, and W. Forsyth Whaley. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. George H. Jones for his work as Secretary for over half a century, starting in 1895 with the Middlesex Gun Club and then with the Hendon Gun Club, which was founded in 1924, and was re-named the London Gun Club in 1935.

Club shoots will be held at the West London Shooting Grounds, Northolt, Greenford, Middlesex, on the following Saturdays: 16th July, 13th August, starting at 10 a.m., with Down-the-Line events, to be followed after lunch with Skeet, which it is proposed to install.

The subscription is £1/1/- per annum. The West London Shooting Grounds have kindly placed their pavilion at the Club's disposal.

Ray Hall, of Wagga Wagga (N.S.W.), who recently had the misfortune to lose a great deal of personal property when his home was almost totally destroyed, has expressed his thanks to the many shooting sportsmen who have assisted to bring about the restoration of his home at Wagga. Ray mentions special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Cox, who did many things which have made things easier for him.

Townsville Club's Commonwealth single-barrel championship meeting listed for August 6 and 7 is advertised in detail this month. The fixture promises to be one of the best ever

held in North Queensland, and the locals, including President "Willo" Hanran, and Secretary Fred. Blackman, are going to no end of trouble to ensure that visiting shooters enjoy North Queensland at its best. For those who know this flourishing part of Australia, it is safe to remind them that "North Queensland in August" is a very pleasant and hospitable spot, and a trip up there, even for "health" reasons only, would not be out of place. Air-liners now bring Townsville within one day of Southern centres, so the time involved in travelling would be reduced to a minimum.

The effort of E.G. ("Beau Geste") Biggs in winning a handicap event from 22 yards at the East Burwood fixture of the Australian Clay Target Club on June 4, was meritorious. When Biggs was placed on that mark, there were many who doubted the wisdom of this move and in one instance the A.C.P.T.S.A. handicappers were charged with being "far too severe." Biggs' win settles any question as to the judgment of the handicappers. Biggs is now in the

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W. T. Romney-Rockliff, of Latrobe (Tas.), writes: "I must congratulate you on that very interesting Journal, 'Clay Pigeon News.' I look forward to it each month." (Thanks for the comments, W.T.R.R.—Ed.).

To Charters Towers, under the capable secretaryship of Norman Dugavell, goes the honour of having the first tower erected in the Pineapple State. The new tower will be in operation almost immediately. Later in the year, the club intends sponsoring the Queensland Tower Championship, under A.C.P.T.S.A. directions.

Congratulations are extended to veteran, W. Bennett, of Cressy (Tas.) and his wife, who recently celebrated their golden wedding. They were married at Cressy in 1899. Mr. Bennett has maintained his registration with the Association since 1937.

Coburg Club's annual meeting will be held in the Coburg Town Hall on July 13. Nominations for all offices will close with the Secretary (Mr. Cyril Colledge), at 12 Adler Grove, Merlynston, N.14, seven days prior to the meeting. The meeting will be the 13th of its kind.

Colac Club (V.), will be glad to have Inspector Harry Mills as a member now that popular sportsman has taken over duties as Police Inspector for the Colac District. Congratulations are extended to the new In-

spector, who shoots under the name of "Apex."

Alf. Poxon's ability to hand over trophies at shoots is becoming quite a regular feature of his visits to clubs outside the Tasmanian organisation.

At the Coburg club's meeting on June 11, secretary, C. Colledge, requested Alf. to do the honours, and these he did with his usual efficiency.

Shooters will understand the feelings of young John Bryant when it is noted that in the Camberwell club's single-barrel championship on June 11 fixture, he registered his 8th consecutive second. His father had a similar experience in the Coburg club's double-rise title on the same day, running second to "Ingi."

The duck season in North Queensland opened on July 1, and continues

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### AUSTRALIA WINS INTERNATIONAL

Soon after going to press, information was received that the Australian Team had returned the highest score in the 1949 International. Australia, therefore, wrests the Mackintosh International Trophy from England. Full details in August "News."

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to September 30. Townsville club officials have shrewdly picked August 6 and 7 for the club's sponsoring of the Commonwealth single-barrel championship — those fortunate enough to visit this great sporting centre for the title series and able to stay over for a few days are assured of plenty of "arranged" duck shooting, and a trip or two to the local beauty spots, including one of the "ace" localities, in Magnetic Island.

