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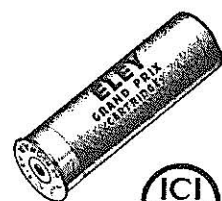
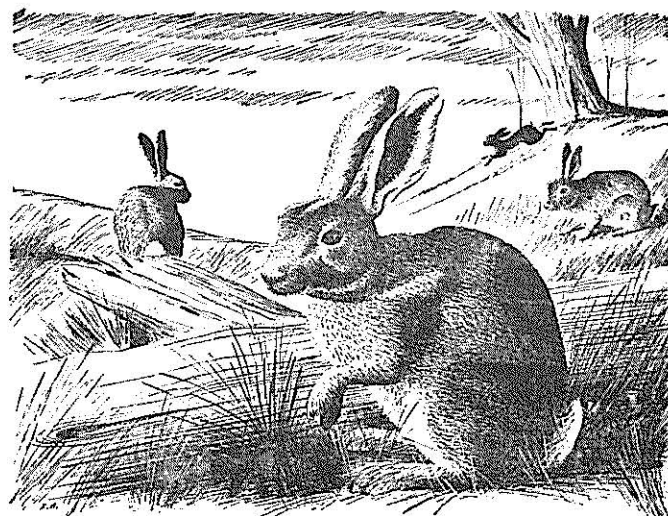
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THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Shooters are reminded that the final Association shoot for the current season will be held at East Burwood, by courtesy of the Australian Club, on King's Birthday, June 12. The programme will consist of the usual Intermediate Championship, plus the Second Grand Australian Handicap. The latter event conditions will be a departure from previous occasions as it will be shot under single-barrel conditions. Many leading shooters and Executive members are inclined to favour the single-barrel, taking the view that only by single-barrel shooting can Australians eventually hope to vie with our sporting friends in the U.S.A. and Canada. The Association full programme for June 12 is published in this issue in the centre double pages.

A recent suggestion was made that Canada be invited to take part in the annual International Match—



with a possibility of inviting U.S.A. later. It is likely, providing the Great Britain Associations agree, that an approach will be made to invite our Canadian kinsmen to join in the International. The Canadians shoot under the same conditions as U.S.A. and this may entail the formulating of varied conditions. The idea is born and we hope it will come to fruition in the years to come.

Attention is drawn to the fact that a number of shooters, and some

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12 Pairs.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 10—

10 Bird Double-Barrel.

10 Bird Double-Barrel.

10 Bird Double-Barrel.

NOTE.—On last event on all programmes trophies for first, second, third and best 14 yarder will be presented.

J. A. McCRAITH,
President.

C. J. COLLEDGE, Hon. Sec.,
12 Adler Grove,
Merlyston, N.14.

clubs, too, have not as yet remitted their respective 1950 Association dues. These fees, £1/1/- for club affiliation, and 10/- each for individual shooters, become due and payable on 1st January each year. The period is now approaching the half-year and the Association governing committee does not intend to retain unfinancial clubs and shooters on the records after June 30. A number of notices have been printed in this publication over the past three months, reminding those to whom these remarks refer of the obligation—many have heeded them—others appear to be taking the matter for granted. This official reminder is mentioned again, with a request that those sportsmen having any doubts regarding their financial status with the Association should check up forthwith. Unfinancial shooters will be removed from the official registration list and will become ineligible for the monthly of "Association News" after June 30.

When secretaries are submitting club lists of registrations, it is of great assistance to Association headquarters if names are listed in alphabetical order and an indication given as to whether the shooter is a renewal or a newly registered sportsman being registered for the first time. It will be obvious to club

officials how important this is, particularly as there are now well over 2,000 shooters listed as registered with the Association. The same factor is important when submitting handicap returns—if these are listed alphabetically, it does not take a great deal of time to examine the recommendations (if any) and performances of each individual shooter mentioned on the return. If listed haphazardly, Association officials have then to "wade through" instead of being in a position to treat the job like a running ribbon.

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U.S.A. Shooting

(From REX. MILES)

The following are the averages on registered targets for the year 1949. A total of 13,954 shooters shot in registered tournaments in the U.S.A. during 1949.

The High Guns in the six groups on the 16-yard targets were (5000 and over): Victor Reinders, Waukesha Wis., shot at 5400, broke 5322 for an average of .9855; P. O. Harbage, Jefferson, Ohio, shot at 5400, broke 5285 for an average of .9787; Bob Allen, Des Moines, Iowa, shot at 6100, broke 5947 for an average of .9749.

(4000 to 5000): John Kurth, 4125, broke 4034- .9779; H. L. Cheek, 4050, broke 3952- .9758; Bernie Judd, 4350, broke 4230- .9724.

(3000 to 4000): Joe Heistand, 3750, broke 3690- .9840; Roy Davidson, 3050, broke 2982- .9777; H. W. Dirlan, 3900, broke 3808- .9764.

(2000 to 3000): Arnold Riegger, 2800, broke 2775- .9910; Mercer Tennille, 2250, broke 2217- .9853; Bill Meyerhoff, 2100, broke 2058- .9800.

(1000 to 2000): Herb Bush, 1350, broke 1330- .9851; Grant Iseng, 1100, broke 1081- .9827; Don Engle-bry, 1425, broke 1400- .9824; Bill Inlow, 1900, broke 1863- .9805.

(Under 1000): Buddy Jones shot at 550, broke 541- .9836; D. D. Beck shot at 850, broke 833- .9800; J. Robinson shot at 600, broke 588- .9800.

In the Women's division Ruth Ray, of Oregon, topped the bunch. Ruth shot at 9550 targets and broke

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9043 for an average of .9469. Ruth and her husband won the Husband and Wife event at the Grand American both in 1948 and 1949.

(High Handicap Shooters):
Men: Bob Lee Stifal shot at 800, broke 758-.9475; Dr. H. C. Clayton shot at 2250, broke 1901-.9448.

Women: Hortense Wood, 700, broke 641-.9157; Ruth Ray shot at 4850, broke 4402-.9076.

High on DOUBLES:

Mercer Tenille shot at 750, broke 721-.9613; this is the third year that he has topped the Nation on Doubles. Greatest double shot living, to my mind. Ned Lilly shot at 250 pairs, broke 472-.9440. Bill Meyerhoff, of Spokane, shot at 600 pairs, broke 563- for an average of .9383.

Lela Hall Frank, who has won the National Championship eight times, was ill last year and did little shooting. The great Frank Troeh does very little shooting now; he shot at 300 registered 16-yard targets and broke 299; he also shot 100 pairs and broke 97 last year. Frank won English Championship with 100

straight on the Westley Richards (1920) Grounds (Middlesex Gun Club, C. B. S. A. Championships). Frank has a grand average for over 30 years on over 100,000 targets of close to .9800 (98 per cent.).

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Ten Years Ago . . .

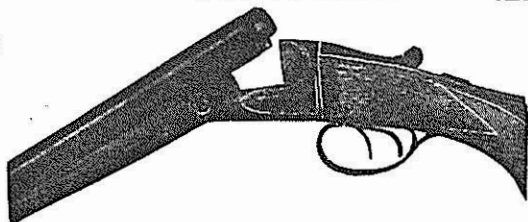
The Commonwealth Double-Rise title was won on the Coburg grounds by Athol Love in May, 1940. A special racing patriotic appeal shoot held on the Blackburn grounds, where the chief winners were Aubrey Johnson and Jack Robinson, of Bentleigh. It is of interest to recall that at this shoot the records of the day state that "eight-year-old young John Bryant competed, using a .410 gun. Mr. Wallace Mitchell presented him with a special cup in commemoration of his effort." He shot 4/6 in the novice event. He has progressed a lot since those days in the trap-shooting world.

