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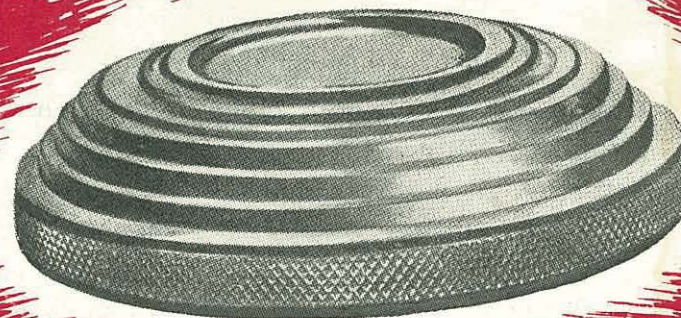
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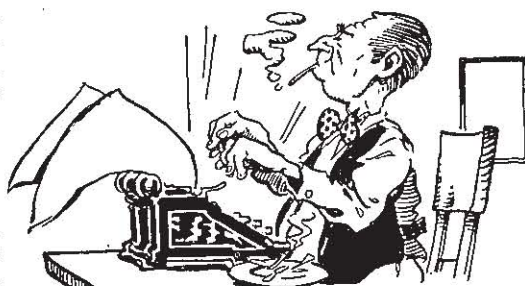
THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

A suggestion which actually emanated from England has been put forward that New Zealand should be included in the annual International contest for the Mackintosh Trophy, at present contested between teams representative of England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and Australia. As pointed out from London, there would appear to be little reason for any objection to this proposal. Inclusion of New Zealand would greatly widen the scope of interest in this major British Empire contest. As New Zealand has now decided to permit visitors to take part and hold (if successful) New Zealand titles, the door would seem to be wide open for a more regular series of Inter-Dominion matches between Australia and our sister Dominion across the Tasman.

British championships are open to all-comers and our kinsmen in the Home countries are always glad to welcome shooters from the British Commonwealth nations and overseas countries generally. Sportsmen visiting Britain in 1951 for the Festival of Britain would be well advised to contact the headquarters of the English Association at 276 Whitchurch Lane, Edgware, Middlesex, and thus receive the best advice regarding shoots they may wish to attend during their stay in Great Britain.

When discussing this publication's early history in last month's issue under this section, it was mentioned that "News" was starting out on its "third year". This should have read fourth year—the third year of its existence is now in the records of the past.

Shooters in every State of the Commonwealth have echoed their



approval of the new lay-out of "News" and the colour cover. One shooter, noted for his general sporting qualities, declared the book to be a "grown-up young lady and well worthy of the new dress we had provided".

Clubs and shooters are reminded that there will be no publication of "News" during January. The January and February issues will be combined as one and enlarged. The date of issue will be approximately February 5. Clubs intending to advertise shoots between end of December and early February are advised to include information regarding these fixtures in the December issue. The normal date of publication will be resumed for the March issue.

Following many requests the "Hints to Hits" prepared by the late Mr. W. P. Grosvenor, for many years the leading shooting coach in Great Britain, and kindly forwarded by him to the Editor of this publication, have been collated and appear in a complete form in this issue. When previously published some two years ago, the series was in serial form.

RAND GUN CLUB (N.S.W.)

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Saturday, 25th November, 1950

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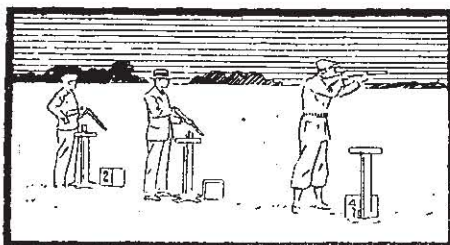
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AROUND THE CLUBS AND MEETINGS...



TASMANIAN G.C. (Launceston).—The Club staged the Tasmanian Double Rise Championship at its St. Leonards Ground on Saturday, 21st October. A head wind caused the birds to flight about considerably and was the cause of the low scoring in this event. The final scores were: P. Marshall, 1st, with 8/12; N. Frith, 2nd, with 7/12; and R. Powell, 3rd, with 8/15.

Results: 3 Prs. Double Rise: N. Frith, P. Marshall, F. Blake, 3/3, div.; S. Marshall, J. Reynolds, A. Poxon, R. Powell, J. McKenzie, 2/3; 15 others. Championship: P. Marshall (Hobart), 1st, 8/12; N. Frith (L'ton), 2nd, 7/12; R. Powell (Cressy), 3rd, 8/15, after shoot-off; J. Reynolds, 6/15; R. Redpath, 7/15; F. Blake, 7/15; A. Poxon, 6/15; 15 others. £20 Full Round Skeet: N. Frith, A. Poxon and S. Marshall, div., 14/20; R. Powell, P. Marshall, C. Young, 13/20; G. Grieves, J. Reynolds, 12/20; T. Kerr, J. Blake, W. Bennett, 11/20; 11 others. £20 Double Barrel Handicap: N. Frith, C. Poxon, R. Powell, 10/10, div. Front Marker: C. Reynolds, G. Grieves, 8/10, div.; P. Marshall, N. Reynolds, S. Marshall, T. Cannon, J. McKenzie, J. Blake, J. Brent, W. Bennett, 9/10; 10 others.

(T. Kerr, Publicity Officer.)

BATHURST (N.S.W.).—Results, 7/10/50: Only five events decided due to late start. No. 1, 3-bird D.B.: L. Barker, J. N. Brazier, C. Campbell, H. Aiken and R. Campbell. No. 2, 5-bird D.B.: J. Barker, J. N. Brazier, C. Campbell, R. Campbell and Lou Lupp. No. 3, 5-bird D.B.: J. Barker, K. McEwen, L. Barker,

V. Howard, C. Campbell and R. Campbell. No. 4, 5-bird D.B.: Lou Lupp and A. Morris. No. 5, 5-bird D.B.: K. McEwen and A. Morris.

Results, 21/10/50: Six events decided in pleasant warmth, making conditions good. No. 1, 3-bird D.B.: J. N. Brazier, J. Barker, C. Campbell, Lou Lupp, H. Jaques, A. Morris and L. Barker. No. 2, 5-bird D.B.: H. Aiken, A. Masters (Blayney), Jim Ryan and L. Healey. No. 3, 5-bird D.B.: Lou Lupp, Jim Ryan and E. Suttor. No. 4, 5-bird D.B.: J. Barker, C. Campbell, J. Howard, H. Aiken, S. Bressington, A. Masters, H. Jaques, L. Healey and L. Barker. No. 5, 5-bird D.B.: J. N. Brazier, J. Barker, J. Howard, Lou Lupp, Jim Ryan, E. Suttor and L. Barker. No. 6, 5-bird D.B.: J. Barker, Lou Lupp and A. Morris.

Congratulations to new shooter, Harry Aiken, on gaining two divisions. His first success came last month and was greatly appreciated by all who know Harry as a good sport. His score of 19/28 was his best yet, but he will improve with practice. Lou Lupp was in form to break 25/28 and secure 4 divisions. Jim Ryan struck a patch again and scored 23/28, as did L. Barker, 24/28. Blayney novice, A. Masters, and C. Campbell, Jim Howard and Jim Ryan all broke 23/28. J. Barker, 22/28; H. Jaques, J. N. Brazier and Larry Healey had 21/28 for the afternoon.

Results 23rd Sept. Weather still good, but attendance small. Seven events decided. Larry Healey, good club man and good sport, was high gun, although only securing three

divisions. New shooters Ken McEwen, Harry Aiken and Arthur Hazlewood showed great improvement, Ken securing 2 divisions. No. 1, 3-bird D.B.: L. Healey, J. N. Brazier, J. Barker, L. Barker, K. McEwen and H. Jaques. No. 2, 5-bird D.B.: A. Hazlewood and C. Campbell. No. 3, 5-bird D.B.: Lou Lupp and K. McEwen. No. 4, 5-bird D.B.: Jim Ryan, L. Barker, L. Lupp, H. Jaques and C. Campbell. No. 5, 5-bird D.B.: Jim Ryan. No. 6, 5-bird D.B.: L. Healey, J. N. Brazier and Lou Lupp. No. 7, 5-bird D.B.: L. Healey, J. N. Brazier, J. Barker and C. Campbell.

(Vic. Howard, Hon. Sec.)

COLAC (V.).—Nearly 40 shooters attended the Colac Gun Club on Saturday to contest the title of Victorian single-barrel champion at clay birds for 1950. The winner was Jack Bryant, of Blackburn, who at present must be regarded as one of the three leading clay shots in Australia. He and Harvey Eldridge (Colac) were the only two to break 19 of the 20 targets allotted to this event.

In the tie shoot Bryant broke his next five while Eldridge allowed one to slip away, to gain a very creditable second. George Biggs (Coburg) was third after a tie shoot with Bill Arnold (Colac). The front marker's award went to Geoff. Lewis, of Birregurra.

In the £40 handicap, George Crosse (Colac) and Cliff Ingbritsen (Coburg) divided first and second money, and Roy Johns, George Biggs, Jim McArthur (all Melbourne) and Jack Ross (Birregurra) divided third.

As will be recognised from the few possibles shot, conditions generally were difficult, with a gusty incoming wind, making some targets very erratic in flight.

Thanks to Mr. R. Volke, the reserve ranger, the club surroundings looked very attractive, and many complimentary remarks were passed by visiting shooters and their families. The ladies provided afternoon and evening tea, which was much appreciated. Main results:

Victorian S.B. Championship (20 birds from 18-yard rise): Jack

Bryant, 24/25, 1; Harvey Eldridge, 23/25, 2; George Biggs, 31/35, 3; 12-yarder, G. Lewis, 14/25. £40 Handicap: George Crosse and "Ingi" divided first and second, 10/10; Jim McArthur, Roy Johns, George Biggs, Jack Ross divided third, all 14/15. Event 3 (5-bird sweep): div. G. Crosse, R. Hinchcliffe, A. Eldridge, R. Ridgeway, C. Grist and D. Corstorphan, all 5/5. Event 4 (ditto): div. C. Romeo, A. Eldridge and D. Corstorphan, all 5/5.

(D. Corstorphan, Hon. Sec.)

Don Corstorphan won the double at the Colac Gun Club's fixture on Saturday, 30/9/50, when, from a field of 30 shooters, he annexed the double-barrel championship and the president's trophy at clay pigeons. All his shots were centred on the targets, very little call being made on his second barrel.

Shooters attended from Yarrowonga, Cressy, Birregurra, Winchelsea and from surrounding districts of Colac, to contest the club championship, which was shot at 15 clay pigeons from 16-yard rise. Although weather conditions were fair at the beginning of the contest, a rapid deterioration occurred about 3.30 p.m., when the edge of a thunderstorm brought rain, wind and poor light. These factors affected the scores of some of the contestants.

Jack Howard, a young and promising shooter from Colac, produced the first possible and was accorded an ovation. Shooting at the Australian Club at East Burwood among a field of 90 contestants, he brought a trophy home when he scored 39/45, which shows that Jack is right "on target" at the moment.

At the end of the field Don Corstorphan produced another possible and he and Howard were required to shoot-off for the title at further groups of five birds, the final result being D. Corstorphan, 20/20, first, and J. Howard, 19/20, second. Third place went to George Crosse, 19/20, after shooting off against Roy Ridgeway, 16/18.

The president's trophy event again produced two shooters with possible scores of 10/10, the tie-shoot resulting in another win for Don Corstorphan.

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phan, 12/12, with Jack McCarthy, 11/12, in second place. Stan Harding, another young shooter, secured the sectional award for the highest score of shooters on the 12-yard handicap mark.

Visitors and shooters were entertained at afternoon tea and refreshments. The president, Mr. E. R. Ball, welcomed all present, and presented the trophies to the winners.

The main results were: Club D.B. Championship at 15 birds: D. Corstorphan, 20/20, 1; J. Howard, 19/20, 2; G. Crosse, 19/20, 3; 12/14 yarder, A. McCorkell, 13/15. Sweep divided by Howard and Corstorphan. Event 2, President's trophies at 10 birds: D. Corstorphan, 12/12, 1; J. McCarthy, 11/12, 2; 12 yarder, S. Harding, 9/10. 9/10's were recorded by Harvey Eldridge and Alex Eldridge. Event 3, 5-bird sweep: div. on fifth round by Ray Hinchcliffe, Billy Roache and Tom Shelton.

Off-box events resulted as follows: No. 1, D. Corstorphan and C. Grist; No. 2, D. Corstorphan and R. Hinchcliffe; No. 3, D. Corstorphan, T. Shelton and C. Grist.

(Extract from Colac newspaper.)

YALLOURN-MORWELL (V.).—

The Yallourn-Morwell Club conducted its annual shoot on behalf of the local Red Cross on September 30. Seventy pounds was handed over after the conclusion of the shooting to the Morwell branch.

Altogether 69 shooters competed in both grades. Three events for trophies were run for the afternoon, and competition was keen. However, shooting was not quite up to the usual standard; only two shooters (M. Atkinson and F. Graham) putting up a score of 15 straight.

It was very pleasing to the club committee to see such a good attendance of shooters, when the proceeds were earmarked to assist such a worthy cause. Competitors came from Traralgon, Yarram, Maffra, Moe, Welshpool, Yallourn and Morwell, and the trophies were very evenly distributed.

Shooting conditions were good generally, there being very little wind. The light was fair for the greater part of the afternoon. Two grounds were used and proved very

successful in enabling the large number of events to be decided.

During the afternoon-tea interval the club president, Mr. S. Jude, presented the trophies to the successful shooters, and expressed the club's appreciation for the good muster of shooters. The president of the Morwell branch of the Red Cross, Mrs. Dunlop, thanked the club for their support and efforts to augment the funds of the local branch.