It will be "Willo" Hanran's first big Commonwealth meeting as President, and all will wish this straight shooting sportsman a great and successful meeting. "Willo" took over



the Presidency from W. J. (Gunner) Jones, who held the office for 20 years straight. The latter was recently made a Hon. Life Member of the club and was also presented with a gold wristlet watch in commemoration of his great service to what is now regarded as one of the best clubs in the Pineapple State.

A new club has been formed at Balmoral, in the Hamilton district of Victoria. The club is already affiliated with the A.C.P.T.S.A.

Another new formation in the same district is the Cavendish Gun Club—this club is also an affiliated unit of the A.C.P.T.S.A.

F. and E. Daw, Jnr., have moved from Hay, N.S.W., and now conduct the Commercial Hotel, at Yarram (V.). Doubtless, Yarram club officials will be pleased to welcome these two good sportsmen as members of that Eastern Victorian club.

Veteran Aub. Davis, of Leeton (N.S.W.), who was recently the recipient of an appreciative gift from the Griffith Gun Club, has requested this publication to thank the Presi-

dent, Secretary and members of the Griffith Club for the kindness and thought behind the presentation. Aub. claims that he is better asking Griffith members to accept his thanks in this way than endeavour to make a speech or even write. Aub. has assisted both Griffith and Leeton clubs at various times, and it is pleasing to know that his efforts have not been forgotten. His handiwork in building the splendid entrance gate at Griffith is a perpetual monument to his artistry and generosity.

The Southern Hemisphere championship at clay pigeons will be conducted by the New Zealand G.C.A. in 1950. It was originally intended that this event should be held in Melbourne during the proposed visit of H.M. the King, in 1949. The postponement of the visit allows for the event to go to N.Z. next year.

The North-Eastern single-barrel title will be shot at St. James (V.) on July 16, a handicap event will follow. Alan R. Church (secretary), will answer all enquiries. Albury Club—

## GOULBURN GUN CLUB

(Affiliated with the A.C.P.T.S.A.)

Ground Location: Mummell, Grabben Gullen Road.

CLAY PIGEON SHOOT

Saturday, 13th August, Commencing 10.30 a.m.

### £55 DOUBLE BARREL HANDICAP

Handicap & Trophies  
AUTOMATIC TRAP

#### PROGRAMME

10.30 a.m.: OPENING SWEEPS

11.30 a.m.: 5 BIRD DOUBLE-BARREL HANDICAP TROPHY  
(Mantle Clock). Nomination, £1.

### 2 p.m.: £55 DOUBLE-BARREL HANDICAP

Nom., £2/10/-, including birds. 15 Birds from Association Handicaps. 1st Prize, Trophy valued £5, cash £25; 2nd Prize, Trophy valued £3, cash £12; 3rd Prize, Trophy valued £2, cash £3; 4th Prize, Trophy valued £3. Trophy valued £2, best 12-yarder not in first four. Nylons for the Ladies.

5 Bird S.B. HANDICAP. Nomination, £1. Trophy: Cut Glass Set.

Light Refreshments, cartridges, etc., available on Ground.

No Liability.—The organisers, whilst taking every precaution, do not accept responsibility for any accidental damage to any person or property on the ground, or for safe custody of guns, ammunition, clothing, etc., deposited in the pavilion or elsewhere.

H. R. HEAT,

President. Phone 699.

S. E. LAMB, Hon. Secretary,

Box 10, P.O., Goulburn.

on its spacious grounds at Wodonga—will shoot a £55 Handicap, open handicap at clay pigeons on Saturday, July 30. The winner will receive £26 and a trophy valued at £7, second £10 and £5 trophy, third £3 and £2 trophy, and fourth £2. Sweepstakes will follow the main event. The club intends entertaining its visitors lavishly on Monday evening, August 1. The Gala Coffee Lounge has been reserved for the occasion, together with a four-piece orchestra. Secretary Allan Manser is hopeful of a big attendance of well wishers of the club. The club will also shoot on August 1 and 2.