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Tasmanian Northern Districts Championship Goes Overseas

By LIONEL H. BIBBY
(Slazengers' Firearms Expert)

In March Cressy Gun Club staged Northern Districts Double Barrel Championship, calling for 20 birds from 16 yards, centre track. Seventy-seven-years-old 12-yarder Bill Bennett headed the list of 35 shooters who sidled successively to the 16-yard mark, and 17-years-old 12-yarder Jim Bibby brought up the rear. Strong variable wind from the North made clays behave in exasperating fashion and caused shooter to murmur—sotto voce—words that would have been quite out of place at a Sunday-school picnic. One moment it was necessary to hold three feet under a wind-depressed ground-scraper and the next bird would climb into the sky like a jet-propelled fighter. Left quarters whizzed Westward so fast that when shooters had completed their swing, Rex Powell and his good lady in the club house were able to look straight down the barrels of their guns.

Two distinguished visitors from overseas were present: Me and W. J. McMiken, member of Hamilton Gun Club, North Island, New Zealand. Mr. McMiken was visiting Tasmania as a member of one of the many conferences that had booked out all the best hotel accommodation in the Island. It appears he just wandered out—without a gun—for a whiff of smokeless powder and a peep at how they shot 'em in Tasmania. Typical Tasmanian hospitality soon put a fowling piece into his hands and he lined up with the rest.

Shot off in batches of five birds, at the end of the first round only eighteen shooters had five white rings after their names.

At the conclusion of the second round only six shooters qualified for a further five: Alf Poxon, S. Marshall, John Tyquin, Cyril Poxon, W. J. McMiken, Jim Bibby.

When the smoke cleared sufficiently to see the score board after the third salvo, it was noticed that popular young Perry Marshall had added a spot of colour to his score, thus leaving the Poxon brothers,

John Tyquin, the Pig-islander and my pup with an unbroken string of fifteen straight.

The strain was now fully on and the remaining "all-whites" took the field alone. The Poxon brothers, Tyquin and McMiken taking their scores to 20 straight. My boy had broken two birds of his fourth string when the following conversation took place—in the mental telepathy common between father and son:

"Pop, we've got a pressure cooker at home; do we want another?" "No, son, we can't use two." "What about the dough?" "No, we don't want that, either; Slazengers pay us enough." "Be sporting if I missed a couple?" "Sure would, son; you're only a kid, and they are nice blokes down here." "Then I'd better let a couple go?" "Sure." "Okay."

And just to make a bird of it he missed his last three in a row!!!

McMiken, using John Tyquin's over and under Browning, finally finished with 40 straight and won the Championship sash, shekels and Steam Queen cooker. Cyril Poxon, losing by a short nose (39 x 40), collected a handsome silver-mounted Pyrex casserole and cash, and his brother Alf's 38 x 40 entitled him to an alarm clock and reimbursement of his entry money. John Tyquin's 37 x 40 was a highly meritorious score, but on the day McMiken was an unbeatable proposition. In a subsequent 10-birder he went on to break another ten straight, thus qualifying for the Hartley "50 Straight" badge.

Afternoon tea served in a marquee on the ground was one of those delectable feasts for which Tasmanian hostesses are famous. One immediately forgets any necessity for preservation of the waistline and goes to town on the sandwiches, cream cakes, scones and pikelets, and then slams in the full choke barrel on a repeat order.

At the conclusion of the Championship and before resumption of the afternoon's programme, Jim and I were invited to turn on a few

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SALE GUN CLUB

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

ALL DAY SHOOT Saturday, 3rd June, 1950

Shooting to commence at 10 a.m.

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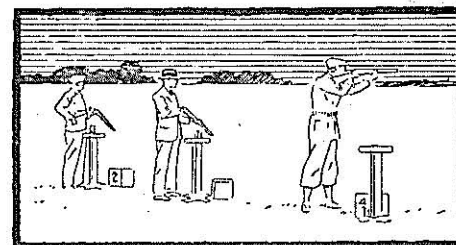
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AUSTRALIAN CLUB (East Burwood).—The club opened its April meetings on Easter Saturday, April 8. Attendance was not up to usual dimensions, due to the fact that many were on holidays and others were attending shoots in the country, particularly at Jerilderie (N.S.W.). Results were: No. 1, 5-bird sweepstake: div. W. Finnegan, J. H. Headland, A. Moorhead, "Peters" and L. Byrne, 10/10. No. 2, 5 pairs semi-skeet (one down-the-line from No. 2 trap and one across from No. 3 trap): John Bryant, 2/5 pairs; L. Gray, 3/9; L. Byrne, 3/11; 12 yarder, J. Paul, 1/6. No. 3, 10 birds, points scoring, no possibles, four 19/20's, tie shoot: A. Moorhead, 23/24; A. F. Johnson (club secretary), 23/26; F. Olver, 21/26; 12 yarder, F. Olver, 18/20; 13/14 yarder, A. C. Tie, 21/24. The club held another of its successful night shoots on April 13. Nearly 50 shooters attended. Results were: No. 1, 5 birds, 7 possibles: div. "Dubbs", L. Small, Stewart Johnson, A. Moorhead and R. Johns, 5/5. No. 2, 10 birds, 6 possibles, tie shoot: A. C. Tie, 13/13; L. Byrne, 13/14; C. Fankhauser, 12/14; 12 yarder, T. R. Brown, 8/11; 13/14 yarder, Stan Thompson, 11/12.

(April 22).—No. 1, 5 birds, 5 possibles: div. "Nyla", D. K. Dobson, O. Kurrle, R. Hering and B. T. Taylor, 10/10. No. 2, 10 birds, D.B., 5 possibles, tie shoot: A. J. Russell, 26/26; B. T. Taylor, 25/26; K. Jenkins, 22/23; 13/14 yarder, R. Wightman, 15/16; 12 yarder, R. Jorgenson, 10/11. No. 3, 5 birds, points: "Oigle", 20/20; A. Crowe, 18/20; H. S. Godfrey, 18/24; A. J. Russell,

16/24; B. T. Taylor, 11/12; 13/14 yarder, A. Mansell, 9/10; 12 yarder, G. Anderson, 9/10.

The club staged another of its popular night shoots on April 27. Despite the approaching winter weather and accompanying cold nights, the attendance was the best since the opening night just prior to the Association big week-end in March. Altogether 62 guns competed. The night was perfect for shooting—no wind, light moonlight and a nippy autumn air, plus plenty of warm "hot-dogs" and the like at the cafeteria. Results were: No. 1, 5 birds, 6 possibles: div. Lance Small, Fred Burns and Lionel Byrne, 9/9. No. 2, 10 birds, 6 possibles, tie shoot: A. Smith (Eltham), 13/14; A. Thurlley, 12/14. Burns, Stan Thompson and R. Wightman all missed on the 12th round. Another night shoot will be held on May 11.