"A" Grade Results—No. 1 Sweep: div. L. Bourbaud, E. Schlipaleus, W. Hasthorpe, T. Collins, Dr. Martin, L. Savige and C. Baillie, with 5/5. **No. 2 Sweep:** div. M. Atkinson, W. Hasthorpe, G. Wilson, R. Missen, H. Hampton, Dr. Martin, F. Graham, S. Oldham, F. Jenkins, 5/5. **Trophies:** 1st, F. Graham, 18/19; 2nd, M. Atkinson, 17/19. **No. 3 Sweep:** won outright by E. Webb, 10/10. **Trophies:** 1st, E. Webb, 10/10; 2nd, E. Schlipaleus, 11/12; 3rd, G. Sawyer, 10/12. **No. 4 Sweep:** won outright by L. Bourbaud, 10/10. **Trophies:** 1st, L. Bourbaud, 10/10; 2nd, G. Wilson, 10/11; 3rd, W. Copeland, 11/13. **No. 5 Sweep:** div. A. Brinsmead, T. Collins and J. Martin, with 5/5.

"B" Grade Results—No. 1 Sweep: won outright by G. Gourd, 5/5. **Trophies:** 1st, G. Gourd, 5/5; 2nd, F.

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Sawyer, 4/5. No. 2 Sweep: won outright by G. Botten, 9/10. Trophies: 1st, G. Botten, 9/10; 2nd, G. Hasthorpe, 8/10; 3rd, G. Botten Jun., 13/16. No. 3 Sweep: div. G. Botten Jun., G. Hasthorpe and G. Morphett, with 9/10. Trophies: 1st, G. Hasthorpe, 12/14; 2nd, G. Botten Jun., 11/14; 3rd, G. Morphett, 9/11. No. 4 Sweep: won by G. Botten Jun., with 5/5. No. 5 Sweep: won by M. Hare, 5/5. No. 6 Sweep: won by G. Hasthorpe, with 5/7.

(L. Savige, Hon. Sec.)

ROCKHAMPTON (Q.).—Results of two-day shoot at Rockhampton grounds over September 30 and October 1—(30/9/50): No. 1, 5-bird S.B.: div. F. Sams, L. Smith, D. Russell and F. McPherson, 4/5. No. 2 (same): div. F. Sams and D. Russell, 5/5. No. 3, 3 pairs double-rise: div. H. Goodson and L. Smith, 2/3 pairs. No. 4 (same): H. Goodson, 2/3 pairs. No. 5, 5 rounds skeet: div., 4/5, by F. Sams, F. Skinner and S. Bourke, 4/5. No. 6 (same): D. Russell, 4/5. No. 7, 5 birds walk-up: R. Bell, 4/5. No. 8, 5 birds,

single-barrel from 20 yards: D. Russell, 5/7; H. Goodson, 4/7; F. Sams, 3/6. (1/10/50): No. 1, 5-bird S.B.: div. W. Galloway, H. Goodson, D. Russell, 5/5. No. 2 (same): W. Lisle, 5/5. No. 3, Ken Moffat Memorial Cup, 15 birds single-barrel, teams of 5, best 3 to count: won by W. Galloway's team (W. Galloway, 10; F. Appleton, 13; V. Appleton, 9; J. Wigginton, 11, and G. Lawrence, 8), 34/35, from Digger's Gun Club team, 32/45, and L. Smith's team, 30/45. High-gun: F. Appleton, 13/15. No. 4, 5-bird "Jack-in-Box": A. Thompson, 5/5; L. Smith, 4/5. No. 5, £15 Handicap at 10-bird single-barrel: D. Barlow, 10/10; L. Smith, 9/10; A. Thompson, 8/10. No. 6, 5 pairs double-rise: div. R. Savage and C. Allen, 8/10. No. 7, 5-bird S.B.: A. Thompson, 5/5.

(F. Sargeant, Hon. Sec.)

BOOLOOROO (Moree), N.S.W.—Results 23/9/50—No. 1, miss-out off 16 yards: R. D. Williams, 8/8. No. 2, 5-bird S.B.: J. B. Boydell, 10/10; F. H. Thompson, 9/10. No. 3, 10 birds, open handicap, points scoring



Place-getters in 1950 Tasmanian Double-barrel Championship: Rex Powell (Cressy, Tas.), winner; Neith Frith (Launceston) (left), and P. Marshall (Hobart).

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3 and 2: won by D. Livingston, 28 points. No. 4, miss-out. No. 5, Gun down: V. B. Coppock. No. 6, miss-out, double-rise off 16 yards: won by R. D. Williams and V. B. Coppock.

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

BOTHWELL (Tas.).—Results of shooting September 30—No. 1, 5-bird, Novice and 12 yarder: won outright by club president, A. (Bert) Mason, 5/5. No. 2, 5-bird D.B. Sweepstake: div. E. Pulford, A. (Bert) Mason, T. Cannon and A. Lowe, 9/9. No. 3, £50 handicap: div. L. Fisher and T. Cannon, 18/20; E. McRae (8), 17/20; best 12 yarder, W. McMaster, 16/20. No. 4: div. E. McRae (Hobart), C. J. Lowe and Paul Marshall, 5/5 (5 birder). The club's next shoot will be held on Saturday, November 11, when the Central Tasmanian Double-barrel championship will be the main attraction.

CRESSY (Tas.).—Scoring 18 out of a possible 20 "kills", Fred Blake, of Cressy, won the Tasmanian walk-up championship at the Cressy Gun Club's shoot on Saturday. Blake was closely followed by A. E. Poxon and W. Rainbird, with 17/20. After shooting on to the 35th round, Rainbird took second place.

Outstanding performance of the day was that of Rex Powell, of Cressy, who registered 51 "kills" in succession in an unfinished break. This is Powell's second 50 break in the past month.

The championship sash and trophies were presented by the president of the Tasmanian Gun Club, Mr. W. Rainbird, and the Cressy Club president, Mr. E. Casey.

Details: Five-bird walk-up sweepstake: div. A. E. Poxon, C. Poxon, G. Grieves, 5/5; others: W. Rainbird, F. Blake, 4/5; T. Kerr, N. Frith, E. Casey, 3/5. Tasmanian walk-up championship: Fred Blake, 18/20; W. Rainbird, 28/35; A. E. Poxon, 27/35; C. Poxon, N. Frith, 15/20; E. Casey, 14/20; G. Grieves, 13/20. Fifteen-bird handicap (points decision, 3 points first barrel, 1 point second barrel): N. Frith, 45 points; Rex Powell, 43; A. Barnes, 42; E. Casey, 40. Ten-bird double-barrel trophy: Rex Powell, 20/20; N. Frith, 19/20; J. Nunan, 15/16. Five-bird

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F. Blake (Cressy) won the Tasmanian Walk-up Championship conducted by the Cressy Gun Club at Cressy on Saturday, October 14, with a score of 18 kills out of a possible 20. He was closely followed by A. E. Poxon and W. Rainbird, both with 17/20. After shooting on to the 35th round, Rainbird took second place from Poxon.

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T. Kerr, W. Bennett, 27. Ten-bird double-barrel shoot: R. Powell, 20/20; N. Frith, 19/20; J. Neenan, 15/20; A. Poxon, 12/20; F. Blake, 11/12; J. Blake, 10/11; G. Grieves, W. Rainbird, W. Bennett, 9/10; C. Poxon, T. Kerr, C. Churchill, A. Barnes, 8/10; E. Casey, 7/10. Five-bird double-barrel sweepstake: R. Powell, 16/16; W. Bennett, 15/16; N. Frith, 13/14; A. Poxon, 9/10; C. Poxon, 7/8; J. Neenan, 6/7; T. Kerr, 5/6; G. Grieves, E. Casey, J. Blake, C. Churchill, A. Barnes, 4/5; R. Poxon, W. Rainbird, F. Blake, D. Blake, 3/5.

(Rex Powell, Hon. Sec.)

YARRAM (V.).—Hugh Martin, the 15-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Martin, of Yarram, won the single-barrel championship of Gippsland, at Yarram, on Saturday, from a field of 34 shooters from all parts of Gippsland. In the event Hugh shot 17 of the 20 birds, the next best being A. Harrison, F. Dempsey, L. Bourbaud, Dr. Martin and M. Atkinson, 16 each.

The following are the results of the events decided during the day: Five-bird Gun Opener: div. H. Duff, C. Willis, M. Beck, H. Martin, T. Collins, S. Gasson, G. Brinsmead. Five-bird Points Decision: div. M. Beck and C. Steele with 15 points. Fifteen-bird Double-barrel: C. Willis, 1; M. Atkinson, Dr. Martin, M. Beck, H. Martin and S. Gasson div. 2nd and 3rd; best 12/13 yard, S. Gasson. Single-barrel Championship of Gippsland: H. Martin Jun. Sweepstake: A. Harrison, 1st; Dr. Martin, 2nd; L. Bourbaud and F. Dempsey, div. 3rd. Ten-bird Double-barrel: H. Guyatt. Sweepstakes: H. Guyatt and G. Harrison div. Five-bird Sweepstake: won by L. Bourbaud on 15th bird from E. Brinsmead, 14, and Martin Jun., 13.

(Bert Holman, Hon. Sec.)

DAYLESFORD (V.).—The official opening of the Daylesford Gun Club took place on Saturday, October 14. The club was granted the privilege by the A.C.P.T.S.A. of having as its main event the Midlands District Double Barrel Championship. The

weather and conditions for the opening were perfect, the attractive setting of the club was particularly enhanced by this lucky day.

The President of the Club, Cr. Whiteley, introduced the Mayor of Daylesford, Cr. Ogden, and Mr. "Jock" Wilson, the President of the A.C.P.T.S.A. In his speech Cr. Whiteley stressed the splendid work done by members of the club.

Cr. Ogden, in response, expressed his pleasure at being present at the opening and his gratification that this was a further amenity that local residents of Daylesford and visitors could enjoy. He then invited Mr. "Jock" Wilson to say a few words, and to shoot the "Official" Bird.

Mr. "Jock" Wilson gave a brief outline of the A.C.P.T.S.A.; his speech was filled with good wishes for the club, and his remark about improvements and detail were most helpful and gratifying. Mr. Wilson then stepped on to the Championship mark to open the club. This was "Jock's" 61st opening club shot, and he made his 61st opening Kill, amid a mighty roar and acclamation.

The large attendance was a source of great satisfaction to those who had worked so hard to make the day a success. Actual shooters numbered 70 guns. Leading personalities present included Mr. W. McCullough, Secretary of the A.C.P.T.S.A., Mr. Geo. Biggs, Mr. James ("Dux-bac"), Mr. E. Ball, and Mr. D. Corstorphran (President and Sec. Colac Club) and numerous members of our Kin Metropolitan and Country Clubs.

The first event was a 5-bird Pipe Opener. This was divided among some 26 shooters who donated all prize money back to the club. The main event, the Midlands District Double-barrel Championship (20 birds) caused keen competition, the winner of the Canteen of Cutlery being J. Bryant, 65/65; Don Corstorphran (Colac), 63/65 (2nd); A. Russell, 59/60, 3rd place. Best 12/13 yard to Dr. E. Marshall, 29/30. Best Daylesford Colin Mossop, 19/20.

The trophies, which made a magnificent display, had been donated by Patrons of the Club. Mrs. Biggs, wife of Mr. Geo. Biggs, was pre-

sented by the Club, with a small token as a mark of appreciation for her help in scoring the Championship.

Local residents and visitors alike expressed their appreciation for the excellent luncheon and afternoon tea provided by the Lady Patrons of the Club. Truly a grand effort.

The Club extends its thanks to our Vice-President, Mr. Harold Laver, for his long and continuous hard work, and the efficient manner in which he organised and personally conducted the events of the day; all of which would have been impossible without the fine assistance of a very capable President, Cr. T. A. Whiteley, and Committeeman, Mr. Geo. Bull; to Mr. Ted Nankervis and Mr. Merv. Eades for their very valuable help, and to Mr. Jack Richards, our popular Secretary, for his untiring efforts.

The happy day ended with the Presentation of Trophies by Mr. "Jock" Wilson.

(K. H. Bertram, Publicity Officer)

AUSTRALIAN (East Burwood, V.).—The Australian Club opened its October programme with another big attendance on October 7. Results were: No. 1, 10 birds, three possibles, and the three divided 10/10: "Nimrod" (Harry Roberts), R. Hering and Fred Skate. No. 2, 20 birds:



Australian Record Break Holder, A. J. Russell, of Warrandyte (V.).

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FOOTSCRAY (V.).—There was a good muster of shooters on the No. 1 ground at Tottenham, when the Footscray Club conducted a good shoot on October 7. Results were: No. 1, 5 birds, single-barrel: div. Peter Wray and "Pampas", 5/7. No. 2, 10 birds, D.B.: Jim O'Brien, 13/13; S. Snipe, 15/16; 12/13 yarder, C. Sydenham, 15/16. No. 3, 5-bird double-barrel off 25 yards: div. W. Wager, D. Haddow, "Pampas", 7/7. No. 4, 7 rounds skeet: div. N. Guy, A. V. Bird, R. Sydenham and L. Murphy, 7/7. Results, October 21: No. 1: S. Thompson, H. Stevens, A. G. Stewart, "Pampas", C. Sydenham and P. Willis, div. 5 birder, 5/5. No. 2, £20 handicap: D. Haddow, 19/20; T. Spall, "Santa", R. W. Lamb, div. places, 18/20.

LATROBE (Tas.).—Under appalling conditions shooters from Launceston, Cressy, Devonport, Burnie, Beulah, Latrobe and surrounding districts evidenced their keenness in the sport by shooting out the full programme listed by Latrobe Gun Club on Saturday, 30/9/50. Heavy rain fell throughout the afternoon, but this did not dampen the ardour and enthusiasm of trigger pullers.

