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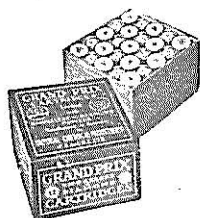
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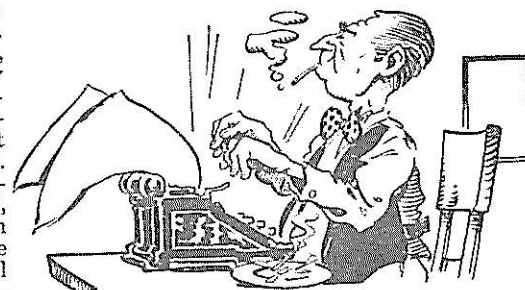
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THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

The formation of State Councils of the A.C.P.T.S.A. is gradually taking shape, and it is hoped that this new form of clay pigeon shooting administration will become an established fact within the next few months. The New South Wales Council has already been formed, as well as the Tasmanian and Victorian groups. The Queensland Council will hold its preliminary formation meeting during the course of the big shoot at Roma about the middle of this month. In view of the rapid development of the sport which has so long been administered from the headquarters in Melbourne, it was felt by A.C.P.T.S.A. officials and many leading shooters in all States, that Councils would need to be developed in each State in order to handle the rising amount of local matter requiring attention. The A.C.P.T.S.A. is heartily in accord with the procedure. It is intended that the



A.C.P.T.S.A. should retain its present entity, having the State Councils as administering branches. The A.C.P.T.S.A. will become a form of National Council and comprise two or possibly three delegates from each of the State bodies. By this means the viewpoint of every State will be equally represented on the governing body. More details will be published in later issues.

The 1950 Annual Meeting of the A.C.P.T.S.A. will be held on Wednesday, November 8. A start will

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5 Bird Double-Barrel.

Metropolitan Walk-up Championship

10 Bird Double-Barrel.

AUGUST 19—

10 Bird Double-Barrel.

10 Bird Double-Barrel.

10 Bird Double-Barrel.

ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND THE CLUB ANNUAL MEETING, WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COBURG TOWN HALL, ON TUESDAY, JULY 18th, commencing at 8 p.m.

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President.

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probably be made during the afternoon of that day.

Congratulations are extended to the English International Team for its success in the 1950 International competition for the Mackintosh Trophy. England won by 43 points, with Australia second.

Occasional applications by clubs are made for approval by the Association of shoot dates up to 12 months ahead. Clubs are advised that whilst Association officials are empowered to formally approve of open shoot dates within a reasonable period—such as up to two or three months or possibly longer on special and obvious occasions—the Executive Committee is strongly opposed to the practice of permitting individual officials to approve of holiday dates in the following calendar year. Applications for championships should be made to the A.C.P.T.S.A. secretary not later than 1st November each year—preferably round about the last two weeks in October. Such applications should be clearly indicated and not listed in mail which includes general club correspondence. Distinct applications enable these to be filed and dealt with by the Executive Committee at the appropriate time when all applications are considered. The matter of date allocation will in future probably be taken over by the State Council for the particular State in which the club is situated. However, for this year applications should be handled as mentioned above.

A tendency has been noted of late whereby new clubs have desired to advertise forthcoming open and championship shoots several months in advance of the shoot date. Advertising of shoots more than two months ahead does not appear essential. It rather tends to make the cost of the day to the club concerned heavier than should be necessary. Experience has proved that two to three months' advertising of any shoot usually satisfies the requirement of most intending competitors in any part of the Commonwealth for the most important events.

The 1950 Association Referee Examination series will commence on August 10. Intending entrants are requested to lodge their applications for inclusion not later than the date mentioned. No applications will be accepted after August 10—those coming in later will be deferred to the next series, possibly many months ahead. Those who failed to qualify in the last series are eligible to take part and are recommended to do so.

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Association Shoot

The final Association shoot for the 1950 season was staged on the usual venue, the Australian C.T. Club's grounds at East Burwood, by courtesy of that club. The three trap lay-out provided ample shooting for all who attended. The Intermediate Championship, the title event of the year originally instituted to allow shooters up to and including 16 yards to take part in a title contest quite removed from the inclusion of back-markers, was again interesting and successful. Three possibles (conditions, 20 birds D.B. from 16 yards) were recorded. The tie shoot produced a splendid contest. The winner was returned in

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Opening Shoot

SATURDAY, 22ND JULY, 1950

Commencing at 10 a.m.

No. 1 Event—

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15 BIRDS, D.B.

Nomination, £1. Valuable Trophies for First, Second and Third; also Trophy for 12/13 yarders.

No. 2 Event—

£25 HANDICAP

10 BIRDS, D.B.

Nomination, £1/5/-. Divided 60%, 30% and 10%.
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the Association patron, Major-General W. Bridgeford, who ran to the 30th round with an unblemished score, 30/30. Runner-up was Lance Small, 29/30, and third placing went to the Sale shooter, Marney Atkinson, 23/25. The winner is one who has done much to maintain the influence of the Association and ensure its standing on the high plane at which it is today. The remaining placings for which awards were given down to sixth position were: R. Ridgeway (Parrott's Bag, via Colac), 24/25; A. C. Tie, 33/35; Peter Wray (aged 12 years), 32/35.

The next event, the Second Grand Australian Handicap, shot for the first time under single-barrel conditions at 45 birds from handicap marks, did not produce any possibles (which was hardly to be expected). The two best scores were provided by "Dick" (Dick Wightman), a former Association chairman, and Bill Wager, of Carlton, each 41/45. The "visit" scores of each were (15 birds each visit to the track): "Dick", 15, 14, 12—total 41/45; Wager, 14, 14, 13—total 41/45. Both were 17

yarders. In the shoot-off both stopped five straight in the first round. The second five showed the scores: "Dick", 11101; Wager, 00110. "Dick" was thereupon declared the winner, 50/55, from Wager, 48/55; then followed in the prize awards: A. J. Russell, 47/55; R. Ridgeway, 46/55; Peter Wray, 42/50, and J. P. Hudson (Moe), 44/50.

The shooting of the Grand Australian Handicap under single-barrel conditions was something of an experiment, but the general consensus of opinion was that it was an undoubted success. Those who competed generally gave the opinion that "they really enjoyed it." It would seem therefore that this particular Association contest has come to stay at single-barrel.

The thanks of the A.C.P.T.S.A. Executive is extended to all those shooters and supporters who so willingly assisted during the shoot. The assistance given by so many provided for first-class organization and a really good shoot.

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15th July, 1950

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29th July, 1950

3 Bird Single-Barrel.

20 BIRD D. B. HANDICAP

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12th August, 1950

10 Bird Double-Barrel.
11 Bird Skeet.

26th August, 1950

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SHOOTING GROUNDS - - ST. LEONARDS

PROGRAMME — 12th AUGUST, 1950.

1st Event

5 BIRD SINGLE BARREL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Nomination, 5/-.

2nd Event

Tasmanian Gun Club Single Barrel Championship

20 BIRDS FROM 16 YARDS.

Nom., £1. Trophies 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Championship
Sash. Optional Sweepstake 10/-, divided 60, 30, 10.

3rd Event

£40 HANDICAP

15 BIRDS. Nom., £2.

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Australian International Team Scores, 1950

Appended are the scores of the team which represented Australia in the 1950 International at East Burwood (shot on March 13) against England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Congratulations are again extended to Jim Smith, of Home Hill (Q.) for his success in gaining the high-gun honour—94/100. Under the changed conditions of the contest this year the first 18 scores are to count, with the two lowest

counted out. Australia grossed 1,770 with a total of 1,614 points to count. The Australians, as will be noticed, performed generally very evenly, but fell away towards the tail end of the scores to count. Scores of the English, Scottish, Welsh and Ireland teams will appear in the August issue of this publication. It is expected these will be to hand in time for the next issue.

Shot at East Burwood, 11th March, 1950.
100 birds per man from 16 yards, 1½ oz. load shell.

	1st Stage.	2nd Stage.	3rd Stage.	4th Stage.	Total.
SMITH, J.	22	24	24	24	94
BALL, E. R.	24	22	22	25	93
THOMAS, N.	22	23	24	24	93
BASSETT, N.	20	25	24	24	93
BIGGS, E. G.	23	24	22	24	93
RALEIGH, J. W.	23	23	24	23	93
McCRAITH, J. A.	21	23	23	25	92
HARRISON, G.	24	24	21	23	92
BRIDGEFORD, Maj.-Gen. W.	23	21	24	23	91
LAMB, S. E.	22	22	23	23	90
WAGER, W.	21	24	25	20	90
CONNOR, T.	21	21	22	25	89
GUY, N.	23	24	20	20	87
SCHOOLEY, B. G. S.	20	20	24	22	86
O'DAY, R. J.	22	23	21	20	86
FINNEGAN, W.	20	25	22	19	86
WALKER, G.	21	22	20	21	84
WATSON, Dave	21	20	21	20	82

				Scores to count	1,614
GROSSMAN, R. W.	18	18	22	20	78
CROSS, C.	24	17	17	20	78

Gross Total 1,770

Just prior to going to press, the following cable was received from the Secretary of the English Clay Pigeon Shooting Association, Mr. Harry Rogers. The cable read: "McCULLOUGH, Box 2038 S. G.P.O., Melbourne, from London. ENGLAND 1657, SCOTLAND 1603, WALES 1541, IRELAND 1529 OPENING AUSTRALIAN SCORE TONIGHT AT BANQUET SCHOOLEY PRESENT HIGH GUN BRUCE OF SCOTLAND 97 MUCH RAIN, ROGERS." The cable was dated 24th June.

This means England wins from Australia, then Scotland, Wales and Ireland. The reference to Schooley apparently means that Mr. S. J. Schooley, of Morven (Qld.), a prominent member of the Clara Creek Club, and father of B. G. S. Schooley, who shot as a member of the Australian Team, was present during the International series in London.

Barellan Gun Club

(N.S.W.)

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

South Western Districts Single Barrel Championship

SATURDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 1950

PROGRAMME (commencing 11.0 a.m.):

Event No. 1—5 BIRD S.B. SWEEPSTAKE. Nom., 5/-.