Mac. Johnstone, secretary at Latrobe, has applied for October 15 for the North-Western Districts of Tasmania single-barrel title—this has been approved by the A.C.P.T.S.A. The club is expecting a few mainland shooters. A good trout fishing day (trout abound around Latrobe at that period of the year) is promised for the following day (October 16). Mac. reckons "you only have to put the line into the water and the trout jump at it." So the followers of the gun and the pastime made famous by Isaak Walton should bear this in mind. Details will be advertised in September issue of "News."

Sid Lamb, at Goulburn (secretary), considers shooters in his district will be developing "web-feet" before long, owing to the incessant rain. Sid says Goulburn will get under way again as soon as clays arrive.

Writing some details of the King Island Shoot on the week-end of pheasant season opening, club secretary, George Turner, says Laurie Kennedy and Harry Wright were in great form. George adds, "Our one and only Bill Rainbird not only shot well, but presented the trophies and made a swell speech. We hope he keeps coming back. Pheasants were scarce and wild, coverage seemed to be about two per shooter per day. Victorian and Tasmanian shooters have asked me to express through Association 'News' sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Dolin and staff at the K.I. Hotel for the hard work done to make the trip as pleasant as possible."

## POET'S CORNER

We are indebted, for the following verse, to veteran Mr. Donald Mackintosh and novice shooter, Mr. T. R. Kerr, of Launceston.

### ANZAC DAY

By Donald Mackintosh.

We've bowed our heads a score of years and more,  
And this we'll always do on Anzac Day,

Around the southern seas from shore to shore,  
And will go on for ever and for aye.

All bow with reverence as you march, to-day

This tribute from our heart of hearts we give,

In memory of your good old British way

Of facing death, that we in peace may live.

We bow with sympathy within our hearts

A sympathy well shared the whole world wide,

By millions who have nobly played their parts,

Now tears of sorrow turn to tears of pride.

We stood spellbound to see you march to-day

In every step and stride and bugle call,

Souls of the dead in silence seemed to say

Old Britain and her Cubs will never fall.

All humbly bow for those so true and brave

Who fought for peace right to the bitter end,

That no man in this world should be a slave

Now let us hope for peace for foe and friend.

The second contribution by Mr. T. R. Kerr is titled "Eyes." Mr. Kerr describes it as having been "composed, not in a few minutes as most amateur poets are wont to say, but after many hours of scanning lines, trying to rhyme words that are not meant to rhyme, and, after much labour, and with apologies to Rudyard K." (Mr. Kerr advises that he is a protege of Alf. Poxon, and among the many instructions given

# Albury Field Shooters' Gun Club

(Affiliated with A.C.P.T.S.A.)

SHOOTING GROUND: REAR WODONGA CEMETERY  
MELBOURNE ROAD

## £55 D.B. HANDICAP £55

### SATURDAY, JULY 30th

#### PROGRAMME

10.30 a.m.—OPENING SWEEP.

#### 12 Noon—£55 D.B. Handicap at Clay Pigeons.

Conditions: 15 Birds off Association Handicap Marks.

Nomination, £2/10/-, including Clays.

1st Prize: Trophy valued £7, cash £26.

2nd Prize: Trophy valued £5, cash £10.

3rd Prize: Trophy valued £2, cash £3.

4th Prize: Trophy valued £2.

Sweepstakes to follow.

Booth and Luncheon on Ground.

Handicaps: Monday, August 1st, and Tuesday, August 2nd.

J. J. REIS, President,  
595 Young St., Albury.  
Phone Albury 365.

For Accommodation—  
A. P. MANSER, Sec.,  
420 Smith St., Albury, N.S.W.  
Phone Albury 212, Day.

to him by that mentor was "to keep both eyes open." "Eyes" is the result.—Ed.).

#### "EYES"

By T. R. Kerr.

Oh, they're small, damnably small,  
With no wing spread at all  
And to score a "kill" you've got to  
bust 'em aside,  
You can't break a wing and leave 'em,

Send your dog in to retrieve 'em,  
And their speed makes quail look just  
as tho they're tired,  
If you dust 'em and don't bust 'em  
And the referee calls "Lost."