FOSTER (V.).—The club held a shoot on March 25; the day was windy from the north. Shooting generally, however, was an improvement on our previous form. Main scorers were E. Lawton, C. Steele, "Pneuma", Ted Daw and A. Steele. The latter is a new member from Flinders Naval Base, and he shot brilliantly for a young shooter. The ladies again excelled with the afternoon tea arrangements. Scores were: No. 1, 3 pairs Deauville Doubles: C. Steele-C. Arnup, 4/4 pairs winners. No. 2, 5 birds: C. Steele, 9/9 (1). No. 3 (same): E. Lawton, 8/8 (1). No. 4 (same): A. Steele, 11/11 (1). No. 5 same: "Pneuma", 6/6 (1). No. 6 (same): E. Daw, 9/9 (1).

BOTHWELL GUN CLUB (TAS.)

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

SHOOTING GROUNDS AT BOTHWELL.

Saturday, May 27th, 1950

Commencing at 11 a.m. sharp.

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Castle Hotel,
Bothwell, Tas.

I. K. CAMPBELL,
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COBURG (V.).—The club's single-barrel title on April 1 proved a triumph for the consistent George Biggs, who dropped only one bird in twenty-five. The match conditions were 15 birds from 16 yards. Biggs, Fred Burns, "Ingi" had 9/10's; Clem Mudford, the leader this stage, had the only full score. The last five rounds found out several prospective winners. Ultimately Biggs ran out 24/25 to win from R. Hering, 23/25, and "Ingi", 18/20. Hering is rapidly improving as a clay pigeon shot and promises to be one of the best among metropolitan shooters before many months. Front-marker trophy in the event went to Dave Haddow, 23/25. Minor events on the day resulted: No. 1, 5 birds, S.B.: div. "Double-H", "Peters", G. Biggs and Fred Burns, 5/5. No. 2, 10 birds, D.B.: Roy Johns, 18/19; C. Mudford, 17/19; "Double-H", 12/13; 13/14 yarder, W. Finnegan, 14/15.

April 15: Shoot when all proceeds were donated to the Broadford Accident Appeal Fund. Over £100 handed to Fund. Results: No. 1, 5 birds, D.B., compulsory division, when all finalists gave their cut to the Fund: W. Wager, C. Mudford, R. Hering, L. Small, L. Murphy, "Calrossie", A. Smith, Clem Cole, "Dubbs" and J. Paul, 7/7. No. 2, 15-bird D.B.: E. G. Biggs, 19/19; Peter Sheridan, 24/25; J. Headland, 23/25; S. Thompson, 17/18; A. Smith, 18/19; N. Guy, 18/20; J. Hyett, 17/20; C. McCorkell, 16/17; Milner, 16/19. No. 3, 5 birds, points: J. Headland, 21/21 R. Anderson, 19/21; J. Glaum, 16/18; 14 yarder, F. Cautero, 22/27.

(April 29): Results: No. 1, 10 birds: div. N. Guy, J. Paul, S. Thompson and "Ingi", 10/10. No. 2, 10 birds, D.B.: Lance Small, 10/10; J. Paul, 19/20; J. Glaum, 18/20; 12/14 yarder, R. Milner, 12/14. No. 3, 5 pairs Double-Rise: Clive Wilson, 5/6; J. A. McCraith, 4/6; S. Thompson, 5/8; front-marker, Stan Cole, 4/8.

CAMBERWELL (V.).—Results of shoot on April 1 provided Evans & Balfour director, Les Turner, with an outright win, one of his first trophies, in the main ten-birder. Results were: No. 1, 5 birds, D.B.: div. V. Dudley and J. M. Mitchell, 5/5. No. 2, 10 birds, D.B., trophy: Les

Turner, 10/11; "Doech-en-Doris", 9/11; C. Bromfield, 13/15; novice trophy: A. H. Mansell, 9/12. No. 3, 5 birds, S.B.: J. M. Mitchell, 5/5. No. 4, 3 pairs double-rise: J. M. Mitchell, 3/4 pairs. No. 5, 5 birds, D.B.: V. Dudley, 7/7. April 15: No. 1, 3 pairs Deauville Doubles: M. Doherty-W. Delaney, 7/7 pairs. No. 2, Club Deauville Doubles title, 10 pairs: A. H. Mansell-H. H. Ball, 15/18 (1); L. Byrne-A. V. Davis, 13/18 (2); novice, L. Phillips, 7/10. No. 3, 10 birds, D.B.: O. Kurrle, 10/10; A. Thurley, 11/12; J. McInnes, 10/12.

The club had one of its biggest attendances for some time when the Metropolitan single-barrel title was decided on April 29. Roy Johns was the outright winner, 19/20 (missed 18th) from F. Burns, 22/25 (2); Les Turner and F. Peach (Edenhope). The last three-named each stopped 18/20, and finished in the order named in the tie shoot. Due to the big attendance, only one other event was possible, and this was brought to a conclusion with a compulsory division. Those participating were: "Oigle", A. C. Tie, "Stuart", W. Wager, L. Byrne, F. Burns, F. Skate, A. Male and C. Mudford, each 5/5.

COLAC (V.). (April 1).—Counter attractions in the way of the opening of the quail and golf seasons resulted in a medium-sized field at Colac Gun Club's clay-bird shoot on Saturday. Most of those who attended had been tramping the fields in search of quail since daybreak and were no doubt feeling slightly footsore.

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Shooting consisted of a series of sweepstake events, and divisions were fairly well distributed among the competitors. Jack McCarthy was the most outstanding scorer, missing only two birds all day. Results (all 5-bird events):—

Event 1: Divided by W. Roache, J. McCarthy, F. H. Johnson, 5/5. Event 2: Divided by J. McCarthy, R. W. Ilett and D. Corstorphane, 8/8. Event 3: Won outright by W. Roache, 8/8. Event 4: Divided by J. Howard, J. McCarthy, J. Ross, 5/5. Event 5 (points decision): J. Howard and J. Ross, 15 pts. each. Event 6 (ditto): J. McCarthy, 15 pts. Event 7 (from 21 yards centre track): J. Ross, 5/5. Miss-out events were won by E. Ball and H. Mills.

Best aggregate scores were: J. McCarthy, 37/39; W. Roache, 33/37.

(April 15):

D. Corstorphane (Colac), with a score of 40/40, won the Western District double-barrel championship at clay-birds at the title shoot conducted by Colac Gun Club on Saturday, April 15.

George Simpson (Pirron Yallock) was second with 39/40, and George Crosse (Colac), 34/35, third.

Thirty metropolitan and local shooters contested the title, which was shot at 20 birds from 16 yards.

Five shooters, all Colac district men, recorded the possible. They were G. Crosse, R. Ridgeway (winner of the W. D. single-barrel title), W. Arnold, D. Corstorphane and G. Simpson. The tie shoot was shot at groups of five releases. Arnold missed his 26th, Ridgeway his 27th, Crosse his 35th, and Simpson his 40th, leaving Corstorphane the winner with 40 straight. Jack McCarthy won the 12/13 yard trophy.

The president of the club, in presenting the trophies, said he was pleased that local shooters had acquitted themselves so well. He welcomed the visiting shooters and thanked Mr. Murray Gardiner for acting so efficiently as referee. Arnold, 26/27.

A £40 handicap, shot at 10 birds, resulted in a win for Eric Ball, 27/



17 year-old E. Kilpatrick of Atherton. Winner of the 1950 North Queensland Single-barrel Championship.