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Event No. 2—

South Western Districts S. B. Championship

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1950 AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL TEAM.

Back Row (standing L. to R.)—W. Wager, Tom Connor, C. Cross (N.S.W.), J. W. Raleigh (Qld.—partly obscured), N. Bassett (Qld.), G. Walker, Major-General W. Bridgeford (Association patron), Newton Thomas (Qld.), G. Harrison and Jim Smith (Qld.).

Front Row (kneeling)—B. G. S. Schooley (Qld.), Sid Lamb (N.S.W.), E. R. Ball, W. Finnegan, C. Grossman, N. Guy, J. A. McCraith, E. G. Biggs, R. J. O'Day and Dave Watson.

Ten Years Ago

Jack Bryant Senr., shooting in his best form during July, 1940, won his 21st title when he annexed the Victorian double-rise championship at the Camberwell Club's North Balwyn fixture. Bryant missed only one pair in the scheduled twelve of the match. The 1940 report states that "Bryant also won this event at Seymour in 1939." Later in the same month Bryant stopped 49/50 on the old Blackburn ground, the report of the day stating "that he missed his 50th because his gun became too hot to hold." At that time Bryant held the Australian record of 78 straight in competition. (Bryant is apparently holding his form well over the years—as is re-

ported elsewhere in this issue, he registered a break of 62 straight at Sale in June of this year.—Ed.)

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The newly affiliated Boolooroo Club at Moree has taken enthusiastically to "News". Club secretary Reg. Williams and his club mates appear to have enjoyed their first experience of the publication and describe it as

"most interesting and would like to receive it regularly." (They will.—Ed.) Rain has washed out many shoots in New South Wales in recent weeks and Boolooroo has suffered in this respect—many shooters from country centres adjacent to Moree found themselves anchored in the heavy black soil of the area, and it was just a case of "stay at home."

Football (whether rugby, soccer or Australian rules, is not stated) is a hazard to the local club at Holbrook, according to Harry Burge, the club secretary. Harry reckons football is such a serious counter attraction that regular shoots are out of the question until the end of the winter.

Maurie Murphy advises that he has taken over the secretaryship of the St. James Club in Victoria's Goulburn valley. Bert Roberts is his assistant. Both are enthusiastic shooters, and the club should benefit from their knowledge and experience.

Bothwell Club (Tas.) reports big developments. The club has built a spacious clubhouse and an automatic trap is reported to be the next improvement listed.

Few more popular wins on Melbourne shooting grounds have been gained by those achieved on King's Birthday, when the Association conducted its final shoot for the 1950 season, and chief successes were gained by the Association patron, Major-General Bill Bridgeford, and former Association chairman, Dick Wightman. The sporting army leader gives considerable credit to

this scribe for his success. The previous day a small wager was accepted by the General that he would not finish in the first three in the Intermediate Championship—providing he entered. A bit of persuasion and his entry was duly forthcoming with the known result. The General was happy to honour his wager, and we have it that it also cost him quite a quantity of real Scotch in similar wagers. It would seem that his reward for success would be on the light side after the totting up of accounts for the day. Dick Wightman revealed his best form for years in the Second Grand Australian Handicap. Dick stopped 50/55 to win the tie shoot from W. Wager. He fought against severe odds towards the finish. His gun gave trouble and he was compelled to secure the loan of an automatic. This made little difference to his shooting and his win was meritorious. Wager was unlucky to strike Dick on a day when he was practically unbeatable.

It is somewhat coincidental that both Dick and Bill Wager staged a long tie shoot in the Australian Club Championship a month or so ago. On that occasion the shooting stopped on the 40th round, with Wager the winner from Dick, 40/40 to 39/40.

The Balmoral Club will shoot the South Western District Double-Barrel Championship (Victoria) at Balmoral on November 25.

Cobar Club (N.S.W.), according to secretary W. K. Osborne, is making great progress on its new ground about one mile east of the town. Actually its location is right on the secretary's own property. Cobar Club is receiving great assistance from its members in working bees and general assistance. The well-known district sportsman, Frank Singleton, is a most valuable member of the club and has already donated a splendid case of cutlery for competition. Cobar members "all receive their 'News' regularly and look forward to each issue."

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Event No. 2 — "BROWNING" (JIM LOWE) TROPHY

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Event No. 3 — 10 BIRDS POINTS DECISION

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Clara Creek Gun Club (Qld.), where Jeff Page is enthusiastic secretary and Joc Raleigh (well known to Victorians following his good form at the last Champion of Champions meeting is President) will shoot the Maranoa double and single-barrel championships on July 29 and 30. The Charleville Club has generously offered the Clara Creek sportsmen its new grounds, and that latter group has availed itself of this offer. Therefore, a big muster of shooters is assured of all Clara Creek and adjacent areas as well as local Charleville shooters.

Ben Cook, who holds original number 8 in the A.C.P.T.S.A. records, and who was confined to Changi as a P.O.W. for three or more years, has been a patient at Heidelberg Military Hospital for some time. A week or so prior to the Australian Club's meeting on June 17, he was discharged for daily out-patient treatment — still feeling anything but well. On the morning of June 17 Les Tibb ("Drongo") got in touch with Ben and asked him for an opinion on some mechanical defect in his car. Ben readily obliged,

fixed the trouble and then found himself almost "catapulted" to the Australian Club's grounds at East Burwood. Shooting like one possessed of wizardry, Ben returned the only possible of 20 straight in the main event and won outright amidst terrific applause. Ben, when handed his dinner-set trophy, modestly replied that all he could say to account for his success was that there "must have been twenty gun accidents."

Dave Haddow, a shooter who has come into the sport since the cessation of the war period, is showing his best form to date. He is frequently under notice as a trophy winner, and on June 17 won the main event at Footscray, 26/26 points. A first-class effort, as he outstayed a field of 35.

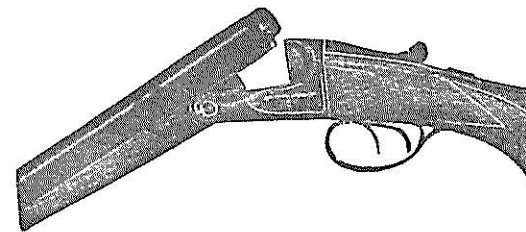
Office-bearers for the Hornsby Club were elected at a meeting held on May 31. Jock Berry, a foundation member of the club, is President. C. S. Horne, who has been acting as secretary of both Hornsby and Hargreave Park clubs, has had to give up the Hornsby section of

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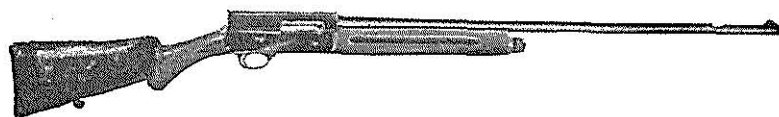
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Sale Gun Club Officials—(L. to R.) Len. Robinson (Secretary) and Lou. Bourbaud (President). Taken at Association Shoot, June 12.

—Photo by Allan Mansell

his job due to private affairs. Members voted him a gift in appreciation of his work for the Hornsby Club. Owing to poor supply of clays and also loss of ground through circumstances which were unavoidable, Hornsby members have had little chance to use their guns since Christmas. The meeting decided to throw all weight behind a movement to obtain a new ground so that the club will be able to again get going and provide members and visitors to Sydney the good shooting it has always been able to give in the past. The club would welcome any "spare clays."

This column would like to pay a tribute to Allan H. Mansell, a new and enthusiastic shooter, who takes a delight in doing the things which assist most. Our special thanks are due to him for a splendid series of photos which he took during the shooting of the Association's King's Birthday fixture. Allan, who is a Glenferrie (V.) chemist, refuses to accept payment for some 30-odd snaps and prints—quite a goodly donation. We hope to see more of Allan's pictorial prowess at future Association gatherings. Incidentally Allan came into the sport some months back as a new recruit; he has picked up the sport quickly, proved himself a first-class sportsman, and on June 17 was runner-up to Ben Cook in the main 20 birder at the Australian club shoot.

Gidginbung, N.S.W., recently formed a clay pigeon shooting club and purpose getting going as soon as possible. The club intends to be affiliated with the A.C.P.T.S.A. C. Spratt is hon. secretary.

As predicted in a previous issue of this publication, the Tambo Club in Queensland is now an actual fact and has already affiliated with the A.C.P.T.S.A. and registered its shooters. J. E. Quin, Box 21, Tambo, is club secretary. There is some similarity in names with the Queensland Tambo Club and that of the Tambo Valley Club in Victoria's East Gippsland district at Swift's Creek.

Katanning Club in Western Australia has concluded its preliminary work and is about to install an automatic trap. This having already been ordered and on the way from Victoria. Any Victorian visitors would be welcomed by the club secretary, T. S. Young, at 56 Austral Terrace, Katanning. The Westerners are new to the sport and out to seek all the advice and assistance they can obtain.

Mal. Johnston, who planed it to Melbourne from Yarwun in North Queensland for the 1949 Champion of Champions series at

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CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT

29TH AND 30TH JULY, 1950

Commencing 9 a.m.

1ST DAY

1st Event—5 BIRD D.B. HANDICAP SWEEP

Nomination, 5/-.

2nd Event—

MARANOA D/B CHAMPIONSHIP

20 BIRDS FROM 16 YARDS.

Both barrels equal value. 1st, 2nd, 3rd Trophies. Nom., £1.
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2ND DAY

1st Event—5 BIRD S.B. HANDICAP. Nom., 5/-.

2nd Event—

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East Burwood, writing recently, mentioned that he regretted being unable to get down this year, but has already laid his plans as a certain starter in 1951.

Twelve-year-old trapshots are growing into the sport with profusion. Last month at East Burwood young Peter Wray, son of the Footscray Club's president, was an outstanding performer in both the Intermediate Association championship and Grand Australian Handicap. His good shooting and sportsmanship earned him a special trophy from the Association. Just prior to going to press, we learn of another on the same age mark in young Dick Poxon, of Launceston (Tas.), who won his first trophy on the St. Leonard's ground of the Tasmanian Gun Club last month, when he broke 5 straight with his 16-gauge single-barrel gun. The club awarded him a clock trophy, and we understand this reminder of his first win "rests" the young sportsman behind his pillow each night. Young Dick is a grand little sportsman with an inherent love of the gun—as he should be. His father, Alf Poxon, is Chairman of the Club and also Chairman of the Tasmanian Council of the A.C.P.T.S.A. Mention of Alf, by the way, recalls that according to records, Alf is on 24 yards in club handicapping—this must surely be the regular rear mark for any shooter handicapped in the Commonwealth.