Things such as this you must take  
in your stride  
But—if you can close one eye like  
this

You're bound to score a miss.  
And you can bet your charge went  
rather wide  
So if you have to close one eye  
Wait until a blonde goes by  
'Remember, keep your both eyes open  
wide'.

Oh they're small, damnably small,  
And they've got no wings at all  
But if you bust 'em up the scorer's on  
your side,  
Now take a tip that's hot  
Look where you want to put the  
shot

'And always keep your two eyes  
open wide.'  
Around the clubs and meeting . . .



#### AMENDED HANDICAPS SINCE LAST ISSUE

3340 Akers, Geo. (Charleville)	12
3747 Allen, J. D. (Mitchell)	12
2631 Archer, G. (Charters Towers)	14
3416 Archer, Kevin (Charters Towers)	12
3426 Bacigalupo, Noel (Coonamble)	12
3308 Bassett, J. D. (Roma)	14
3240 Bassett, K. (Roma)	15
3241 Bassett, N. (Roma)	15
2539 Bell, F. (Townsville)	14
3242 Bell, R. F. (Roma)	13
1805 Biggs, E. G. (Coburg)	23
651 Blackman, F. (Townsville)	15

2851 Carrington, W. (Charters Towers)	15
652 Carrington, W. J. (Townsville)	16
3773 Clay, A. (Townsville)	12
1371 Clay, T. (Townsville)	16
3279 Cossar, Tim. (Albury)	12
3741 Dempsey, F. L. (Yarram)	14
3676 Dempsey, J. (Albury)	12
3323 Eldridge, H. (Colac)	17
3188 Ferrier, R. (Roma)	12
3182 Fletcher, C. R. (Roma)	15
2843 Griggs, A. (Townsville)	12
897 Hanran, Joe (Townsville)	14
274 Hanran, W. J. (Townsville)	16
3757 Hay, J. (Colac)	12
2954 Hickey, B. (Colac)	13
3576 Hunt, J. W. (Colac)	12
3207 James, J. W. (Townsville)	12
1149 James, W. W. (Townsville)	13
2652 Johnson, S. ("Stuart") (Australian)	14
498 Kennedy, L. (Coburg)	15
3255 Lodge, J. H. (Benalla)	15
284 Marron, T. (Townsville)	14
2894 Mason, E. J. (Bathurst)	14
283 Melville, F. R. (Townsville)	13
272 Melville, J. E. (Townsville)	16
3143 Moore, Jack (Footscray)	16
3334 Munns, J. R. (Mitchell)	12
2991 McGrath, M. (Irrewillipe)	13
282 McKimmin, E. J. (Townsville)	13
3276 McKimmin, R. (Townsville)	12
2844 McLennan, R. (Townsville)	12
3606 McMaster, H. L. (Wangaratta)	14
2893 Nash, Gordon (Bathurst)	14
3331 Page, Jeff. (Charleville)	13
1840 Pesco, T. (Townsville)	13
2786 Pettit, P. (St. James)	14
3152 Plum, Jean (St. James)	13
2621 Ransome, H. (Townsville)	12
3577 Ross, J. (Colac)	13
2977 Simpson, G. (Pirron Yallock)	14
2976 Skate, F. (Australian)	17
813 Smith, J. (Townsville)	18
3335 Smith, O. W. (Charleville)	13
2282 Smith, R. (Tasmanian)	12



# Australian Clay Target Club

(Affiliated with A.C.P.T.S.A.)

(Incorporating Blackburn and Nobel Clubs.)

Ground Location: Burwood Road, East Burwood (13 miles G.P.O.)  
Bus from Burwood Rd. Tram Terminus or Box Hill Rly. Stn.,  
at 1.15 & 2.15 p.m.

## PROGRAMMES

### *Saturday, 16th July*

#### **Evans & Balfour Trophy**

10 Bird Event, Double-Barrel

10 Bird Event, Points Decision

10 Bird Event, Double-Barrel

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 13/14 & 12 yd. trophies in each event.

