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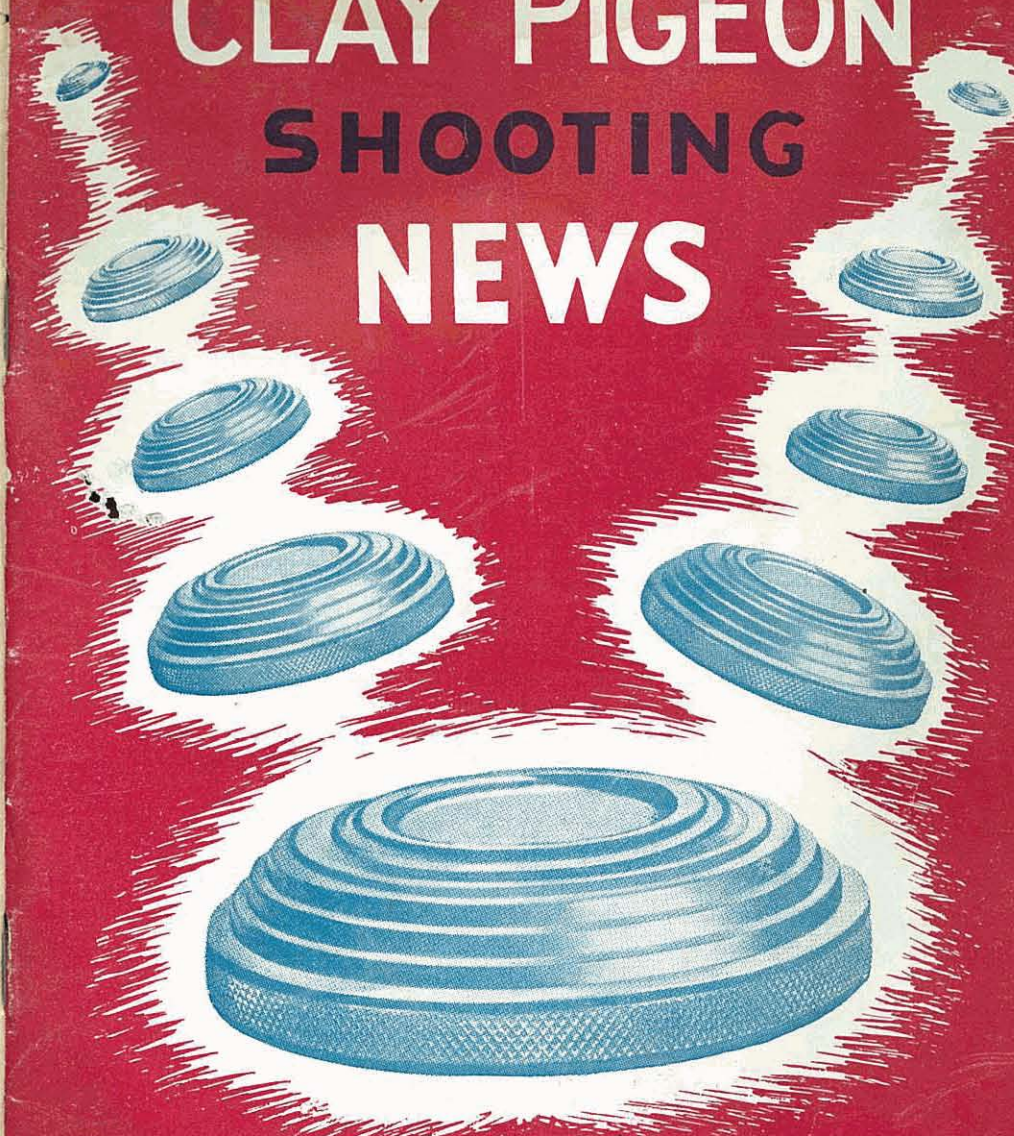
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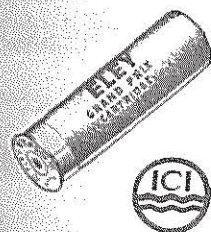
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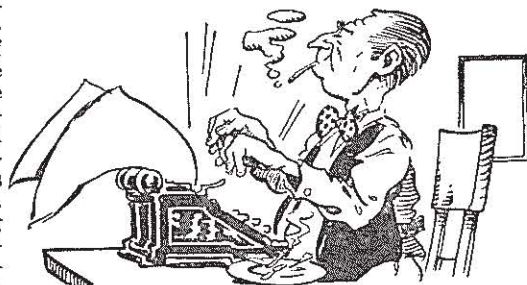
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THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

The Australian Clay Pigeon Trap Shooting Association heralds the passing of another milestone in the development of its influence and activities with the announcement that its official publication, "News", commences this month, with its third year of publication. With a rapidly expanding group of readers and increasing coverage, the publication has found a recognised position in the sporting journals of the Commonwealth, with the added prestige of being an exclusive gun organ. Those who recall the thoughtful approach given, in the initial stages, to the possibilities of the production can now assess the wisdom behind the effort in starting off a popular digest which has done much to cement the sport of clay pigeon shooting and its adherents and bring about goodwill among shooting men both in Australia and abroad, particularly in the countries of Great Britain and U.S.A. The A.C.P.T.S.A., through the columns of "News", hopes to continue providing a satisfactory service, plus goodwill, and with the co-operation of all concerned to expand the influence of the publication and provide an ever-increasing coverage of shooting matter.

As a means of limited celebration, the Association presents "News" this month in a "new uniform"—a colour cover—for the first time. It is hoped to retain this feature and also in future maintain a black and white production. Notwithstanding pleasure at the firm establishment of "News" shooters and all interested, should remember that printing costs have almost doubled since the publication started, and this is a factor which will need some careful thought in the immediate future.

Due to "printer's worries," readers of this publication are informed that each edition will, in future, be published on or about 16th to 18th of



each month. The 30th of preceding month will remain as the absolute "dead-line" for copy of all description, including advertising. Advertisers and contributors with copy matter available earlier in the month are requested to assist the management by forwarding this immediately it becomes available and not wait until the final day. Forwarding on the last day makes it impossible to ensure full attention and possible commentary. Clubs advertising programmes ahead are particularly requested to observe the foregoing information and frame their future advertising to fit in with publication dates.

Clubs desirous of shooting 1951 open championships under A.C.P.T.S.A. jurisdiction are required to lodge applications with the A.C.P.T.S.A. secretary not later than November 1. When making application, clubs should specify the events preferred and not merely make application for "title events". Definitely outlining requirements is of material assistance to the Executive Committee when annual allocations are being arranged later in November.

The question of open handicaps, as issued by the Association, does not appear to be fully understood by all clubs. Association handicaps are published by the Association as the mark to be used on all "open"

days, meaning days on which open championships are decided or at fixtures at which over £25 in prize money is allowed for one event and which has been approved by the Association. Every eight to ten weeks a handicap return should be submitted to the Association by the club official responsible. Handicap returns forms are available from the Association secretary, and these should be used at all times. It is not necessary for clubs to enumerate every shooter on a return. All that is required is the listing of shooters which the club concerned "recommends" should be handicapped, either in or out. Any such recommendations should be backed up by the completion of the appropriate columns on the return, showing the reasons for the recommendation. Of late, a number of complaints have come to hand from individual shooters advising that no handicap appears opposite their respective names in the Association and therefore, when visiting other clubs, they have been placed on 16 yards. The fault is entirely that of the home club of the shooter involved. If proper returns are forwarded, every shooter referred to in the returns will have the attention of the Association handicappers.

Results of the 1950 Association Referee Examination are not yet available from the examiners. It was hoped to be able to publish information regarding the results of the test for this issue, but due to the stupendous task involved, the examiners found it impossible to get the information through in time. Successful applicants' names will be published in the November issue of "News".

The Association Executive has already given consideration to the question of its shooting programme for 1951. Having the light of past experience to guide decisions of the future, the Executive at present propose to hold the Champion of

Champions Cup (Australian National Championship) and International fixtures and full shooting series over four days, commencing on March 9 and extending to March 13. In this period the proposal is to start off on the Friday (March 9) commencing the Champion of Champions Cup about noon, with possibly a round or two of practice up to that stage. Competitors would shoot 20 birds during Friday afternoon and would follow up with 40 birds per man on the Saturday (March 10) to conclude the Cup title event. Minor events would be included on both days if it was found that the match rounds were completed with time to spare. The usual dinner would be held on Saturday night. On Monday (March 12) the International Team would have a clear day to shoot out the 100-bird match on No. 1 trap. The other two traps would be required for the A.C.P.T.S.A. Intermediate Championship and Consolation Cup events. On the final day (Tuesday, March 13) the Third Grand Australian Handicap would be decided, with a possible additional minor match to round off the programme. It was felt that such a programme would meet with the ideas of the majority of shooters and also would allow visitors, who had travelled long distances, a wide range of shooting. If the foregoing scheme is adopted, the Association would conclude its competitive programme for the year over the one week-end.

Affiliated clubs are reminded that the 14th Annual Meeting of the Australian Clay Pigeon Trap Shooting Association will be held at Scott's Hotel, 444 Collins Street, Melbourne, C.I., commencing at 8.0 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8. The annual election of office-bearers will take place at this meeting and nominations will close with the Secretary, A.C.P.T.S.A., Box 2038 S, G.P.O., Melbourne, C.I., at 5.0 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31st, 1950. All affiliated clubs will have due notice regarding the meeting, closing of nominations, and delegate entitlement.

LATROBE GUN CLUB (TAS.)

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

OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEW GROUND AT SHERWOOD
Over new Automatic Trap.

TWO-DAY SHOOT

Saturday, 4th November, 1950

Commencing 1.30 p.m. sharp.

Event 1—5 BIRD NOVICE SWEEPSTAKE. Nom., 5/-.

Event 2—5 BIRD S.B. SWEEPSTAKE. Nom., 5/-.

Event 3—

N.W. Districts Single Barrel Championship

20 Birds from 16 Yards Rise.

Nom., 20/-. Optional Sweepstake, 10/-, divided 60%, 30% and 10%. 1st, Championship Sash and Trophy; 2nd, Trophy; 3rd Trophy.

Event 4—

£20 HANDICAP

10 BIRDS D.B. Nom., 20/-.

Divided 60%, 30% and 10%.

Monday, 6th November, 1950

Commencing 10.30 a.m. sharp.

Event 1—NOVICE SWEEPSTAKE, 5 Birds. Nom., 5/-.

Event 2—5 BIRD D.B. SWEEPSTAKE. Entry, 5/-.

Event 3—

N.W. Districts Doub. Barrel Championship

20 Birds from 16 Yards Rise.

Nom., 20/-. Optional Sweepstake, 10/-, divided 60%, 30% and 10%. 1st, Championship Sash and Trophy; 2nd, Trophy; 3rd, Trophy.

Event 4—

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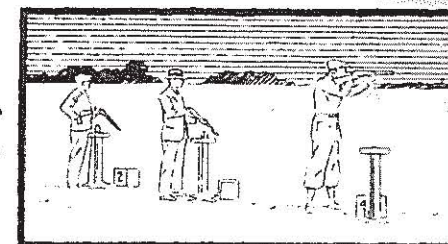
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AROUND
THE CLUBS
AND MEETINGS...



MITCHELL (Qld.) (September 9 and 10, 1950).—The club had a very successful two-day shoot which was well attended by surrounding clubs; those being represented were: Roma, Clara Creek, Charleville and St. George. We missed some of our regular attenders from St. George, namely Boyce Siddins, Jack Dyson and Joe Bayliss, but flood damage and bad roads kept them away.

The quality of the shooting may be judged from the fact that four Australian representatives were competing in Keith Cameron, Jo. Raleigh, Nev. Bassett and Bill Schooley.

A break of 52 straight was put up by Neville Bassett, of Roma, included in which was his 45 straight in the Southern Queensland D.B. Championship. Neville on two other occasions has had breaks of 48, but this time he made no mistake. For this event his is the first name on the J. M. Bauman Gold Cup which is to be shot for in rotation at the following clubs until won outright by the shooter winning three times in all: Roma, St. George, Clara Creek, Charleville and Mitchell. A silver replica goes to each successful shooter.

Dudley Pack, of Roma, and the only official Association referee in these parts, kindly undertook the job for our two Championship shoots.

The following are the results for the two days: No. 1, 5-bird D.B. Point score: Hugh Rothwell and A. J. Sies, 10/10; W. H. Carne and M. Cameron, 9/10. No. 2, same: Tom Akers, 10/10; D. R. Cameron,

O. W. Smith, R. C. J. Allen, J. W. Raleigh, 9/10. No. 3, 5-bird S.B.: D. J. McKerrow, J. W. Raleigh, Tom Akers, A. J. Sies, B. G. S. Schooley, 5/5. No. 4, Southern Queensland D.B. Championship: Neville Bassett, 45/45; Keith Cameron, 40/41; B. G. S. Schooley, 19/20. No. 5, 3-bird S.B.: O. W. Smith, J. W. Raleigh, Tom Akers, N. Bassett, H. Rothwell, J. Page, B. G. S. Schooley, all 3/3. No. 6, 5-bird S.B.: B. G. S. Schooley, A. J. Sies, 10/10, div. No. 7, S.B. Miss Out: Tom Akers, Hugh Rothwell, 7/7, div.; R. F. Bell, 5/6, 3rd.