Information has reached this screed that Keith Cameron, Roma's President and altogether brilliant trapshot, "when a boy used to shoot butterflies on the wing with a pea rifle." If that's authentic, it is no wonder he flashes into prominence on all shooting grounds he attends in Australia. We know of a local shooter who claims to have shot goldfinches on the wing with a rifle (which we very much doubt) and of a club in New South Wales which used to use "buzz" beetles to shoot at from traps in pre-war days, but Cameron's reported prowess over the butterflies fairly "takes the belt."

The Annual Meeting of the Coburg Gun Club will be held in the

Council Chamber, Coburg Town Hall, on Tuesday, July 18. A start will be made at 8 p.m. Any enquiries regarding the meeting should be addressed to the club secretary, Cyril Colledge, 12 Adler Grove, Merlynston, N.14.

The Tasmanian State Council of the A.C.P.T.S.A., although not formally gazetted to operate until the commencement of the new financial year, has been active and has arranged to allocate and approve of forthcoming dates for Tasmanian affiliated clubs. This is a good idea and has the approval of the A.C.P.T.S.A. Executive. Jack Neehan is Hon. Secretary of the Council. For the guidance of Tasmanian shooters and others who may be interested, the dates as approved are published in this issue.

Townsville Club reports excellent weather and expect it to continue now for several months. The Commonwealth Double-Rise Championship is listed for August 12 and 13, with a splendid supporting programme. Full details are as advertised in this issue. Fred Blackman, at Box 415, Townsville, will be pleased to arrange accommodation or supply any information required.

Barellan Gun Club (N.S.W.) will shoot the South-Western Districts of N.S.W. single-barrel championship on August 5. A £30 handicap will follow. Intending competitors requiring accommodation, etc., should contact J. A. Pritchard (Secretary), Box 49, Barellan, N.S.W.

Hobart Club (Tas.) will shoot for the I.C.I. Trophy on July 22. Hobart intends staging a big day for the Commonwealth title on October 7. Full details will be advertised later. Meanwhile the next shoot will be held on August 19.

Griffith Club (N.S.W.) championship was held on June 12 and resulted in a win for Ernie Clarke, 24/24, with Ted Fromholtz and Ron Gow in the places. The Bruce Campbell Trophy produced 11 possibles and a tie shoot to the 17th round before a decision went to club secretary, Phil. Stott, 17/17, from

Albury Field Shooters' Club (N.S.W.)

Shooting on its WODONGA Grounds.

SATURDAY, 19TH AUGUST, 1950

Starting 10 a.m. sharp.

FIRST GRAND BORDER CLAY PIGEON HANDICAP

£110 PRIZE MONEY AND TROPHIES £110

Condition: 15 Birds off Handicap Marks.

Nomination, £5, including Clays.

1st Prize: £35 and Trophy valued at £10.

2nd Prize: £15 and Trophy valued at £5.

3rd Prize: £10 and Trophy valued at £3.

Also a Trophy valued at £4 for the Best Shooter off the 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 yards and over, not winning a major prize.

Special Prize valued at £4 for Member of Albury Field Shooters' Gun Club.

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Phone: Day 212.

1950 REFEREE EXAMINATION.

Applications from shooters desirous of taking part in the Association 1950 Referee series must reach the Secretary, A.C.P.T.S.A., Box 2038 S, G.P.O., Melbourne, C.I., not later than August 10. Applications received prior to that date will be listed and details of the examination will be forwarded to applicants after date mentioned. No 1950 applications will be accepted later than August 10.

Harold Anstee, 16/17, and Ron Gow, 15/16. The club will shoot the Riverina Double-Rise Championship on Saturday, August 12, as per advertisement in this issue.

A New Zealand resident of Blenheim has written after having been handed a copy of "News". He writes, "I find 'News' very interesting; is there any chance of getting this great little book sent to me monthly?" (Yes.—Ed.)

The Mitchell Club (Qld.) has had to postpone its South Queensland championship meeting from 27th and 28th June to 9th and 10th September. The new dates have been approved by the A.C.P.T.S.A. The postponement was due to heavy rainfall in the Mitchell area and the consequent possibility of roads becoming impassable, and those who know Mitchell district know just how difficult transport can become after the deluge type of rain which sometimes occurs in that region.

Another shooter in the youthful class who is looming up as one of the top flight is young Don Turner, son of the Evans & Balfour executive, Les Turner. Don went very close to winning the Camberwell Club's single-barrel title on June 24—in fact, he "had it in the bag" but for missing his last two releases. However, not being deterred by his apparent lack of experience, he came out and won the final event, a 10 birder, with the only 10 straight to take the event outright.

A telegram from Charleville Club, received on June 23, stated that the club's big two-day shoot arranged for the following week-end had been cancelled owing to bad weather. Another date will be chosen by the club, and this will be announced

later, following A.C.P.T.S.A. approval.

Recently an anonymous letter was received at Association headquarters having reference to the handicap of a certain Sydney shooter. As the letter made mention of a club official at the Stonehenge Club, it was considered expedient to forward the letter to the official referred to and secure his comments. The comments of the official referred to were returned smartly and were very much to the point. The official concerned writes: "First let me apologise for having in our club the type of man who writes anonymous letters—for his type, I have nothing but contempt. A personal appeal to me, on the ground, could have accomplished much more than his note to you. However, it is gratifying to know at the club's infancy that one member has shown his true form early, and I tell you now every effort will be made to trace him and remove him from the club. I'd like to add here that I am certain his views as

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Riverina Double Rise Championship

ALL DAY SHOOT

SATURDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 1950

Commencing 10 a.m.

Morning—10 BIRDS TROPHY EVENT.

Nomination, 10/-. Optional Sweep, 5/-.

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Afternoon—2 p.m. sharp—

1950 RIVERINA DOUBLE RISE CHAMPIONSHIP

1st Prize, Trophy and Sash. 2nd and 3rd Trophies.

Nomination, 20/-. Optional 10/- and 5/- Sweepstakes.

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OTHER EVENTS, TIME PERMITTING.

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Afternoon Tea and Refreshments on the Ground.

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PHIL STOTT, Hon. Sec.,
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contained in his letter are definitely his own and his inclusion of the mention of other members is only for his protection. Stonehenge is only a small private club with about 20 members, and our shoots are run on a friendly and sportsmanlike basis (so I thought), and it is only possible to run our meetings as we obtain supplies of clays. All events are run for clays 2/-, plus compulsory 2/- sweeps for all events, so you will see very little money changes hands during one afternoon. We have only had (official) two shoots, and I don't think efficient handicapping can be done on the results of two meetings, if all members are to receive fair consideration. The shooter referred to as being incorrectly handicapped is handicapped on 16 yards, but I have never seen him shoot closer than 18 yards; he tries hard and is a consistent shooter as a result. In conclusion, Mr. McCullough, I'd like you to give this note as much 'air' as you wish in your own manner

through the 'News'. I consider this type of thing is not generally in the best interests of trapshooting and its followers. Might I suggest any complaints go through the secretary of the involved gun club in the form of a signed letter. This would enable club committees to settle differences locally and on the spot at the right time. I hope this letter contains sufficient evidence to enable you to clamp down on anonymous letter writers and discourage future efforts. We all complain sometimes, but for heaven's sake let us do it in a manly and sportsmanlike way."

Hamilton Gun Club in Western Victoria is one of the most recent clubs to affiliate with the A.C.P.T.S.A. Many of its members have already registered through nearby clubs. J. Jordan, of 41 Clarendon Street, Hamilton (V.) is



Place-getters in A.C.P.T.S.A. Intermediate Championship—(L. to R.) M. W. Atkinson (Sale), third, Lance Small (second), and Major-General W. Bridgeford (winner). —Photo by Allan Mansell

Hobart Gun Club

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

BRIGHTON (Tas.)

SATURDAY, 22ND JULY, 1950

Commencing 11 a.m. sharp.

Event No. 1:

5 BIRD DOUBLE BARREL TROPHY for Novice Shooters and Club 12 yarders only.

Nomination, 5/-.

Event No. 2:

5 BIRD SINGLE BARREL HANDICAP SWEEPSTAKE. Nomination, 5/-.

Event No. 3:

I.C.I. Trophy

20 BIRD DOUBLE BARREL HANDICAP

with 8 CLUB TROPHIES added.

Nomination, 15/-, with 5/- optional sweepstake.

1st—1950 I.C.I. Trophy, and 2nd and 3rd Club Trophies. Six other trophies for Best 12 yd., 13 yd., 14 yd., 15-16 yd., 17yd. and over, not in first three places.

Event No. 4:

5 BIRD WALK-UP DOUBLE BARREL SWEEPSTAKE. Nomination, 5/-.

ERIC H. ROUND Aggregate Trophy, scores to count in Event No. 3.

ASSOCIATION HANDICAP.

CROSS SHOT EVENTS—TIME PERMITTING.

CLUB WALK-UP CHAMPIONSHIP—AUGUST 19th.

President:
J. M. TYQUIN.

Hon. Secretary:
D. BRIDGES.

secretary. As Hamilton is one of Victoria's larger towns, the prospects of a first-class club and big membership seems assured.

Few more remarkable tie shoots for a minor placing have previously been witnessed than that staged by the Sale (V.) shooter, G. Harrison, and the veteran Melbourne shooter, Jack Bryant, when the pair shot it out to the 72nd round on the Sale Club's grounds on June 3, to decide third placing in the Gippsland double-barrel championship of 1950. The effort was reminiscent of the performance by Neith Frith, of Launceston, and Ivor Hallam, of Hobart, who a year or so ago went to the 75th round before reaching a decision in a handicap event. Both Harrison and Bryant qualified for a Hartley Break Badge, Harrison with 69 straight and Bryant with 61 straight. Taking into account present day costs of shooting equipment, it was rather an expensive effort to gain a third placing. However, doubtless both shooters enjoyed the experience—the spectators certainly did. Sale Club staged a great day for visiting shooters and were rewarded with a good attendance for the Gippsland title on June 3. The club ran its two automatic traps for the first time and the programme ran smoothly. The championship winner, Len Schipalius, is a newcomer among championship winners, but his success was well merited. He scored 29/30 and won from Geoff Scheldt, 28/30.