Main event of afternoon went to consistent shooter, Rex Powell, of Cressy, who returned only full possible in £15 Handicap. Four shooters, R. Rockliff (Sassafras), D. A. Brett (Devonport), G. Grieves

(Launceston) and J. Morse (Latrobe) divided minor-place monies with 9/10. Double Rise and Deauville Doubles events, which were conducted for the first time on the North-West Coast, created keen competition, first-named event being divided by J. Blake (Cressy) and H. R. Downward (Latrobe). Deauville Doubles event went to A. H. Barnes, of Burnie, and J. Blake. After shoot-off, G. Grieves (L'ton) and E. N. Sharman (Beulah) divided first placing and 5-bird sweepstake, which was added to programme. Nine shooters faced the trap in Novice event, which was won outright by promising young Beulah shooter, A. McCarthy.

Results: 5-bird Novice Sweepstake: A. McCarthy, 5/5; Peter Rockliff and J. Denby, 3/5; W. Oliver, 2/5; 5 others. 3 Pairs Double Rise: J. Blake, H. R. Downward, 3/4; D. Brett, 3/5; J. Denby, R. Powell, 2/5; G. Grieves, R. Rockliff, J. Morse, K. Walker, R. Morse, M. Johnstone, 1/3; 5 others. £15 Handicap: Rex Powell, 10/10; R. Rockliff, G. Grieves, J. Morse, D. Brett, 9/10; W. Rainbird, J. Blake, W. Bennett, R. R. Morse, M. Johnstone, 8/10; 7 others. 5 Pairs Deauville Doubles: A. H. Barnes and J. Blake, 5/5; H. R. Downward and G. Grieves, 7/8; R. Powell and W. Bennett, 6/8; R. Rockliff-J. Morse, W. Rainbird-D. Forsyth, 4/6; 3 other pairs. 5-bird Sweepstake: G. Grieves and E. N. Sharman, 8/8; D. Forsyth, 7/8; J. Morse, 6/7; J. Blake, A. McCarthy, A. Barnes, W. Bennett, R. Powell, H. R. Downward, D. Brett and M. Johnstone, 4/5; 4 others.

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

GANMAIN (N.S.W.).—Results of shoot held on October 7. Shooters from The Rock, Wagga, Coolamon and Ardlethan. No. 1, 5-bird D.B.: J. Kelly, 5/5. No. 2, 5-bird D.B.: div. P. Gibbons and R. Casley, 4/5. No. 3, 5-bird D.B.: div. P. Gibbons and R. Casley, 4/5. No. 4, 5-bird D.B.: L. Trembath, 13/14, in shoot-off. No. 5, 5-bird D.B.: L. Trembath, 9/9, in shoot-off. No. 6, 5-bird D.B.: div. P. Gibbons, J. Kelly and L. Trembath, 15/15. 5-bird Trophy Shoot: won by P. Gibbons, 17/17, in shoot-off with Ray Hall (Wagga), with 16/17, 2nd. 10-bird Trophy

Shoot: won by L. Trembath, 10/10, with P. Gibbons, 2nd place in shoot-off with 12/13. £10 Handicap, 15-bird: div. Ray Hall and L. Trembath; 3rd place was divided by C. Angel, J. Winnell and P. Gibbons, with 14/15.

(Pat Gibbons, Hon. Sec.)

SALE (V.).—Results 9/9/50: No. 1: div. Lou Bourbaud, Jim Bindt, Stan Oldham and Herb Guyatt. No. 2: div. Lou Bourbaud, Leu Robinson and Len Schlipalius, div. cash. Dinner set won in shoot-off by Lou Bourbaud. No. 3: Dinner set won by Eric Brinsmead; M. Atkinson, 2nd prize; H. Guyatt, 3rd prize. Sweep div. E. Brinsmead, M. Atkinson and H. Guyatt. No. 4, Deauville Doubles: won by M. Atkinson, and trophies won by Jim Atkinson. M. Atkinson, J. Atkinson, Roy Glover and G. Williams divided the sweep money. No. 5, 5 prs. Double Rise: 1st, Roy Glover; 2nd, Jim Bindt; E. Webb, L. Schlipalius, H. Duff div. 3rd prize money. No. 6, 5-bird Points Decision: div. Les Elston, C. Budge, M. Atkinson, H. Guyatt, J.

Budge and W. Copeland. No. 7: div. J. Bindt, L. Bourbaud, R. Missen, E. Pentland, L. Schlipalius, B. Gibb, J. Atkinson.

7/10/50: 1st Event: div. A. Brinsmead, Lou Schlipalius, R. Missen, W. Missen, L. Bourbaud, E. Brinsmead, R. Glover, H. Guyatt. 2nd Event, Cartridge Case and Sweepstake: won outright by Len Schlipalius; Sweep div. Len Schlipalius, A. Brinsmead, H. Duff. 3rd Event, Chiming Clock and Sweepstake: 1st, Len Schlipalius won clock; Sweep div. Len Schlipalius, H. Duff and J. Budge. 4th Event, Large Pressure Cooker and Sweep: Cooker won by H. Guyatt, and Sweep div. L. Bourbaud, Chas. Budge, H. Guyatt, M. Atkinson. 5th Event, Electric Phya-Shave Razor and Sweep: won outright by T. Gleason; R. Missen, 2nd prize and 2nd money in Sweep; 3rd money not taken—too many gave back to Club. 6th Event, Walk-up, 5-bird Sweepstake: div. W. Stevenson, H. Guyatt, E. Brinsmead and R. Missen. 7th Event, 5 pairs Double Rise: div. R. Glover and Eric Brinsmead. 8th Event, 3 prs. Double

Rise: div. A. Brinsmead, R. Missen, E. Brinsmead, H. Guyatt and M. Atkinson.

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

GUNBOWER (V.) (Sept. 23).—No. 1, 5-bird: div. R. Bateman, A. Spencer, 4/5. No. 2, 5-bird: won by F. Goulding, 5/5. No. 3, 5-bird: div. A. Spencer, M. Spencer, 5/5. No. 4, 5-bird: div. M. Spencer, J. Wise, 5/5. No. 5, double-rise: won by O. McLoughlin, 5/6. Best score, M. Spencer, 14/15.

(J. E. Keogh, Hon. Sec.)

ECHUCA (V.).—Echuca Gun Club held another successful shoot on Saturday, 28/10/50, when 37 shooters competed.

Conditions were bad, but some remarkable scores were recorded and included: R. Adams, F. Dobson, both scored 25/28; A. Holter (Tongala), 20/23; D. Fuller (Tongala), 22/27.

Results were: No. 1 (5 birds): div. R. Adams (Kyabram), E. McHale and D. Fuller (Tongala), F. Dobson, 5/5. Five birds, S.B.: div. D. Fuller, A. Holter (Tongala), 5/5. No. 3 (5 birds), D.B.: F. Dobson, F. Bradley, H. McHale, 5/5. No. 4, Miss Out: F. Dobson, R. Adams, R. McHale, H. Gray, R. McNeill, 4/4. No. 5: R. McHale, A. Holter, W. Cakebread, R. Adams, 5/5. No. 6: W. Cakebread, F. Dobson, R. Adams, 3/3. No. 7, Off Fence: W. Cakebread, L. Gibson, 3/3.

Echuca Gun Club held a very successful shoot on Saturday, October 7, when they conducted the Club Clay Bird D.B. Championship.

Forty shooters competed from Melbourne, Kyabram, Bendigo, Elmore, Girgarre, Gunbower, Patho, Tongala, Nanneella and Bamawm. Conditions were very bad, with a strong wind, which kept birds low.

Best scores were: F. Dobson, 18/20; F. Bradley, 16/20; R. Roch, 17/20; E. McHale, 23/26; R. Thorne, 21/23.

No. 1 Event, 5 birds: div. E. McHale (Tongala), R. Thorne (Girgarre), 8/8. No. 2 Event, Club Double-barrel Championship, 15 birds: F. Dobson (Bamawm), 14/15, 1; E. McHale (Tongala), 18/20, 2. 12-yarder Trophy: J. Simpson (Ton-

gala), 15/17. F. Dobson took first money in 5/- and 10/- sweeps; second money div. R. Thorne, J. Simpson, G. McDonald, E. McHale, R. Koch, W. Cakebread. No. 3 Event, Miss-out: div. R. McNeill, G. McDonald, E. McHale, 3/3. No. 4 Event, Miss-out off 20 yds.: div. R. Adams, W. Cakebread, A. Rickards, D. Mansell (Melbourne).

(A. Rickards, Hon. Sec.)

DENILQUIN (N.S.W.).—Club shoot, September 23: No. 1, Club Double-barrel championship: M. Crowe, 19/20; S. Holschier, 17/20; E. Daly, 21/25; Leo Ridge, 20/25. No. 2, 10 birds, S.B.: div. M. Crowe and L. Ridge, 9/10. No. 3, 5 birds, D.B.: div. H. Matthews, E. Daly, M. Crowe, 5/5.

The club's annual Six Hour Holiday week-end shoot took place over September 30 and October 2. There was a big attendance of visitors, including a number of shooters from Melbourne. Results were (23/9/50): No. 1, Riverina D.B. Championship, four possibles, tie shoot: J. Bryant, 40/40; V. Cox (Hay), 39/40; "Dinky", 29/30; W. Gibbs (Griffith), 28/30; front-marker, M. Crowe, 19/20. No. 2, £50 handicap: div. V. Dudley, A. H. Brenk (Peak Hill), P. Griffiths (Rand), M. Crowe, A. N. N. Mills (Burrabogie), J. Duchatel (Griffith), 20/20; tie shoot (after each had taken £7), A. N. N. Mills, 30/30; A. H. Brenk, 29/30; M. Crowe, 28/30. Results October 2: N.S.W. Single-barrel championship, four 17/20's, tie shoot: W. F. Robertson (Deniliquin), 30/35; H. McMaster, 25/30; E. G. Biggs, 29/35; R. Longmore, 24/30. No. 2, £50 handicap: div. C. Mudford, P. Pettit, E. Daly, 20/20. No. 3, 12 div.: W. F. Robertson, W. Wager, C. Pocock, H. Duff, Reg. McNamara, Ron Jones, G. Daly, Max Gibson, "Dinky", Peter Wray, S. Holschier and L. Ridge, 10/10.

(L. Ridge, Hon. Sec.)

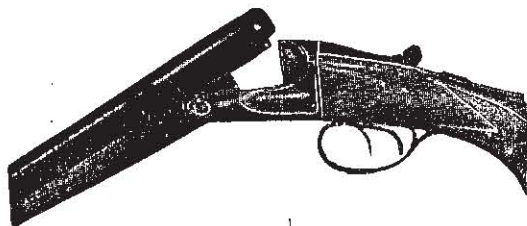
PIRRON YALLOCK (V.).—Shoot held 7/10/50. Conditions for shooting were fair. High guns for the day were Ray Hinchcliffe, 36/37; Harvey Eldridge, 34/36; Roy Ridgeway, 27/30, and George Simpson, 33/37.

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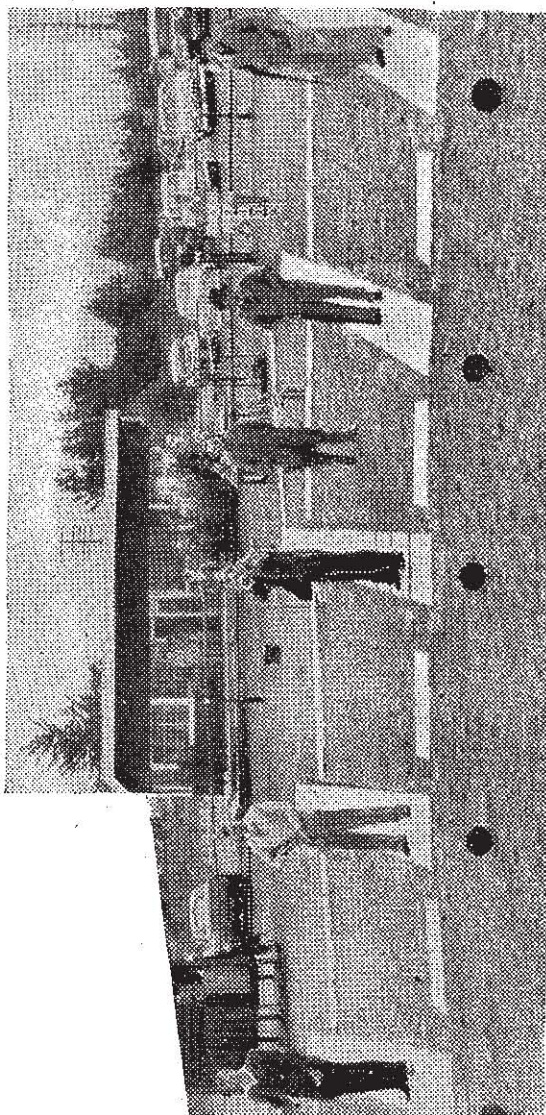
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(Mercury Photo)

Harvey Eldridge finished the day with a break of 28 straight, and journeying to Daylesford the following week, continued on to complete a break of 59 without a miss. Harvey thus qualifies for a Hartley's 50 straight break badge.

Details: Event 1, 5-bird sweep: possibles by "Apex", Howard Simpson, G. Cobbledick, F. Eldridge Snr., Hinchcliffe and H. Eldridge; shoot-off resulted: div. G. Simpson, R. Hinchcliffe, J. Howard and F. Eldridge Snr., all 7/7. No. 2, 10-bird trophy event: only two possibles were recorded by Ray Hinchcliffe and Roy Ridgeway; these two shooters decided to toss a coin to decide; the result: Ridgeway, first, 10/10; Hinchcliffe, second, 10/10; tie shoot for third between W. Roache, G. Simpson, N. Vagg and H. Eldridge, all 9/10; result: G. Simpson and H. Eldridge tossed a coin on the 13th round, Harvey winning the toss and taking third place. Front-markers' trophy went to Johnny Howard, with 8/10. No. 3, 5-bird Sweep: div. on 5th round by "Apex", Hinchcliffe, H. Eldridge, J. Moffat, Ridgeway, T. Meek and W. Roache. No. 4, 5-bird S.B. Sweep: div. on 5th round by H. Eldridge and R. Ridgeway, 5/5. No. 5, 5-bird Sweep: div. on 5th round by Hinchcliffe, H. Eldridge, Roache, Simpson and N. Vagg, all 5/5. No. 6, 5-bird Sweep: div. on 5th round by "Apex", Hinchcliffe, H. Eldridge and N. Vagg, all 5/5.