### *Saturday, 30th July*

#### **5 Birds, Double-Barrel Sweepstake**

#### **10 Pair, Novelty Event**

1st, 2nd, 3rd Trophies

#### **6 Pair Double Rise**

Trophies

(3 pair off each Nos. 1 and 2 grounds)

### *Saturday, 13th August*

#### **5 Bird Double Barrel Sweepstake**

#### **20 BIRDS, DOUBLE-BARREL, TROPHIES**

(To pick team for J. A. McCraith Shield)

## PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

**SHOW DAY Morning—15 BIRD Double-Barrel**

**September 29th: Afternoon—45 BIRD Double-Barrel**

Afternoon Tea - - Ammunition on the Ground  
Trophies and Sweeps

D. WATSON, Esq.,  
President.

A. F. JOHNSON, Hon. Secretary,  
69 Victoria St., Melbourne, C.I.  
Phone: FJ 2760.

812 Stockham, W. (Townsville)	13
3454 Taylor, B. T. (Eltham)	13
3758 Vaughan, J. (Colac)	12
1628 Walker, G. (Wangaratta)	18
1155 Wreghitts, T. (Townsville)	14
3265 Yorke, J. H. (Quirindi)	12

## NEW &

## RENEWED REGISTRATIONS

### —New and Renewed

3810 Nantes, G. (Charleville)	
3811 Twytritt, R. (Charleville)	12
3812 Akers, Reg. (Charleville)	13
3813 Akers, T. (Charleville)	14
3814 McDonald, L. (Charleville)	
3815 McDonald, C. (Charleville)	
3816 Parry, E. (Charleville)	12
3817 Akers, R. A. (Charleville)	13
3818 Kean, W. P. (Echuca)	
3819 Holschier, S. (Echuca)	
3820 Koch, R. (Echuca)	
3821 Harpham, S. (Echuca)	
3822 Oliver, R. (Echuca)	
3823 Lyons, W. (Echuca)	
3824 Clarke, G. T. (Latrobe)	
3825 Sharman, E. N. (Latrobe)	
3826 Johnson, L. E. (Latrobe)	
3827 Bott, Selwyn (Latrobe)	
3804 Gangell, A. J. (Tasmanian)	
3805 Pittman, R. (Tasmanian)	
3806 Burrows, W. F. (Tasmanian)	
3807 Duchatel, Miss C. (Griffith)	12
3808 Cust, Frank (Pirron Yallock)	12
2240 Dicker, W. (Tasmanian)	
462 Chugg, M. (Tasmanian)	
84 Chugg, E. (Tasmanian)	

3809 Walker, R. D. (Tasmanian)	
2822 Walker, R. D. (Tasmanian)	
3828 Ward, M. (Wangaratta)	
3829 Hering, R. (Coburg)	13
3830 Moore, Arthur N. (Australian)	
1511 Jenkins, K. (Australian)	13
3835 Bassett, W. A. (Roma)	
3836 Curney, J. (Roma)	
3831 Nicholson, C. (Charters Towers)	12
3832 Sweeney, R. (Charters Towers)	12
3833 Jackson, C. H. (Charters Towers)	12
3834 Christensen, J. A. (Charters Towers)	12
3839 Rollston, D. J. (Charters Towers)	12
3838 Boyd, Keith (Clara Creek)	12
3839 Allen, R. C. J. (Clara Creek)	12
3840 West, Max. (Clara Creek)	12
3841 West, Neil (Clara Creek)	12
1842 Witt, W. (Brisbane)	
3842 Scheldt, Geoff. (Sale)	12
3843 Osmond, G. (Goulburn)	13
2568 McDonald, W. A. (N.S.W.)	14
3845 Abbott, E. (N.S.W.)	12
2869 Bond, W. (Bathurst)	14
900 Bacigalupo (Coonamble)	16
3844 Haddon, K. (Bathurst)	13
3846 Downward, H. R. (Latrobe)	
3847 Bowling, Ron (King Island)	
3848 Dean, R. (King Island)	
3849 Hyland, A. (King Island)	
3850 Jacobs, W. (King Island)	
3851 Knowles, T. (King Island)	
3852 Loft, B. (King Island)	
3853 Philpott, R. (King Island)	

## OBITUARY

Information has come to hand of the passing of Bert. Anquetil, the veteran Ascot Vale shooter. Bert. was one of the pioneers of the sport of clay pigeon shooting, and did much to sponsor the Nobel Club and the early days of the now extinct Victorian Clay Target Associ-

ation. A good shot in his earlier days he was particularly adept at good scores in single-barrel events. He was a left hander, and held original badge No. 9 in the A.C.P.T.S.A. Just prior to the 1939-45 war he visited Great Britain and took part in contests there, and later became a member of the Bisley Gun Club. Sympathy is extended to his widow by all shooting sportsmen.