Paul Lawson, of Adelaide (S.A.), was a recent visitor to the Aus-

tralian Club grounds at East Burwood and secured a cut in the opening sweepstake. Just prior to the war Lawson, then a young man in his teens, was considered the best young trapshot in South Australia.

Les Turner, a director of Evans & Balfour, of Melbourne, is rapidly developing into one of the best of the improving clay pigeon shots. Les won the main event on the 16th round at East Burwood on June 4, with a clean score. He is one of the sportsmen who it is sometimes hard to handicap—they improve so quickly.

Gunbower G.C. (V.) is another new affiliation with the A.C.P.T.S.A. The club held its first shoot on June 24. Secretary is J. E. Keogh, of Gunbower, who has shot a few times on metropolitan grounds during the last year or so.

Jeff Page, the energetic secretary of the Clara Creek Club in Southern Queensland, advises, as per advertisement in this issue, that his club will shoot the Maranoa District Championships (double and single-barrel), plus first-class sweepstake and handicap programme on July 29 and 30. Jeff, in an interesting note, mentioned the following: "We are quite sure the 'News' is the best way to advertise a shoot, as every registered shooter out this way looks forward to his copy and reads it very carefully from cover to cover. It is a very popular monthly. Conducting clay pigeon shoots out this way has become rather a hazard of late. Apart from the extreme scarcity of supplies, we have ole' man weather and extremely bad roads to contend with. I don't know a shooter in these parts who would not shoot in a snow storm or crawl over broken bottles to get to a shoot, but mud feet deep is a different matter. Twenty points of rain on our roads today keeps us all at home. We are all looking forward to attending the inaugural meeting of the Queensland Division of the Association. I personally hope that when it is formed, this State will receive more consideration and better supplies from the controllers of the little black discs."

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SATURDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1950

Commencing 12.30 p.m. sharp.

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

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Event 2—

CLUB D.B. CHAMPIONSHIP

20 Birds from 16 Yards.

To be shot from ALL Tracks. 5 Birds each visit.

Nom., 20/-, with Optional Sweep of 10/-, divided 60%, 30%, 10%. 1st, Championship Sash and Trophy; 2nd, Trophy; 3rd, Trophy. Special Trophy for best 12 yd. shooter not in first three prizes.

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Event 3—

£20 HANDICAP

15 Birds D.B. Nom., 20/-, div. 60%, 30%, 10%.

OTHER EVENTS, TIME PERMITTING.

ASSOCIATION HANDICAPS.

Cartridges and Afternoon Tea available on Ground.

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President.

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Secretary,
Phone: 53.

H. M. Eddington, one of the most improved shooters in the Hobart (Tas.) area, won the Hobart Club tower title on June 24. He defeated the holder of the Commonwealth Tower title, J. M. McKenzie, after a tie shoot.

Cressy Club (Tas.) will shoot its premier double-barrel club title on August 26. This will be followed by a £20 handicap. Full details are as advertised.

Footscray Club's next three meetings are as advertised. The club will conduct the Victorian Skeet Championship on August 26.

Leeton Club (N.S.W.) will shoot two £25 handicaps, down-the-line and skeet, also on August 26.

Albury Club (N.S.W.), which shoots on grounds at Wodonga, will shoot over three days, August 19, 21 and 22. The opening day has been reserved for a special clay pigeon shooting programme, when

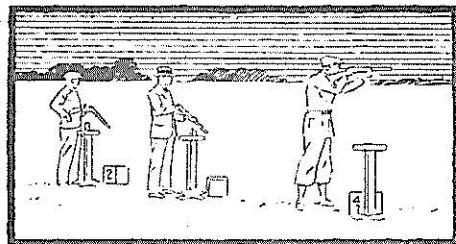
the First Grand Border Clay Pigeon Handicap for prize money and trophies totalling £110 will be disposed of. The programme is advertised in this issue. A special social will be held at "The Gala" rendezvous in Dean Street on Monday night, August 21. Allan Manser, 420 Smith Street, Albury, is club secretary, and will answer all enquiries and endeavour to secure any accommodation required.

Advice is to hand from Chas. S. Horne, of Point Clare, N.S.W., who has been appointed secretary of the Stonehenge Club in that State. Strangely, he is no relation to the sportsman of the same name who officiates at Hargreave Park and Hornsby. He reports good shooting at a recent fixture, when Mal. Fuller returned a card of 26/28, veteran C. Werner (81 years of age) using his new Purdey, 21/23; W. C. Handley, 26/28 (and 96/100 over four successive shoots).



Bill Wager (left), runner-up, and Dick Wightman (winner)—Second Grand Australian Handicap on June 12.
—Photo by Allan Mansell

AROUND THE CLUBS AND MEETINGS...



COBURG (V.).—Results of shoot on June 10: No. 1, 10 birds: div. Tom Connor, John Bryant, Roy Johns and Les Gray, 11/11. No. 2, 10 birds, D.B.: D. Haddow, 15/15; J. Howard (Colac), 14/15; A. H. Brenk (Tomingley, N.S.W.), 10/11; front-marker, J. Paull, 10/11. No. 3, 10 birds, D.B.: Don Bardin, 14/14; Stan Thompson, 13/14; L. Small, 12/13; front-marker, H. S. Godfrey, 13/14; 65 shooters.

The Coburg Oaks, the special Ladies' event listed for decision on June 24, was postponed to a date to be fixed. Results of other events on that day were: No. 1, 5 birds, S.B.: div. R. Hering, "Nyla", Lionel Byrne and A. C. Tie, 6/6. No. 2, Club mixed birds championship: J. A. McCraith, 16/20; "Peters", 15/20; C. Mudford, 19/25; front-marker, R. Hering, 17/25. No. 3, 10 birds, D.B.: R. Johns, 11/11; R. Garrone, 10/11; A. Male, 24/25; front-marker, Stan Thompson, 23/25.

CAMBERWELL (V.).—Results on June 10: No. 1, 5 birds, D.B.: div. Keith Davies, A. Moorhead, W. Wager and Lionel Byrne, 5/5. No. 2, 10 birds, silent rise: W. Wager, 17/18; A. J. Russell, 16/18; C. Bromfield, 11/13; novice, T. R. Brown, 10/12. No. 3, 5 birds, S.B.: C. Wignell, 7/7; R. Didier, 6/7. Results of shoot on June 24 were characterised by another struggle between the almost "regular" tie-ists, Bill Wager and Dick Wightman. On this occasion victory went to the first-named. Bill appears to be one up over the last three battles. Events resulted: No. 1, 5 birds, S.B.: Percy Willis, 5/5. No. 2, Club

single-barrel championship, 15 birds from 16 yards: W. Wager, 20/25; "Dick", 18/23; Don Turner, 15/20; novice, J. Harle, 7/15. No. 3, 10 birds, D.B.: Don Turner, 10/10; A. Whittla, 15/16.

MELBOURNE G.C. (V.).—Metropolitan skeet championship on June 24 resulted: Fred Burns, 18/20; K. Veall, 17/20; J. Bryant, 24/33; 31 competitors.

VICTORIAN G.C. (V.).—The Victorian club at Heatherton staged an all-clay programme on June 24, and results were: No. 1, 5 birds: div. H. Gullifer and L. Turner, 6/7. No. 2 (same): div. L. Turner and P. Hoffman, 4/5. No. 3, Club double-barrel championship: P. Hoffman, 13/15; C. Tardrew, 12/15; G. Ezard, 10/15. No. 4, 10 birds, tie shoot: G. Ezard, 13/15; H. Gullifer, 12/15; P. Hoffman, 11/15.

WANGARATTA (V.).—Reports of shoots—18/3/50: 5-bird: divided by I. Reith (Wangaratta), D. Rae (Whorouly East), H. McMasters (Burrumbuttock), 5/5. North Eastern D.B. Championship: won by H. J. McMasters, 25/25; G. L. Cook, 21/22, 2nd; Arch Burns, 19/20, 3rd. 6/- Miss-out: divided by C. Dean, M. Huggins, K. Ward (Wangaratta), 8/8. Miss-out: divided by K. Ward, H. Foster, C. Wise (Wangaratta), K. Graham (Glenrowan), 7/7.

20/5/50: 5-bird, 8 possibles, comp. division: R. Wise (Rutherglen), S. Cordy, Arch Burns, M. Ward, K. Ward, C. Dean (Wangaratta), D. Gittings (Albury), D. Smith (Glenrowan). £15 Handicap, best 10 birds: div. G. Walker, C. Dean, R. Gross-

man (Wangaratta), W. Wise (Peechelba East), R. Brook (Carbon), D. Rae, 10/10. Trophy event with optional sweep: D. Rae, H. McMasters (Burrumbuttock), S. Cordy, C. Dean (Wangaratta), W. Wise, H. Hanel, R. Brook, G. Gittings. In the shoot-off for the trophies, D. Rae, 1st, 26/26; C. Dean (Wangaratta), 2nd, 25/26; H. Hanel (Albury), 3rd, 15/16.

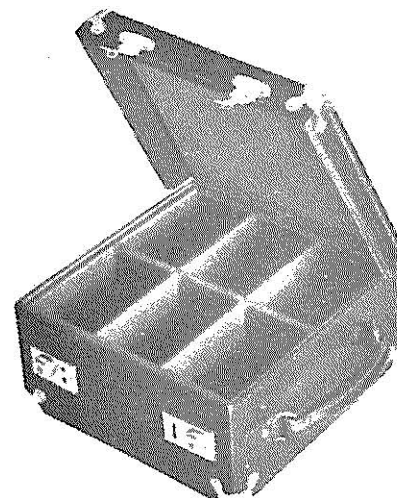
12/6/50: 5-bird, 11 possibles: div. by R. Grossman, Alex Burns, C. Dean (Wangaratta), H. McMasters (Burrumbuttock), D. Rae (Whorouly East), G. Twamley (Glenrowan), 9/9. Trophy event, 10-bird, with optional sweep, 3 possibles: div. G. Twamley (Glenrowan), C. Dean (Wangaratta), Arch Burns (Wangaratta). In the shoot-off for trophies, Arch Burns, 1st, 15/15; G. Twamley, 2nd, 14/15; C. Dean, 3rd, 13/14. 10/- 5-bird, 8 possibles: div. J. Lodge (Benalla), L. McKoy, C. Wise, H. J. McMasters, D. Rae, K. Graham (Glenrowan), R. Brook. Deauville Doubles, 3-pair: div. (W. Wise-Alex Burns), (G. Walker-S. Cordy), (R. Grossman-C. Wise), 9/9.