27, after a long shoot-off with W. Arnold, 26/27.

Visitors were entertained to a barbecue tea, with musical items at the conclusion of the shoot.

Main results: Western District D.B. Championship: D. Corstorphane, 40/40, 1; G. Simpson, 39/40, 2; G. Crosse, 34/35, 3. Then followed R. Ridgeway, 29/30, and W. Arnold, 28/30; 12/13 yarder, J. McCarthy. Second Event, £40 Handicap: E. R. Ball, 27/27, 1; W. Arnold, 26/27, 2. Balance of purse divided by John Bryant junr., 17/18; R. Ridgeway, 13/14; H. Eldridge, 16/17; Jack Bryant and H. Mills, 10/11. Section reserved for 12/13 yarders, S. H. Beck. Third Event, 5-bird sweep: Divided by Jack Bryant, A. Male, E. Ball, W. Finnegan, "Doech-en-Doris", all 9/9.

Best aggregate scores were: D. Corstorphane, 49/50; E. R. Ball, 54/56; W. Arnold, 47/52; H. Eldridge, 39/42.

(Don Corstorphane, Hon. Sec.)

BALMORAL (V.). — Some good shooting was witnessed at the grounds of the Balmoral Gun Club

on April 25. No. 1, winners of main 6-bird shoot: W. J. Pitman, 8/8 (1); G. Austin, 13/14 (2); novice, J. Perrin, 4/7. No. 2, a 6-bird sweepstake: won by W. Pitman, 6/6; second, E. R. Bertram, 8/9; novices: L. J. Merryfull, 5/6 (1); F. Paterson, 4/6 (2). No. 3, a 4-bird walk-up: divided by W. Pitman, G. G. Pein and G. Cock, all 4/4. No. 4, a miss-out: won by G. Austin, 5/5; second, W. Pitman, 5/7. W. J. Pitman was in excellent form, shooting his first 22 birds straight.

(W. F. Duncan, President.)

ROMA (Qld.). — On April 2 the Roma Gun Club had a visit from Mr. Foster, Senior Editor of "Pix" magazine, and Chief Photographer, Mr. Bob Rice. The Gun Club donated the proceeds of the day to the Roma and District War Memorial Hall Appeal and the day was a big success. The main event, a 20-bird Double Barrel Trophy Shoot, was won by Keith Cameron after a shoot-off with Ken Bassett; third trophy went to Hugh Rothwell after shooting it out with Nev. Bassett.

Five-bird Double Barrel: 1st, N. Bassett (16) and H. Rothwell (14), 5/5; 3rd, W. Carne (12), 10/11. Five-bird D.B.: 1st, N. Bassett (16), K. Bassett (16), Dr. Feather (14), R. Munns (12), K. Cameron (18), C. R. Fletcher (15), 5/5. Five-bird S.B.: 1st, R. Munns (12), 5/5; 2nd, K. Bassett (16), 6/7; 3rd, W. Robertson (12), 6/9. D.B. Miss-out: 1st, R. Munns (12), N. Bassett (16), J. Robertson (13), 7/7. Twenty-bird D.B. Trophy Shoot (1st trophy, £10; 2nd trophy, £4; 3rd trophy, £2): 1st,

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No. 1—5 Bird Double Barrel Sweepstake. Entry, 4/-.

No. 2—

20 Birds Double Barrel

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K. F. Cameron, 25/25; 2nd, K. Bassett, 24/25; 3rd, H. Rothwell, 24/25. Grandfathers' Trophy shot in conjunction with 20-bird D.B.: Dr. W. W. Feather, 18/20.
(C. R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.)

ECHUCA (V.).—Echuca Gun Club held a very successful shoot on Saturday, April 1, when 26 shooters from Cohuna, Tongala, Bamawm, Nanneella and Echuca competed. Conditions were very bad, but some good performances were registered.

High Gun went to E. McHale, of Tongala, with 18 straight and a score of 29/32. Other good scores were: R. McHale (Tongala), 32/37; G. McDonald (Echuca), 22/25.

No. 1 Event (Novice Shoot) was divided by C. Spiers (Bamawm) having his first attempt, and R. McHale (Tongala), 5/5. No. 2 Event (5 birds), single-barrel, divided by R. McHale, L. Gibson, R. Tonkin (first attempt), 5/5. No. 3 Event (5 birds), double-barrel, won outright by G. McDonald (Echuca), 5/5. No. 4 Event (10 birds), trophy and sweepstakes, won outright by E. McHale (Tongala), 10/10; also 5/- sweepstake; 10/- sweepstake won by G. McDonald (Echuca), 9/10. No. 5 Event, Miss-out, which finished with a great exhibition of shooting by E. and R. McHale, E. McHale winning 11/12, R. McHale 10/12.

BOTHWELL (Tas.).—Shoot on March 25. Results: No. 1, 5 birds: L. S. Stokell, 5/5. No. 2 (same): div. S. Marshall, W. Downie, E. Marshall, A. T. Fleming and R. Redpath, 7/7. No. 3: P. Marshall, 38/40; R. Eyles and S. Marshall, 35/40; 12 yarder, J. Hayden, 38/40. No. 4, 10 birds: div. A. C. Fleming, S. F. Meagher, P. Marshall, P. Lowe, E. Marshall, L. S. Stokell and T. Cannon, 10/10.
(Ian Campbell, Hon. Sec.)

JERILDERIE (N.S.W.).—Forty competitors competed for the N.S.W. Deauville Doubles Championship shot at Jerilderie on Easter Monday, when 3,300 birds were released.

George Biggs and Roy Johns, both of Malvern, Vic., won with the score of 18/20 pairs. Three pairs tied for second place with 17/20—F. Robertson and "Red", T. Whillans and J. Alberts, and P. Duchatel and J. Duchatel. The shoot-off resulted in

a win for F. Robinson and "Red" (father and son), while Duchatel and Duchatel, also father and son, won the front-markers' trophy.

Results 8/4/50: No. 1 Event, 5 birds, Double Barrel: G. Rourke (Finley), C. Bound (Melbourne) and G. Biggs (Melbourne) divided, 5 kills each. No. 2 Event, 5 birds: G. Rourke and L. Collier divided, 10 kills each. No. 3 Event, 5 pairs Double Rise: won outright by G. Biggs, 4 pairs. No. 4 Event, 5 pairs Deauville Doubles: won by G. Rourke and L. Baker, 5 pairs. No. 5 Event, 5 pairs Deauville Doubles: won by R. Ferris and L. Collier, 11 out of 12 pairs. No. 6 Event, 5 pairs Deauville Doubles: divided by R. Ferris-L. Baker and G. Biggs-Barbara Biggs, 5 pairs each.

Results 10/4/50: No. 1 Event, 5 pairs Deauville Doubles: Divided by Phillips-Mansell (Melbourne), Lawlor and Whitty (Finley), Ferris and Collier (Jerilderie), Barbara Biggs (Melbourne) and "Dinky" (Hay), Bound-Mudford (Melbourne), 5 pairs each.