(Second Day).—No. 1, 5-bird D.B. Point: D. R. Cameron, J. D. Bassett, O. W. Smith, 5/5, div. No. 2, 5-bird D.B. Point: Murray Cameron, D. R. Cameron, 5/5, div. No. 3, 5-bird D.B. Point: A. J. Sies, Keith Cameron, 5/5, div. No. 4, Southern Queensland Mixed Bird Championship: Keith Cameron, D. R. Cameron, A. J. Sies, No. 5, S.B. Miss Out: Keith Cameron, D. R. Cameron, Hugh Rothwell, 7/7, div. No. 6, same: B. G. S. Schooley, 5/5 outright. No. 7, 5-bird S.B.: B. G. S. Schooley, A. J. Sies, 11/11, div. No. 8, Deauville Doubles: Tom Akers and A. J. Sies, 10/10; N. Bassett and D. J. McKerrow, 13/15, and B. G. S. Schooley and C. Fletcher, 13/15, div. (Shot off progressively to 30 yards.)

(J. L. Liston, Hon. Sec.)

BALMORAL (V.).—The above club conducted its monthly Clay Pigeon Shoot on Saturday, Sept. 23, after a break of one month because of the football finals.

Colac Gun Club

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

Saturday, 21st October, 1950

VICTORIAN

Single Barrel Championship

20 BIRDS FROM 18 YARDS.

Trophies for First, Second, Third and Best 12 yarder.

Championship Sash to winner.

Nomination, 20/-, optional Sweep, 10/-.

Followed by

£40 Handicap

Divided 60%, 30% and 10%.

Practice, 3 birds, commences at 11.30 a.m.

Championship sharp at 12 noon.

Shooters should have lunch before reaching shooting ground.

Afternoon Tea and Refreshments.

Referee: Mr. GEORGE BIGGS.

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6 Rae St., Colac 406.

The five-track system and an automatic machine were tried out for the first time, and proved successful.

No. 1 Event, 10-bird D.B.: C. Jenkinson, G. G. Pern, G. Austin and K. Allen, all shot 10/10, and K. Allen missing out on his 12th rise, the sweepstake was divided. A good shoot-off resulted in C. Jenkinson gaining first trophy, 21/21; G. G. Pern, second trophy, 20/21. No. 2 Event, 5-bird D.B. Sweepstake, was divided by K. Allen, G. Austin, M. Molloy and G. Henry, all 5/5. No. 3 Event, Miss Out, was divided by A. McPhee, K. Allen, G. Austin, R. Stanley and C. Jenkinson, all 5/5. No. 4 Event, Miss Out, was divided by G. G. Pern and A. McPhee, 6/6.

Twenty-six shooters were in attendance. Afternoon tea was supplied by ladies present, proceeds going to the local Bush Nurse Centre.

(W. F. Duncan, President,
Balmoral Gun Club.)

BOOLOOROO (N.S.W.).—Results, September 2: No. 1, 3 birds (No-vice): div. V. B. Coppock and C. Wilby, 2/3. No. 2, 3 birds: div. L. Kee, D. Livingston, N. Munro, K. Munro and G. Wilson, 4/4. No. 3, 20-bird Open Handicap (points): N. Munro and J. C. "Pee-Wee" Thompson, 47 points; Munro won shoot-off, 9/15 to 8/15. No. 4, 5 birds, D.B., 4 possibles: div. "Pee-Wee" Thompson and G. Livingston, 11/11.

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

AUSTRALIAN (V.).—Over eighty shooters attended the club's opening September meeting on September 9. A feature was the excellent shooting of "Dick" (Dick Wightman) and the veteran "Duxbac"; both won events with the only possibles. Jennifer Biggs, one of the youthful brigade of women shooters, gained a special award. Results were: No. 1, 10 birds, single-barrel: won outright by "Dick", 10/10. No. 2, 10 birds, double-barrel, six possibles, tie shoot: A. J. Russell, 14/14; Peter Garrone, 14/15; Frank Brown, 13/15; 13/14 yarder, Les Turner, 11/12; 12 yarder, D. V. Platt, 9/10. No. 3, 10 birds, points scoring: "Duxbac" (H. G. James), 30/30 points; Lionel Byrne, 28/30; Allan Mansell, 30/33;

Show Day Holiday shoot, Sept. 28: No. 1, 15 birds, 3 possibles, tie shoot: A. J. Russell (Eltham), 27/27; L. Small, 26/27; A. Mansell, 15/16; 13/14 yarder, H. Phillips, 22/23; 12 yarder, Don Turner, 12/15. No. 2, 5 birds: div. A. Smith, H. S. Godfrey, "Doncaster" and R. Cummins, 12/12. No. 3, 45 birds, D.B.: won outright by W. Wager, 45/45; A. Smith, 48/50; E. C. Ginty (Sydney, N.S.W.), 47/50; P. Garrone, 52/55; H. Phillips, 51/55; 13/14 yarder, R. Cummins, 42/46; 12 yarder, J. Howard (Colac), 39/45. No. 4, 10 birds: div. R. B. Thorne, "Pampas", P. Garrone and John Bryant, 11/11.

13/14 yarder, Lindsay Davies, 34/39; 12 yarder, K. Hooker, 25/30.

All proceeds from the club shoot on September 23 went to aid the funds of the Box Hill and District Hospital. Over 90 shooters attended and the club's three traps were working at full pressure. Three ten-bird competitions were staged and ten trophies were provided for each event. The Hospital funds will benefit by some £200 as a result of the effort. Results were: No. 1, 10 birds: John Bryant, 40/40; E. G. Biggs, 39/40; J. D. Houston (Hay, N.S.W.), 29/30; T. R. Brown, 20/21; P. Garrone, 20/21; L. Small, 17/20; R. Hering, 16/17; M. Gibson (Hay), 13/14; H. Sweeney, 12/13. No. 2 (same): M. Hamilton, 31/31; W. Finnegan, 30/31; F. E. Brown, 27/28; T. R. Brown, 25/26; L. Turner, 20/23; K. Newnham (Romsey), 21/22; D. Ryan, 15/16; A. H. Brenk, 18/19; Barbara Biggs, 22/24; J. D. Houston, 21/24. No. 3 (same): F. E. Brown, 14/14; H. S. Godfrey, 13/14; K. Davies, 13/15; "Jock" (J. M. Wilson), 12/15; J. Jamieson (Parkes, N.S.W.), 11/12; A. Smith, 14/15; "Nyla", 19/20; H. R. Didier, 18/20; Alf Poxon (Launceston, Tas.), 15/18.

HOBART (Tas.).—Giving a brilliant display of shooting, J. Reynolds, of Sorell, gained the possible 20 "kills" to win outright the Hobart Gun Club's double-barrel championship at Brighton on September 23. Reynolds' performance from the 16-yard mark was the more meritorious because he was shooting approximately three yards behind his usual handicap. A. Nelson, J. M. Tyquin, N. Frith (Launceston) and

P. Marshall stopped 19/20. In the shoot-off Marshall gained second place, with 34/35, from Frith, who scored 31/33. Nelson and Tyquin, the previous title-holder, each dropped one in their round of five birds, and were equal fourth with 23/25.

During the conduct of the £25 handicap the second automatic trap was brought into operation, and shooters had the experience of seeing two traps in operation at the same time. The vagaries of a slight sea breeze made conditions trying, and competitors relied considerably on the use of their second barrel. However, C. J. Lowe, W. Rainbird and P. Marshall gave good exhibitions to stop all "20". Lowe and Rainbird made several remarkable second-barrel shots on low, cutting through birds.

Details: Championship: J. Reynolds, 20/20; P. Marshall, 34/35; N. Frith, 31/33; A. Nelson, J. M. Tyquin, 23/25; P. Lowe, R. Redpath, W. Rainbird, M. Colebeck, 18/20; T. Cannon, W. Reynolds, H. M. Eddington, E. G. McRae, J. McKenzie, E. L. Marshall, 17/20. £25 Handicap: C. J. Lowe, P. Marshall, W. Rainbird, 20/20; H. M. Eddington, G. Marshall, J. M. Tyquin, E. McRae, 19/20; N. Frith, C. Allwood, J. Brent, 18/20; B. Moles, T. Cannon, 17/20. Novice and 12-yard Shoot: won outright by I. Jacques, 5/5. Five-bird Sweepstake: div. H. Eddington, J. Tyquin, G. Marshall, E. G. McRae, P. Marshall, E. L. Marshall, P. Lowe, R. Redpath, M. Potter, A. Nelson, 5/5.

Trophies were presented by the president of the Tasmanian Gun Club, Mr. W. Rainbird. Championship sashes for the Commonwealth tower, walk-up and club titles were presented to J. McKenzie, A. Nelson and J. Reynolds.

(Mrs. M. Nelson,
Club Correspondent.)

COBURG (V.).—The Club Deauville Doubles championship on September 2 attracted a good field despite the hazard of squally weather with a strong following wind all day. The winners were Bill Finnegan and Stan Thompson. They gained a popular success against first-class opposition. Full results

were: No. 1, 3 pairs Deauville Doubles: div. J. John Bryant, "Peters" - "Ingi", Rogers-J. O'Brien, F. Burns - R. Johns, W. Finnegan - Stan Thompson, C. Mudford - W. Wager, J. A. McCraith - L. Byrne, 3/3 pairs. No. 2, Club Deauville Doubles Championship, best of 12 pairs: W. Finnegan - S. Thompson, 15/15; E. Rogers - J. O'Brien, 13/15. No. 3, 6 pairs Double-Rise: "Peters", 5/8 pairs; "Duxbac", 5/12; A. Weir, 4/12; front-marker, N. Armstrong, 4/9. No. 4, 10 birds, D.B.: P. Sheridan, "Ingi" and R. Milner, 10/10.

Nearly 70 shooters turned up for the big day on September 16, when the Commonwealth Deauville Doubles Championship was the chief attraction. The winning combination was Fred Burns - Roy Johns, who, after missing the 21st pair, tied with the Bryants (father and son, Jack Senr. and Junr.) and then won the shoot-off, when the latter pair failed to stop the left swinger on the 30th round. The final scores were Burns-Johns, 29/30; the Bryants, 28/30. An eye-opener at 3 pairs Deauville Doubles was divided by C. Mudford - W. Wager, "Ingi" - "Peters", Burns-Johns, the Bryants, J. A. McCraith - N. Guy, R. Hering - A. Male, Les Turner - A. J. Russell and the Sale pair, G. Williams - F. Glover, 3/3 pairs. A ten birder concluded operations, and this went to the rapidly improving shooter, F. Olver, 22/22, from R. Johns, 21/22, and A. Hamilton, 20/21; 12/14 yarder, J. Paul, 20/21.

No. 1, 5 birds, D.B.: div. Bob Ferris (Jerilderie), G. McLeod (Shepparton), T. R. Brown, Clem Cole, 7/7. No. 2, 20 birds, D.B.: G. McLeod outright, 20/20; M. Newnham (Romsey), 24/25; R. Armstrong, 22/25; 14 yarder, K. Turner (Romsey), 21/23. No. 3, 10 birds, D.B.: W. Hurlstone, 22/22; W. Wager, 21/22; Clem Cole, 17/18; F. Olver, 14/15.

TONGALA (V.).—The club opening shoot took place on August 19. There was a splendid attendance of members and visitors from nearby clubs. R. McHale has taken over the secretaryship in place of R. Tonkin, who has resigned owing to ill-health. Results were: No. 1, 5 birds: div. E. J. McHale, W. R. Stagg, R. Koch and B. Grinter, 5/5. No. 2,

Novice event, 5 birds: div. A. Hoelter, Billy Rickards and J. Simpson, 5/5. No. 3, 10 birds, trophy event: won outright by A. Hoelter, 10/10; front-marker trophy, J. Garrett, 8/10. No. 4, miss-out: div. E. J. McHale, R. Tonkin, A. Hoelter, J. Garrett and L. Gibson. High-gun: A. Hoelter, 22 straight—his first attempt at clay pigeon shooting.

(E. J. McHale, President.)

SEYMOUR (V.).—The Seymour Gun Club held its September shoot on Saturday, the 9th. Good weather conditions prevailed and a good day's shooting was enjoyed by a large muster of sportsmen. The shoot for the W. A. B. Smith Cup was advanced another stage. The leg-in was won by W. Gribben (Shepparton) from M. Gray.

Results: No. 1, 5-bird D.B., 5 possibles: div. R. Long, W. Reid, S. Moore, J. McCarthy, W. Dykes. No. 2, W. A. B. Smith Cup, 5-bird D.B.:

1st, W. Gribben, 16/17; 2nd, M. Gray, 15/17. No. 3, 5-bird S.B.: 1st, J. McCarthy, 5/5; 2nd, P. Reid, 4/5. No. 4, 5-bird D.B.: S. Moore, 9/9; G. Saggars, 9/9, div. No. 5, Miss-out D.B.: 1st, A. Baker, 7/7; 2nd, G. McLeod, 6/7.

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

STONEHENGE (N.S.W.).—The Stonehenge Club held its regular shoot at Thornleigh on August 26. The highlight of the afternoon was a duel between Errol Bullen and Jock Berry, who shot 10/10 in one competition and shot at another 15 birds before Jock missed out on his Sunday duck. The most improved shooter was Jock Finney, who stopped 25/28—he thanks the advice in Hints to Beginners for his improvement. Those who secured trophies and sweepstake cuts were Newton Thomas, Errol Bullen, Jack Finney, Abe Everingham, Jack



R. Alexander, Official Gunsmith for the Perth, W.A., Club.

(Courtesy Western Mail)

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

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October 11-

- 10 Bird Double-Barrel.
- 20 BIRD DOUBLE-BARREL.
- 5 Bird Double-Barrel.