Double Rise: div. by G. Twamley (Glenrowan), L. Goodwin (Glenrowan), J. J. Cooper (Benalla), 2/2. (Stan Cordy, Hon. Sec.)

LEETON (N.S.W.).—Just on 50 shooters attended the Leeton Club's meeting on May 20, when the N.S.W. Skeet Championship was the chief attraction. This event produced a tie between E. V. Cox, of Hay (N.S.W.) and E. G. Biggs (Melbourne). Each scored 19/20 over the original course of the match. In the tie shoot Cox registered 9/11 to win against Biggs, 7/11. E. Evans and Don Muir, two Griffith club shooters, also tied for third, Muir ultimately gaining the place, 10/11 to 7/11. The minor events resulted: No. 1, 10 birds, skeet sweepstake: won outright by "Dinky" (Bill Catlin, of Hay), 10/10. No. 2, 10 birds, double-barrel: div. L. Trembath (Barellan, N.S.W.), W. Gibbs (Griffith) and Tom Whilans, of Narrandera, each 10/10.

CHARLEVILLE (Qld.).—The Charleville Diggers' Gun Club held a pleasant day's shooting on the 21st

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MELBOURNE

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Results of the shoot were as follows: No. 1, 5-bird Double Barrel (Point): O. W. Smith, 1st, 10/10; 2nd, J. W. Raleigh, 9/10. No. 2, 5-bird Double Barrel: R. A. Akers and B. Schooley, divided with 7/7 each, 1st. No. 3, 10-bird Double Barrel (Point), separate sweep for 12 yarders—The 13 yard and above Sweep: B. Schooley, 20/20, 1st; J. Page, 17/20, 2nd. The 12 yarders only Sweep: K. Boyd, 15/20, 1st; R. Heinaman, 14/20, 2nd. No. 4, 5-bird Double Barrel (Point): 1st, Reg Akers, 10/10; 2nd, div. by K. Boyd and D. McKerrrow, 9/10. No. 5, 5-bird Double Barrel: 1st, div. by K. Boyd and L. Wade, with 7/8 each. No. 6, 5 pairs Deauville Doubles: won by L. Ariotti and R. C. J. Allen, with 5 pairs. No. 7, Single Barrel Miss-out: won by L. Roberts, with 4/4; 2nd, R. Pegler, with 3/4.

(Reg Akers, Joint Hon. Sec.)

BALMORAL GUN CLUB (V.).—Details of club shoot held May 27, 1950: 6-bird D.B. Trophy, open: E. R. Bertram, 6/6. 6-bird D.B. Trophy, 12/13 yarder: E. R. Bertram, 6/6. 6-bird D.B. Sweepstake, Point Score, open: G. G. Pern, 9/12. 6-bird D.B. Sweepstake, Point Score, 12/13 yarder: J. Purins, 7/12. Deauville Doubles, 6-bird: W. J. Pitman and E. Bertram, 12/12. 6-bird S.B. Sweepstake, open: div. L. Mutch, 5/6; W. F. Duncan, 5/6. 6-bird S.B. Sweepstake, 12/13 yarder: L. Mutch, 5/6. Double Rise, 6 birds: K. Toleman, 6/6; T. Austin, 6/6, div. Miss-out Sweepstakes: div. G. G. Pern, 9/9; G. Cock, 9/9.

(W. F. Duncan, President.)

GANMAIN (N.S.W.).—The shoot held on the 22nd April was a very great day's shooting, and the final event, one "off the box," was shot in semi-darkness. The main event, £50 Handicap, was won by P. Gibbons, of Griffith, with 20 straight; L. Creasy, 2nd, and R. McNamara, 3rd. Five-bird sweeps were won by Creasy, Ziebath, L. Meek, P. Gibbons and A. D. Halbisich.

Shooters were present from Hay, Griffith, Barellan, Tumut and Mangoplah, and the Ganmain committee are very grateful for the support these shooters gave their young club. They wish to specially thank

O. Cox and "Dinky" for their advice and help in running the shoot, and without their help, it couldn't have gone as smoothly as it did.

Thanking you very much and wishing all shooters good shooting.
(A. J. Halbisich, Hon. Sec.)

SEYMOUR (V.).—Results of shoot on June 10: No. 1, 5-bird S.B.: A. H. Earl, 5/5; H. Free, 6/7. No. 2, W. A. Smith Cup, 5-bird D.B.: A. Whitechurch, 5/5; W. Drummond, 6/8. No. 3, 5-bird D.B.: K. Dykes, 5/5; T. Cherry (formerly of Echuca), 4/5. No. 4, 5-bird D.B.: M. Gray, 5/5; W. Drummond, 7/8. No. 5, Double-Rise: W. Drummond, 2 pairs: K. Gray, 1 pair.

(A. H. Jones, Hon. Sec.)

HOLBROOK (N.S.W.).—Holbrook Gun Club conducted a clay-bird shoot on June 12 in ideal conditions. Shooters were present from Tumut, Rand, Mangoplah, Culcairn and Melbourne.

The principal event, a £25 Handicap at 15 birds, resulted in a tie between Bill O'Brien (Holbrook) and Ted Matthews (Bowna), with a score of 14/15; second place went to Ray Matthews (Bowna), score 16/18. Front-markers' prize was divided between Mat. Downing (Tu-

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mut) and C. Angel (Mangoplah),
score 15/18.

Other events: No. 1, 5-bird D.B. Sweepstake: div. N. Plunkett and Lox. Creasy, 5/5. No. 2, 5-bird D.B. Sweepstake: div. Lynch Creasy and Ollie Cox, 5/5. No. 3, 5 pairs Deauville Doubles Sweepstake: Norm. Plunkett and Graeme Baker (Tumut), 5/5. No. 4, 3 pairs Double Rise Sweepstake: won outright by Norm. Plunkett, 9 points. No. 5, 3 pairs Double Rise Sweepstake: W. O'Brien, Graeme Baker and Allan Gray tied, with 7 points each. Shoot-off resulted W. O'Brien and G. Baker dividing with 13 points, and A. Gray, 3rd, 12 points. No. 6, 5-bird D.B. Sweepstake: div. Lox. Creasy and S. Finnemore (Mangoplah), 9/9. No. 7, 5-bird S.B. Sweepstake: div. S. Finnemore and P. Griffith (Rand), 5/5.

(Harry Burge, Hon. Sec.)

BOOLOOROO (N.S.W.).—Results of June 3 shoot: No. 1, 3 birds, D.B.: 3 possibles, tie shoot: won by N. Munro. No. 2, 5 birds, D.B.: F. H. Thompson, 4/5. No. 3, 5 birds, D.B.: R. D. Williams, 5/5.

(R. D. Williams, Hon. Sec.)

SALE (V.).—The club staged the Gippsland Double-barrel Championship as its main event on June 4, when two automatic traps were in operation. Staged under the usual A.C.P.T.S.A. conditions of 20 birds from 16 yards, it produced a tie shoot, each 19/20, between Len Schipalius (Sale) and Geoff Scheldt (Sale). The first-named won 29/30, to Scheldt's 28/30. G. Harrison gained third place, 71/72, from Jack Bryant Senr., 70/72. Other events resulted: No. 1, 10 birds: div. G. Williams, B. Healy and A. Cowman, 10/10. No. 2, £25 Handicap: div. R. Glover, H. Guyatt, H. Pentland, A. Fitzpatrick, "Tambo" and E. Brinsmeads, 10/10 (44 shooters).

AUSTRALIAN C.T.C. (East Burwood, V.).—Results, June 4: No. 1, 5 birds, 14 possibles: div. "Santa", A. E. Goodear, A. Mansell, W. Finnegan, P. Lawson (South Australia), 10/10. No. 2, 10 birds, D.B.: 7 possibles: Les Turner, 16/16; R. Didier, 20/21; O. Kurrie, 19/21; 13/14 yarder, K. Venables, 12/13; 12 yarder, M. Newnham (Romsey), 9/10. No. 3, 6 possibles (6 pairs double-rise, points), 4 possibles: A. Male, 17/21; V. Dudley, 23/33; A. C. Tie, 21/33; 13/14 yarder, R. Didier, 14/21. The main 20-birder on June 17 was won outright by Ben Cook, who stopped the only possible. Ben had only been out of

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military hospital about two weeks, and his win was well received. The club gave seven trophies for this event and the others finished (after tie shoots): Allan H. Mansell, 26/27; R. Hering, 25/27; F. Olver, 24/26; A. Crow, 22/24; 13/14 yarder, G. Anderson, 21/23; 12 yarder, H. Phillips, 24/26. Only one other event was possible, and this was a 5-birder which produced no less than 19 possibles and a division by H. A. Phillips, A. Crow, L. L. Schilling, J. W. McInnes, F. Olver, Aubrey Johnson, "Nyla" and Stan Thomson, 8/8.

FOOTSCRAY (V.).—Results on June 4 were: No. 1, 5 birds, D.B.: div. W. Squire, R. Sydenham, W. Wager and N. Barton, 5/5. No. 2, 10-bird, Jack Rabbit; 12/14 yard winner, L. Wall, 10/10; 15/17 yarder, J. Johnston, 10/10; 17/22, div. "Pampas" and J. Moore, 9/10. No. 3, 10 birds, D.B.: J. Johnson, 10/10. Nearly 40 shooters attended at the club grounds on June 17, when the following results were posted: No. 1, 5 birds, D.B.: div. F. Sydenham, Clive Wilson, Harry Greenham, H. Milner, "Gippsland" and J. D. Byrne, 5/5. No. 2, 10 birds, points, tie shoot: Dave Haddow, 26/26 (points); C. Wilson, 22/26; C. Bound, 21/26. No. 3, Miss-out: B. H. Stevens, 10/10.