N.S.W. Deauville Doubles Championship:

G. Biggs and R. Johns (Melbourne), 1; F. Robertson and "Red" (Deniliquin), 2; 12/14 yarders' trophy to P. and J. Duchatel (Griffith). £25 Handicap: C. Mudford (Melbourne), 1, 10 straight; second and

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The Jerilderie Gun Club will shoot its other major championship, the Riverina Single Barrel, on May 13. In conjunction with this event, the first round of the David Grey Cup will be shot, which is open to Jerilderie members only.

(R. Ferris, Hon. Sec.)

FOOTSCRAY (V.) (April 22).—No. 1, Metropolitan Deauville Doubles championship: J. H. Headland-Clem Mudford, 23/25 (1); Fred Burns-Roy Johns, 22/25 (2); J. Moore-R. Lamb and L. Byrne-C. S. Bromfield, equal third, 18/20. No. 2, 10 birds, D.B.: div. C. Wilson, J. Hyett and "Nimrod", 10/10.

TOWNSVILLE (Qld.).—An afternoon clay pigeon shoot was conducted by the Townsville Gun Club at the club's grounds at Garbutt on April 22. The country was a picture

after the bounteous rains, and as shooting conditions were ideal, some good scores were recorded.

The principal event on the programme was the first round of the Matt Taylor trophy. This trophy is to be shot for on three occasions, each of 10 birds, single barrel, from handicap marks, the highest aggregate of "kills" deciding the ultimate winner. This event is open to Townsville Gun Club members, but an optional sweepstakes, open to all comers, was run in conjunction with the event, this being divided by K. Russell and O. Crowther. Details of events and winners are:—

Five-bird Sweepstakes, single barrel: D. Peberdy, R. Winn and O. Crowther all shot possibles, 5/5, and divided the prize money.

Second Five-bird Sweepstakes, single barrel: This was won by F. Hose with the only possible 5/5. Eight shooters shot 4/5 and in the shoot-off, G. Goodman secured second place, and W. Hanran third. W. Hanran had to shoot 9 birds to gain third money.

First Round of Matt Taylor's Trophy: 10 birds, single barrel: O. Crowther secured first place amongst club members with a possible 10/10, followed by R. Winn, R. McKimmin, C. Melville and K. Miskin, 8/10, then J. Gerber, J. Carrington, R. Hose and H. Clay, 7/10.

Third Five-bird Sweepstakes, single barrel: C. Haller, W. Hanran and R. Winn all shot possibles, 5/5, and divided the prize money.

Fourth Five-bird Sweepstakes, single barrel: R. McKimmin obtained the only possible, 5/5, thus gaining first place; J. Gerber and A. Clay, with 4/5 each, divided second and third money.

Last Event, Miss-out, off the fence: E. Vandersee gained first place after an interesting shoot with R. Winn and T. Clay.

The club has an interesting programme of events to be shot off in the near future.
(O. W. Crouther, Acting Hon. Sec.)

ATHERTON GUN CLUB (Q.).—Easter shoot under ideal weather conditions. The club held a very successful shoot over two days. The second day's shoot was marred by a fall of 5½ ins. of rain on the first night of the shoot, but cleared up for the beginning of the second day. Quite a number of Cairns members of the club were halted on the Kuranda Highway by Collins Bridge being under water to the extent of seven feet. Some of these stalwarts, not to be daunted, retraced their steps back around the Gilles Highway, a return distance of over 100 miles, and arrived just too late for the principal events. They are to be commended for their effort.

Results April 8: No. 1, 5 birds, Down the Line: S. Kilpatrick, 5/5; D. Nasser, 5/5; J. Gerber (Home Hill), 5/5, divided. No. 2, £10 Handicap, 10 birds: M. Merrin, 10/10; D. Peberdy (Townsville), 10/10; S. Kilpatrick, 10/10, divided. No. 3, Double-Barrel, £10 Handicap: H. Nasser, 15/15; D. Peberdy (Townsville), 15/15; R. Winn (Home Hill), 15/15; D. Nasser, 15/15, divided. No. 4, Sweepstake, 5 birds: P. Mazzer, 1; G. Kleinhauss, 2nd, and D. Nasser, 3rd. No. 5, Centre Track, 3 birds: N. Stevens, D. Peberdy, G. Winn, F. Blackman, A. Moses, G. Delai, S. Kilpatrick, N. Nasser, each

3/3; S. Kilpatrick and F. Blackman, divided, 10/10.

(April 9): No. 1, 5-bird Centre Track: S. Kilpatrick, G. Kleinhauss, F. Blackman, D. Nasser, 5/5, divided —27 shooters. North Queensland Championship Single-Barrel, 20 birds, resulted in E. Kilpatrick, the young 17-year-old member of Atherton Club, scoring 20/20, with D. Nasser, 19/20 and H. Nasser, 19/20; in the tie shoot-off D. Nasser, 24/25, and H. Nasser, 23/24, third. Others: M. Young (Charters Towers), 10/20; N. Stevens (Atherton), 12/20; J. Gerber (Home Hill), 13/20; D. Peberdy, 17/20; R. Winn, 16/20; F. Jensen, 10/20; T. Lesina, 9/20; F. Blackman, 16/20; G. Kleinhauss, 16/20; R. White, 14/20; G. Delai, 12/20; L. Debel, 12/20; J. Page, 11/20; P. Pazzalato, 14/20; C. Healing, 10/20; G. Winn, 8/20; S. Kilpatrick, 10/20; F. Gallo, 12/20; D. Delai, 11/20; P. Mazzer, 17/20; M. Merrin, 15/20; G. Kelly, 9/20; F. Williams, 7/20; B. Gerrard, 14/20; R. H. Crust, 8/20. First prize in this event was a canteen of cutlery valued £12/12/-. Second prize, a cocktail set valued £5/5/-. Third prize a silver tea pot valued £3/3/-. No. 3, £20 Handicap and Calcutta Sweep brought this event up to £67/10/-. 10 birds Down the Line—this event was won by Dinno Delai, 10/10 straight, with D. Peberdy, 9/10; R. Winn, 9/10; D. Nasser, 9/10; in the shoot-off, D. Nasser was 2nd and D. Peberdy 3rd —30 shooters. No. 4, Sweepstake, 5 birds: H. Nasser, M. Merrin, G. Kelly, G. Kleinhauss, 5/5, divided. No. 5, Double-Rise £10 Handicap, 3 pairs, from Association Handicaps: D. Nasser, 3/3 pairs, 1st; P. Mazzer, 2nd, and L. Debel, 3rd. No. 6, Deauville Doubles Sweepstake, from 18 yards, 3 pairs: P. Mazzer and J. Page, F. Blackman and H. Nasser, E. Kilpatrick and D. Nasser, R. Winn and A. Moses, P. Pazzalato and G. Kleinhauss, D. Delai and H. Dallenogive, each 3/3 pairs.

(J. Page, President.)

CRESSY (Tas.).—Northern Districts single-barrel championship: "Duxbac", 20/20, 1; R. Redpath, 24/25, 2; F. Blake, 33/35, 3. Others—T. Cannon, 29/32; W. McMasters, 18/20; R. Powell, 18/20; N. Frith, 18/20; J. Blake, 17/20; A. E. Foxen,

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Saturday, 3rd June, 1950

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5 Bird Double-Barrel.

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Five-bird single-barrel sweep-stake: "Duxbac", R. Mitchell, R. Hay, 10/10, equal 1st. Others—E. Pullford, 9/10; M. Blake, 9/10; N. Frith, 6/7; D. Forsyth, 6/7; I. Downie, 6/7; R. Redpath, 4/5; F. Blake, 4/5; P. Marshall, 4/5; C. Reynolds, 4/5; E. Casey, 4/5; T.