October 28-

- 10 Bird Double-Barrel.
 - 10 Bird Single-Barrel.
 - 10 Bird Double-Barrel.
- (Trials for Cup Day, all off 16 yards.)

November 7 (Cup Day)-

See Special full-page announcement.

November 11-

- 5 Bird Double-Barrel.

CLUB D.B. CHAMPIONSHIP

15 Birds.

- 10 Bird Double-Barrel.

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ALL DAY SHOOT

. . CUP DAY . .

Tuesday, 7th November, 1950

Commencing at 9 a.m. with

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20 Birds D.B. Entry, £2/10/-.

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SALE (V.).—August 5 results, omitted in September issue): No. 1, 5 birds: div. Stan Oldham and Jim Bindt. No. 2, £20 Handicap: div. Len Robinson, G. Scheldt, M. Atkinson, H. Guyatt, Dr. H. H. Martin. No. 3, £20 Handicap (single-barrel): Len Schlipalius (1), M. Atkinson (2), H. Guyatt, G. Scheldt and Stan Oldham div. 3rd. No. 4, 10 birds, points: div. Jim Hudson and Roy Glover; Hudson won tie shoot, 57 points, to Glover's 54 points. No. 5, 5 birds, D.B.: div. Glover and E. Webb; Glover won shoot-off.

ST. GEORGE (Qld.).—Results of shoot held on September 3: No. 1, 5 birds, 6 possibles: div. H. B. Wade and W. Chandler, 9/9. No. 2, Gularbar Trophy at 10 birds: div. Nev. Bassett and Murray Cameron, 10/10. No. 3, 5-bird sweepstake: N. Bassett, 5/5. No. 4 (same): Joe Bayliss, 5/5. No. 5, 3 birds, walk-up: M. Cameron, 4/4; K. Cameron, 3/4. No. 6 (same): div. N. Bassett, H. B. Wade and K. Cameron, 4/5. No. 7, 10-bird sweepstake, points scoring: N. Bassett, 54/60; D. R. Cameron, 53/60; H. B. Wade, 44/60; J. F. Bayliss, 44/60. No. 8, walk-up 5-bird sweepstake: K. Cameron, 4/5.

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

ALBURY (N.S.W.).—Shooting at Wodonga. Results 19/8/50: No. 1, 5 birds: div. G. Catling, Simpson, J. Houston (Hay), "Wrecker", L. Turner, L. Hanel and J. Bryant, 8/8. No. 2, 5 birds, D.B.: div. Ginty, Butler, McMasters, Cummins, Walker and "Wrecker", 6/6. No. 3, main event, Border Handicap: J. Bryant, 20/20; J. York, 23/24; J. McMasters, 23/24. No. 4, 10 birds, S.B.: Armstrong, 10/10. No. 5, 5 birds, D.B.: div. Ginty, Cummins, Ray, 8/8.

BATHURST (N.S.W.).—Sept. 1st saw the decision of the club D.B. Championship of 20 birds from 16 yds., squad shooting. Once again a cold day, with a gusty wind making the birds play tricks. Despite this, Harry Jaques turned in the good score of 18/20 to win outright from Chas. Campbell, 17/20, with Arthur

Morris, 16/20 in third place. Chas. trailed Harry all through by one bird and finished that way. Twenty-seven members faced the weather conditions for the event, including some from Cowra, Blayney, Lithgow and Sydney.

Four 5-bird sweepstakes conducted over the 20-bird course resulted as follows: No. 1, A. Campbell (Cowra), H. Lupp and A. Morris; No. 2, H. Jaques, J. N. Brazier and C. Campbell; No. 3, H. Jaques and L. Healey; No. 4, H. Jaques, L. Barker, S. Bressington, I. McKenzie (Blayney), C. Campbell, H. Lupp, A. Morris and W. Byers.

It is most pleasant to record that Ian McKenzie, of Blayney, secured a division at his first attempt at clay bird bashing. The Blayney boys are real enthusiasts and promising material. Ian, accompanied by Algy Masters, Bruce McKenzie and Brian Masters, make a 20-mile journey to attend our shoots. We hope to improve on the weather conditions for our visitors (and locals also) shortly.

Results 16/9/50: The boys showed full appreciation of the warmer day by improving their scores considerably. Harry Jaques divided in all five events and returned a possible 23/23 for the afternoon. Close up were Chas. Campbell, 22/23; Lou Lupp, Stan Bressington and L. Barker, 21/23, and novice Algy Masters, 16/18. The Blayney boys are definitely keen sports and improving rapidly each shoot.

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(Vic Howard, Hon. Sec.)

COLAC (V.).—In unpleasant shooting conditions, 20 shooters took part in the clay bird shoot conducted by the Colac Gun Club on Saturday, 9/9/50. At the request of the president, E. R. Ball, all competitors observed two minutes' silence in memory of the late Mr. Jack Lane,

who had been an energetic member of the committee of the club, effecting many improvements to trap fittings. Trophies and sweep divisions were fairly well distributed among the competitors.

Main results: Event 1, 5-bird sweep: div. M. McGrath, H. Eldridge, H. Mills ("Apex"), J. Ross and D. Corstorphan, all 5/5. Event 2 (ditto): div. "Apex", H. Eldridge, J. McCarthy and D. Corstorphan, 7/7. Event 3, 10-bird D.B.: R. Hinchcliffe, 1; J. Ross, 2; W. Roache, all 16/17. (Decided by toss of coin.) Event 4, 3 pairs auto and driven: H. Eldridge, 1, and sweep, 3 pairs: E. Gaylard, 6/7, 2; J. Ross, 5/7, 3. Event 5, 5-bird S.B.: div. "Apex", M. McGrath, C. Grist, 4/5. Off-box events were won by "Apex", E. Ball, H. Eldridge.

(Don Corstorphan, Hon. Sec.)

LATROBE (Tas.).—Shooting brilliantly, G. Grieves, of Launceston, who last Saturday at Cressy won Club Double Barrel Championship with 20 straight, continued in winning vein today by making unfin-

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ished break of 23 and winning outright £10 S.B. Handicap and also taking major divisions in 5-bird sweepstake and £10 D.B. Handicap placing. Romney Rockliff, of Sassafras, who outstayed strong field in shoot-off for Fankhauser Trophy event, also took major cut in 5-bird sweepstake and placing division in £10 S.B. Handicap. £10 D.B. Handicap was won outright by E. N. Sharman, of Beulah, who also took minor divisions in other events.

Novice event was keenly contested. Keen interest was taken in this event in field which included Mrs. Rex Powell, of Cressy, who finally divided minor place money with score 3/5. This was Mrs. Powell's first performance over the traps.

Bad weather conditions did not interfere with attendance, which included shooters and onlookers from districts between Burnie, Cressy and Launceston. Next meeting scheduled

for 30th September will include Double-Rise events which will be new to many coastal shooters.

Results: 5-bird Novice Sweep: A. E. Redpath and A. McCarthy, 4/5; F. McCarthy, J. Denby and Mrs. R. Powell, 3/5; 4 others. 5-bird Trophy Event: R. Rockliff, 8/8; W. Bennett, J. Morse, 7/8; R. Powell, 6/7; D. Brett, 5/6; H. R. Downward, R. R. Morse, E. N. Sharman, G. Grieves, R. Mitchell, G. T. Clarke, E. Casey, S. Meagher, 4/5; 10 others. £10 10-bird D.B. Handicap: E. N. Sharman, 10/10; R. R. Morse, G. Grieves, G. T. Clarke, R. Powell, 9/10; R. Baldock, W. Bennett, E. Casey, S. F. Meagher, J. Denby, 8/10; 14 others. £10 10-bird S.B. Handicap: G. Grieves, 10/10; R. R. Morse, R. Rockliff, E. N. Sharman, J. Morse, R. Powell, K. Walker, 8/10; H. R. Downward, W. Bennett, S. F. Meagher, W. Rainbird; 14 others. 5-bird Sweepstake: R. Rockliff, G. Grieves, R. Powell, 5/5;



A group of Perth, W.A., shooters (L. to R.)—H. Bentley, G. Davies and T. Powell.

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(M. M. Johnstone, Hon. Sec.)

FOOTSCRAY (V.).—Results of shoot on September 9: No. 1, 5 birds, D.B.: div. Cliff Bound, Norman Guy, J. D. Byrne, 8/8. No. 2, 20 birds, D.B.: "Ingi", 24/24 (1); D. Haddow, 23/24 (2); F. Cautero, 24/26 (3); E. Rogers, 23/26 (4); Clive Wilson, 18/21 (5); front-marker, G. Kirkham, 17/20. Main event on Saturday, September 23, was the 1950 Club single-barrel championship. This induced the attendance of a first-class field and some good shooting. The winner turned up ultimately in Norman Guy. Shooting opened with a 3-bird single-barrel sweepstake; this was cut by "Ingi", C. Wilson and Dave Haddow, 8/8. The club single-barrel title, 15 birds from 16 yards, followed. No possibles were recorded, the best being three 14/15's. Guy won the tie shoot, 19/20, from Jack Bryant, 17/20, and Vernon Dudley, the Association Executive member, 16/20, in third placing. No. 3 event was a 10 birder, and this was divided by Jack Headland, N. Guy, R. Cummins and P. Wray, 10/10. No. 4, miss-out: div. Guy, P. Wray and Bill Hurlstone, 7/7.

WANGARATTA (V.).—The club staged the Victorian Double-barrel championship on September 23. The day opened indifferently, and it was thought early that it may be necessary to postpone the series. However, improved conditions prevailed later and a fairly good attendance of shooters took part. Phil Pettit, of St. James, won the title after a shoot-off with George Walker, of Wangaratta. Results were: No. 1, 5-bird sweepstake: div. J. J. Cooper (Goorambat), L. Hanel (Albury), W. Wager, C. Dean (Wangaratta), W. F. Robertson (Deniliquin), O. Holmes (Carboor), Phil Pettit, A. Roberts, A. J. Russell (Eltham), 8/8. No. 2, Victorian Double-barrel championship, 2 possibles, tie shoot: Phil Pettit, 25/25; G. Walker (Wangaratta), 24/25, ten 19/20's; A. J. Russell, 39/40; 12/13 yarder, O. Holmes (Carboor), 26/28. No. 3, £25 Handicap, ten possibles, on the 14th round the following took out £5

each: Roy Johns, H. McMasters (Burrumbuttock), S. Cordy (Wangaratta), O. Holmes, A. J. Russell; the balance of £10 div. A. J. Russell, O. Holmes and McMasters, 24th round. No. 4, miss-out: div. A. Gittings (Albury), L. Hanel, C. Burgess (Mansfield), P. Pettit, J. Jewel (Eldorado) and A. J. Russell, 13/13.

(Stan Cordy, Hon. Sec.)

PEAK HILL (N.S.W.).—The Peak Hill Club held a most successful two-day meeting on August 24 and 26. Perfect weather prevailed and the average field for each event was round about 42. Club officials and caterers went to full organizing acumen to ensure every amenity was available for competitors, and this proved most popular. Clays were released in first-class order with only four broken birds in some thousands. Many shooters from Dubbo, Bathurst, Parkes and other clubs attended. The well-known sporting cartoonist, Jack Lindsay, who also shot very well during the meeting, was observed studying profiles, apparently on the scent of subject matter for his pen picture for "News". A highlight of the first day was the good shooting of F. Elliott, of Peak Hill, who won a ten birder, 25/25. G. Nash, of Bathurst, was also in good form. Results were (August 24): No. 1, 5 birds: div. J. Bayley (Dubbo), R. Sharkey (Parkes), C. Cross, B. Walton and W. Hutchinson (all of Gilgandra), 8/8. No. 2, 10-bird D.B., 5 possibles: won by F. Elliott (Peak Hill, 25/25, from G. Nash (Ba-

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thurst), 24/25, with N. Hurkett, 22/23, 12 yarder. No. 3, Western Districts of N.S.W. Double-barrel championship: G. Nash (Bathurst), 24/25; H. G. Cross (Gilgandra), 23/25; Jack Lindsay (Dubbo), 29/30; 12 yarder, B. Treanor (Forbes), 24/26. (August 26): No. 1, 5 birds, S.B.: div. A. H. Brenk (Peak Hill), R. Boyd (Peak Hill), L. Morris (Dubbo), 10/10. No. 2, 5 birds, D.B.: div. R. Sharkey, Jack Lindsay and G. Rich (Dubbo), 11/11. No. 3, 6 pairs Double-Rise: L. Norris, 5/6 pairs; H. G. Cross, 8/10; A. H. Brenk, 7/10. No. 4, 6 pairs Deauville Doubles: A. H. Brenk-L. Morris, 11/11 pairs (1); "Sleet"-L. Rumble, 10/11. No. 5, 10 birds, walk-up: A. H. Brenk, 9/10; Jack Lindsay, 10/13; L. Wilson, 9/13. No. 6, 10 birds, D.B.: div.

J. Spratt (Peak Hill), L. Wilson, C. Elliott (Peak Hill), L. Morris, 9/10. No. 7, 5 birds, S.B., off 20 yards: div. A. H. Brenk, L. Morris and L. Wilson, 5/5. No. 8 (same): div. F. Elliott and Brenk. The five-track shooting system was used in every event except in the championship.