TOWNSVILLE (Q.).—Members of the Townsville Rifle Club and the Townsville Gun Club met at the Gun Club's Grounds on 3/6/50 for the occasion of the annual inter-club competition. The Rifle Club visited the Gun Club clay bird competition on the Saturday, and a return visit was made on Sunday by the Gun Club to the range at Cluden.

This function, which pre-war was a regular annual event, has been revived and certainly builds up a great amount of good feeling and interest between the members of the kindred clubs.

With a large number of members of both clubs present on Saturday afternoon, 24 riflemen toed the 12 yards mark at the Gun Club's grounds, and, using the 12 bore shotgun instead of their familiar 303's, showed some surprisingly good form against the elusive clays. In the

10-bird Inter-Club event, with 18 best scores to count, the riflemen notched up 84 kills. The Gun Club team, with thoughts of what would happen the next day when they would be leaving their familiar fowling pieces at home and using the .303, put forward a good effort, and when the final tally was run up, a total of 129 kills stood to their credit.

This credit balance, however, was steadily whittled down on the Sunday morning, when the Gun Club contingent invaded Cluden range, and with the riflemen in their element, the Gun Club's lead was steadily overcome, and when the final shot was fired and a count taken, the Gun Club team was declared winners over the combined shoots by 1 point. This win makes the Gun Club holders of the fine cup for the year, and it was presented on Sunday morning by Mr. Toby Garbutt, on behalf of the Rifle Club, to Gun Club President, Mr. W. J. Hanran.

A 5-bird Sweepstakes put on as a pipe opener on Saturday provided interesting shooting. Each Gun Club member drew a rifleman as a partner, and their scores were added. Some good shooting was witnessed, with the final result a draw between three pairs, E. Vandersee and S. Horton; F. Hose and H. Mathieson and F. Blackman and W. James; each pair scoring 7/10. Possibles in this event were scored by H. Mathieson (Rifle Club), J. Melville, K. Miskin, J. Carrington and D. Casey (Gun Club).

The main 10-bird event saw S. Horton (Rifle Club) and W. Hanran and J. Melville (Gun Club), top score with 9/10. S. Horton's effort was a great one for the Rifle Club, and with a possible in sight, he was unfortunate to record a miss with his last shot. Other riflemen to perform well at the unfamiliar clays were G. Hone, D. Hone, E. Real and H. Mathieson, while W. J. Smith, E. Blackman, D. Bullimore, F. White and Wm. Smith also helped with good scores.

With a deficit of 45 points from the previous stage to be wiped out, the Lee Enfield exponents were on their toes.

Final figures over both ranges gave the riflemen an aggregate of 890 points, while the pelletmen reached the remarkable figure of 846. In the grand aggregate over both days the Gun Club took the honours with 975 points, with their rivals one point in arrears.

The winners were duly presented with the Leaf Cup, a handsome trophy donated and suitably engraved for the occasion. Jack Melville also received a silver spoon for his fine effort of 66 off the rifle, the best recorded by a gunman.

Individual matches in pairs and groups were later staged at 1,000 yards, and though no scores were recorded, members of both clubs appeared to get their shots away in good style.

Before the outing concluded, speeches of appreciation were made by club captains, and all participants voted the dual meeting an unqualified success.

Detailed scores:
Gun Club: J. Melville, 200 yds., 35, 500 yds., 31, total 66; J. Carrington, 29, 33, 62; K. Miskin, 33,

29, 62; A. Clay, 33, 29, 62; W. Hanran, 35, 25, 60; F. Blackman, 29, 29, 58; E. Vandersee, 29, 27, 56; D. Casey, 29, 27, 56; E. Clay, 33, 23, 56; J. Longworth, 27, 27, 54; J. Gelling, 23, 29, 52; F. Hose, 27, 25, 52; D. Peberdy, 25, 25, 50; J. Doyle, 29, 21, 50; O. Crowther, 28, 22, 50; total 846.

Rifle Club: S. Horton, 200 yds., 32, 500 yds., 32, total 64; N. Mathieson, 33, 31, 64; T. Askern, 31, 33, 64; W. James, 31, 32, 63; H. Mathieson, 33, 29, 62; V. Reid, 32, 29, 61; F. Kippin, 31, 29, 60; D. C. Hone, 32, 28, 60; J. Killalea, 31, 28, 59; W. M. Smith (senr.), 28, 31, 59; F. Edwards, 30, 28, 58; F. White, 28, 29, 57; K. Herbert, 28, 27, 55; W. M. Smith (junr.), 25, 27, 52; L. Peterson, 26, 26, 52; total 890.

Counted out: W. J. Smith, 66; C. Cavanagh, 66; G. Cole, 66; E. Blackman, 66; N. Kippin, 65; D. Bullimore, 65; A. Garbutt, 65; W. Bahr, 64; M. Banks, 64; J. Herlihy, 64.

Under favourable weather conditions, the Townsville Gun Club held an open clay pigeon shoot at the club's grounds on Saturday after-

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noon, June 17, and a programme of five events was shot off.

The shooting opened with a 5-bird single-barrel sweepstakes. Possibles were recorded by T. Clay, F. Blackman, Russel McKimmin, D. Casey, W. Hanran and T. Melville, and to save time in shooting off, the six decided on a division of the pooled prize money.

The five-bird which followed was won outright by Russell McKimmin with the only 5/5 possible scored. A. Clay, D. Casey, O. Crouther, H. Ryder, E. McKimmin, R. Blackley, T. Clay, J. Carrington and K. Miskin, with 4/5, shot off for second placing, A. Clay being successful.

The third event, the principal one of the afternoon, shot at 10 birds single barrel, for the final stage of a trophy, and optional sweepstakes provided a keen finish. Fred Blackman top scored with the only 10/10 possible recorded and won the sweepstakes outright. A. Clay, J. Brady and K. Miskin, each with 9/10, divided second and third money. Russel McKimmin and O. Crouther, with scores of 7/10 and 8/10 respectively, dead-heated with a total aggregate of 24 points for the trophy over the three stages. In the resulting shoot-off to decide ownership of the trophy, Russel McKimmin was successful and recorded a well-merited win to defeat Crouther in a close finish. Colin Melville, with 23 points, just failed by one point to tie the leaders, followed by F. Hose and J. Carrington with 22.

The fourth event, a 5-bird single-barrel handicap, was divided by V. Madsen, Russel McKimmin and K. Miskin, each scoring the 5/5 possible.

The final event, a "first miss and out" sweepstakes, was divided by O. Crouther and J. Carrington, after the balance of the field had been eliminated, last to 90 out being W. O'Reilly and W. Stockham.

At the conclusion of the shoot, club president Willo Hanran presented Russel McKimmin with the trophy and congratulated him on winning such a fine prize so early in his trapshooting career, and on his consistent shooting throughout the afternoon.

The Townsville Club will conduct the Commonwealth 1950 double-rise championship on their grounds in August with the official approval of the Australian Clay Pigeon Trap Shooting Association.

(Fred Blackman (Hon. Sec.))

MANGOPLAH (N.S.W.).—The Mangoplah Club held its inaugural shoot on Sunday, June 4. The attendance surprised the organizers; altogether 40 shooters were on the ground. The location is on portion of Ollie Cox's spacious Mangoplah Station property and quite close to the township. The day opened with climatic conditions appearing to be most unfavourable. However, about 10 a.m. the weather cleared and shooters dropped in from all quarters. A net profit of nearly £40, which the day produced, will give the club a good start. The club proposes to install an automatic trap almost immediately and has the idea of holding Sunday shoots following district club shoots on a Saturday. The Mangoplah secretary, young John Cox, was one of the most disappointed members; he had to miss the opening because of a bad cold and was confined to bed. Results were: No. 1, 5-bird D.B.: won outright by Bruce Hall, son of the well-known Wagga sportsman, Ray Hall, 5/5. (Bruce is very versatile. A few months back he won the Grand Aggregate at rifle shooting on the Leeton Rifle Range). No. 2, 5 birds, S.B.: div. A. Gettings (Rand), W. L. Creasy (Mangoplah), Lox. Creasy (Mangoplah), Bruce Hall and Mat. Downing (Tumut), 4/5. No. 3, 15 birds, D.B., £25 Handicap (£10 and £5 trophies, 1st, £5; 2nd, £2; 3rd, £2, and novice £3 trophy): won outright by Horace Clarke (Mangoplah), 12/15; 2nd and 3rd, div. W. L. Creasy and L. L. Creasy, 11/15; novice trophy, L. Stoll (Mangoplah). No. 4, 5 birds, D.B. (Bottle Scotch and many years): G. Catling (Albury), 8/9. Some miss-outs and novice shoots were held on a second trap.

STONEHENGE (N.S.W.).—The Stonehenge Club held a successful shoot on May 27. The fixture was well attended and some good scores were recorded. The most prominent during the afternoon were L. P. Hughes, 25/26; Ralph Sonter, 24/25,

and W. Hanley, 23/26. A case of mixed fruit was donated as a trophy by Mr. A. Spetre, a grand sportsman and keen follower of the sport. Other trophies included dressed ducks and lobsters, and how much these were appreciated by members could be judged by how well they shot to win them.

(Ralph Sonter, Hon. Sec.)

COLAC (V.).—Seldom has better shooting been witnessed at the grounds of Colac Gun Club than that of Harry Mills, Harvey Eldridge and Jack Bryant (Melbourne) when on Saturday, June 17, they shot off for the main trophy at clay birds.

Harry Mills proved to be the best stayer and was awarded a handsome chrome glass dinner wagon for his fine effort. Harvey Eldridge gained an English tea set as runner-up.

Twenty-five members attended the shoot. Conditions were fair, black low-hanging clouds at times impaired visibility. More frequent glimpses of sunshine would have improved conditions.

The main event was shot at 15 targets from handicap marks. Only three shooters were able to produce possibles—H. Mills, H. Eldridge and J. Bryant. These three cut the sweep money and shot on for the trophies.