Cannon, 4/5; H. J. Lowe, 4/5; C. J. Lowe, 4/5; R. Powell, 4/5; J. Blake, 4/5; A. E. Poxen, 4/5; M. Johnson, 4/5; A. Eyles, 4/5; S. Marshall, 3/5; W. D. Downie, 3/5; W. Bennet, 3/5; R. Eyles, 3/5; C. Churchill, 3/5; S. Meagher, 3/5; C. Poxen, 3/5; A. Mason, 3/5. Seven other shooters.

£20 double-barrel handicap: R. Redpath, J. Blake, D. Forsyth, T. Kerr, M. Blake, E. Pullford, 10/10, equal 1st. Others—P. Marshall, 9/10; I. K. Downie, 9/10; I. Hallam, 9/10; W. Bennet, 9/10; T. Cannon, 9/10; C. Churchill, 9/10; R. Powell, 9/10; N. Frith, 9/10; R. Hay, 9/10; A. E. Poxen, 9/10; R. Mitchell, 9/10; H. Mason, 9/10; J. Reynolds, 8/10; S. Meagher, 8/10; C. Poxen, 8/10; F. Blake, 7/10; W. Reynolds, 7/10; R. Eyles, 7/10; H. J. Lowe, 7/10; C. J. Lowe, 7/10; "Duxbac", 7/10; W. D. Downie, 6/10. Four other shooters.

(Rex Powell, Hon. Sec.)



Skut Shooting . . .

By MAJOR NORTHOVER
(In the "British Shooting Times")

Recently members of the English Clay Pigeon Shooting Association, together with delegates from the Scottish, Irish and Welsh associations, witnessed and took part in the first demonstration and trials of a new form of shooting called SKUT. The participants were intrigued, interested and delighted, and the general expressed opinion was that British skut should soon take the lead from American skeet, and the many other forms of sporting shooting as now practised in this country and in other parts of the world.

What is skut? It is a new form of sporting shooting practice which gives (what has hitherto been unobtainable) the opportunity to practise that double which to all game shooters is the acme of shooting pleasure and perfection—the hare or rabbit on the ground, followed by the bird in the air, or vice versa. These results are obtained by the introduction of a new invention, the skut target, together with the skut trap, which throws the target either

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from the right, and then from the left. After shooting the skut as a rabbit, elevate the trap and throw it as a bird, both from right and left. Now you may set one trap as for bird throwing and one as a rabbit, and practise that delightful double that gladdens the heart.

For competitions and international matches a schedule is being worked out, to take five guns at a time as in down-the-line matches, shooting at the rabbit in front; it will then run behind a blind. Kills short of the blind score two; beyond the blind, second barrel, scores one.

One great point in favour of skut is that an outfit can be put down at about one-fourth the cost of skeet equipment. It can be set down in 30 minutes and removed in less time, and it will not offend the landowner, who either detests, or will not permit unsightly skeet houses to be erected on his land. There is little doubt that skut will sweep the shooting world and become very popular. Will skut scuttle skeet?

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PROGRAMME

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3rd Event

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£25 HANDICAP — 20 BIRDS

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“Tips” and “Tails”



A new and active club promises to arise in the name of the Boolooroo Gun Club at Moree (N.S.W.). The club has already affiliated with the Association and hopes to commence shooting almost immediately. It is expected that at

least 50 active shooters will comprise the main body of the club with a goodly number of “social members”. In pre-war years there was quite an active club at Moree under the secretaryship of B. S. Morse. The two well known Holmes Bros., Bob and Ted, were stalwarts of the pre-war body. Both served in the Armed Forces and neither appears to have come back into the sport since, although in a brief note a couple of years ago from Ted Holmes he mentioned that he hoped to get back “into it again”. It is understood Ted was indisposed for some time following war injuries. The club is indeed welcome into the A.C.P.T.S.A.

The Pirron Yallock Club will hold the Western District Mixed Birds title on May 20; this will be followed by a £30 handicap. Full details are as advertised in this issue. George Simpson, the club President at the Mamre Hotel, extends a special welcome to all shooters and hopes to see a good muster from the metropolitan area.

Reg Akers, of Spring Hill Station, Charleville, mentions in a recent note “that ‘News’ is eagerly awaited each month out here, and I can assure you it’s read from cover to cover.” (Thanks, Reg; we hope to keep on improving.—Ed.)

Harold R. Knight, the veteran Australian Club shooter who formerly resided in Carnegie (Melbourne), has now shifted to N.S.W. At present living at Loftus, he intends ultimately to reside at Cronulla. Harold R. K., always a keen shooter and good

sportsman, did not have the best of health over recent years, but is now much improved and he reckons Association “News” has helped. In fact, he emphasised in a recent note: “Please forward me that splendid monthly ‘News’ of ours as usual; I would not like to miss it at ten times its price.” (Nice compliment, Harold, and we hope it continues to please you.—Ed.)

Jack McCraith, 1950 Champion of Champions, has been elected a Vice-President of the Rabbit Exporters’ Association.

A well known shooter was trying his hand at fishing recently. An impressive figure strolled up on the opposite bank of the river and demanded: “Well! What are they taking today?” The shooter-fisherman looked across the river with a dreamy expression, so prone to followers of the sport, and replied: “No notice.”

Don Corstorphan, Colac secretary, excelled himself on April 15 when the club supervised the shooting of the Western District of Victoria double-barrel championship. Don was one of five to break the possible and then shooting on, outstayed the finalists to the 40th round to win. It was Don’s first open championship, and he was warmly applauded for his success. George Simpson (Pirron Yallock) stayed with him to the 40th round, when he missed.

The Coburg Club expects to hand in over £100 for the Broadford Accident Appeal Fund when final accounts are assessed, following the club’s successful mid-April fixture. Many veteran trapshots, including Mr. Donald Mackintosh, “Calrossie” (Jack Sutherland), Bill Downie and Barney Medway, attended. The shooting was recorded for Movie-Tone and will be screened in Australia and abroad.

Roma Club in South Queensland, the stamping-ground of a number of first-class shots, including the redoubtable Keith Cameron, is another club to have itself publicised in picture form. Last month representatives of the Sydney publication “Pix” “did the Roma bunch over,”

HAY GUN CLUB (N.S.W.)

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

**SATURDAY JUNE 3rd,
1950**

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and pictures will appear shortly in the pages of that paper.

E. J. Ferguson, of Deniliquin, N.S.W., who shoots under the name of "Bolo", advises how he looks forward to reading "News" each month and adds that his own form is this: "I miss them with my first and hit them in the same place with my second." (That's original when explaining form.—Ed.)

Arthur Mansell, of Glenferrie, a shooter who recently took up the sport, was beaming with pleasure when presented with his trophies at the Camberwell meeting on April 15. Mansell is a first-class sportsman and an asset to clay pigeon shooting. He was partnered with Harry Ball in the Camberwell Deauville Doubles Championship, and the pair staved off the opposition to win. It was therefore Mansell's first winning bracket in championship class.

Who was the rotund trapshooter on a recent visit to a Melbourne shooting series, travelled by plane, and when asked by the hostess if she could help him fasten his safety belt, replied: "No, thanks, I have my own braces?"