28/10/50: Western District Deauville Doubles Championship: won by H. Mills ("Apex") and Ray Hinchcliffe, with G. Simpson and A. McCorkell taking second place.

The Championship was shot under difficult conditions at the Pirron Yallock Gun Club's grounds on Sat., October 28. Shooting in fine style, Mills and Hinchcliffe broke 18 of the 20 targets released, closely followed by Simpson and McCorkell with a score of 17/20, with Cr. M. McGrath and F. Shelton taking third place in the attached sweep. The winners received a handsome wristlet watch each and the runners-up a silver rose bowl each.

Other Events: 3 Prs. Deauville sweep: div. M. McGrath and F. Shelton, G. Crosse and T. Shelton, and W. Roache and J. Howard, all

3 pairs each. Event 3, 5-bird sweep: div. on 5th round by "Apex", T. Shelton, R. Ridgeway, C. Grist, J. Howard and W. Roache, all 5/5. Event 4, 10-bird sweep: won outright by W. Roache, 10/10. Event 5, 5-bird sweep: possibles by Hinchcliffe, McGrath, Roache, Corstorphane, Ridgeway, McCorkell, Meek and N. Westwood; shoot-off result: div. between W. Roache, Hinchcliffe, Ridgeway and McCorkell, all scoring 12/12.

(A. G. McCorkell, Hon. Sec.)

HOBART (Tas.).—Commonwealth Double-barrel Championship, 1950. A. Nelson, of Collinsvale, won the Commonwealth double-barrel championship, held by the Hobart Gun Club at Brighton (Tas.) on October 7. Nelson is one of two shooters in Tasmania who hold both the Commonwealth double and single-barrel championships. The other is J. M. Tyquin.

In a gale force wind, Nelson shot one outside the possible from the 20-yd. mark. He had to use the second barrel only once. T. Cannon (Hobart) came second, with 23/25, and R. Powell, of Cressy, was third with 32/35 after a shoot-off with three other competitors.

Mainland competitors included "Duxbac" (H. James), Roy Johns, John Bryant Senr. and Lance Small. Johns was the only visitor to accustom himself to the conditions, and he won the £100 double-barrel handicap with 35/37. A. Nelson gained second place with 34/37, and H. M. Eddington was third with 29/32.

Results: Championship: A. Nelson, 24/25, 1; T. Cannon, 23/25, 2; R. Powell, 32/35, 3; J. Tyquin, J. Bryant, H. M. Eddington, 22/25; P. Marshall, N. Frith, "Duxbac" (H. James), 21/25; R. Redpath, J. M. McKenzie, C. Poxon, F. Blake, E. Casey, M. Bale, 20/25; E. G. McRae, J. A. Brent, J. Blake, E. Marshall, A. Poxon, R. Johns, 19/25; 12 to 14-yard award, J. M. McKenzie. £100 double-barrel handicap: R. Johns, 35/37, 1; A. Nelson, 34/37, 2; H. M. Eddington, 29/32, 3; N. Frith, E. G. McRae, 28/31; "Duxbac", 23/25; R. Powell, P. Marshall, A. Poxon, S. Marshall, E. L. Marshall, M. Colibeck, 22/25; E. Casey, 21/25; J. M. Tyquin, M. Bale, K. Pulford,

E. Pulford, J. M. McKenzie, F. Pulford, H. R. Downwood, C. Reynolds, J. Reynolds, 20/25. Handicap awards: 12 yds., C. Reynolds; 13 yds., J. Reynolds; 14 yds., E. G. McRae; 15 yds., S. Marshall; 16 yds., N. Frith; 18 yds. and over, "Duxbac". 10-bird double-barrel handicap: P. Marshall, 32/32, 1; R. Rockliffe, 31/32, 2; W. Reynolds, J. Brent, K. Pulford, A. J. Lowe, R. Redpath, T. Cannon, 9/10, equal 3; J. Reynolds, C. Clarke, B. C. Smith, B. Moles, R. Johns, E. Casey, J. Tyquin, F. Blake, C. Allwood, E. Pulford, J. M. McKenzie, W. R. Morgan, A. Poxon, C. Poxon, A. F. Johnston, "Duxbac", J. Neenan, 8/10. Novice shoot: B. C. Smith, 5/5, 1; Miss M. Reynolds, A. F. Johnston, C. Clarke, 4/5, equal 2.

(Mrs. M. Nelson, Club
Publicity Officer.)

BENALLA (V.).—Results Oct. 7, 1950: No. 1, 5 birds: div. K. Reynolds, A. Roberts and H. McMaster, 5/5. No. 2 (same): div. K. Reynolds, J. Nicholson, P. Pettit and L. Plum, 5/5. No. 3, North-Eastern (V.)

single-barrel championship: won outright by Victorian Double-barrel champion, Phil. Pettit, 18/20 (missed 7th and 14th) from A. Roberts, 26/30, and G. Walker, 25/30. Roberts and Walker both stopped 16/20 over the original course of the event. Others close up were "Silver" (J. H. Lodge), G. McLeod, J. J. Cooper, each 15/20.

SEYMOUR (V.).—The Seymour Gun Club held its monthly shoot on 7/10/50. Good weather conditions prevailed. The principal event was for the "Jock" Wilson Trophy. This trophy must be won twice and was shot for on Saturday for the first time at 5 birds D.B. No possibles were scored, but three shooters tied with 4/5. The shoot-off was won by M. Gray, 12/13, from W. Gribben, 11/13. The results of shoot were as follows: No. 1, 5-bird D.B.: M. Long, L. Gribben, W. Reid, H. A. McIntosh, div., 5/5. No. 2, W. A. Smith Cup, 5-bird D.B. (to be won three times): 1st, L. Gribben, 8/8; 2nd, L. Drummond, 7/8; 3rd, W. Gribben, 5/6. No. 3, "Jock" Wilson Trophy, 5-bird D.B. (to be won twice): 1st,

M. Gray, 12/13; 2nd, W. Gribben, 11/13; 3rd, G. Sagers, 7/9. No. 4, 5-bird D.B.: L. Drummond, A. H. Earl, W. Gribben, div., 6/6. No. 5, 5-bird D.B.: M. Gray, W. Gribben, div., 5/5. No. 6, Miss-out: W. Gribben, M. Gray, K. Coombs, A. Whitechurch, div., 4/4.

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

COBURG (V.).—Coburg Club opened its October series on October 14 in perfect shooting weather. Results bear out how shooters relished the ideal shooting day. Stan Thompson held to a break of 78 unfinished. Results were: No. 1, 5 birds: div. "Ingi", S. Thompson, W. Hurlstone, 9/9. No. 2, 20 birds, points scoring: "Ingi", 59/60 points; Stan Thompson, 58/60; Dave Haddow, 57/60; 12/14 yarder, W. Hurlstone, 55/60. No. 3, 10 birds, D.B.: Stan Thompson, 39/39; J. H. Headland, 38/39; P. Garrone, 21/22; 12/14 yarder, Peter Wray, 26/27. No. 4: div. Stan Thompson and Peter Garrone, 20/20; W. Finnegan (3), 19/20.

A splendid muster of shooters faced up to the double track lay-out on October 28—many, doubtless, having in mind the value of "seeing the track" prior to the club's Grand Prix programme on Melbourne Cup Day holiday. Results were: No. 1, 10 birds, D.B.: div. W. Finnegan, F. Dally, J. Hyett, L. Small, C. Cole, F. Cautero, M. Bourke and Anderson. No. 2, 10 birds, S.B.: "Ingi", 12/12; Darcy Watson, 11/12; R. Hering, 19/20; front-marker, M. Newnham, 17/19. No. 3, 10 birds, D.B.: W. Finnegan, 26/26; C. Mudford, 25/26; D. Haddow, 24/25; front-marker, D. Armstrong, 20/21.

CURRIE (King Island, Tas.).—

The Gun Club shoot at Currie at the week-end, favoured by perfect weather conditions, proved one of the most successful on recent record. The attendance was very good.

Results were: 5-bird Practice: F. Misson, P. O'Connell; 5-bird Novice: J. Kaine, L. Barranger; 20-bird D.B. Handicap: J. McHugh, E. Curbishley; 5 pairs Deauville Doubles: Deanshaw-McHugh, Turner-Poke; 5 pair Double Rise: J. McHugh, I. Denby; 3 pair Walk-up: F. Misson, I. Denby.

Two alleged ex-champions added variety and entertainment to the serious business by engaging in a shooting match for side-wagers of £25. However, the contestants, Professor Frimley and an anonymous lady shooter of renown, were unable to conclude their marathon with the onset of dusk. The comments of both on the failure of the Council to provide electric light for Currie were worth hearing.

(Reprinted from "The King Island News", 4/10/50.)

TONGALA (V.).—Tongala Gun Club held a successful shoot on Saturday, Sept. 23. Conditions were good and some good shooting was witnessed. High Gun went to E. McHale (Tongala), with 12 straight, and also 22/25. Other good scores were: A. Rickards (Echuca), 21/25, and R. Adams (Kyabram), 19/25.

Results: No. 1, 5-bird: div. R. McHale, H. Gibson, L. Gibson and G. Hodgson, 5/5. No. 2, 5-bird Novice: div. W. Rickards and V. Dobson, 5/5. No. 3, 10-bird Trophy and 5/- and 10/- Sweeps: div. A. Rickards (Echuca) and E. McHale (Tongala), 10/10. Shoot-off for Trophy won by E. McHale, 14/15. Front-markers' Trophy won by J. Simpson (Tongala). No. 4, 5-bird S.B.: div. A. Rickards, W. Rickards, E. McHale, R. Stagg, V. Dobson, H. Gray, "Newry" and R. Thorn, 4/5. No. 4, 5-bird S.B.: div. H. Gray, F. Dobson, "Newry", R. Thorn, A. Rickards, E. J. McHale, R. Stagg, W. Rickards, 4/5.

(E. McHale, President.)

LAKE GEORGE (N.S.W.).—Once again the Lake George Club was marred by rain, making six times in seven shoots, and just to be contrary, it rained just when the hours of insurance ended. This, however, did not stop some very fine shooting. Newton Thomas, of the Townsville Club, carried off both the Single and Double-barrel titles, with 20/20 in the Single and 85/85 in the Double. S. Lamb (Goulburn) shot off for 2nd with R. Ceely (Lake George); Sid broke his 5 extra, Ceely missing the 4th extra. J. Ireland (Lake George) shot off with clubmate K. Stumbles for the 12/13 yd. trophy; the latter only got 2/5 against 3/3; however,

WONGABRI GUN CLUB . BOWRAL N.S.W

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

25TH NOVEMBER 1950

at 1.30 p.m.

MAIN EVENT—

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he won the trophy for the 12/13 yd. local shooter.

Six shooters tied with 20/20 at the end of D.B. Championship: Thomas, Lamb, A. Shepherd (Wongabri), F. Hatch, Stumbles and G. Mortimore, of Lake George. The large crowd of spectators were all for Mortimore, a young 17-year-old shooter, but he missed his 2nd, finishing with 24/25; Hatch missed his 3rd, and Stumbles 2nd and 5th, the latter again winning the 12/13 yd. Lake George shooter trophy; Mortimore won the best 12/13 yd. trophy. Lamb, Shepherd and Thomas, shooting in that order, continued until Sid missed 57th bird, gaining 3rd place; the other two continued until Shepherd missed his 84th.

Vice-President J. Ireland presented the trophies to: N. Thomas, both sashes, silver champagne bucket and an 8-day clock; S. Lamb, pressure cooker (2nd S.B.) and an elec-

tric kettle (3rd D.B.); A. Shepherd, silver teapot; R. Ceely, set of carvers; K. Stumbles, wallets for best Lake George 12/13 yd. in both events; G. Mortimore, silver sandwich tray; best 12/13 yd. in D.B. and silver sugar basin for the best 12/13 yd. in the S.B. event.

Visiting shooters spent the Sunday as guests of J. Brown, of "River-view" Station, trout fishing, having some good sport even if they did get caught in a hail storm.

Although the visitors carried off most of the major prizes, the Lake George boys reckon it was worth it to see such shooting and receive coaching and hints that were given them.

(E. G. Croker, Hon. Sec.)

WALPEUP (V.) (September 30).—North-West Mallee Championship at Walpeup grounds. A large gathering of shooters and supporters



Presentation of Commonwealth Double-barrel Championship Sash to Mr. A. Nelson by Mrs. J. M. Tyquin, wife of the Hobart Gun Club's popular President, while Mr. E. H. Round hands over the attached trophy.

(Mercury Photo)

attended the shoot. There were 22 shooters in the main event, the Championship. After the 20 birds had been released, J. Malkin and A. W. Hinneberg, with 19/20, were level, and G. Stone (last year's winner) in next place. The Championship resulted in A. W. Hinneberg winning with 24/25 from J. Malkin, 23/25, with G. Stone 3rd, with 16/20.

Other results: 5-bird, R. Martin, 4/5; Novice, A. Jardine, 5/5; Deauville Doubles, M. Emmett, S. Jardine, 5/6.

The club was very pleased with the meeting and looks forward to making the day bigger next year.

(H. D. Mooney, Hon. Sec.)