(A. H. Brenk, President.)

TASMANIAN (Launceston) (Results, September 9).—Shot under boisterous conditions, the Tasmanian Double-Barrel Championship attracted only a small field of shooters. The light attendance was mainly caused through the shocking weather conditions. Rex Powell, the genial secretary of the Cressy Club, was the ultimate winner, thus annexing the



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coveted Tasmanian Double, Single and Double Barrel Championships for 1950. Rex also qualified for a 50-break badge with a string of 52 straight; nice shooting, Rex.

Results: Tasmanian Double-Barrel Championship: R. Powell (Cressy), 20/20, 1st; N. Frith (Tas. Gun Club), 27/30, 2nd; P. Marshall (Hobart), 26/30, 3rd. Others: J. Tyquin, W. Bennet, J. Neenan, S. Marshall, G. Grieves, T. Cannon, 18/20; C. Poxon, M. Blake, F. Blake, J. Blake, 17/20. 5-bird Double-Barrel (compulsory): div. J. Hart, M. Blake, P. Marshall, S. Marshall, N. Frith, F. Blake, G. Grieves, T. Kerr, 5/5. £50 Handicap, Points decision: C. Poxon, T. Cannon, 39/40, div. 1st and 2nd; R. Powell, J. Tyquin, 58/60, div. 3rd after shoot-off. Others: N. Frith, S. Marshall, 37/40; R. Redpath, W. Bennett, G. Grieves, 36/40. After the events, Hobart President, Mr. J. Tyquin, presented the trophies to the winners.

(Tom Kerr, Publicity Officer.)

CHARLEVILLE (Q.).—Results of shoots on September 16 and 17. The main events resulted: (1st day), £70 handicap: won by G. Akers with 58/60 points; 2nd and 3rd, div. T. Akers and B. G. S. Schooley, each with 66/69 points; best 12 yarder, J. Ferrier, 53/60 pts. (shot at 20 birds). Second day: main event, South-Western Queensland D.B. Championship: won by J. W. Raleigh (Clara Creek), 19/20; T. Akers, 18/20 (2), and B. G. S. Schooley, 31/35 (3), after tie shoot with J. A. Seis, J. Ferrier, R. Powell and D. Fletcher; 12 yarder, J. Ferrier. Aggregate trophy over two days to T. Akers. Other results were:

16/9/50: No. 1 Event, 5 bird D.B., 11 possibles: shared on the 9th round by J. A. Seis, D. Squire, C. Evans, G. MacDairmid, T. Akers and J. W. Raleigh, 9/9 each. No. 2

Event, 5-bird D.B., 10 possibles: shared on the 8th round by L. Wade, T. Akers and O. W. Smith, 8/8. No. 3 Event, 5-bird D.B. Point: shared by J. W. Raleigh, T. Akers and B. Calcino with 10/10 points. No. 5 Event, 10 mixed birds: won outright by C. Evans, with 10/10; 2nd, D. Squire, 8/10. No. 6 Event, D.B. Miss-out: won by S. Elmes, 8/8; 2nd and 3rd div. G. MacDairmid and C. Evans, 7/8.

17/9/50: No. 1 Event, 5-bird D.B.: shared by O. W. Smith, H. Carter, D. Squire and J. A. Seis with 5/5 each. No. 2 Event, 5-bird D.B.: shared by T. Akers, D. Young and J. A. Seis with 5/5 each. No. 4 Event, 5 pairs Deauville Doubles, 5 possibles: won by R. Powell and B. Schooley, with 8 pairs. No. 5 Event, Single-Barrel Miss-out: shared on the 8th round by J. Hamilton, C. Evans and Dr. L. Ariotte. No. 6 Event, 5-bird D.B. Point (3 and 2): shared by D. Squire, T. Akers, S. Parry, R. Powell and J. W. Raleigh, with 15/15 points. No. 7 Event, 5-bird Double-Barrel Point (3 and 2): div. J. Ferrier and L. Wade, with 15/15 pts.

(R. Akers, Jt. Hon. Sec.)

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NARRANDERA (N.S.W.).—The Narrandera Gun Club held another successful shoot on the 23rd Sept. Although there were quite a few other attractions on in the district, between 30 and 40 shooters were present from Goulburn, The Rand, Barellan, Ganmain, Coolamon, Leeton, Griffith, Grong Grong and surrounding districts. Shooting throughout the day was of a fairly high standard. High gun of the day was P. Hudson's score of 56/57; he was unlucky to miss only one, and therefore miss the Hartley Badge.

Results were: 1st Event, 5 birds: P. Duchatel (Griffith), I. Evans (Griffith), P. Hudson (Narrandera), C. J. Taylor (Leeton), J. Kelly (Ganmain), R. Bushby (Narrandera), E. Albert (Barellan), H. Webb (Leeton), E. Evans (Griffith), K. Schneider (Narrandera), 5/5. 2nd Event, 15-bird Trophy Shoot: Only two shooters scored the possible—P. Hudson (Narrandera) and W. Gibbs (Griffith). A shoot-off resulted in P. Hudson, 22/22, 1st; W. Gibbs, 21/22, 2nd; T. Whillans, 23/30, 3rd. Front-marker trophy was won by John Duchatel (Griffith). 3rd Event, President's Trophy (15 birds). Only one shooter scored the possible—Reg McNamara (Griffith), who won 1st trophy outright with the possible 15/15. Shoot-off for 2nd and 3rd trophies resulted in P. Hudson, 22/23, 2nd; W. Gibbs, 21/23, 3rd. The front-marker trophy was won by L. Vonthien (The Rand). 4th Event, Double Rise (3 pairs): outright to H. Webb (Leeton), 3 pairs. 5th Event, Double Rise (3 pairs): outright to R. Bushby (Narrandera), 3 pairs. 6th Event, 10 birds D.B.: T. Whillans (Narrandera), E. Evans (Griffith), P. Hudson (Narrandera), 10/10.

(Bob Bushby, Hon. Sec.)

HORNSBY (N.S.W.) — Hornsby held the usual shoot at Stonehenge Grounds on 23rd Sept. The highlight of the afternoon was a tie between Errol Bullen, Jack Finney, Tim Wright and Jack Thomas, who decided to shoot-off, as someone, some day, has hopes of defeating the old maestro Errol Bullen in a shoot-off. It finished in a duet between Errol Bullen and Tim Wright, and not before the old bulldog has

marked off 13 straight before Tim missed out. Errol Bullen finished 20 straight. Tim Wright, by the way, is probably the most casual and unusual shooter in Australia. His time from arriving on the mark and breaking his gun would be about three seconds. Our shoot-off is conducted under the miss-out method, and after five shots they retire one yard, and on Sept. 23 they finished on the 24-yard mark. F. Werner, who is 32, shot 14 straight. A distinguished visitor, J. Boehm, of U.S.A., was in good form. Sweepstakes were shared by J. Boehm, 10/10, 5/5; R. Sonter, 10/10; W. Hanley, 10/10; J. Finney, 5/5; Errol Bullen, 5/5, 13/13, 5/5; T. Wright, 12/13, 5/5, 5/5, 9/10; J. Thomas, 5/5, 9/10, 5/5, 5/5.

(Chas. S. Horne, Sec.)

CRESSY (Tas.) (August 26—received too late for inclusion in Sept. "News").—Gordon Grieves (Launceston) won the club championship conducted by the Cressy Gun Club at Cressy. He scored the possible of 20 kills. There were 21 competitors, including shooters from Hobart, Launceston and the North-West Coast. The championship sash and trophies were presented by the president of the Hobart Gun Club (Mr. J. M. Tyquin). After a shoot-off to decide the minor placings, H. Munnings (Kempton) won second place from R. Rockliffe (Sassafras).

Details: 5-bird single-barrel sweep: E. Casey, C. Churchill, E. Sharman, 4/5; others—W. Bennett, J. Denby, R. Morse, A. McCarthy, J. Blake, J. Tyquin, J. Strickland, M. Munnings, R. Rockliffe, 3/5; R. Powell, F. McCarthy, N. Frith, M. Strickland, 2/5; A. Bray, H. Munnings, P. Rockliffe, 1/5. Club D.B. championship: G. Grieves, 20/20; H. Munnings, 24/25; R. Rockliffe, 23/25; E. Sharman, R. Powell, R. Morse, J. Tyquin, M. Blake, 18/20; C. Churchill, N. Frith, J. Blake, M. Munnings, 17/20; E. Casey, W. Bennett, V. Goss, H. Saunders, 16/20; M. Strickland, 12/20; J. Strickland, 11/20; A. Bray, 9/20; J. Denby, 8/20. £20 handicap: E. Sharman, R. Rockliffe, 15/15; R. Morse, G. Grieves, 18/19; E. Casey, 17/19; J. Denby, 16/18; M. Strickland, H. Munnings, M. Blake, 14/16; N. Frith, 13/15; R. Powell, J. Ty-

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(Rex Powell, Hon. Sec.)

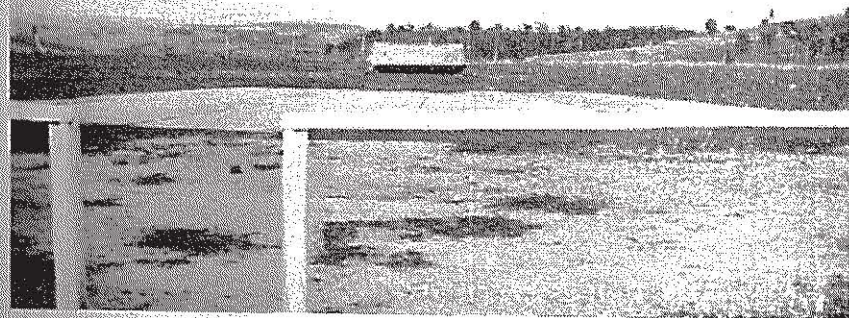
HARGRAVE PARK (N.S.W.).—(Sept. 16) The 5-bird "Eye Opener" sweep (29 nominations) was divided by 13 shooters who killed the 5 straight. No shoot-off, as we were compelled to carry on with the main event, 40 nominations being received (34 entered for the optional overall £1 sweep). W. Hanley, of Hornsby Club, was the only shooter to kill the 20 straight, and received the 1st Trophy and 60 per cent. of the sweep money. Newton Thomas, a member of Hargrave Park Gun Club, and Sid Lamb, of Goulburn Club, both secured 19/20, Newton Thomas missing his 18th bird and Sid Lamb missing his 19th. In the shoot-off Newton Thomas shot his 5 straight, but Sid Lamb missed his 1st bird of

the 5. Therefore Newton Thomas received the 2nd Trophy and 30 per cent. of the sweep money, while Sid Lamb received 3rd Trophy and 10 per cent. of the sweep, the scores being 24/25 and 23/25 respectively.

As the afternoon was getting late and a 3rd Event, with a very nice Whisky set for the Trophy, was to be contested, all shooters who had no chance retired. The 3rd Event, a 5-bird trophy and optional 5/-sweep, resulted in J. Brazier, Newton Thomas, Sid Lamb, J. Edgell and R. E. Lake killing 5 straight, sweep divided, and shoot-off, miss-out, back a yard each bird for the Trophy. J. Brazier, of Bathurst, was the winner with 8/9; runners-up were Newton Thomas and J. Edgell with 7/9. All shooters appeared to enjoy the afternoon and several remarks were heard as to the nice trophies that were on deck.

(T. H. Horne, Sec.)

CAMBERWELL (V.).—Results of shoot on September 30 were: No. 1, Metropolitan Double-rise championship, 12 pairs, won outright by Lionel Byrne, 8/12 pairs, from P. Sheridan, 9/16, and O. Kurrle, 8/16; 13/14 yarder, Les Turner, 5/12. No. 2, 10 birds, D.B.: R. Jorgenson (Portarlington), 12/12; P. Sheridan, 11/12; L. Byrne, 10/11; 12/14 yarder, H. Phillips.



This picture gives an ideal impression of the Bathurst Club's shooting background.

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TEN YEARS AGO

In September, 1940, J. M. Tyquin, who is now President of the Hobart Club and a Vice-President of the A.C.P.T.S.A., won the Commonwealth Single-barrel championship on the club's Derwent Park grounds. Tyquin's winning score was 33/40 from Geo. Purcell (Launceston), 32/40; A. Nelson (Collinsvale), 28/35; A. Poxon, 27/35; H. Munnings, 22/30, and G. Richardson, 21/30. The best of a number of Melbourne visitors was J. Bryant, with 18/25; Kim Sans registered 17/25. The Hobart Club staged the Commonwealth Double-barrel championship on its newer grounds at Brighton (Tas.) on October 7 this year. (This paragraph was overlooked for the September issue.)

During October, 1940, several good performances are shown in the back records. Under the heading of is noted that J. R. (Bob) Meehan,

"Boy Trapshot beats Champions," it then a 16-year-old tyro, upset all calculations by winning the Nobel Single-barrel championship on the Blackburn grounds. He registered the only possible of 15 straight from 18 yards. Bob afterwards served with the Forces in the Northern areas. He seldom shoots these days. Also on the Blackburn grounds during the same month Eric Ball, of Colac, won the Commonwealth walk-up championship, losing only one release in 25. It was Ball's first major title at clays. Bill Bloomfield, 23/25, was second. Athol Love won the Coburg Tower Championship.