Fred Blackman, Townsville secretary, reports that all Townsville club visitors to the big Association fixtures in March have given glowing reports of Victorian hospitality during their visit. Fred reckons on being a certain starter himself next year after "hearing their tales". Fred adds: "Many thanks on the club's behalf to your good self and Victorian sports who treated them so well." (It was a pleasure, Fred.—Ed.)

Bob Bushby has taken over the secretarial duties at Narrandera (N.S.W.) in place of Tom Whillans. Bob advises that the club has secured a new automatic trap and plans big things for the future.

Bowral veteran J. F. Smith met in with Jim Smith, of Home Hill (Q.), the 1950 International Australian high-gun, when passing through the New South Wales centre. J. F. Smith now intends doing a trip to Queensland next month and doubtless will shoot at some of the Northern State clubs—Jim is apparently a good salesman for the North.

Phil Stott has recently been appointed secretary of the Griffith Club (N.S.W.). He advises that Claude Carnell is now President, with Ron Gow treasurer. Phil's nicknames for some of his club-mates are unique—they would scarcely bear reproduction here.

Veteran S. J. Schooley, of Yo Yo Park, Morven (Q.), who competed in the recent Association fixtures at East Burwood, intends visiting England and hopes to try his skill against some of the great in the Home Country. He has forwarded thanks on behalf of himself and his son Bill for what he describes as "the splendid hospitality and good fellowship and the good friends we made at East Burwood." Mr. Schooley adds: "We will try and be with you again next year and bring more shooters from out here to support the greatest shoot of the year." (Many thanks for your appreciative comment, S.J.S.—Ed.)

Rand Gun Club (N.S.W.) annual meeting elected the following office-bearers: President, L. C. Vonthien; Vice-Presidents, A. Gibbons, P. J. McInnes, P. Griffith; Secretary/Treasurer, A. L. Godde. The club will continue its affiliation with the A.C.P.T.S.A. and will shortly arrange to purchase an automatic trap. The club will shortly stage one of its popular £25 handicaps; the date will be announced later. The club elected Mr. Gordon Hallam a Life-Member in appreciation of his presenting an area of ground for the club's use in its activities.

Hobart Club's Sixth Annual Report was submitted to the annual meeting of members at the offices of 7HO, 82 Elizabeth Street, Hobart, on Wednesday, April 12. The printed report indicates that the continued progress of the club has been maintained during the past year. All new installations, including preliminary work on a second trap lay-out, are free of debt (this includes the recently installed new tower) and the cash at bank remains about the same figure as last year. The club intends sponsoring longer events in future, with the aid of the second trap, thus bringing conditions in the Southern State nearer to those prevailing on the mainland. The report

LEETON GUN CLUB

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

Saturday, 20th May, 1950

Commencing 10.30 a.m.

No. 1—10 BIRD SKEET SHOOT. Nomination, 10/-.

No. 2—

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mentions that the club's greatest concern is the number of broken clay targets which arrive in the cartons. The Brighton (Tas.) Branch of the C.W.A., which caters for the club on shoot days, comes in for praise for the excellence of fare provided to shooters. Feeling reference is made to the passing of Mr. Claude Abell, who was the club's only life-member. President John Tyquin applauds the assistance of the club committee, secretary and all who assisted to make the affairs of the club function so satisfactorily during the year under review. The 1950 Commonwealth blue riband title (double-barrel) will be decided on Hobart grounds during September or October next.

Mr. C. J. Taylor has been elected President of the Leeton Gun Club (N.S.W.), and the reliable E. S. Miller retains the secretarial reins. Leeton would hardly seem the same club without Eric Miller's name at the foot of all its correspondence and notices. The club's forthcoming shoots are advertised in this issue.

Jack Headland and Clem Mudford gained a popular win when they outstayed the opposition in the Metropolitan Deauville Doubles championship at the Footscray Club meeting on April 22. The pair, partnered for the first time in combination shooting, 23/25 to win from the joint holders of the major Commonwealth down-the-line titles, F. Burns and Roy Johns, 22/25. They were warmly applauded.

Also on April 22, A. J. Russell gave a good exhibition of handicap shooting when he staved off his rivals to the 26th round to win a 10 birder. Russell was recently appointed President of the Eltham Club. He lives at Warrandyte (V.), where Melbourne's famed "Yarra River" is very definitely at its prettiest. Ben Taylor, the Eltham secretary, at the same fixture returned the best high-guns figures for the day with 35 straight, all first barrels. Coburg Club advises that the hall it had intended using for its annual Ladies' Night has been damaged by fire and will not be available. The fixture will now take place on Tuesday, May 23.

Yarram Club (V.) will conduct the Gippsland Deauville Doubles

title on June 24, and the Gippsland single-barrel championship on September 23. Bert Holman is club secretary and hopes to have a few visitors from country and metropolitan clubs in attendance on both days.

Bothwell Club (Tas.) will hold its next major shoot on May 27, when a £20 Handicap will comprise the main event. Novices are catered for in a special trophy event which will be shot at 11 a.m. Main matches will start at 1 p.m. Full details are as advertised in this issue.

Information is to hand of the reforming of the Queensland Gun Club. This club was previously affiliated but encountered many difficulties; one of the main causes was the lack of supplies. This position has now improved somewhat, and the club has its fully equipped property in splendid order for the official opening on May 27. C. S. Lindsay, the club secretary, whose address is Wendell Street, Norman Park, Brisbane, advises that the club is confidentially looking forward to the day, not far distant, when it can entertain shooters visiting the Pineapple State capital. The club is a welcome addition to the already first-class organizations existing in Queensland, and being well set up in the principal city, it should attract shooters in plenty.

Coburg Club will shoot its Double-Rise Championship on May 13, to be followed by the Victorian Double-Rise title on May 27. Programmes ahead are as advertised.

Footscray Club (V.), which shoots on No. 2 ground at Tottenham (V.), will stage its premier club title for 1950 on May 20. The programme on June 3 includes a Jack Rabbit event. Events at future meetings over the next few weeks are advertised in this issue.

Fred Blackman, Secretary at Townsville, has taken a month off duty to enjoy a real holiday with his wife and family. During Fred's absence Oscar Crouther, the club's Hon. Treasurer, is carrying on the secretarial duties. Oscar reports that North Queensland is now right into its real autumn with lovely days and cool nights, and who wouldn't like a spell of that type of weather, particularly Southerners?

CRESSY GUN CLUB

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

Saturday, 17th June, 1950

Commencing 12.30 p.m. sharp.

Event 1—5 BIRD S.B. SWEEPSTAKE. Nomination, 5/-.

Event 2—

£50 HANDICAP

20 BIRDS, D.B. Nomination, 50/-.

Divided 60%, 30%, 10%.

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Event 3—10 BIRD

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EDWARD CASEY,
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Secretary.

Oscar, in a brief report on a recent shoot, advises that the club's field season will begin on July 1, and all members are looking forward to it. Townsville Club house has a series of lagoons right out in front of the shooting tracks—these are reported to be teeming with wild life, living a "life of luxury," as Oscar puts it. Included in the mass of birds are black ducks in hordes, whistlers and odd magpie geese. If we know some of our "wanderers" from the South, it is feared a few of this horde would be caught up in the spread of a few well pointed cartridges. Reports have it that the birds are quite indifferent to the clay pigeon shooting competitions; apparently they are shrewd enough to realise they are beyond range.