GIDGINBUNG (N.S.W.), 23/9/50: Results: Event No. 1, 5-bird Sweepstake: R. Forbutt, 5/5; G. Patterson, 5/5; R. Franke, 5/5; L. Trembath, 5/5; R. Merrin, 5/5, div. Event No. 2, 5-bird D.B. Sweepstake: L. Trembath, 5/5; L. Bowditch, 5/5; F. English, 5/5; L. Mangelsdorf, 5/5; H. Ashton, 5/5; H. Donaldson, 5/5, div. Event No. 3, Trembath Trophy, D.B. off 16 yds.: 1st, H. Ashton, 15/15; 2nd, G. Patterson, 20/21; N. Phillips, 20/21; 12 yd. Trophy, J. Ryalls, 14/15. Deauville Doubles: M. Barr, L. Ronneing, 6/6. Double Rise: J. Greentree, 3 pairs.

(C. Spratt, Hon. Sec.)

CHARTERS TOWERS (Q.).—The Queensland Double Rise Championship was conducted at the Charters Towers Diggers' Clay Pigeon Club Grounds on Sept. 24. A field of 27 competed, and included the Commonwealth Double Rise champion, Jack Gerber, of Lower Burdekin Club.

The excellent score of 11/12 pairs was recorded by Reg Winn, Lower Burdekin Club. Reg shot 11 straight, killed the one in the last pair, and badly dusted the other. His shooting right through the day was of a very high standard, and congratulations go to him on a real grand performance.

Jim Smith, Lower Burdekin, and Fred Blackman, popular Townsville

Gun Club Secretary, were very unlucky in meeting Reg in such shooting form. Their dual scores of 10/12 were good enough to win any other time, but not good enough on the day. Jim missed his 9th and 12th, and Fred his 1st and 9th pairs.

Percy McDonald, President, presented the winners' trophies and congratulated them on their splendid performances.

The day's events resulted: 5-bird S.B.: K. Russell, C. McDonald, S. Ball, J. Smith, R. Byers, 5/5. 5-bird D.B.: W. Carrington, C. McDonald, R. Winn, Geo. Archer, C. Walker, 5/5. Qld. Double Rise Championship: 1st, R. Winn, 11/12; 2nd, J. Smith, 10/12; 3rd, F. Blackman, 10/12. Deauville Doubles: L. Rennie-W. Archer and J. Collinson-W. Carrington, 5/5. £10 Handicap: L. Rennie, R. Winn, J. Gerber, W. Archer, C. Walker, P. McDonald, W. Edmondson, J. Smith, 10/10. No. 6, 5-bird S.B.: div. H. Haller, K. Russell, W. Carrington, A. Castles, Mrs. Christenson, Geo. Archer, 5/5. No. 7, Miss-out: S. Ball, 5/5.

(Tom Husband, Hon. Sec.)

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"Tips" and "Tails"

During a brief visit last month to the picturesque second city of Queensland, Toowoomba, it was indeed a pleasure to meet in with some of the local club officials. Arthur Collins (President), who has not enjoyed the best health in recent months, was my first contact. Later a bit of Scotch navigation got me in contact with club secretary, Charlie Hamilton, and committeeman, Roy Hirning. Both expressed their pleasure at meeting in with "some part of the Association" and both went to some effort to ensure I "was shown the town". So much so that both Charlie and Roy produced a brand-new U.S.A. car and drove me to the club's shooting ground adjacent to the air-strip; this took place at 9 p.m. The club is in a splendid financial position, but has been hampered by having its appointments removed during the war period for defence uses and not yet replaced. The pavilion, white railings and all appointments were stripped down and as a result the club has now to erect a tent whenever it runs a shoot. The process of restoration is under way and next year should see the club back into its own again. Its shooting sky-line is as near perfect as possible, shooting away from the sun all day. Roy Hirning, who has maintained his registration despite little or no shooting, mentioned that he would not miss "News" at any price. He is the proud owner of two fine cocker spaniels, both of which are capable of bringing in his mail from the front-box each day. Last month it seemed that the new cover on "News" rather intrigued the playful dogs and a tug-of-war ensued as to which should have the honour of delivering to the feet of their master. In the resultant confusion a few pages were torn out by healthy tusks. However, Roy

came to the rescue and, after judicious pasting, was able to, as he termed it, "read from cover to cover". The Toowoomba Club has now resumed affiliation and looks forward to the time when a few southern shooters will drop in to enjoy shooting over the club's near-perfect background.

The Northern Tasmanian Shooting Carnival, conducted by the Tasmanian Gun Club (Launceston) and the Cressy Gun Club, and advertised over the double-page centre spread in this issue, promises to be one of the highlights of the holiday shooting season. The Tasmanian Club will shoot all day from 10 a.m. on December 23, with the Commonwealth Skeet Championship and a £100 handicap as the main attractions. On December 26 and 27 the Cressy Club will take over with the Tasmanian Deauville Doubles Championship and a £50 handicap as the main events on the opening day and a £100 handicap as the main match on the second day. Full details are explained at length in the advertising mentioned.

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Place-getters in the 1950 Commonwealth Championship. (L. to R.): R. Powell, 3rd; A. Nelson, 1st; T. Cannon, 2nd.

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Northern Tasmanian Shooting Carnival

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All-day shoot to commence at 10 a.m.

23rd December 1950

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GRAND XMAS SHOOTING CARNIVAL

DECEMBER 26th and 27th

Commencing 10.30 a.m. both Days.

PROGRAMME.

1st DAY:

Event 1—3 PAIRS DEAUVILLE DOUBLES SWEEPSTAKE
Nomination, 5/- per shooter.

Event 2—

Tasmanian Deauville Doubles Championship

20 pairs of Birds from 18 yards—only pairs to count.

Nomination, 20/- per shooter, with Optional Sweep of 10/- per shooter, divided 60%, 30%, 10%. No deductions.

Championship Sashes and handsome Trophies, 1st; Trophies, 2nd.

Event 3—£50 HANDICAP - DOUBLE BARREL
20 BIRDS. Nomination, 50/-.

1st, £30; 2nd, £10; 3rd, £7/10/-; 4th, £2/10/-.

2nd DAY:

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

Event 2—£100 HANDICAP D.B. - 30 BIRDS
Nomination, £4.

1st, £60; 2nd, £20; 3rd, £15; 4th, £5.

Event 3—10 BIRD S.B. TROPHY SHOOT. Nomination, 10/-.
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State Teams match to be shot in conjunction with £100 Handicap.

Conditions: Team to consist of 5 shooters. Any Club may nominate more than one team. Nomination, 20/- per team. Winning team to receive full amount of team's nomination without any deduction.

ASSOCIATION HANDICAPS AND CONDITIONS.

Lunch Interval, 12.30.

Lunch available at Hotels. Afternoon tea on ground. Cartridges Available. The Committee reserve the right to make any alteration they consider necessary in the programme. Also the Committee takes every precaution, but no responsibility for any accidental damage to any person or property on the shooting ground.

EDWARD CASEY,
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known as the Border Gun Club; doubtless, the name is derived from the club's close proximity to both Victoria and New South Wales. Hon. Secretary of the club is C. D. Miles, of Sanger Street, Corowa, N.S.W. President, W. T. Easdown, and treasurer, R. Cook. The club held its official opening shoot on October 21.

Daylesford Club, in Victoria's Midland District, had what may be termed a "slashing" opening shoot on October 14. There have been few shooting days in Victoria's history on which more perfect conditions could have been ordered. Visitors rolled up in quantity and enjoyed the generous hospitality of the club throughout the day. Luncheon, afternoon tea and "as many feeds as you wanted" were all "on the house" and this gesture was warmly and favourably commented upon by visiting shooters. Flanked by low hills on three sides, with a paddock of wildflowers made for the ideal setting in bright sunny weather. The Mayor of Daylesford was introduced by club president, Cr. T. A. Whiteley, both of whom welcomed the visitors, and the latter called upon Association President, "Jock" Wilson to officially fire the first shot. To the accompaniment of the usual banter, general to such occasions, with the added profusion of side-wagers (which included the usual ration of "Heather Dew"), the Association chief Executive official again maintained his record of never yet missing an official opening shot, and smashed the first disc (a half right quartering release) to dust. Whether all the side-wagers were paid, we did not ascertain, but we saw a few scratching heads and looking very thoughtful, probably having wagered against the day when "Jock" must "miss one before long". Jack Bryant returned an excellent performance in winning the title. The Victorian Midland District D.B. Championship, with a score of 70 straight after tying with 11 others. Don Corstorphan, the Colac club secretary, chased Bryant to the 68th round to run second. Corstorphan was unlucky striking Bryant in such good form. Gus Russell, the record Australian break holder, was third, 79/80, with George Biggs next, 78/80.

Forbes Gun Club (N.S.W.) has experienced the difficulties which many of the N.S.W. clubs have undergone in recent months—that is, flooding of shooting grounds due to the abnormal season in portions of that State. Advice is now to hand that the club has purchased a new area which members claim is "above flood level". Shooters everywhere will wish the club and all those similarly placed in regard to floods a lot better shooting in future.

A tip from the Hornsby-Stonehenge area of New South Wales indicates that some of the Victorian women shooters will have to be looking to their laurels on account of the sport of clay pigeon shooting beginning to interest the fair sex in Sydney. Our report signifies that a Miss Val. Sargent has frightened a few of the regulars by her good shooting at a Hornsby shoot on October 14. Miss Sargent made no bones about accepting her mark as 16 yards and proceeded to stop them with consummate ease, using an automatic. We understand, too, that she used shells that are not renowned for lack of punch around the shoulders.

The Rand Club, not so far from the Murray in New South Wales, will conduct the 1950 Riverina Walk-up Championship on the local grounds on Saturday, November 25. The club recently installed a new automatic trap, and this will be in operation for the title event. A \$50 handicap is also listed in the programme. The club's original trap

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will be used for minor and novice competition during the day. Secretary is A. L. Godde, Kindra Street, Rand (Phone 13), who will be pleased to answer all enquiries.

Hobart Club (Tas.) has originated a worth-while scheme by the appointment of a "club handicapping committee". This body, of which Eric McRae, a former club secretary and now manager of "7HO Hobart" is chairman, has been formed with the object of "bringing handicaps into line" and recommending "association handicaps which we consider should be amended". This idea is one that could be adopted by other clubs which do not have an official handicapper. The club (Hobart) is somewhat concerned that some other groups fail to forward returns. This lag is gradually being overcome and clubs which carry out the fullest co-operation with the Association can be assured that their members will not be unfairly penalised in yardage.

A new club is under way at Goondiwindi in Queensland. It is advised that some 40 shooters are already

on the club's membership roll. The club has ordered a new automatic trap and preparations are being made to lay down a concrete pullers' hut and five concrete shooting tracks. A big opening is intended and this will possibly be advertised in "News". Goondiwindi sportsmen will look forward to some interest from Southern shooters. Like so many clubs in Southern Queensland, Goondiwindi has not been favoured by many rainless shooting days in recent weeks.

It is indeed pleasing to report the affiliation of another Western Australian club, that of Geraldton. This club is the farthest North-West club affiliated with the A.C.P.T.S.A.—just as Atherton is farthest in the Northern gulf country area. Noel Glass is secretary. He, together with Bill Mellows, another club member, called in on the way home from Sydney, where both had been representing their State in the Commonwealth Rifle Match at Liverpool (N.S.W.). Both Noel and Bill also fixed up their current registration fees at the same time.



Eric Miller, Leeton Club Secretary (N.S.W.), looking very secretarial.

(A. J. Russell Photo)

BOTHWELL GUN CLUB

TASMANIA

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

SHOOTING GROUNDS AT BOTHWELL.

Saturday, 2nd December, 1950

Event No. 1—5 BIRD NOVICE TROPHY SHOOT
Nomination, 5/-.

Event No. 2—5 BIRD D.B. SWEEPSTAKE
Nomination, 5/-.

Event No. 3—

£40

Double Barrel Handicap

Nomination, £2.

Event No. 4—5 BIRD S.B. SWEEPSTAKE
Nomination, 5/-.

Other events, time permitting.

First event, 11.30 - - Afternoon Tea on Ground

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Hon. Secretary,
Bothwell, Tas.

Balranald, in Southern New South Wales, has formed a clay pigeon shooting club and will later affiliate with the A.C.P.T.S.A. President is R. J. Boynton.

Victoria's dried fruit area is coming under notice in the clay pigeon shooting field with a prosperous club at Merbein. It is expected that the Merbein club will also become an affiliated unit of the Association.

Warwick Clay Bird Gun Club (Q.) affiliated early last month—in fact, just missed mention in the previous issue of "News". It is understood that the club's grounds are situated on Clive Evans' property. We noticed a long account of a very successful shoot under this club's supervision in a Queensland country paper recently, but details are still a bit obscure. Secretary of the club is A. J. Dempster, of Warwick.

Hobart Club (Tas.) has announced its programme for the Christmas shoot. Full details are as appear in this issue. The series will be an interesting programme for all viewpoints. A main event none other than a Commonwealth tower title and a whole round of minor events, are listed. The Commonwealth Tower title was shot at Hobart last year and the winner was J. McKenzie. Coburg was originally allotted this event for 1950, but, due to that club's tower being unsafe and about to be pulled down, it was decided to re-allot it to Hobart.

Townsville Club (Qld.) will stage the Queensland Double-barrel championship and North Queensland Mixed Birds title over a two-day shoot on December 2 and 3 next. Minor handicap events, including £20 and £25 contests, are included. Southern shooters would be welcomed at these interesting matches and all enquiries regarding same should be directed to the Townsville Club secretary, Fred Blackman, Box 415, Townsville, Qld.

The first Western Australian double-barrel championship, shot at Kenwick, just outside Perth, on October 7, was won by a 19-year-old Katanning trapshot, Colin Watson. The winner stopped 33/35 and won from the brothers Spencer Colliver, 31/35, and Harold Colliver,

23/25, both of Perth. Full details will appear later.