Harry Mills' second barrel was working so smoothly that he was unbeatable, and ran out the winner 23/23; Harvey Eldridge, 22/23, was second, and Jack Bryant, 20/21, third. These three gave a fine exhibition of shooting. Harry Mills' unbroken total for the day of 43 put him well on the way towards obtaining a Hartley break badge which is awarded shooters who produce breaks of 50, 75, 100, etc.

Main scores: Event No. 1, 15-bird double-barrel: H. Mills, 23/23, 1st; H. Eldridge, 22/23, 2nd; J. Bryant, 20/21, 3rd; 14/15's by J. McCarthy, R. Ridgeway and A. Eldridge; sweep divided by Mills, H. Eldridge and Bryant. Event No. 2, 5-bird D.B. sweep: Possibles by H. Mills, J. Howard, A. McCorkell, W. Arnold, S. H. Beck, J. Bryant, W. Roache, H. Eldridge, C. Grist, E. Gaylard, A. Eldridge, D. Corstorphan. Divided on 13th round by Mills, Arnold,

Grist, A. Eldridge and Corstorphan. Event No. 3, Miss-out: Divided on 7th round by H. Mills, J. Bryant, A. Eldridge, E. Gaylard, D. Corstorphan and G. Simpson.

Best aggregate scores: H. Mills, 43/43; J. Bryant, 39/41; H. Eldridge, 39/41; E. Gaylard, 26/30; A. Eldridge, 29/31; D. Corstorphan, 32/35.

The club's next shoot is scheduled for July 1.

(Don Corstorphan, Hon. Sec.)

ST. GEORGE (Qld.).—June 3 results: Boombah Cup (progress scores): Murray Cameron, 55; Keith Cameron, 54; D. P. Stewart, 54; H. T. Thompson, 53; R. Munro and H. B. Wade, 51; N. Munro, 50 (points scoring). No. 3: R. Munro and W. Mace, each 7/7, div. No. 4: D. R. Cameron, 11/11 (1); J. C. Dyson, 10/11 (2) and M. Cameron, 9/10 (3).

(S. J. O'Shea, Hon. Sec.)

HOBART (Tas.).—H. M. Eddington won the Hobart Gun Club's tower championship at Brighton on Saturday, June 24, defeating the Commonwealth title-holder, J. M. McKenzie, in a tie shoot. Eddington's kills were 24 from 25, against McKenzie's 23/25. His 18/20 in the £50 Handicap kept Eddington in the lead in the third round of the Eric Round aggregate trophy, with 76/80.

The £50 Handicap brought the biggest surprise of the day, when B. Moles (Montrose) scored the possible.

The 5-bird tower sweepstake was divided by R. Redpath, L. Fisher, R. Powell, E. Marshall, B. C. Smith, W. Reynolds and A. F. Johnson, when the shoot had gone to the eighth round.

M. Bale (Bothwell) and B. Moles both stopped all "five" in the 12-yarder and novice, which resulted in a win for Bale, when Moles missed his first release in the shoot-off.

Details: Championship: H. M. Eddington, 24/25, 1; J. McKenzie, 23/25, 2; W. Reynolds, 23/25, 3; E. L. Marshall, 21/24; A. Poxon, 21/25; R. Redpath, C. Poxon, P. Lowe, P. Marshall, R. Powell, J. Blake, 17/20; C. Young, C. Reynolds, 16/20.

£50 Handicap: B. Moles, 20/20; S. Marshall, C. J. Lowe, J. Brent, 23/24; P. Lowe, 22/24; T. Cannon,

20/22; J. Tyquin, H. M. Eddington, M. Colbeck, R. Redpath, R. Powell, W. Potter, 18/20; C. Poxon, C. Young, C. Reynolds, W. Reynolds, B. C. Smith, L. Fisher, W. McMaster, 17/20; A. Lowe, 16/20.

Handicap awards: 12 yards, P. Lowe; 13 yds., C. Young; 14 yds., W. Potter; 15 yds., T. Cannon; 16 yds., R. Powell; 18 yds., R. Redpath.

BALMORAL (V.) — The above club conducted its monthly shoot at clay pigeons on Saturday, June 24. Results of shoots were as follows: Open Trophy and Sweepstake, N. Woodfield, 6/6; 12/13 yarder Trophy, J. Gilbert, 5/6; 6-bird Point Shoot, spoon and sweepstake, W. F. Duncan, 6/6, 12 points; 6-bird Single Barrel, div. F. Steer, D. Constable, A. Forrest, G. G. Pern, 5/6; Double Rise, 3 rises, A. Forrest, 6/6; Miss-out off fence, F. Steer, 2/2.

Afternoon tea was dispensed by the ladies in attendance, proceeds going to the Balmoral Bush Nursing Centre.

(W. F. Duncan, President.)

CRESSY (Tas.) — Neil Frith recorded an outstanding performance in breaking 46 clay pigeons straight at the Cressy Gun Club's shoot on Saturday, June 17. He shared in the prize money for the three events conducted. Thirty-six shooters from all parts of Tasmania competed. Conditions were good, and excellent shooting was witnessed by a large number of spectators.

The £50 Handicap was divided by T. Cannon, N. Frith and M. Colbeck, all scoring the possible 20 "kills".

Details: 5-bird Single Barrel: J. Reynolds, N. Frith, D. Forsyth, 6/6, divided. Others: W. R. Hay, 5/6; C. Reynolds, L. Fisher, T. Cannon, J. Tyquin, J. Blake, B. C. Smith, R. Powell, E. Casey, D. Brett, R. Rockliffe, 4/5.

£50 Handicap: M. Colbeck, T. Cannon, N. Frith, 20/20, divided. Others: A. C. Fleming, R. Redpath, A. E. Poxon, R. Rockliffe, H. Saunders, 19/20; F. Blake, D. Forsyth, E. Casey, 18/20; W. Bennett, J. McKenzie, L. Fisher, B. C. Smith, V. Goss, W. R. Hay, 17/20; W. Reynolds, J. W. Bennett, J. Tyquin, R. Powell, 16/20; C. Fleming, C. Poxon, G. Grieves, 15/20; J. Reynolds, C. Alwood, D. Brett, 14/20; C. A. Rey-

nolds, J. Blake, 13/20; C. Churchill, 12/20.

10-bird Trophy Shoot: N. Frith, 20/20; W. Reynolds, 19/20; J. McKenzie, 16/17. Others: W. Bennett, M. Colbeck, C. Alwood, J. W. Bennett, R. Redpath, C. Poxon, G. Grieves, W. R. Hay, R. Rockliffe, H. J. Saunders, 9/10; C. Churchill, A. Fleming, J. Tyquin, B. C. Smith, C. Fleming, R. Powell, A. E. Poxon, V. Goss, D. Forsyth, 8/10; G. Dicker, T. Cannon, S. Bott, F. Blake, E. Casey, 7/10; J. Blake, 6/10.

Trophies were presented by the president of the Tasmanian Gun Club (Mr. A. Poxon), and afternoon tea was provided by the women's committee under Mrs. Blake.

(Rex Powell, Hon. Sec.)

TUMUT (N.S.W.) — Results of shoot held on June 24, on club's grounds at Bombowlee. Windy day, but keen shooting: No. 1, 5-bird D.B.: div. P. Gibbons (Ganmain), R. Braham (Young), Lynch Creasy (Holbrook), L. Trembarth (Barellan), 5/5. No. 2, £50 Handicap: 1st, G. Beaumont (Young), 19/20; 2nd, R. McNamara (Griffith), 18/20; 3rd, Lox Creasy (Holbrook), 22/26; Front Marker Prize went to L. Meek (Ganmain), 19/24. There was a shoot-off for 3rd place and front marker. No. 3, 5-bird D.B.: div. R. McNamara (Griffith), G. Bell (Young) and Lynch Creasy (Holbrook), 5/5. No. 4, 5-bird S.B.: div. by S. Ricketts (Young) and H. Wylder (Young), 5/5. No. 5, 5-bird Walk-up D.B.: div. by H. Wylder and G. Beaumont (Young), 5/5. No. 6, 5-bird D.B.: After Shoot-off won by L. Meek (Ganmain), 10/10. No. 7, Box Sweep Miss-out: div. by G. Beaumont and R. Braham (Young), 3/3.

The club dinner at night was well attended and was a most popular function. Visitors were present from Griffith, Ganmain, Holbrook, Cootamundra, Young, Rand and Goulburn. The club would like to thank, through our Association "News", Mr. Reg McNamara, of Griffith, for his generous gesture in donating a prize for a local club shoot to be held on a date to be fixed.

(G. D. Baker, Hon. Sec.)

U.S.A. Shooting

(From REX MILES)

Art. Meehan, Mayor of the City of Spokane, is an ardent trap shooting enthusiast and his foreword in the programme for the 39th Inland Empire Handicap and 31st Telegraphic Shoot at the Spokane Gun Club's new grounds reads: "It is a distinct privilege to officially welcome again fellow trapshooters from far and wide to participate in the 39th Annual Inland Empire Handicap and Review Telegraphic Shoot on May 4, 5, 6 and 7, 1950. Our Spokane Gun Club will have its new grounds open for your pleasure and we shall endeavour to make your stay with us as pleasant as possible. On behalf of our citizens and fellow trapshooters, I greet you most cordially." Following this pleasantry is the dictate of the Spokane Club's President, W. D. (Bill) Meyerhoff, who says: "The dreams of the members of the Spokane Gun Club have finally been realised, and we now have the finest and largest gun club in the United States. This club was built as large as it is with only one idea in mind—to adequately take care of you shooters who attend the great Inland Empire Handicap and Review Telegraphic Shoot-off. This we can do, as we have sixteen traps (all with cement walks), electric pullers, spacious clubhouse with large lounge for the ladies, good kitchen facilities and unlimited parking area. Come to this shoot knowing that everything will be done to make you feel that this is the finest shoot you have ever attended. I'll see you on the shooting line."

Of interest is a page headed "Important Information". Among the matters which provide interesting comparison for Australian competition shooters are: "A supervisor will be in charge of the 16 traps during the entire shoot. When a squad is called to shoot, the squad will be held three minutes for a tardy shooter; after that time he will be scratched from the event. There is a grievance committee of three (names given). Any misunderstanding of rules and regulations must be taken up with them.