The Colac Club, during October, 1940, held a clay pigeon shoot on the Geelong club's grounds at East Geelong, when two Western District of Victoria titles were won by Geo. Crosse and Jack Bryant, at single and double-barrel.

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SHORE DUCK SHOOTER

Where ducks spend the day on the sea or on the tidal muds and sands, the shore shooter can only get at them when they are fighting to or from their feeding grounds, or when a high tide moves them within range of some point of the shore. Nearly all successful plans for circumventing these ducks depend not on getting near to the ducks, but on getting into some position within range of which the duck will come. The novice is often tempted to try and walk up birds on the saltings, because he gets tired of sitting and waiting. If he is content with shooting anything, he may get a few shoots, but he will get near little that is more worthy on an open expanse of flat country.

For a successful plan, all factors which affect the duck must be con-

sidered. The expert should be capable of thinking like a duck thinks; in fact, he should almost be a duck. A knowledge of the times of rising and setting of sun and moon, of times and heights of tides, of directions and strengths of winds, are all essential. Then it is an enormous help to be able to visualise a map of the land and sea with the different feeding grounds and resting places marked on it. The flight lines of duck change as the feeding grounds change: the duck may go to the barley stubbles, to the potato fields, and in hard frosts to anywhere where there is water. The position which is best for getting the duck at opening may be quite hopeless later on in the season.

(C. T. Dalgety.)

Hobart Gun Club

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

BRIGHTON (Tas.)

Saturday, 28th October, 1950

Commencing 11 a.m.

Event No. 1:

**CLUB 12 YARD AND NOVICE SHOOTERS' EVENT
FOR TROPHY — 5 BIRDS**

Nomination, 5/-.

Event No. 2:

5 BIRD DOUBLE BARREL SWEEPSTAKE

Nomination, 5/-.

Event No. 3:

TASMANIAN

Mixed Birds Championship

20 BIRDS FOR POSSIBLE 20 POINTS.

5 BIRDS SINGLE BARREL FROM 18 YARDS.

5 BIRDS DOUBLE BARREL FROM 18 YARDS.

5 BIRDS WALK-UP DOUBLE BARREL.

Either to score 1 point — Shot between 20 and 15 yards Rise.
Slow walk is No Bird.

5 BIRD DOUBLE RISE FROM 16 YARDS.

Only Pairs to score — as one point. In event of ties to be shot-off at 2 Birds of each type — Total, 8 points. First, second and Third Trophies.

Nomination, 20/-, with optional Sweep of 10/-.

Event No. 4:

£20 SINGLE BARREL HANDICAP £20

At 15 Birds. Divided — First 60%, Second, 30%,

Third 10%.

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Ground Location: Burwood Road, East Burwood (13 miles G.P.O.) Bus from Burwood Road Tram Terminus
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Saturday, 21st October, 1950

No. 1 Event:

10 BIRD DOUBLE-BARREL SWEEPSTAKE

No. 2 Event:

20 Bird Double-barrel Handicap

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 13/14 yard and 12 yard Trophies. Ladies' Trophy.

Saturday, 4th November, 1950

"Evans & Balfour" Day

All Trophies and Birds donated by Evans & Balfour, Melbourne.

Saturday, 10th November, 1950

ALL DAY SHOOT

Two Major Championships

Victorian Deauville Doubles Championship

20 PAIRS BIRDS OFF 16 YARDS.

Own Partners. Entry, 20/- per shooter. Optional Sweeps, 10/- and 5/-, divided
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Followed by

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A.C.P.T.S.A. Conditions.

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18th Sporting Championship of Great Britain

The 18th Sporting Championship of Great Britain was held at the West London shooting grounds, Northolt on July 28 and 29. More than 80 guns, including 16 internationals, took part. T. E. Furman, of Oxhill, Warwickshire, won the championship, and "The Daily Telegraph" challenge trophy, presented with it. His score of 95 "kills" out of 100 equalled last year's record by L. S. Boyland, of Bournemouth. The championship was shot over five stands, made up by 10 birds walked up, 25 driven grouse, 20 pheasants released from a 70-ft. tower, 20 rocketing pheasants from a 90-ft. tower, and 25 driven partridges. Possibles were scored by 21 com-

petitors at one or other of all the stands except the driven grouse. Furman, who scored 24 kills out of a possible 25 at this stand, missed with his last barrel. Results: National Sporting Championship: 1, T. E. Furman, 95; 2, P. E. Hazeldine (Stockport), 92; 3, F. Cooper (Bath), 92; 4, E. A. Clarke (Stowmarket), 91. Walkers Parker challenge bowl (for guns who had not previously won a prize): 1, J. A. Baigent (Alton), 91; 2, R. Hirons (Wasperton), 88; 3, Maj. T. G. Baxenden (Edgware), 86. Ladies' Open Championship: 1, Lady J. Hill-Wood, 27; 2, Miss J. Horsfall, 27. Colts' Sporting Championship: 1, K. Stenton, 41; 2, W. G. White (Iver), 40.

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Miss Diana Williamson, considered to be the best woman shooter in W.A.
(Courtesy Western Mail)

CRESSY GUN CLUB

TASMANIA.

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

Saturday . 25th November . 1950

Commencing 12.30 p.m. sharp.

Event 1—3 PAIRS DOUBLE RISE SWEEP. Nom., 5/-.

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Event 2—

NORTHERN DISTRICTS MIXED BIRDS CHAMPIONSHIP

A.C.P.T.S.A. Conditions No. 17.

Nom., 20/-. Optional Sweepstake of 10/-.

Divided 60%, 30%, 10%. No Deductions.

1st, Championship Sash and Trophy. 2nd, Trophy. 3rd, Trophy.
Special Trophy for Best 12 yd. Shooter not in first three places.
(Donated by FRANK ELMER, Esq.)

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Event 3—

£50 HANDICAP, 20 BIRDS D.B.

Nom., 50/-, divided 60%, 20%, 15%, 5%.

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AFTERNOON TEA ON GROUND.

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Saturday, 4th November, 1950

ALL DAY SHOOT

Commencing 9.30 a.m.

TWO NEW AUTOMATIC TRAPS.
MORNING:

1st Event—

£20 HANDICAP

Divided 60%, 30%, 10%.

2nd Event—

VICTORIAN

Mixed Birds Championship

Trophy and Sash for this Event, valued at £20.

Also 2nd and 3rd Prizes.

£1 Nomination and 10/- optional Sweepstake.
Championship starting approx. 1 p.m.

3rd Event—

Ted. Abel Trophy Shoot

Trophy valued at £25, donated by Ted Abel, of
Albion Hotel, Sale.

10 CLAY PIGEONS FROM ASSOCIATION HANDICAPS.
£1 Nomination and 10/- optional Sweepstake.

ALL ENQUIRIES—

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President.

L. J. ROBINSON, Hon. Sec.,
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U.S.A. Shooting . .

(From REX MILES)

We have just got back from the Grand American, all tired out. It was a grand shoot, weather perfect throughout. There is no place in the whole world where they could put on a Shoot the size of the Grand but at the permanent home of the A.T.A. at Vandalia, Ohio. We have everything there for the comfort of the shooters and their families.

With the exception of the Doubles, every Event was won with possibles after shoots-off. The outstanding performance was in the Class AA Championship. Vic Reinders and Joe Heistand tied with three others with scores of 200 straight; they shot off; Vic broke 150 straight to win, Joe Heistand missed his 338th target; Vic Reinders, 350 straight—this was a 16-yard Event on Wed.

A young girl from Florida, Joan Pfeuger, was runner-up in her State Championship. The Florida Champion was not present at the Grand, so Joan shot in the Champion of Champions Race; she broke the 100 straight and tied with three of the Top Shots in the Nation. In the shoot-off Joan broke 25, 24, 25 to win this great honour. Mercer Tenille, Ned Lille and the Texas Champ were the ones that she beat. Arnold Riegger broke the 200 straight in the North American Championship; he won this Title last year, but lost out this year to a young shooter, Joe Devers, of Ohio. Riegger has a very High Average; though to date 99 per cent. or over 6,000 targets, he is going to be hard to catch.

My boy, as you know, he is not in the best of condition, but he shot the programme as follows: 92-98—190 x 200 Monday; 92-90—182 Tuesday; 97-89 Wednesday, 186 x 200—this 600 targets from 16 yards in the Preliminary Handicap, 83 (very poor); the Grand American Handicap, 23, 22, 22, 25-92 x 100 from 20 yards; Vandalia Open Handicap, 24, 23, 23, 23—93 x 100 from 20 yards. He did not take his double gun back with him, but borrowed a gun and shot the doubles, broke 78 out of the

50 pairs—very poor score for him, as he can really break them with his own double.

The Washington State Team and scores: Arnold Riegger, 200; Mike Thornton, 195; Roy Geil, 194; Keith Miles, 186; W. B. Kautz, 184—957 x 1000.

Ruth Ray, our very close friend, won the Women's Championship with 199 x 200; this is the record score made by a woman in this race. Ruth broke the world's record at the Montana State Shoot when she broke the 200 straight. She is a sweet girl, and a real shooter; of course, she shoots a lot, goes all over the country. Her husband is also a top-flight shooter and a real "dinkum bloke"—how is that for an explanation, Australian style?

I did not shoot, not feeling too good, but I enjoyed every minute of it; I have a lot of friends that I only get to see at the Grand, as this is a vast country similar to yours.



Vic. Howard, Secretary Bathurst Gun Club, N.S.W.

St. George Gun Club (Qld.)

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

1ST DAY

28th - October - 1950

5 BIRD EYE-OPENER SWEEPSTAKES

Balonne Single Barrel Championship

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

10 BIRD TROPHY SHOOT

1st, 2nd and 3rd Trophies, valued at

£40

Association Handicaps.

2ND DAY

29th - October - 1950

Balonne Double Barrel Championship

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

£50 Handicap Point Shoot

AT 20 BIRDS

Other trophies and sweepstakes, time permitting.

S. J. O'SHEA, Hon. Sec.,
St. George, Qld.

Your Gun Must Fit . . .

By GEO. BIGGS.

In this article the writer has endeavoured to point out to the new shooter and also to the not so successful shooter that gun fit is perhaps the most important detail if one has hopes of becoming a good shot.

This applies to field shooting more so than trap, as in trap shooting the gun is held at the shoulder in the ready position and the shooter has time to adjust the gun stock to his shoulder and face before calling for his target. In field shooting he carries the gun in his hand and thus has not the time to adjust gun and face after the game is plushed.

By studying the diagram on stock measurement the shooter will quickly gain a knowledge of stock dimensions. We also see how simple it is to alter these measurements to suit ourselves according to particular build. As an example, the gun with an excessive drop at comb would shoot considerably lower than one which has a comparatively straight stock.

My personal experience is that a comb drop of $1\frac{1}{2}$ ins. to $1\frac{3}{4}$ ins. is about correct for the average man. Pitch is also an important factor. By pitch we mean the angle at which the butt is cut in relation to the line of sight. This is measured by placing the butt on a flat surface with the barrel upright against a wall, the distance between the wall and the muzzle is the degree of pitch. The gun with too little pitch will not fit snugly to the shoulder. The writer's best advice on pitch is thus: If the gun fits snugly to the shoulder without the tendency to slip up or down, then the shooter may forget about pitch, as it is obviously okay.

As a test in proving that stock fit is all important, we suggest the reader carry out the following test:

Take the gun in your hands, close both eyes and put the gun to the shoulder in the usual shooting position. Now with both eyes still closed place your cheek firmly down on the comb in the position you normally have to. Now for the test that will

tell whether the gun fits as it should. With the cheek firmly on the comb, open the right eye. If you can just plainly see down the rib and your line of sight is plumb down the centre of that rib or barrel, without being to one side or the other, then we can safely say that the gun stock is very close to being a good fit. If, on the other hand, you find on opening your eye you cannot see any of the barrel or rib, but are looking below this line and at the breech itself, then the stock has too much drop at the comb and should be built up to fit the shooter concerned.

In dealing with stock length or "length of pull," and the correct method of measurement, there is a mistaken idea among quite a number of people that the correct way to measure is by placing the finger on the trigger the butt should fit nicely into the crook of the elbow. This method is a very rough way indeed and does not often apply, as there are other factors that come into it as well as length of forearm. The neck, for instance, has a great deal to do with stock length, as we will see later. A far more reliable and correct method of measurement is to place the gun to the shoulder with the cheek on the comb in the usual position with the trigger hand holding the grip and finger on the trigger. The middle finger of that hand should now be $1\frac{1}{2}$ ins. to 2 ins. from the shooter's lips.

If after having carried out the foregoing tests the shooter finds that his gun does not fit as it should, he should set about getting this state of affairs put right. Supposing the stock is too short, we can get around this quite easily by adding a recoil pad which will add at least another $\frac{1}{4}$ in. This pad will also take a great deal of recoil—something that all trap shooters try to cut down as much as possible. Recoil is something that will cause a person to flinch badly as well as a bruised and painful shoulder. This will, in turn, cause bad shooting.

[CONTINUED NEXT MONTH]

BALMORAL GUN CLUB (VIC.)

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

Saturday, 25th November, 1950

Commencing 10 a.m.

Event No. 1—5 BIRD D.B. HANDICAP SWEEP-STAKE. Nomination, 5/-.