Nymagee, in Western N.S.W., is sponsoring a new clay pigeon shooting club and intends starting off in the early part of 1951. It is intended that the club should be affiliated with the A.C.P.T.S.A.

Coburg and Footscray Clubs, in the Melbourne metropolitan area, have both decided to call a halt from shooting on December 30. So many of their members will be visiting country centres and with others on seaside holidays, the clubs considered it also a good opportunity to give officials a break from active bi-weekly Saturday duty. Both clubs' programmes up to the end of the year are as published in this issue.

We are pleased to submit the following epistle prepared by one of our newer scribes, in the Australian Club Vice-President, Harry Ball. (Results have been deleted from this section and included "Around the clubs and meetings"). Harry writes: "After seven months of fine Saturdays, Jupiter Pluvius thought it was time that he put in an appearance at East Burwood. He beat the guns, and held up the shoot for some time, but he washed in a welcome stranger in the form of Jim McArthur, ex-President of the old Blackburn Club, whom we have not seen for twice as many months as our fine Saturdays. Jim has been turning the sod and looks every inch the fit and lean, typical Australian farmer. During the heavy rain President Jim Bienvenu seized the 'mike' and proceeded to entertain the down-hearted shooters with a little 'Pow-wow'. He thanked members for their wonderful support at the recent Charity Shoot, stating that many beautiful trophies and much cash had been donated, and through the efforts of members the club had been enabled to present to the Box Hill and District Hospital Appeal a cheque for £200. Thus enabling the young lady that sold you the tickets for side-show on that day to win the popular girl competition. The young lady was representative of the area 'East Burwood', in which the gun club operates. The second Annual Meeting was held at Scott's Hotel, Collins Street, Melbourne, on 10th October. The Balance Sheet presented was a credit to the

TOWNSVILLE GUN CLUB

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TWO DAY SHOOT

Commencing 9 a.m. each day.

2nd and 3rd December, 1950

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Queensland Double Barrel Championship

and

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2nd DAY:

1950

North Queensland Mixed Birds Championship

and

£25 Open Handicap

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management and assures the Executive of a flying start for the new financial year. Aub. Johnson, in the secretary's report, stated that membership was now 200. Steel towers and powerful lamps had been erected under expert supervision on Nos. 1 and 2 grounds, and night shooting would start immediately. President Jim Bienvenu thanked members who had assisted with the programmes for their assistance and co-operation during his term of office, and spoke in glowing terms of the splendid work done by the secretary, Aub. Johnson, and asst. secretary, Fred Byers.

Association Secretary, Bill McCullough, accepted the chair for election of officers and took the opportunity of thanking, on behalf of the Association, the Executive and all members of the club that rendered such sterling service at the recent International Series and Intermediate Championship, with special thanks for the help that he received from the now Joint Secretaries, Aub. Johnson and Fred Byers.

Members enthusiastically welcomed Jim Bienvenu to his second term as President. To say that Jim has done a good job is not enough. He is a tiger for work, with an ambition to see the club prosper. Vice-Presidents, H. H. Ball, V. Fankhauser, K. Venables; Committee, R. Didier, W. Lees, C. Fankhauser, A. Crow, H. Phillips; Hon. Joint Secs., A. F. Johnson, F. Byers. These two efficient hard workers were hon. secs. to Blackburn and Nobel Clubs respectively for a number of years prior to amalgamation. Accepting the office of Vice-Pres., Keith Venables stated that he regretted the fact that Kim Sans was not available this year. I am afraid Kim has got bowling fever; says that he can see that white kitty much plainer than those black discs. Kim, ex-president of old Blackburn Club, has put a lot into the Australian Club. He is one of the men that made Clay Birding Gee. If we presented him with a bowling green and some beautiful white kitties, he would not be half-recompensed for the work that he has done for the sport of Clay Birding.

Colonel Carre Riddell, c/o Royal Aust. Engineers, officer responsible

for calling in arms in World War II, spoke at length on Firearms Legislation. He stated that police authorities desire to register all sporting guns and rifles to check criminal activity and to prevent weapons falling into the hands of criminals. Well, that is all right if it could be done, but it can't be done, with emphasis on the can't, so why the registration of sporting guns and rifles? The criminal will not register his arms. He can secure them by stealing from registered owners, from underground movement, from ships, from planes, from Military stores and camps. Quite effective firearms for criminal purposes can be made quite easily by any moderate mechanic; they have even been made by prisoners in gaol workshops and then used to aid escape.

Has registration any real value in checking crime? The Colonel says No. Red tape, inseparable from permits, will undoubtedly reduce the number of men using firearms and learning to shoot, thus reducing the effectiveness of our defences.

The effectiveness of our fighting services depends on quick and accurate shooting whether air fighting, army or naval. From the ranks of our Rabbit and Game shooters come the best machine-gunners, air gunners, anti-aircraft gunners, and naval gun layers. These men have had years of experience in the handling of firearms and in time of war are a great asset. Shooters, this is your business, and I advise all clubs and those who take the gun for sport

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to unite and do their utmost to prevent this bill going through.

Supper was then served, and the second Annual Meeting came to a close."

The Perth Club in W.A. has been somewhat disappointed with its old shooting ground on the Bunbury Road, and is now in course of transferring to more suitable accommodation. It is understood that the background is clear and well defined and a great improvement on the previous location.—Ed. Metcalf (club secretary), in a recent note, mentioned that the club had a visit from F. Olver, who is fairly well known in Melbourne shooting grounds.

The Leeton (N.S.W.) club will stage the Riverina Deauville Doubles Championship and a £25 handicap on Saturday, December 30. Full details are expected to appear in the December issue of "News". Meanwhile any enquiries should be directed to club secretary, Eric Miller, Box 293, Leeton.

The Shortland Gun Club recently affiliated with the A.C.P.T.S.A. This club has already installed an automatic trap and is situated about 8 miles from Newcastle. Club secretary is F. Hodges, of Argenton, via Newcastle.

Portarlington Club has the distinction of being the first club to become affiliated on the Bellarine Peninsula—the point which juts out

into Port Phillip Bay not far inside the Heads from Point Lonsdale. Portarlington Club should have a bright future, being close to Geelong and other Western District sporting centres. Club secretary is the popular R. Jorgenson, who frequently shoots on metropolitan grounds.

P. E. Wade, of Lancaster, a member of the Bendigo Club, mentions in a brief note that he received two copies of the October issue and considers "this publication too valuable to waste." Offering his 1951 registration, this shooter mentions that payment "does not require careful thought, it's a must. My congratulations to A.C.P.S.N." (Many thanks, P.E.W.—Ed.)

Tullibigeal in N.S.W. is a newly affiliated unit club from over the Murray. Secretary is G. L. Sim; President, C. Edwards; Vice-Presidents, E. G. Frankel and W. J. Dillon; Armourer, H. L. Sim.

Goondiwindi Club in Queensland followed up its earlier enquiries with affiliation payment last month. The club intends to have a specially big official opening day in the near future when the new automatic trap will be used for the first time. N. Danes is club secretary.

Sydney Deauville Doubles Championship will be decided under the supervision of the Hargrave Park Gun Club on Saturday, December 2. Full details are as advertised in this issue.

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Your Gun Must Fit . . .

By GEO. BIGGS.

In the event of the stock being too long, any gunsmith or woodworker can very easily take off the required amount. Before attempting any alteration to the stock of your gun, I would strongly advise consulting a gunsmith or a shooter who has the ability to advise along the correct lines as to what has to be done to make the stock a perfect fit. The foregoing advice on stock fit is not intended as instruction on how to do this job; it is written in the hope that it will convey to the aver-

age fellow who often thinks that the stock of his gun is only a piece of wood stuck on to the action and barrels which enables him to hold on to and point the barrels at what ever he wants to shoot. To this shooter the writer hopes he has conveyed something.

Having discussed the importance of stock fit, we can move on to the several different types of stocks being used to-day. Perhaps the most universal is the standard stock with semi-pistol grip. Then there is the

less popular straight grip stock. This is more the continental type and is not very popular in Australia. The writer's personal choice is the Monte Carlo stock with pistol grip. This type of stock has the advantage of the whole comb being parallel with the line of sight.

The great advantage of this is that the shooter's eye is held on the exact and constant level, even though the gun be swung to left or right, whether the shooter wears a heavy jacket in winter, which naturally brings his eye back further along the comb or whether he wears only his shirt, as in summer. In the latter instance the eye goes further up the comb to near the point. In other words, the shooter can place his face in any position on the Monte Carlo comb and he knows that the elevation, relative to gun rib, is the same. All this is a great asset and most important in fast gun handling. I have drawn the attention of a number of shooters to the low stock on their guns and pointed out the advantage of the Monte Carlo stock. They have asked me to fit this type of stock to their gun and have immediately shot a great deal better and certainly have not had to fidget with the stock on their shoulder before calling for the target. The surest sign of an ill-fitting gun is the shooter wrestling with his gun before shooting.

Perhaps the best way of explaining pitch drop at comb, length of pull, and type of stock, is to say that the eyes are the all-important thing in shooting because we must see our target at the end of the muzzle before the trigger is pulled, which all means that the gun barrel must be pointing just where the eye is looking, so the easier we make this possible, the more natural and accurate our shooting will become.

In dealing with stock grip I think that in the case of single trigger guns the pistol grip stands alone, as once the shooter takes hold of his gun and mounts it on his shoulder he does not have to loosen his grip in any way should he need to fire the second shot; this is a great advantage because it facilitates greater gun control.

With the two trigger type of gun the semi-pistol grip is perhaps to be recommended, as this type allows the hand to slip back slightly when operating the second trigger and at the same time providing a back stop for the back of the hand.

The straight grip stock has none of these properties and, as can be gained from the photographs, gun control becomes much more difficult as the hand tends to slip too far back. Thickness of comb plays a large part in accurate alignment of eye and front sight every time the gun is mounted. For instance, the shooter with a full face will not be able to line up with a stock that is full along the comb. This is only natural, but is a very neglected detail. Try it for yourself, ask a friend if you may try his gun to your shoulder. Pick out someone who has the opposite face to your own and you will find that you are sighting either too far over or not far enough on the rib. All of which means you will cross fire.

Now and again some wise guy will be heard to ask why all this nonsense about stock fit, anyway? I have used my old Dad's gun for the last ten years or so and I shoot all the ducks I want. Maybe he has shot a lot of ducks, but it is because he has taught himself to overcome the obstacles of bad stock fit to a great degree. But I still say that he would have shot a good deal better and sooner had his stock been made to order.

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Clay Busters Ballad

Tommy Hughes, the well-known Welsh International champion trap-shot, has been good enough to forward a copy of an Irish composition known as the "Clay Busters Ballad," which was sung at the recent International meeting dinner in London. It was composed by Bill Twamley and Barney Mullan, of the Irish team. The second last stanza mentions Fred Moran's gun going wrong and his borrowing Twamley's, hence the poetic reference. Moran is the first Irishman to take the hallowed crown of the British Open Championship. Tommy Hughes concludes his note by mentioning that "10 of the Welsh boys have been invited over to Ireland for a match in September, and I hope myself and Jenkins will be able to go." The Ballad is sung to the air of the Eton Boating Song.

All aboard for England,
Pockets filled with Tin.
Off we go to Northolt,
And we'll do our best to win.

We'll all shoot together
With our shotguns held up to our eyes,
And we'll all do our utmost
To make Powder of four Twenty-fives.

Holland & Holland and Purdey,
Westley Richards and Boss,
You must cover the Target,
Or your Shot's a total loss.

Here's to the old Clay Pigeons,
You may shoot then when you please;
They're never out of Season,
And they're always free from disease (fowl pest).

Clontar's the place for shooting
Widgeon and Teal on the slob,
Snipe in the marshes,
Clays five for a bob.

Here's good luck to Wales,
They won the Elliott Alves—
Jolly fine shooting by Ireland,
But the Taffies don't do things by halves.

The Scots are good at Clay Shooting,
They're in it right up to the hilt;
We'd like to see them in Ireland,
Complete with Sporrán and Kilt.

We've shot all day at Northolt,
We've developed a terrible thirst,
But we must congratulate England,
They shot very well to be first.

Some use cylinder barrels,
Others prefer full choke.
The only snag about this game
Is the fact that it leaves you broke.

Fred Moran won the Open,
His shooting was really sublime,
But what would he have done for a shotgun
If he hadn't a pal like "Twine"?
(Nickname for Twamley)

Next year the Shoot's in Ireland;
We're sure to have some fun;
You needn't take any cartridges,
But don't forget your gun.

REGISTRATION NOTICE

Due to continually increasing costs of administration and printing, the 15th Annual Meeting of Affiliated Club delegates decided to increase the registration fee for individual shooters from 10/- to 20/-, as from January 1, 1951. Those who have already paid the minor amount in advance for 1951 will now be required to forward the additional fee to adjust registration. New Association badges will be issued to all registered shooters immediately on payment of 20/- fee.

Skut Shooting . . .

By MAJOR H. R. NORTHOVER.

Interested shooters from all parts of the world are asking what is this new form of shooting called skut, and why skut? Skott, pronounced skut, is Icelandic for the scut, tail or the rump of a rabbit or hare; hence, skut is the adopted title.

In years gone by, in addition to clay pigeons in the air, there were clay rabbits which were trundled along the ground by hand to simulate a rabbit running. It was a fair representation and gave great amusement and practice, but it had drawbacks—the target was hand-made, weighty and costly, and bulky to transport. Now a new target appears, designed to take the place of the more cumbersome clay rabbit, and when projected by the skut trap, will run up to 100 yards on turf, or reasonably level ground. But it does not stop here; it will do what no target has hitherto done, it will take the air, become air-borne, and here is the flying rabbit, the running rabbit—the skut.

How is it proposed to shoot this unique target? A special trap or projector has been designed, perfected and proven—the skut, skeet trap. This machine is set up on a suitable plank or trestle, and is so set to throw the skut as an under-hand bowler sends a cricket ball.