Errors in scores must be contested and settled before the shooter shoots five additional targets, otherwise the score stands. The scorer will call lost targets only.

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SHOOTING DATES APPROVED BY THE TASMANIAN STATE COUNCIL OF THE A.G.P.T.S.A.

- 15th July—Tasmanian Gun Club (Tas. Intermediate Champ.).
- 22nd July—Hobart Gun Club (I.C.I. Trophy and £20 H'cap.).
- 29th July—Cressy Gun Club and Latrobe Gun Club.
- 5th August—
- 12th August—Tasmanian Gun Club (Club S.B. title).
- 19th August—Hobart Gun Club (Club Walk-up Champ. and £50 H'cap.).
- 26th August—Cressy Gun Club and Bothwell Gun Club.
- 2nd Sept.—Latrobe Gun Club.
- 9th Sept.—Tasmanian Gun Club (Tas. D.B. Champ.).
- 16th Sept.—Hobart Gun Club (Club Double Barrel Champ.).
- 23rd Sept.—
- 30th Sept.—Latrobe Gun Club and Bothwell Gun Club.
- 7th Oct.—Hobart Gun Club (Commonwealth D.B. Champ.).
- 14th Oct.—Cressy Gun Club (State Walk-up Champ.).
- 21st Oct.—Tasmanian Gun Club (Tas. Double Rise Champ.).
- 28th Oct.—Hobart Gun Club (Tas. Mixed Birds Champ.).
- 4th Nov.—Latrobe Gun Club.
- 11th Nov.—
- 18th Nov.—Tasmanian Gun Club (Tas. Skeet Champ.).
- 25th Nov.—Cressy Gun Club (Nth. Districts Mixed Birds Champ.).
- 2nd Dec.—Bothwell Gun Club.
- 9th Dec.—
- 16th Dec.—Hobart Gun Club.
- 23rd Dec.—Tasmanian Gun Club (Commonwealth Skeet Champ.).
- 26th Dec.—Cressy Gun Club (State Deauville Doubles & £50 H'cap.).
- 27th Dec.—Cressy Gun Club (£100 H'cap. and Teams Match Shoot).

The above dates have been approved by the Tasmanian Council, and no dates are to be altered without approval of the Council.

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AMENDED HANDICAPS

3812 Akers, Reg (Charleville)	15
4600 Arrotti, L. (Charleville)	12
3946 Bale, J. (Hobart)	13
3565 Banfield, H. P. (Goulburn)	15
1018 Beaumont, G. G. (Young)	18
4295 Beck, M. (Moe)	12
4063 Bell, M. (Goulburn)	12
3695 Bell, R. (Rockhampton)	14
212 Bennett, W. (Cressy)	13
76 Blake, J. (Cressy)	17
3294 Bohdal, K. (Tasmanian)	12
3838 Boyd, Keith (Clara Creek)	13
171 Bridgeford, Mjr-Gen. W. (Australian)	17
3631 Brinsmead, E. (Yallourn)	16
3716 Brook, R. (Wangaratta)	13
185 Buckney, J. B. ("Beaver") (Tasmanian)	17
3053 Burns, Arch (Wangaratta)	15
4512 Bushby, J. R. (Narrandera)	14
1644 Cameron, M. F. (Roma)	17
3392 Cannon, T. (Hobart)	16
4269 Carruthers, W. (Balmoral)	12
81 Casey, E., Senr. (Cressy)	16
84 Chugg, E. (Tasmanian)	14
462 Chugg, M. (Tasmanian)	13
4007 Churchill, N. (Goulburn)	13
4238 Cock, G. (Balmoral)	14
202 Cooper, J. (Cobram)	16
4733 Cooper, J. J. (St. James)	13
4689 Coppock, V. B. (Boolooloo)	12
3269 Dean, C. (Wangaratta)	16
4138 Duetcher, E. W. (Charleville)	12
2240 Dicker, W. (Tasmanian)	12
4442 Eddington, M. (Hobart)	15
4540 Ezard, F. J. (Tambo Valley)	14
2808 Fenton, J. (Bathurst)	12
4495 Fitzpatrick, A. (Tambo Valley)	16
3176 Forsyth, D. R. (Tasmanian)	14
123 Frith, N. (Tasmanian)	17
4595 Gittings, O. (Albury)	12
4100 Goodwin, L. (Glenrowan)	12
4101 Graham, Ken (Glenrowan)	12
4596 Hanel, L. (Albury)	12
351 Johns, W. R. (Coburg)	20
2628 Johnson, M. L. (Yarwun)	18
4613 Kee, L. (Boolooloo)	13
3255 Lodge, J. ("Silver") (Benalla)	16

3620 Lowe, C. J. (Hobart)	13
3121 Lowe, P. (Hobart)	13
3797 Meek, L. (Ganmain)	13
1895 Mills, H. ("Apex") (Colac)	17
1675 Mitchell, R. (Tasmanian)	14
4607 Moles, B. (Hobart)	13
4615 Munro, N. (Boolooloo)	13
4691 Munro, W. F. (Boolooloo)	15
3606 McMaster, H. L. (Wangaratta)	19
4240 McPhee, A. (Balmoral)	13
4239 McPhee, J. (Balmoral)	13
710 Neeld, J. (Goulburn)	15
1934 Neenan, J. (Tasmanian)	15
1589 Norris, R. (Cunnamulla)	15
2842 O'Day, R. J. ("Tambo") (Tambo Valley)	16
3672 Parker, Alf (St. James)	13
4573 Parry, Sid (Charleville)	13
2864 Pettit, J. (St. James)	13
4401 Phillips, H. A. (Australian)	13
4207 Porra, V. J. (Balmoral)	12
1422 Potter, W. (Hobart)	15
2360 Rae, D. (Wangaratta)	15
3791 Roberts, John (St. James)	13
4193 Ruwolt, F. (St. James)	12
3842 Scheldt, Geof (Sale)	13
3867 Schlipalius, S. H. (Sale)	14
694 Schooley, B. G. S. (Clara Creek)	16
3656 Smith, B. (Tasmanian)	12
4099 Smith, D. (Glenrowan)	12
4294 Smith, J. W. (Glenrowan)	12
3335 Smith, O. W. (Charleville)	14
1491 Springer, J. (Tasmanian)	12
4062 Steel, John (Wangaratta)	12
2230 Taylor, D. (Narrandera)	13
4618 Thompson, F. H. (Boolooloo)	15
2867 Twamley, G. (St. James)	14
4097 Twamley, R. (Glenrowan)	12
4036 Vaughan, H. A. (Hamilton)	16
3828 Ward, M. (Wangaratta)	12
4469 Wearne, B. (Goulburn)	14

NEW AND RENEWED REGISTRATIONS SINCE
LAST ISSUE HELD OVER TO AUGUST ISSUE
ON ACCOUNT OF PRESSURE OF SPACE.

3266 Wager, W. (Coburg)	18
4301 Webb, E. (Moe)	14
55 Wightman, T. R. (Australian)	18
4219 Wilder, H. (Young)	13
4622 Williams, R. J. (Boolooloo)	12
4623 Wilson, G. (Boolooloo)	14
4212 Wilson, W. (Balmoral)	12
3204 Wise, J. E. (Wangaratta)	14
3203 Wise, W. A. (Wangaratta)	14
2088 Wolfer, F. (Tasmanian)	12
3775 Woolley, F. J. (Tasmanian)	12
4396 Wright, Ian (Wangaratta)	13
2878 Young, C. (Tasmanian)	14

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An Afternoon at Laverton

R.A.A.F. Headquarters at Laverton (V.), under the command of Wing-Commander Davies, was the scene of a very pleasant social function on Sunday, June 11. The genial C.O. mentioned issued invitations to a number of shooting personalities, including leading service personnel and others, to be the guest of himself and fellow officers for a couple of hours at "smashing them," plus a few adjournments to the spacious officers' mess to enable visitors to enjoy the hospitality offered. Whilst the shooting was first class and one or two "dark horses" were revealed during the afternoon, the "adjournments" were especially enjoyable and visitors definitely made the most of the occasion.

One of the highlights of the day was a teams' contest representative of service personnel and civilian visitors. The last-named group ran out winners, 98/120 to 75/120. The winning team and scores comprised: Dave Watson (Doch-en-Doris), 10/10 (only possible of the match), R. G. Wray, 9/10; D. B. O'Callaghan, 9/10; E. G. Biggs, 9/10; "Dick" (T. R. Wightman), 8/10; A. F. Johnson, 8/10; Peter Wray, 8/10; J. Bienvenu, 8/10; L. G. Finlay, 7/10; Ben Cook, 7/10; V. Dudley, 7/10, and W. McCullough, 7/10. The Services Team and scores were: Major-Gen. Bridgeford, 9/10; Wing Cdr. Davies, 7/10; Wing Cdr. Kingwell, 7/10; Flt. Lieut. Keck,

7/10; Flt. Lieut. Stubb, 7/10; Squad. Ldr. Roberts, 7/10; Squad. Ldr. C. Northey, 6/10; Flt. Lieut. Anderson, 6/10; Flt. Lieut. Saunders, 6/10; Lieut. Cdr. Howell, 5/10; Wing. Cdr. Connelly, 2/10. An individual match was won brilliantly by Major-Gen. W. Bridgeford, whilst Ben Cook, still in the throes of indisposition due to his confinement as a prisoner of war, gave a good exhibition in a single-barrel miss-out event (which finished back at the scorer's table) to win after a lengthy tie shoot. Ben promptly handed the proceeds, through the appropriate officer, to the trapper.

The A.C.P.T.S.A. secretary officially thanked Wing. Cdr. Davies and officers of the station for their generous hospitality, and this was very ably supported by the Australian Club's President, Jim Bienvenu, who extended a September date invitation to all officers to take part in a special shoot at East Burwood.

General Bridgeford was presented with his trophy, a well-mellowed bottle of real Scotch, by Wing Cdr. Toss Ingledew. The General, like the splendid sportsman he is, insisted that all present enjoy his success, and none left without a warming nip. As the day was a record low temperature for this year's Melbourne winter (to that date—it's been worse since), this innovation was greatly appreciated.