Event No. 2—

South Western Districts'

Double-Barrel Championship

20 Birds off 16 Yards Centre Track.

Nom., 20/-, with optional Sweepstakes, 10/-, divided 60%, 30%, 10%. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Trophies to the value of £25, and Sash.

Event No. 3—

£20 DOUBLE-BARREL HANDICAP

15 Birds off Association Handicaps.

Nom., 20/-; Optional Sweepstakes, Nom., 10/-, divided 60%, 30%, 10%.

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"Tips" and "Tails"

The Longreach area of Queensland is coming into its own in the clay pigeon shooting field. Two affiliations from that portion of the Pineapple State came to hand in successive mails recently. The first was from the Darr River

Gun Club, the sponsor and secretary of which is R. B. Banks, the tall and very interested shooter who visited Melbourne grounds a few months back. The second affiliation from a new club in the section came from the Kelly's Creek Gun Club, the secretary of which is J. L. Gibson, of Hartree, Morella. It would appear from the correspondence that neither organization knew of the other's existence—so vast is the area—but now there will probably be a gathering together of the sportsmen concerned behind one or the other's trap.

A brief note from Mr. Harry Rogers, the English Association's long-time veteran secretary, mentions that Tommy Hughes, the former Welsh Champion, and Frank Moore, a one-time holder of the English open title, "went part-ridge shooting only a few miles from Marble Arch and got a fine bag." Such a happening is truly remarkable, taking into account the huge population, the immensity of London and the density of the population of England. An account of this venture may be available for this publication later on.

A snake yarn comes from Bathurst. Recently a field shooting party which included the local champion, Harry Jaques, and Vic Howard were out dealing with rabbits. A brown snake was observed with about two feet of its body protruding from a hole in the ground. A swift tug, according to the report, and the snake was pulled from its

hole, and the referee's decision was "Dead on the first." This reminds us of a snake story which came from the Box Swamp at Griffith, N.S.W., a year or so back. A certain scribe, when unarmed, encountered a nine-footer moving swiftly between his gun (which was resting against a car) and himself. The story goes that the scribe is credited with "back-peddling" faster than Barney Ewell could run forward, at the same time raising a greater cloud of dust than a field of 20 gallopers would be capable of doing in the Tennant Creek Cup in the dry season.

Hobart Club will shoot the Tasmanian Mixed Birds Championship at its Brighton grounds on Saturday, October 28. Shooting will commence at 11 a.m. A £20 single-barrel handicap at 15 birds will follow and the title will be preceded by a novice and open five-birder sweepstake. Paul Marshall at the last Hobart shoot completed his 51 straight break and is therefore en-

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titled to a Hartley Badge. He also won the Eric Round Aggregate trophy. Marshall lives at Bridgewater.

Coff's Harbour Gun Club, on the Northern Coast of New South Wales, is one of the latest affiliated units of the A.C.P.T.S.A. The club has Mr. B. Edwards as President, with Mr. G. C. N. Cross, of Combine St., Coff's Harbour, as secretary. The committee members include the local medico, Dr. R. Macdonald, and Messrs. T. Tiley, R. Bennett, T. Seccombe and H. Foote. Vice-Presidents are G. D. T. Seccombe and T. Wedgwood; Treasurer, Mr. V. Wullemmin.

Bathurst Gun Club (N.S.W.) will have its magnificent Mt. Panorama shooting grounds en fete for the club's big two-day meeting extending over November 18 and 20. On the opening day the main attraction will be the N.S.W. Double-Rise championship. Visiting shooters will be entertained on Sunday, November 19. On Monday, November 20, a £150 handicap is listed at 20 birds from

Association handicaps. Appropriate trophies will be also awarded. Two traps will be in operation, and club secretary, Vic Howard, has arranged to cater for a big muster of shooters. The usual amenities will be available throughout the proceedings. Intending visitors desirous of securing accommodation should contact Vic Howard at 241 Russell Street, Bathurst.

Latrobe Gun Club (Tas.) will officially open its new shooting grounds at Sherwood, with its new automatic trap, over a two-day fixture on November 4 and 6. On the first day the North-Western Districts of Tasmanian Single-barrel championship and a £20 handicap are listed, followed on November 6 by the same title series under double-barrel conditions, with a £40 handicap to follow. This is the biggest programme ever attempted by the Latrobe sportsmen and it is hoped that such enterprise will receive the reward it deserves from Tasmanian and mainland shooters. Full details are advertised in this issue. Mac

Johnstone (Phone 9), Box 13, Latrobe, Tas., would be pleased to answer enquiries.

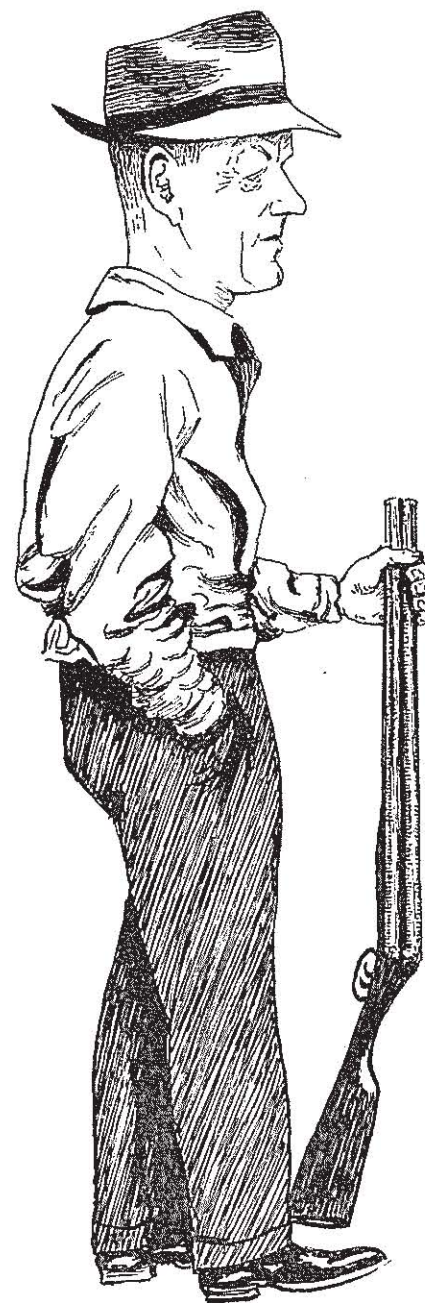
The Tasmanian Gun Club will bring its modern skeet lay-out at St. Leonards in full operation for the Tasmanian Skeet Championship, which is listed for decision on November 18. A £40 handicap will follow the State contest. Full details are as advertised in this issue.

The Footscray Club, shooting on the No. 2 Tottenham enclosure, will stage a £20 handicap under double-barrel conditions on October 21. On Saturday, November 4, which the club reminds shooters in its advertising is "Derby Day," the club will shoot to retain its hold on the McCraith Shield. This will be an all-day shoot, commencing at 10.30 a.m. Programmes are as advertised in this issue.

Coburg Club (V.) Grand Prix and Coburg Stakes will hold shooters' interest on Cup Day, November 7. This popular series is sure to be well attended. Details of this and other immediate programmes appear in this issue.

Sale Gun Club's big programme for November 4 is advertised in full page in this issue. The splendid East Gippsland club, where Lou Bourbaud and Len Robinson hold the presidential and secretarial reins respectively, contemplates its "best yet" effort in the way of arranging a really high-class shoot, which will be the club's first essay at running a Victorian State championship. Shooting will open at 9.30 a.m. with a £20 handicap; this will be followed by the Victorian Mixed Birds Championship with a special 10-bird handicap to round off. The winner of of this event will receive an excellent trophy valued at £25, an amount donated to the club by Ted Abel, of the Albion Hotel. Visiting shooters seeking accommodation should contact Len Robinson at 172 Raymond Street, or Lou Bourbaud, of 95 Raymond Street.

Forty shooters lined up for the Sydney Double-barrel championship at Hargrave Park on September 16. Victory went to Bill Hanley, of the Stonehenge Club. We have it that shooters were present from all over the State of N.S.W., as well as the



Dick Redpath, of Hobart.
Australian International High-gun
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FINLEY GUN CLUB (N.S.W.)

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, 1950

Commencing 12 o'clock.

Western Riverina SINGLE-BARREL CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 1950

Commencing 12 o'clock.

Riverina MIXED BIRDS CHAMPIONSHIP

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redoubtable Keith Cameron, from Roma (Q.). Many of these visitors are reported to have had very "determined looks." Newton Thomas, Bill Hanley and Sid Lamb (of Goulburn) all stopped 15 straight. In the final five rounds Lamb clean missed his 20th; Thomas followed and repeated the performance, and Hanley, needing the bird to win, failed to stop it on his first barrel, but was equal to the occasion and grassed it with his second "desperate throw." Trophies are reported to be of first quality.

Advice is to hand that the St. George in South-Western Queensland is making a two track lay-out with two automatic traps. St. George is one of the earliest affiliated clubs with the A.C.P.T.S.A., making its first contact about the middle of 1937.

The Victorian Single-barrel championship will be decided on the excellent Colac club's lay-out adjoining Colac Racecourse and Golf Club on Saturday, October 21. The title match will be followed by a £40 handicap and other events, time permitting. Shooting will commence at 11.30 a.m., with the title match at noon. Don Corstorphane, the club secretary, advises competitors to have lunch before attending the grounds. He also forwards a reminder to Dick Wightman, asking that the latter forwards advance notice of vocal requests for disposal at the usual "do" after the shoot.

The New South Wales mixed birds championship will be held on the Hay club grounds on October 28. The title event will have three trophies attached for the place-getters, plus a special trophy for the best 12 yarder. A Championship sash will also go to the winner. Minor events will follow, time permitting. At night the shooting grounds will be illuminated and a full programme of night shooting conducted. Sunday entertainment will be as usual, with pig-hunting a feature. On the Friday night preceding the shoot (Oct. 27) a gathering will be held at the club grounds, when shooters will enjoy a cup of tea and "pick a box."

A new club has been formed at Quirindi, N.S.W., and there is every possibility of the organization affiliating with the A.C.P.T.S.A.

Grenfell Club in New South Wales has renewed its affiliation with A. H. S. Macneil as hon. secretary.

The Tongala Club (V.) secretary has relinquished his position, due to ill-health. He is succeeded by Reg McHale, who is well known on metropolitan shooting grounds.

The New Zealand G.C.A. introduced a number of amendments to



SPOKANE GUN CLUB, 1950. 16 Traps and two regular Skeet Fields. Shown in photo, 14 Traps. This photo taken from the air. Ground's as level as a Billiard Table. Traps in a straight line. Note large Parking Area for Automobiles. Inland Empire Handicap was on when this was taken. All "tracks" and walks finished concrete. Last year this was a Wheat field. There is a lot of lawn and trees to be planted before it will look real nice, but all this will take time.

WONGABRI GUN CLUB . BOWRAL N.S.W

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

Saturday. 28th October, 1950

N.S.W. WALK-UP CHAMPIONSHIP

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

followed by

£30 Handicap

Association Conditions. Divided 60%, 30%, 10%.

Other events, time permitting.



25th NOVEMBER 1950

at 1.30 p.m.

Main Event—

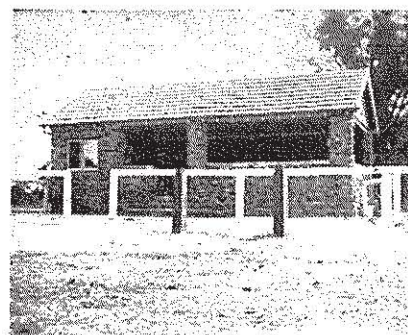
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its shooting rules at a recent meeting. One item of considerable interest to Australian shooters is one having reference to "Competitor Absent." This by-law reads, "That if a competitor is absent when it is his turn to shoot, and is still absent when that round is completed, he shall be debarred from

taking any further part in that competition." This is a rule which could be seriously considered on this side of the Tasman.

Another important departure from what has been a serious loss of interest in New Zealand Championships—that is, from outside that Dominion—was the fact that only New Zealanders resident in the Dominion for the previous six months could hold N.Z. titles. The rule has now been altered to "That New Zealand Championships are now open to shooters from any affiliated club in the British Commonwealth." To this ruling we say to our kinsmen in the "Shaky Isles"—Hear-hear. Next year, all being well, we may see some top-class Australian shooters crossing over to take part in New Zealand's very interesting championship series which take place usually during July.

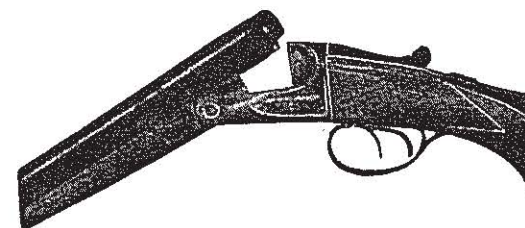
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Commencing 10 a.m. sharp.

Ground Location: Seven Creeks, opposite Kialla Hotel, seven miles south of Shepparton.

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No. 1 — 10 BIRDS, DOUBLE-BARREL.

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Phil Pettit of St. James (R.), winner 1950 Victorian Double-barrel Championship, shot at Wangaratta on 23rd Sept. Runner-up, George Walker of Wangaratta, at left.

Also worthy of consideration in Australia.

Bill Hanley, the winner of the Sydney D.B. title at Hargrave Park recently, is reported to be one of the most improved shooters in N.S.W. His figures over several shoots are given as 96/100 aggregate, and since then 23/27, 35/43, 22/28 and 24/26, over four shoots.