Air-borne Rabbit.

So much for the skut as a rabbit; now it takes the air, by altering the trap's elevation. Skuts can be thrown up to 60 yards distance as birds, and more remarkably on their edge, thus presenting to the shooter an area of 4½ inches in diameter (which represents approximately the average body-area of the majority of game birds). This has never been done before; a clay pigeon will not fly on its edge, only in the flat or horizontal position, but the skut is a perfect bird body-size target. If, however, the shooter wants more variety, adjust the trap to the horizontal setting and away goes your skut, flying as an ordinary clay pigeon, and should by chance you

have a stock of clays and want to shoot skeet—the skut will throw them.

The trap has fine adjustments for angle and elevation, a simple yet highly-efficient hand or carrier. For a club shooting ground, all that is necessary is two stands or trestles (on which the traps are bolted), set down 50 yards apart. This enables the users to run skuts from left to right (or reverse) as rabbits, also to throw skuts as birds in the same directions. A flying skut can be made to fly low or high as desired; it rises rapidly from the trap and then drops as quickly with a twist at the end of its flight. It is a fair reproduction of that fast-rising



C. Ferguson (R.) and H. Colliver at Perth Club (W.A.) grounds.
(Courtesy Western Mail)

partridge, and that equally quick-dropping partridge. A real sporting shot, it can be taken from all angles and gives the sportsman practice and satisfaction. "Doubles," a skut rabbit right, a skut bird left (or reverse) again give the most desired shot of all—the ideal right-and-left.

No special buildings are necessary to house skut—trestles for the traps, portable shields for the trappers, and the whole can be placed or removed within 30 minutes. If, however, a permanent ground is being equipped, small shelters are easily made and set up, and can be used as lock-ups. The skut target is so designed to present itself as a perfect shot trap; shot will not glance off it, it arrests them in flight. The skut must break if hit, it will not hole or pierce—a 100 per cent. target.

Point System of Scoring: Two points awarded for kills short of the

blind, or limit mark; one point awarded for kills beyond the blind, or limit mark.

The competition consists of five separate drives, viz.: (1) Five skuts as rabbits running right, and five skuts as rabbits running left. Total 10. (2) Five skuts as bird flying right, and five skuts as bird flying left. Total 10. (3) Five skuts as bird right, and five skuts as rabbit left (doubles). Total 10. (4) Five skuts as rabbit right, and five skuts as bird left (doubles). Total 10. (5) Five pairs skuts as birds, right and left (doubles). Total 10. Grand total 50.

Ties over 50 skuts (shoot-off). Three pairs flying skuts. Other ties will be decided by: (1) The greatest number of first-barrel kills. (2) If still a tie, number of first-barrel kills in round 5; then round 4, 3, 2 and 1, in rotation.

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Hints to Hits . . .

(By Late W. P. Grosvenor)

I cannot remember which of the American trapshooters I contacted in years gone by who collaborated with me in preparing "Hints to Hits," but I send it along, as it should be of assistance to you in the building up of an article for your future issues. I suggest that you quote it as a whole.

1. When targets are hard to "pick-up" (with the eyes) after leaving the traphouse, poor visibility, weak light, or due to poor background, with the result that the swing is hurried in order to get on the target in time—try holding at a point a foot or more above the traphouse, or slightly below the line of the background where the target first

becomes visible. This materially lessens the distance of swinging and hence obviates hurry, which is apt to cause over-swing or snapping. There are times, however, when it is better to hold low on the traphouse, as momentum of swing will help the shooter to carry through smoothly, after a slow start.

2. If extreme angles are severe (wide), take stance and point of hold so as to favour that angle when swinging. There should be no strain against the muscles at the end of the widest swing. Shift the feet and body so as to meet the condition before calling the target. This is especially necessary on stands one and five, with left and right angles respectively. Also take



Trophies at Hobart Club, Tasmania, on Commonwealth Title Day.

(Mercury Photo)

Hobart Gun Club

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

BRIGHTON (Tas.)

Saturday, 16th December

11.30 a.m.

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Both Traps for Xmas Trophies. Nomination, 5/-.

Event No. 5:

10 Bird Single Barrel Event

Both Traps for Xmas Trophies. Nomination, 5/-.

LUNCHEON AND AFTERNOON TEA SERVED

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Xmas Trophies donated by: C. Reynolds, D. Bridges, E. G. McRae, T. Cannon, G. Ransley, J. Bilyard, J. M. Tyquin, J. McKenzie. Other Xmas Trophies welcomed.

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President:

J. M. TYQUIN.

Hon. Secretary:

D. BRIDGES.

more time on your angle targets than on quarters and straights and be sure you are pointing correctly before pulling the trigger. It is useless to shoot unless you are pointing correctly and are on the target.

3. If targets are high, hold higher above the traphouse (than ordinarily) in order to shorten swing and obviate hurry and a possible swing-over.

4. If targets are low, hold low, and your head down on the stock hard, and be sure your gun is levelled.

5. If targets are "jumping", don't try to snap them, take time and be ready for a jump or a dip. The same goes for a "ducking" target. Pull trigger quickly when you are sure you are on.

6. Remember that a tail wind depresses targets—a head wind raises them—a left quarter wind raises left targets and depresses right angle targets and a right quarter wind acts vice-versa. Watch the effect of wind and be ready for its effect on the specific target you are shooting at.

7. Shooting glasses are a great help, with blinkers to keep powder and dirt out of the eyes when the wind is blowing. In hot weather the blinkers are better left off, as it allows better circulation of air and less probability of glasses fogging from perspiration. The glasses should be clear of the face at all points.

8. Don't wear glasses unless necessary (through prescription) in rainy weather, as they are usually an annoyance.

9. If you wear glasses for shooting, be sure to put them on at least one squad (15 minutes) before you are ready to shoot and keep them on. The eyes must be allowed to adjust themselves to the difference in light.

10. Keep your shells and gun breach dry in rainy weather, so as to preclude swelling and sticking of shells. This can be done by wearing the shell pouch (or belt) under the raincoat and tucking the breach under after each shot.

11. Study your hits, and if you are not centering your targets, try and find out why, and correct before you lose one.

12. If you are forced to use a gun with a stiffer trigger-pull than you are accustomed to, be careful you do not shoot under straights and behind angles, as you are apt to neglect the fact that your shots are getting away a little slower. Also, be careful on a light pull, that you do not trip the sear before you are ready, owing to the pressure on the trigger. Make your trigger-pull quick and decisive when you are ready, and don't put preliminary pressure on the trigger except to take up the slack.

13. Study whether your angle targets are dropping, rising or travelling level at the point where you break them, and allow accordingly. This is especially important on the second target in doubles.

14. If in doubles shooting, one target is falling away exceptionally fast, try and take it first, even if, under ordinary circumstances, it would be unwise to do so.

15. Don't waste swing on the first target in doubles. Hold at the point where you figure the target will be when you will want to break it. This allows for a fast first break, and the more time to get on the second target which should be taken when still rising, as the tendency is usually to shoot high, due to the displacement of the gun and head, from the jar of the first shot. However, allow a safe margin on the first target so as to be sure that your point of hold will be below and slightly behind the target when it gets to the "spot". Be sure to swing after it and not try to cut it off, or stop it, for in this way only will you gain swing momentum enough to keep from stopping your gun swing to your desire to get after the second target, as the first target is travelling fast and rising (probably) when taken. Here a slightly open barrel is an advantage.

16. Be careful in distance shooting not to undershoot fast rising targets, or overshoot those that may be flat and fall quickly away. You cannot hold the same for both types.

Also give your angles plenty of lead, and notice whether they are rising, level or falling when shot at, and correct the aim accordingly.

17. If you are back on the yardage (when shooting in handicaps by distance), your shots are taking more time to get to the "spot" (usually) and hence the target will not be in the same place when the shot gets there; hence correction in aim is usually necessary.

18. Study your background, light, elevation, wind and your angles; shoot carefully, take time on your angles, and pay particular attention to the hard targets from the trap you are shooting and the position you are occupying.

19. Do not think of the targets you have missed, nor how many you

have to break to win. Make each target, as it is sprung, your particular problem, and make up your mind to break it.

20. When you take up your position at the firing point, your business is shooting, and from then on concentrate.

When the late Mr. Grosvenor mailed the above, he added the following: "Hints to Hits" is full of meat. The whole science of trap-shooting has been concentrated in these twenty 'Hints', which I have pasted in my album and I have not grasped the half of it myself. What I have grasped, however, is that the real and main factors of success at this game are, first CONCENTRATION and second, TIME. Hammer these two points home to your boys in Australia all the time."

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The Sporting Gun in England Its History and Development

By Colonel W. Le HARDY,
M.C., F.S.A.

In examining the development of the sporting gun, it is essential to study the early military light weapons which were primarily designed for the field of battle or for self-protection, as until the middle of the 18th Century the gun was the same, the difference being in the ammunition and charge. The larder was kept full and game destroyed by the more decorative method of falconry, though for big game the archer was employed, unless the quarry was sought by hunting.

As we have seen in recent times, regulations, if they are too rigid, add zest to the sport of circumvention, and it is apparent that by the accession of Henry VIII, many lawless men had found means of getting round the regulations and of obtaining firearms which were in plentiful production by Spanish, German, Italian and Swiss gunsmiths.

The Act of Parliament passed in the 33rd year of Henry VIII (1532) recites that one of the reasons for the Act was that "divers malicious and evilly disposed persons have wilfully and shamefully committed divers detestible and shameful murders and robberies with cross-bows, little short hand-guns and little hag-buts, to the great peril and continued fear and danger of the King's loving subjects and also to divers keepers of forests, chases and parks."

It is clear from this Act that the trade of a gunsmith had not been completely destroyed by regulations and section XII gave permission to makers to keep their guns and to shoot them for the purpose of proving and assaying them. They were also allowed to sell their guns to persons entitled to possess them, i.e., landowners who owned land worth more than £100 a year, but only after a royal licence had been obtained. Before obtaining this the applicant had to state the type of

beast, fowl or other thing at which he intended to shoot. There were certain "Home Defence" exemptions for persons living within five miles of the sea or within 12 miles of the borders of Scotland and also inhabitants of the islands of Jersey, Guernsey, Wight and Man, so long as they did not shoot at deer, herons, shoveld, pheasant, partridge, wild swine and wild elk.

The tendency of "gentlemen, yeomen and serving men" to lay apart the "good and laudable exercise of the long-bow which always heretofore have been the surety, safeguard and continual defence of this realm" was deplored.

It is apparent that by 1532, firearms of some sort were used legally or illegally in England, but there is no evidence that these were other than the arquebus or caliver as used in battle.

The earliest mention of a fowling piece in literature is found in the Merry Wives of Windsor (Act IV, scene 11), when Mistress Ford describes her husband as "being out a birding" and later, when Sir John Falstaff wished to take refuge from her approaching husband, Mistress Ford discourages the parlour chimney, as it was the place where Ford was in the habit of emptying his birding piece after a day's shooting. The play was written about 1597.

In spite of the very clear wording of Henry VIII's Act, a few years previously the King had granted a charter to the Guild of St. George, now the Honourable Artillery Company, under which all members of the Guild were entitled to use hand-guns not only at "marks and butts," but also "to shoot fowles anywhere in the realm except in the King's Forests and chaces." One may presume that with privileges such as these, the recruiting problems of the H.A.C. can never have been acute.

[CONTINUED NEXT MONTH]

1950 A.C.P.T.S.A. OFFICIAL REFEREE EXAMINATION

The under-mentioned have been approved as official A.C.P.T.S.A. Referees as from November 1, 1950:

A. J. RUSSELL, H. C. ROBERTS, W. R. JOHNS, H. MILLS, L. C. GRAY, DR. J. L. SERTORI, C. S. HORNE, D. C. LOVE, A. C. BRINSMEAD, VERN. DUDLEY, J. R. BUSHBY, DARCY WATSON, VIC. HOWARD, F. R. GLOVER, E. G. McRAE, A. H. BRENK, D. A. BRENT, J. D. NEENAN, S. BRESINGTON, M. C. BALE, E. S. BRINSMEAD, L. LUPP, J. O'BRIEN, T. H. SPALL, E. D. PARRY, REG AKERS, O. W. SMITH, E. V. COX, F. E. SINGLETON, ALF ALLEN, D. J. McKERROW, J. W. RALEIGH,

J. A. McCRAITH, K. BOYD, J. HOUSTON and T. KERR.

All the above-named will receive an official notification from the Secretary A.C.P.T.S.A., together with the examiners' comments on each paper. Twelve correct answers out of the fifteen questions submitted was regarded as a pass. Questions incorrectly answered will be notified in the official intimation and those concerned are requested to review these and assimilate the correct definitions.

Official referees are informed that failure to maintain registration or their permission of unregistered shooters to compete in events under their control automatically forfeits official referee recognition.

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HARGRAVE PARK GUN CLUB

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U.S.A. Shooting ..

(From REX MILES)

Appended is the format of what our U.S.A. friends know as the "Trap Shooters' Alibi Card". This was issued by the Remington Company during the shooting of the recent Grand American Handicap and was forwarded by the Association's Hon. Vice-President, Rex Miles. Directions for use are: "Let your shooting pals know how you're doing—just check alibis selected and mail card. Save time plus wear and tear on imagination."



Dr. G. C. Marshall (Melbourne)
at Leeton.

Trap Shooters' Alibi Card ...

Weather

Too hot Too cold
Too windy Too still

Pulling

Took a slow pull
Took a fast pull
Deaf puller

Targets

Got on peg 5 and got 5 right angles
That same *?!*!?!
angle
That nice little straight-away

Handicap

I'm back on the clubhouse steps
Too far from my work
.....yards is a l-o-n-g way
back.