Tasmanian Gun Club at Launceston will hold its May programme on the 20th of this month. Main events on that day are two £25 Handicaps, each at 20 birds. A good supporting series of events will follow.

Charters Towers Club (Qld.) will shoot the Queensland Tower Championship on June 4. Intending com-

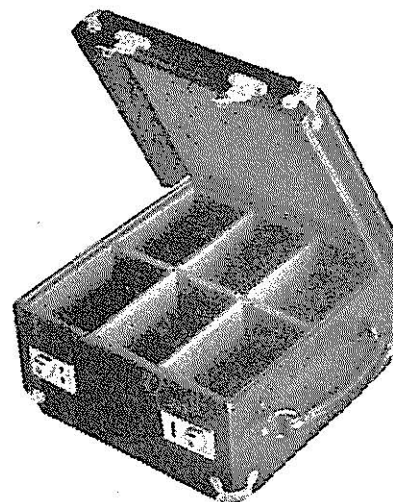
petitors desirous of securing further details of the programme arranged should contact secretary, Tom Husband, Gill Street, Charters Towers.

It was pleasant news to have a brief note again from W. F. Campbell, of Killara, Sydney. This sportsman, who registered originally in pre-war days through the club then functioning at Orange (N.S.W.), mentions: "I have not done any clay pigeon shooting for some years, but I always look forward to receiving the 'Clay Pigeon Shooting News'."

D. D. Mackay, of Cooranbong (N.S.W.), and also a member of the Townsville Club, sends his regrets at not being along to the Association big week-end in March. Mrs. Mackay took ill and this precluded the visit of the first-named. D.D.Mc. sends his congratulations to Jack McCraith on winning the Champion of Champions Cup and adds that he has always wondered why Melbourne has earned such a bad name regarding its weather. He mentioned that Melbourne has never yet given him a bad day's shooting. (We hope it lasts.—Ed.)

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BRIGHTON (Tas.)

Saturday, 10th June, 1950

Commencing 10.30 a.m.

Event No. 1

5 BIRD S.B. TROPHY EVENT for Club 12 yard and Novice Shooters only.
Nomination, 5/-.

Event No. 2

TASMANIAN SOUTHERN DISTRICT SINGLE BARREL CHAMPIONSHIP

Shot at 20 birds from 16 yards—Centre track. Competitor shall load one cartridge only in gun. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Trophies. Nomination, 20/-, with 10/- optional sweepstake divided 60%, 30%, 10% without deductions.

Event No. 3

20 Bird £20 Double Barrel Handicap

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Event No. 4

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J. M. TYQUIN.

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D. BRIDGES.

Colac district (V.) hospitality is reaching high levels. Those metropolitan shooters who attended the Western District title meeting on April 22 were almost overwhelmed. In fact, it has been stated that a few Melbourne shooters dragged themselves into bed just as dawn was cracking. The singing ability of several hitherto unsuspected "silvery tenors" has also reached the ears of headquarters. Dave Watson's rendition of "Road to the Isles" is said to have a similarity to the efforts of Sydney McEwan. Bill Finnegan's double-bill surprised even his mates. The position of Don Corstorphan as leading Association tune-maker looks to be in danger. Dick Wightman is also reported to be in fine voice in several directions.

On a brief visit to Pirron Yallock last month George Simpson maintained Colac's good form in hospitality. George is host at the Mamre Hotel, right at the bridge at Pirron Yallock, and what he dispenses would take pages to describe. George is aided in the running of the Mamre by his sister, Mrs. Dorothy Ainley, and just how the latter can arrange a first-class meal is best described by advising shooters to try what the Mamre produces. Many thanks, Colac and Pirron Yallock, from Melbourne shooters; all the team appear likely to attend repeat performances.

A club is in process of being formed at Katanning in Western Australia. Information indicates that the club will be a strong one and certain to become an affiliated unit of the A.C.P.T.S.A.

Jerilderie Club (N.S.W.) will shoot the Riverina single-barrel title on May 13; Leeton Club will stage the N.S.W. Skeet Championship at Leeton on May 20. The Pirron Yallock Club (V.) will hold the Western Districts of Victoria Mixed Birds title also on May 20.

Mitchell Club (Q.) will shoot the Southern Queensland double-barrel and mixed birds on May 27 and 28. The Hay Club (N.S.W.) postponed programme will be shot on June 3 (see advertised details).

Writing from Cressy (Tas.) last month, club secretary, Rex Powell, mentions that he had observed where

Finley Club (N.S.W.) had appointed a woman secretary. Rex adds: "Good work, Finley, but Cressy is not far behind, as my wife has been doing most of the work in the office during shoots, whilst I am on the tracks attending to referee duties. We have a good working committee which makes the job easier." Rex also mentions that he always spells "NEWS" with capital letters—as it's a capital little book. The programme for Cressy's May shoot is advertised in this issue.

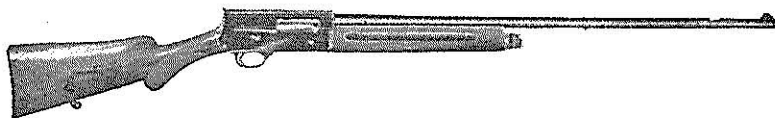
The popularity of the Metropolitan single-barrel championship at Camberwell grounds on April 29 augurs well for the Second Grand Australian Handicap at 45 birds, single-barrel, which will be staged along with 1950 Intermediate A.C.P.T.S.A. Championship. The Camberwell fixture drew nearly 60 guns.

Warm congratulations are extended to 17-year-old E. Kilpatrick, of Atherton (N. Qld.), who won the North Queensland Single-barrel Championship at Atherton last month. Young Kilpatrick gained the splendid score of 20/20 to win from the brothers, Doug and H. Nasser. We fancy we heard Doug giving voice to one of his best songs over the Australia Amateur Hour from Cairns a few weeks back—he sounded first class, too. Doug has a reputation for "pig grilling," and this was much in evidence at the Atherton dance after the shoot.

Hay Club expects a big muster of shooters for June 3. Jack Houston advises early request for accommodation. Programme is advertised in this issue.

Vic Howard, Bathurst's energetic secretary, forwards another of his breezy notes on club activities. He reckons they cannot hold shoots if he cannot secure clays—we would agree with him. Vic adds that if all his clay orders should be fulfilled at once, the club would have to acquire a warehouse and an overdraft. The club has only had 900 since December. Vic's sense of humour becomes paramount with his brief story about the actress and the bishop—but we will leave that one for a more opportune occasion.

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stunt shots with rifle and pistol, which seemed to interest the on-lookers.

To me once more fell the pleasant duty of presenting the trophies. Visitor McMiken was most impressed by the hospitality extended to him, and appreciative of the privilege of shooting in an Australian championship event. Visitors to New Zealand are not—or were not when I was in that lovely country in 1948—eligible to shoot in domestic championships. But perhaps when Mr. McMiken returns home and proudly shows the white silk sash of the Northern District of Tasmania Double Barrel Championship to Messrs. Doreen and Glenn, Presidents respectively of the North and South Islands of New Zealand, similar privileges may be extended to visiting Australians in future, and thus another half hitch would be cast in the strong bond that holds us "down-under" together.