A new club is contemplated at Tullibigeal in New South Wales. It is expected the new organization will ultimately affiliate with the A.C.P.T.S.A.

Vic Howard, Bathurst's mercurial secretary, has been good enough to forward a few pictures of his club grounds and a personality or two. He is busy preparing for the club's big two-day (or is it three-day?) fixture over November 18 to 20. The New South Double-Rise title and a £150 handicap, with entertainment plus, are the main attractions over the carnival. Describing his club grounds, Vic writes: "We have our lay-out on the top of Mount Panorama, which is reached by a scenic

road, approximately 2½ miles from the heart of the city. This road is the famous racing circuit of car and motor cycle fiends. The Mount is rather flat on top and is a public park. Our grounds are situated on the verge of the drop off and the background is sky and more sky. We finished one shoot at 7.15 p.m. during summer, which shows how good the background really is. We shall shortly finish the skeet layout and be ready for a little variety."

The Australian Club at East Burwood (V.) advises that Dick Wightman ("Dick") and Hugh Phillips are now both eligible for Hartley Break badges of 50 straight. Both achieved their successes during August.

Perth Gun Club (W.A.) sent in a bundle of 29 registrations in one hand, with advice of three more following, last month. This is a splendid response by the Westerner's and the Perth interest, plus that of Katanning, is greatly appreciated at Association headquarters. Ed Metcalf, the Perth club's up-to-date secretary, advises that during September great preparations were under way for the holding of the first



Harry Jaques, Ground Captain at Bathurst Club and winner of Club D.B. title, 1950.

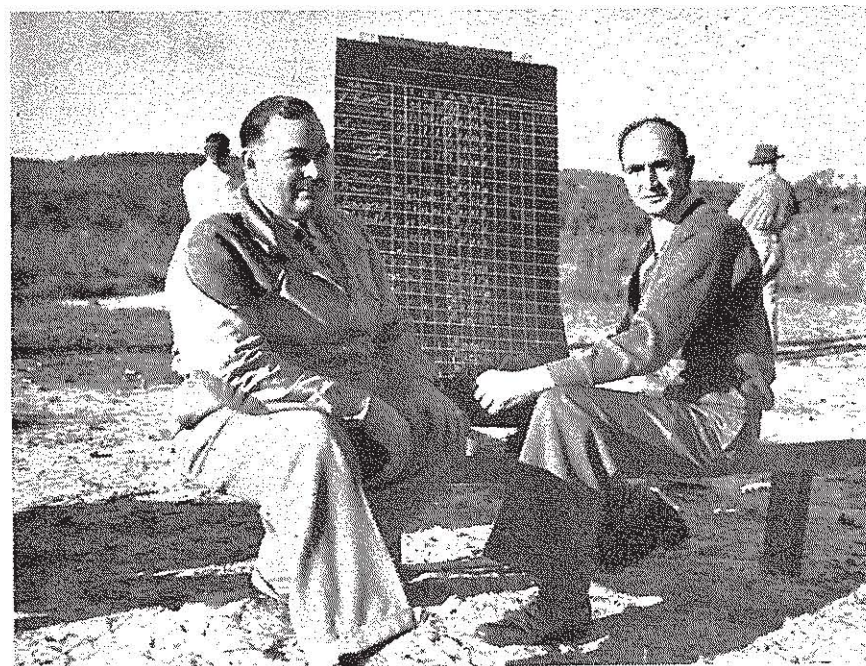
Western Australian premier title under A.C.P.T.S.A. auspices. This was listed for October 7. The club's new automatic trap was used during the shooting of the event. Ed. Metcalf also forwarded a few snaps of his club and some officials which recently appeared in the "Western Mail." These will be included in "News" from time to time.

The Finley Club, just over the Murray in New South Wales, has a newly elected President, in James F. Lawler. Gerry Rourke, whose wife is the only woman gun club secretary within the Association's scope in the Commonwealth, relinquished the Presidential chair owing to pressure of private business. The Finley Club will dispose of two District championships before the end of the year. These events are Western Riverina Single-barrel title on Saturday, November 11, and the Riverina Mixed Birds on December 9. Jim Lawler and his energetic committee would be pleased to entertain metropolitan and district shooters at both these functions.

The following interesting letter from a New Zealand shooting sportsman who received a July issue of this publication is published hereunder. It will be noted that the writer is a veteran shooter and is strongly in favour of inter-Dominion competition. This is an idea the A.C.P.T.S.A. has favoured for many years, but which, for some unknown reason, has found little favour with the N.Z. authorities. A year or two ago the A.C.P.T.S.A. President (Mr. Jock Wilson) went so far as to offer a £50 Cup for perpetual competition between teams representative of Australia and New Zealand, but even this attraction failed to rouse enthusiasm across the Tasman. The letter follows:

"Recently the wife of a trap-shooting friend of mine visited Australia and returned with a copy of your Official Journal (July, 1950). I have read this with interest and am writing to you with the idea of getting information on your activities.

"At our 1950 N.Z. Championship tournament held at our Christchurch



Ian. Cargeeg (L.), President, and Ed. Metcalf (Secretary), Perth Gun Club, W.A.

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grounds, which lasted for two weeks. We held, in conjunction with other matches, a Southern Hemisphere Championship, 50 birds off 18 yards, and was won outright by one of our best shots (Mr. D. P. North) with 50 straight. Now I was hoping to see, say, 10 of your boys over. As an old trap shooter of 30 years' active shooting, I can honestly say we would have given them a good time, and they would have been more than welcome. We realize the Association is not in a position to pay expenses for a team, but I'm sure there must be a few good shots who would make it a holiday.

"The old world at present is not very settled, and I'm afraid we don't know what will happen next, but say you were holding something like a week's shooting in a good centre—that is, open shooting where we could compete about 1952—I'm sure I could get a few of our lads over. By this I mean to meet some of your sportsmen would be a thrill

to me, and perhaps at a later date they could pay us a return visit.

"Looking at your journal, I see 'Walk-up Championship.' I imagine this would mean: Gun down and approach the trap; we would call this Quail Drive, also Double Barrel and Single Barrel, and do you use the 5 Track system? Perhaps you could let me have one of your Rule Books, and if you would care, I could get you one of ours in return. I see you have one brand of cartridges listed at 22/6 for 25; we are squealing because ours cost 14/6.

"To get our two Dominions together on this 'Clay Bird question,' I was wondering if an Australasian Cup or Bronz would help, to be shot for, say, in Melbourne one year and N.Z. the following; this would mean a team travelling every other year. (Just a thought.)

"By this time you will probably be wondering who I am; well, I'm just one of our average shots, seen

better days. Managed to win N.Z. title in 1939, Canterbury champ. twice and the South Island this year. Mostly just luck, but I am very fond of it, and travel over 100 miles each Saturday to compete.

"Hoping to hear from you some time. Best wishes to your Assn."

(The veteran N.Z. sportsman has been provided with all the information requested. We hope to see him in Melbourne later.—Ed.)

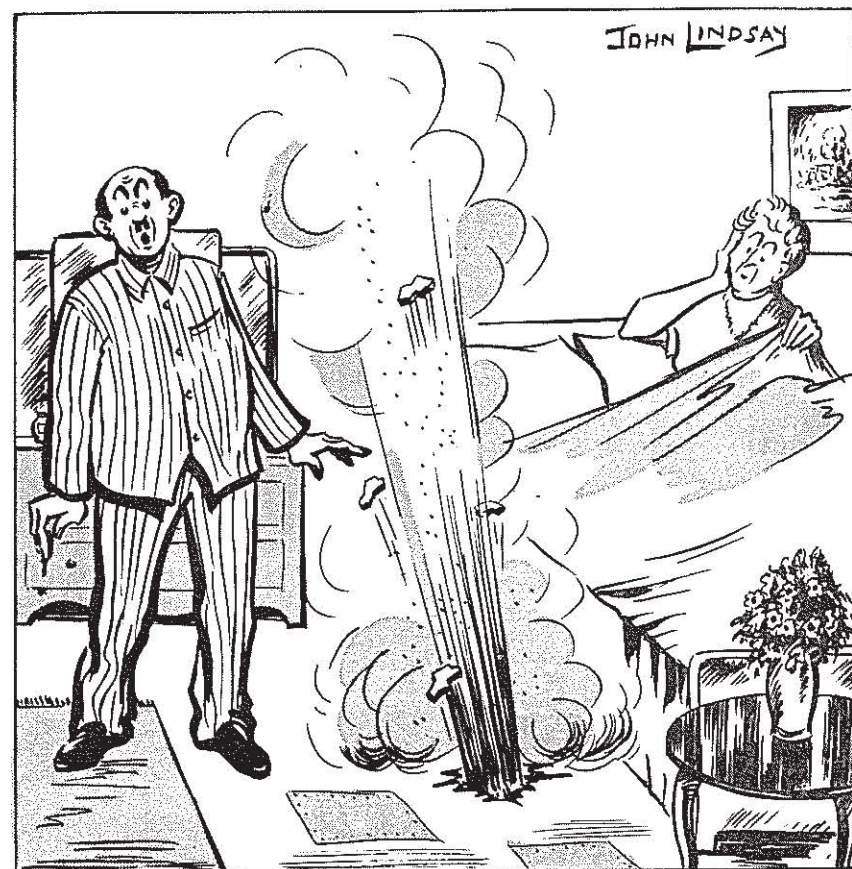
Heywood Clay Bird Gun Club, in one of the latest clubs to affiliate the Western District of Victoria, is with the A.C.P.T.S.A. The club has been functioning in a small way for some time and has now decided to join the fold with many other clubs in that district. W. A. Gorman, of Cameron Street, Heywood, is club secretary.

A new club is contemplated at Corowa, N.S.W. Convener is Stan Mills, who is well known in sporting circles on the Murray River town. Stan considers that a club at Corowa will be able to cater for both N.S.W. and Victorian districts, and he hopes

for support from Wahgunyah, which is just over the bridge in the Southern State from Corowa. Bob Ferris, Jerilderie secretary, has been assisting Stan Mills with advice and co-operation.

The Balmoral Club, another of the Western Victorian group, is holding its first open championship fixture on Saturday, November 25. The chief interest will be the South-Western Districts of Victoria Double-barrel championship, 20 birds off 16 yards, centre track. A £20 handicap will follow at 15 birds, Association Handicaps. A pipe-opener at 5 birds will open proceedings. Other events will follow, time permitting. President is W. F. Duncan, Phone 13 Balmoral, and secretary, L. A. Perry. Intending visitors wishing to remain over the weekend are advised to contact either of the above officials regarding accommodation.

The picturesque town in the hill regions of Victoria at Alexandra has formed or, rather, re-formed, its gun club, under the secretaryship of Tom A. Cherry, who is well known in



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educational quarters in the district. Luke Doyle is President. Although not yet in actual operation, the club has already sent along its affiliation fees to the A.C.P.T.S.A. The club should have a bright future—at a not-too-far distance from the Melbourne metropolitan area, and surrounded by many sporting centres, it should soon have many visiting shooters on its new tracks.

Gippsland Clubs are already preparing for the big Australia Day shoot at Sale, when the Gippsland Shield Competition will be decided. All district clubs throughout Gippsland and almost to the N.S.W. border will compete. It will really be a big day, and from what we can

gather, also a "big night." The annual dinner is a feature of this competition and 1951 promises big things.

Tom Kerr, who holds the elevated position of Publicity Officer to the Tasmanian Gun Club at Launceston, forwards his comments for what he terms the "Shooters' Bible." He writes: "It is rumoured that a Buick car is on sale very cheap at Cressy, apply secty., Cressy Gun Club." His second quotation goes on: "How is the veteran shooter from Cressy who has marvellous eyesight for shooting, but could not distinguish the village blacksmith from the local pastrycook at Oatlands recently and asked him for hot pies?" Tom's

third effort reads: "Shooters, don't forget the big Xmas carnival at Launceston and Cressy during December 23, 26, 27. Tasmania in the summer is something to remember. We saw your Yarra last March; come and have a look at our Gorge this December." (We are not quite sure just what the scribe has in mind when he refers to "Gorge".—Ed.)

Shepparton Clay Bird Club in Victoria's Goulburn Valley proposes to hold its official opening shoot on Saturday, November 11. Harry Watts, the former Association Executive and now a resident of Shepparton, is one of the men "behind the guns," and he has already arranged for a two automatic trap lay-out to cater for expected big attendances. Shepparton Club should have an extremely bright future with its capable management and strong district backing.

The Australian Clay Target Club grounds at East Burwood—the venue of the big Association shoots—will again be open for night shooting

late in October. New towers are being erected and the "night will be more like day than ever"—therefore missing 'em should be inexcusable.

Congratulations are extended to A. J. (Gus) Russell, of Eltham, following his brilliant shooting at Wangaratta and East Burwood on September 23 and 28, when he exceeded the Australian break record by four targets. Russell ran up 63 straight over three events at Wangaratta and then followed this with a 27 and 11 in two events at East Burwood on Show Day Holiday (28th Sept.), totalling 101. The previous record was held by Vic Eather, of Boggabri, with 97 straight, gained at Roma (Qld.) last year. Bill Wager also shot well on Show Day Holiday, winning a 45 birder outright and stopping 50 straight before missing.