Referee

Blind as a bat
Doesn't like me
Sneezed

Background

Disappeared into a fleecy cloud
Too bright Too dark
Shot at an airplane

Insects

A grasshopper scared me
Got a fly on my barrel
Butterflies in my stomach

Miscellaneous

I just flinched
Somebody put my safety on
No sleep My shoulder hurt
I'm a skeet shooter
Broke 'em all in practice
Aw, shut up!

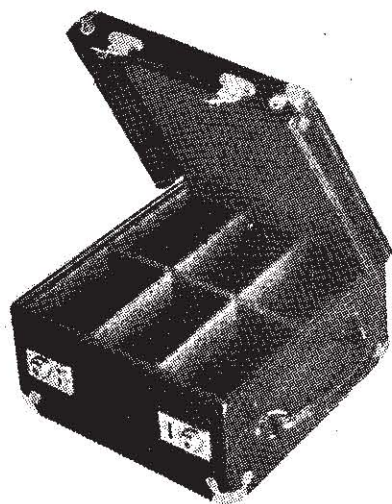
Ten Years Ago . . .

R. W. Grossman, of Wangaratta, and S. J. Kneebone (at that time secretary of the Whorouly Gun Club in North-Eastern Victoria) defeated a first-class field in the Victorian Deauville Doubles championship conducted on the grounds of the Seymour Gun Club on 23rd November, 1940. The winning pair tied with Fred Burns-J. Bryant, each 16/20—a low score, considering some recent scores in this event. It is reported that strong wind and rain blew straight into the faces of competitors. In the shoot-off, Grossman-

Kneebone stopped 4/5 and Burns-Bryant, 3/5. The Goulburn Valley Double-barrel championship, on the same programme, was won by the present President of the Seymour Club, Pat Reid, who, after tying with R. W. Grossman and Ted Parow, of Brunswick, each 14/15. Reid won the tie shoot 22/25 to Grossman's 21/25 and Parow's 17/20. Shooting on the Camberwell ground, W. (Billy) Scott stopped 55 straight on November 9th, 1940, and J. Bryant failed to better the then existing Australian record break of 78 by 11 at the same fixture.

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5077 Phillips, E. (Shepparton)	4319 Bindt, J. (Yarram)	13
3118 Plum, L. (Benalla)	4576 Birtchnell, Jas. (Aust.)	12
5118 Quinton, E. A. (Aust.)	75 Blake, F. (Cressy)	17
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3336 Rhyme, M. (Brisbane)	4661 Bolland, H. (Lake George)	13
1193 Rockliff, Romney (Latrobe)	4838 Bond, G. (Lake George)	15
4024 Rossiter, J. (Rockhampton)	563 Bourbaud, L. (Sale)	17
3385 Sharp, R. (Colac)	2256 Bowditch, L. (Griffith)	15
3434 Shelton, T. (Yeo)	3403 Bowsher, Jack (Griffith)	14
5088 Skinner, R. (Geraldton)	4512 Bushby, Bob (Narrandera)	15
5109 Sim, G. L. (Tullibigeal)	4310 Campbell, R. (Bathurst)	12
5104 Sim, H. L. (Tullibigeal)	3475 Catlin, W. ("Dinky") (Hay)	16
5101 Solling, B. (Boolooloo)	4630 Ceeley, G. W. (Lake George)	13
5054 Stone, E. (Walpeup)	4544 Chadwick, R. (Aust.)	12
5079 Taylor, Fred (Shepparton)	4730 Chaters, B. (Aust.)	12
5089 Thistlewaite, W. (Sale)	4497 Churchill, C. (Cressy)	12
5068 Thorne, N. (Tongala)	3126 Clarke, C. (Hobart)	13
5112 Triffett, A. N. (Randhampton)	3881 Coates, V. H. (Cavendish)	16
3011 Waldron, W. W. (Rockhampton)	4341 Cobbledick, G. (Pirron Yallock)	12
5094 Warnack, C. J. (Rockhampton)	1520 Cole, C. S. (Coburg)	13
4023 Warnack, D. J. (Rockhampton)	4664 Coleman, K. (Hamilton)	12
5102 Warner, J. H. (Boolooloo)	3890 Constable, Donald (Cavendish)	13
5076 Watkins, K. (Shepparton)	4417 Cornett, F., Jr. (Forbes)	12
5065 Watson, A. (Tongala)	4418 Cornett, F. Sr. (Forbes)	12
5114 Westwood, N. (Colac)	4411 Cowell, J. E. (Forbes)	12
5058 Whisson, L. (Walpeup)	3091 Cox, E. V. (Hay)	16
5115 Williams, J. R. (Lake George)	4420 Crawford, T. (Forbes)	12
5041 Williams, Vernon (Perth)	3891 Creek, J. (Cavendish)	12
5111 Worland, W. (Tullibigeal)	4500 Davie, Neville (Aust.)	14
	3195 Davis, A. V. (Camberwell)	12
	4515 Decker, S. (Colac)	12
	3871 Diprose, Alan (Cavendish)	12
	4085 Dobson, F. (Echuca)	14
	4467 Dobson, G., Senr. (Echuca)	12
	4830 Donaldson, H. J. (Gidginbung)	13
	4884 Drummond, L. S. (Seymour)	13
	2952 Duchatel, Phil (Griffith)	15
	3472 Duchatel, W. (Griffith)	14
	4104 Duff, H. J. (Yallourn)	13
	4526 Earl, A. H. (Seymour)	15
	4442 Eddington, H. M. (Hobart)	16
	4836 English, F. (Gidginbung)	12
	3485 Evans, Ian (Griffith)	14
	2663 Evans, E. (Griffith)	15
	3297 Everingham, A. S. (Hornsby)	14
	1152 Eyles, R. (Hobart)	13
	3167 Finnegan, W. (Coburg)	18
	4077 Finney, J. L. (Hornsby)	14

Amended Handicaps

4415 Acheson, B. (Forbes) ..	14
4683 Adams, R. (Echuca) ..	14
4625 Anderson, G. (Aust.) ..	13
4732 Armstrong, R. (Aust.) ..	14
4435 Armytage, S. (Cavendish) ..	12
4436 Armytage, N. (Cavendish) ..	12
3289 Arnold, W. (Colac) ..	17
3373 Atkinson, Jim (Sale) ..	13
4041 Austin, G. (Cavendish) ..	14
4042 Baird, A. (Cavendish) ..	12
4419 Bakes, R. (Forbes) ..	13
198 Barnes, A. H. (Tasm'n) ..	15
4793 Bean, A. (Ganmain) ..	12

4910 Forbutt, R. (Gidginbung)	14
3878 Forsyth, T. B. (Cavendish)	12
4834 Franke, R. (Gidginbung)	13
123 Frith, N. (Tasmanian) ..	18
800 Fuller, M. (Hornsby) ..	17
3869 Gash, Eric (Cavendish) ..	12
626 Gibbs, W. (Griffith) ..	16
4772 Goss, V. (Tasmanian) ..	13
2914 Gow, Ron (Griffith) ..	15
4265 Gray, H. (Echuca) ..	13
3892 Greed, M. (Cavendish) ..	12
4829 Greentree, J. (Gidginbung)	13
4665 Grey, E. (Hamilton) ..	13
4666 Grey, J. (Hamilton) ..	12
4818 Gribben, W. (Shepparton)	14
4031 Grieves, G. (Tasmanian) ..	13
4553 Grinter, F. G. (Echuca) ..	12
3779 Guyatt, Herb. (Sale) ..	16
2426 Haddow, D. (Coburg) ..	17
3616 Hall, G. M. (Hobart) ..	13
4121 Harding, S. (Pirron Yallock)	12
4047 Hardy, V. (Cavendish) ..	13
4635 Hatch, Frank (Lake George)	14
4043 Hennessy, P. (Cavendish)	12
2954 Hickey, B. (Colac) ..	12
2978 Hickey, F. (Australian) ..	12
4578 Hill, Gordon (Aust.) ..	12
4574 Hinchcliffe, R. (Colac) ..	14
3896 Hinchcliffe, Wm. (Cavendish)	12
2098 Hirning, R. (Toowoomba)	15
4798 Holmberg, G. (Echuca) ..	12
3719 Holmes, A. (Wangaratta) ..	14
4535 Holmes, F. (Cavendish) ..	12
4575 Hooper, Keith (Aust.) ..	12
4164 Howard, J. (Pirron Yallock)	14
4816 Hudson, P. (Narrandera) ..	15
4813 Huf, P. (Cavendish) ..	12
1395 Hurlstone, W. (Coburg) ..	15
4304 Hush, J. (Lake George) ..	13
4432 Hyde, Arthur (Cavendish)	12
396 Ingbritsen, C. H. ("Ingi")	20
4514 Jago, L. (Latrobe) ..	12
4451 James, G. (Moe) ..	12
121 James, J. (Griffith) ..	14
4840 Jenkins, T. E. (Cressy) ..	13
351 Johns, W. R. (Coburg) ..	21
4433 Kelsall, J. A. (Cavendish)	12
4580 Kempton, R. H. (Aust.) ..	12
4453 Kitchell, S. J. (Camberwell)	14
4932 Lester, J. R. (Aust.) ..	12
3879 Lewis, E. (Cavendish) ..	12
3880 Lewis, Edward (Cavendish)	12
3948 Lithgow, J. (Aust.) ..	12
2670 Little, J. (Griffith) ..	13
4037 Long, F. (Cavendish) ..	12
3893 Luhrs, Ian (Cavendish) ..	12
4452 Marshall, Dr. G. (Eltham)	14
3924 Marshall, S. (Hobart) ..	16
4038 Mayfield, D. (Cavendish) ..	12
3875 Mayfield, O. T. (Cavendish)	13
4410 Miller, A. (Forbes) ..	13
4421 Miller, E. (Forbes) ..	12
3092 Mills, A. N. N. (Hay) ..	15
4176 Molloy, M. (Cavendish) ..	13
4639 Moore, R. M. (Lake George)	12
4638 Morrison, L. (Lake George)	13
4604 Morse, R. R. (Latrobe) ..	12
4886 Mortimore, G. (Lake George)	14
546 Muir, Don (Griffith) ..	18
2862 Mulligan, R. F. (Hobart) ..	13
3528 McDonald, G. (Echuca) ..	16
4339 McGeachan, J. (Aust.) ..	12
3984 McHale, E. (Echuca) ..	15
2275 McKenzie, J. (Hobart) ..	15
2903 McMaster, W. (Hobart) ..	13
2949 McNamara, Reg (Griffith)	15
2662 McNamara, W. W. (Griffith)	14
4034 McNaughton, C. (Cavendish)	12
489 McRae, E. G. (Hobart) ..	15
1419 Nelson, A. (Hobart) ..	18
4684 Newnham, M. A. (Aust.) ..	13
2237 O'Brien, J. (Coburg) ..	16
3889 Ormandy, Stan (Cavendish)	12
4642 O'Rourke, M. H. (Lake George)	13
3079 O'Shannessy, Vin (Colac) ..	12
3940 Parker, T. V. (Cavendish)	12
4279 Patterson, F. (Cavendish)	12
4833 Pellow, A. V. (Gidginbung)	12
4912 Pellow, A. T. (Gidginbung)	12
4226 Pendlebury, R. (Cavendish)	12
3870 Pitman, Hector (Cavendish)	12
4782 Pocock, J. (Hay) ..	13
4851 Potter, M. (Hobart) ..	13

1656 Powell, Rex (Cressy) ...	19
200 Pulford, F. (Hobart)	15
1054 Reynolds, C. (Hobart) 13	
3031 Reynolds, K. E. (Cobram)	15
3887 Rizzo, John (Cavendish) 14	
1947 Robertson, W. F. (Deniliquin)	18
4035 Rundle, L. (Cavendish) 15	
4911 Ruschen, C. A. R. (Gidginbung)	12
4694 Russell, D. (Rockhampton)	15
3939 Saligari, Richard (Cavendish)	12
3691 Sams, F. (Rockhampton)	13
3867 Schlipalius, S. H. (Sale) 16	
3884 Schulz, Phillip (Cavendish)	12
395 Semmler, J. (Barellan) 17	
3482 Sertori, Dr. J. L. (Griffith)	13
3825 Sharman, E. N. (Latrobe)	13
3710 Smith, A. (Eltham)	17
3684 Smith, B. C. (Hobart) 13	
2340 Smith, L. (Rockhampton)	18
3652 Sonter, Ralph (Stonehenge)	15
4835 Spratt, C. G. (Gidginbung)	12
3936 Steer, Frank (Cavendish)	15
3883 Stevenson, Les (Cavendish)	12
4135 Stewart, Hugh (Cavendish)	12
3410 Stott, P. (Griffith)	14
4335 Strudwick, K. (Lake George)	13
4681 Stumbles, K. (Lake George)	13
3233 Sydenham, C. (Footscray)	14
631 Theodore, J. (Griffith) 14	
4154 Thomas, B. (Cavendish) 12	
1364 Thomas, J. (Hornsby) 16	
2468 Thomas, Newton (Townsville)	20
4814 Thompson, D. (Cavendish)	12
4336 Thompson, H. (Lake George)	13
3688 Thompson, Stan (Cavendish)	13

3860 Thompson, S. (Aust.) ...	16
4413 Treanor, A. (Forbes) ...	15
4414 Treanor, B. (Forbes) ...	15
3895 Tucker, H. L. (Cavendish)	13
3939 Turner, R. (Cavendish) 12	
4036 Vaughan, H. A. (Cavendish)	15
4412 Webb, R. (Forbes) ...	12
3935 Wensley, T. (Cavendish) 12	
3947 Wilkinson, H. (Aust.) ...	12
4466 Williamson, J. A. (Perth)	17
4811 Winnell, Harry (Gannmain)	12
3784 Winnell, John (Gannmain)	16
4153 Wishart, J. P. (Cavendish)	13
2872 Wright, D. (Wongabri) 15	
4645 Wright, J. E. (Lake George)	12
3706 Ziebarth, L. W. (Barellan)	13

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