# The Townsville Gun Club

(Affiliated A.C.P.T.S.A.)

TOWNSVILLE, NORTH QUEENSLAND

## TWO FULL DAYS SHOOTING

*August 6th and 7th*

### 1949 Commonwealth Single Barrel Clay Pigeon Championship

also

### £30 AND £50 HANDICAPS

and Supporting Events

#### ELEY BLACK DIAMOND AUTOMATIC TRAP

Townsville is one day's travel per Airliner from Melbourne.

Accommodation arranged if requested.

Wild Duck Shooting and visit to Magnetic Island arranged for visiting shooters who can stay a few days.

Come North and enjoy our famous Tropical Winter Climate.

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W. J. HANRAN,  
President.

All enquiries to—  
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Box 415, P.O.,  
Townsville, Queensland.

## OBITUARY

It is with profound regret that we have to announce the passing of three sportsmen, who have been supporters of the Association for many years. Mr. Ted. Cross, of Gilgandra (N.S.W.), who used the shooting name of "Ted," was the victim of an unfortunate shooting tragedy at his home property recently, when it is understood that a dog stood on the trigger of a loaded rifle, which happened to be pointed in Ted's direction. "Ted" was a great supporter of the Association's bigger meetings, and as recently as March last he competed in the Champion of Champions fixture, just missing International selection. "Ted" was such an enthusiast that his registration fee was paid up to the end of 1950. He was 33.

Townsville, and the Association have lost another great enthusiast in Y. C. (Chris) Mathieson. Chris. was one of the earliest supporters of the Association in North Queensland, and did much to assist his own club (Townsville) in developing into the splendid body it is to-day. Chris. held original number 273 in the Association, and had maintained his registration right through the long periods of inactivity during the war.

Another who was interested in the sport, but had not been among competitors in recent years, was Mr. Albert Howqua, of Essendon (V.). Mr. Howqua, who used the shooting name of "Blue Rock," was formerly associated with the Seymour club, and is credited with winning the first gold medal presented by I.C.I. Ltd., for clay pigeon shooting in Australia. Mr. Howqua was 80 when he died. Les. Tibb (Drongo), also of Essendon, is a nephew.

To the relatives of the three sportsmen referred to the Association and shooters generally tender their sincere sympathy and regret.

## U.S.A. SHOOTING

By Rex Miles (Washington, U.S.A.)

President of Spokane Gun Club, Bill Myerhoff, covered himself with glory at the recent Washington State singles championship, winning the title event with 199 out of 200 on 16 yards; also the State doubles (double-rise) after a shoot-off with 94 x 50 pairs, and also won the State All-Round Championship, which consists of 200 birds from 16 yards, 50 pairs and 100 at handicap yardage, total 400 targets. Bill broke 390/400 of the mixed targets. In the handicap he shot from 24 yards. In the Class Championship Bill broke 99/100. The event was won by Arnold Riegger, of Seattle, who shot 100 straight. Riegger is one of the country's best.

We recently installed electric pullers on eight of our twelve traps. The only thing that it does is to save a lot of hard work for the puller, as he does not have to work the lever to set the trap and pull it. As for fast and slow pulls, you get them just as frequently with these electrics as you do with the lever—it all depends on the operator.

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## A QUERY!

A query recently reached the Association wherein the enquirer wrote "In the event of a misfire in the first barrel and the shooter does not attempt to pull the second—is he allowed the use of both barrels on the next bird? All referees I come in contact with allow both barrels to be used on the next bird, I consider the shooter should use only the one barrel (the one that misfired) as I think he had the other barrel but did not use it." The query sender is not correct—the referee must allow the shooter the use of two barrels.