The Australian club intends sponsoring some "big" days in the immediate future. On October 21, 10 and 20 bird down-the-line events will be staged. On Saturday, November 4, the annual

"Evans & Balfour" Day will take place, when the firm of Evans & Balfour will generously sponsor the whole day for the club by providing all the trophies and birds free of cost. A most worth-while gesture. On Saturday, November 18, the club has adopted the unusual procedure of staging two major championship contests on the one day. The reason for this action is that there are so few open dates left to the club before the end of the year, and approach was made to the A.C.P.T.S.A. for special permission to hold the events as stated. The two titles make for a very interesting programme and comprise the Victorian Deauville Doubles and the Commonwealth Mixed Birds championships. With the club's three automatic trap lay-out, the management should have no difficulty in disposing of the events with ease, providing an early start is made.

The Cressy Club will shoot the Northern Districts of Tasmania Mixed Birds title on Saturday, Nov. 25. A £50 handicap will follow. All enquiries should be directed to Rex Powell at Cressy. Mention of Rex Powell recalls that he (at the moment of writing) holds the Tasmanian double, single down-the-line championships and the Skeet championship of the Apple Isle. Not a bad performance for one whose secretarial duties take up quite an amount of his leisure time. His break run of 55 straight earns him a Hartley Badge—he values this recognition as much as the title wins.

The Wongabri Club at Bowral also shoots on November 25 with the main event as the first round of the Sanderson Trophy. The ultimate winner of this trophy gains a valuable award, plus return ticket to Melbourne and hotel expenses to represent the Wongabri Club at the next Champion of Champions meeting in March, 1951. This is an excellent prize for any shooter to win and the scheme could be well copied by other clubs throughout the Commonwealth. A £25 handicap will also be decided on November 25. The New South Wales walk-up championship is listed for decision by Wongabri Club on October 28, as per the advertisement which appeared

in the September issue of this publication.

Lionel Byrne, the Vermont shooting orchardist, does not often get into winning brackets in championship, and it was therefore pleasing to see him gain the honours in the Metropolitan Double-Rise title at Camberwell Club on September 30. He won outright.

The Dubbo Club will hold a two-day shoot over October 29 and 30. £100 handicap is listed for decision as main attraction. R. N. Morrison, Box 76, is club secretary and will gladly answer all enquiries.

September 29th.

Dear Mr. McCullough,

If you could find space in the "News" to print a small effusion from me, I would like to convey my appreciation to a number of people who helped materially to make my recent break possible.

First, to those of the Wangaratta club—and the visitors—who, instead of "cutting" a sweepstake, shot on with me without complaint, until I had my 50 up; and secondly, to the officials of the Australian club, and the shooters at the Show Day meeting, who assisted in every way to give me the best possible "spin".

It is very definitely a pleasure to take part in a sport which has so many true sportsmen associated with it.

Yours sincerely,

A. J. RUSSELL, Warrandyte.

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No. 2 Ground: TOTTENHAM, VICTORIA.

PROGRAMME:

October 21st—

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5008 Arblaster, E. A. (Perth)	13
4993 Armstrong, T. (Tongala)	
4975 Bellairs, H. J. (Tongala)	12
5017 Bailey, F. (Perth)	16
4951 Beischer, F. W. (Bendigo)	
5012 Bennett, W. G. (Perth)	
5013 Bentley, H. N. (Perth)	15
4997 Blakeley, S. (Perth)	14
4948 Bray, A. (Latrobe)	
4957 Broughton, J. R. (Alexandra)	
5028 Burke, T. (Wangaratta)	
4994 Cargeeg, Ian (Perth)	14
4996 Carless, F. (Perth)	12
4954 Chandler, W. (St. George)	
4999 Colliver, H. (Perth)	16
5031 Colliver, S. G. (Perth)	14
4959 Commons, W. A. (Broken Hill)	17
5007 Conlan, J. F. (Perth)	13
4955 Crowhurst, E. M. (Tambo)	
4978 Crowley, J. (Tongala)	12
4949 Cusack, Leo (Bendigo)	
5030 Cutting, J. H. (Broken Hill)	
4998 Davis, F. W. (Perth)	13
5002 Davies, G. (Perth)	12
5036 Dillon, D. (Moree)	
2972 Ednie, A. J. (Australian)	
4961 Edye, R. (Coffs Harbour)	
5005 Ferguson, C. (Perth)	16
5009 Fisher, R. (Perth)	13
4965 Foote, H. (Coffs Harbour)	
4974 Fuller, R. (Tongala)	12
4976 Greiner, H. G. (Tongala)	12
4960 Guest, G. (N.S.W.)	
5023 Guthrie, J. E. (Perth)	13
4956 Hamilton, Mrs. J. E. (Tambo)	
4958 Hiskins, J. (Albury)	
4983 Hoelter, A. J. (Tongala)	14
5011 Hope, A. J. (Perth)	
4950 Jack, A. E. (Bendigo)	
4964 Johnston, J. (Coffs Harbour)	
5027 Lenane, P. (Young)	12

5037 Luscombe, J. A. W. (Moree)	
4962 MacDonald, Dr. R. (Coffs Harbour)	
4953 Marks, R. (Australian)	
4971 Marshall, W. (Tongala)	12
170 Martin, W. A. (Aust.)	
5000 Metcalf, E. G. (Perth)	16
5003 Monger, R. (Perth)	
4952 Mossop, E. (Walpeup)	
5034 McClymont, C. (Darr River)	15
4984 McCracken, C. (Tongala)	12
3095 McFarland, R. P. (Hay)	
4966 McLeod, I. (Tongala)	12
4967 McLeod, N. C. (Tongala)	12
4977 McMillan, J. (Tongala)	12
5018 McNamara, P. (Perth)	
4980 Northausen, N. (Tongala)	12
4981 Northausen, W. (Tongala)	12
5019 Norton, M. (Perth)	12
5021 O'Neill, C. W. (Perth)	12
5033 Owens, H. M. (Darr River)	14
4987 Pankhurst, T. (Tongala)	12
5004 Barker, K. (Perth)	
4992 Plattfuss, R. (Tongala)	12
5001 Powell, T. (Perth)	13
2199 Reis, J. ("Icil") (Albury)	17
5038 Ritter, G. (Moree)	16
4973 Schmedje, D. (Tongala)	
4985 Sefton, H. (Tongala)	12
4986 Sefton, L. (Tongala)	12
5026 Shannon, A. (Young)	12
5014 Sheffield, D. (Perth)	
4968 Short, G. (Tongala)	
4969 Short, M. (Tongala)	
4972 Simpson, J. (Tongala)	13
2854 Slater, T. (Colac)	
4963 Smith, B. (Coffs Harbour)	
3789 Smith, Frank T. (St. George)	
5029 Smith, M. (Wangaratta)	
327 Snow, A. (Coburg)	14
4989 Thompson, A. (Tongala)	
4990 Thompson, K. (Tongala)	
5010 Vandervelde, B. (Perth)	
4970 Vistarini, R. (Tongala)	12
5016 Vivian, W. (Perth)	13
4991 Wade, P. (Tongala)	12
4988 Watson, R. (Tongala)	
4982 Whelhouse, M. (Tongala)	12
5039 Wilby, C. (Moree)	12
5022 Wilson, A. (Perth)	12
5020 Williams, H. V. (Perth)	

4995 Williamson, Miss D. (Perth)	12
3203 Wise, W. (Wangaratta)	
5032 Woodfull, K. F. (Darr River)	16
4979 Woodman, B. (Tongala)	12
5006 Wyatt, W. (Perth)	

1258 Lesina, T. A. (Atherton)	13
4885 Long, R. (Shepparton)	13
3620 Lowe, C. J. (Hobart)	14
3121 Lowe, Peter (Hobart)	15
4461 Lupp, L. (Bathurst)	14
4248 Marshall, Paul (Hobart)	17
4388 Mazlin, H. K. (Atherton)	12
3561 Masser, P. (Atherton)	14
4387 Mealing, C. W. (Atherton)	13

Amended Handicaps

4688 Adams, E. (Moree)	12
3340 Akers, Geo. (Charleville)	14
3813 Akers, T. (Charleville)	16
3241 Bassett, N. (Roma)	18
1805 Biggs, G. (Coburg)	21
179 Bound, C. (Coburg)	16
3359 Bressington, S. (Bathurst)	14
1908 Bryant, John (Aust.)	20
4437 Bull, Geo. (Daylesford)	12
4000 Calcino, Bert (Clara Creek)	13
3038 Campbell, C. (Bathurst)	15
2967 Crago, Norm (Charters Towers)	13
4393 Debel, Les (Atherton)	12
1233 Delai, Dino (Atherton)	14
478 Evans, Clive (St. George)	19
4489 Frith, James (Daylesford)	12
3760 Gallo, F. (Atherton)	13
4818 Gribben, W. (Shepparton)	13
2515 Guy, Norman (Coburg)	19
2426 Haddow, D. (Coburg)	16
1303 Hamilton, A. (Aust.)	17
3623 Handley, W. J. (Hornsbury)	18
4596 Hanel, L. (Albury)	15
1135 Heller, C. G. (Camberwell)	13
4164 Howard, J. (Pirron Yallock)	13
4816 Hudson, P. (Narrandera)	16
396 Ingbritsen, C. H. ("Ingi") (Coburg)	19
1221 Jaques, H. (Bathurst)	16
3258 Johnson, J. T. (Footscray)	15
4521 Kilpatrick, Eric K. (Atherton)	13
4520 Kilpatrick, James (Atherton)	12
4392 Kilpatrick, S. (Atherton)	13
3559 Kleinhanss, G. (Atherton)	15
4490 Laver, H. L. (Daylesford)	13

4615 Munro, N. (Moree)	14
4409 Munro, K. (Moree)	12
4691 Munro, W. F. (Moree)	12
4614 Munro, D. R. (Moree)	14
807 McCloy, W. (Wongabri)	15
2945 McDonald, P. (Charters Towers)	15
40 McIntosh, H. A. (Seymour)	16
4667 McLeod, G. (Cobram)	15
1235 Nasser, D. (Atherton)	19
1853 Nasser, H. (Atherton)	17
3857 Oldham, S. (Yallourn)	15
4286 Olver, F. (Australian)	15
4738 Peechey, R. A. (Moree)	12
2786 Pettit, P. (St. James)	18
3558 Pazzalato, Pompey (Atherton)	14
1656 Powell, Rex (Cressy)	18
440 Raleigh, J. W. (Clara Creek)	17
4605 Reynolds, J. (Hobart)	14
4991 Riley, Leslie (Daylesford)	13
1869 Roberts, H. ("Nimrod") (Australian)	14
3515 Rogers, E. (Footscray)	18
4054 Rumble, L. (Dubbo)	14
3194 Russell, A. J. (Eltham)	18
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4353 Tickle, C. (Wongabri)	15
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3266 Wager, W. (Coburg)	19
4390 Walker, W. J. (Atherton)	13
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55 Wightman, T. R. ("Dick") (Australian)	19
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The Sporting Gun in England Its History and Development

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There can be no better example of English conservatism, of her love of sport and of her admiration for skill, than the manner in which she threw aside the initial advantage she had gained by the discovery of a lethal weapon, because by its development, she would, no doubt, have undermined her skill in archery in which she predominated the world.

The use of gunpowder and its adaptation for employment in the field of battle was first developed by the English, who put it to such good effect that the great army of France was routed at the Battle of Crecy in 1346 by the much smaller English army, mainly on account of the use of cannon fired by gunpowder.

Although the possibility of adopting this great discovery to a handgun was quickly appreciated by other European States and must have been realised by the English, deliberate steps were taken to prevent the success of the venture by prohibiting the introduction of handguns into England.

The reason is well known. The outstanding skill of the British archer and long-bow-man was considered a military advantage far exceeding any that could be gained by use of a mechanical contraption, and it was for this reason that all other forms of sport or games were rigorously suppressed by Act of Parliament. Even 300 years after Crecy, youths were prosecuted at Quarter Sessions for indulging in football—not because of the risk of absenteeism from industry, but because such games attracted the youth of this country away from regular attendance at the village butts. Every village had to maintain

its butts in good repair and every male between the age of 17 and 60 was compelled to spend his spare time and holidays in practising the art.

Those who controlled our destinies were, with some justification, persuaded that a well-trained bowman, prepared as he was for action the moment he got to grips with his enemy, must have advantages over a soldier armed with what was, in any case, a most inaccurate weapon with a range little, if any, greater than that of a skilled archer. One can well imagine the confusion caused by a flight of arrows homing neatly in a nest of soldiers busying themselves with powder, ramrods and matches.

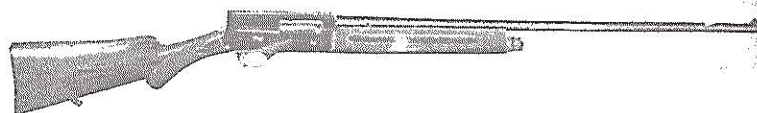
At this period of time it is not easy to decide as to which policy was the correct one, but English gunmakers, then nothing more than ironfounders, must have had an uphill struggle to perfect the handgun, the production of which was against the laws of England. A great tribute is therefore due to English gunmakers that in a remarkably short time after the manufacture of guns became legal in this country, they were able to produce a weapon to overcome all foreign competition.

To trace out the background of the modern sporting gun from the 14th Century, one has to grope one's way through the fog of political restrictions and intrigues which prevented the production in this country of anything worthy of the name of a handgun, until the days of Queen Elizabeth.

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