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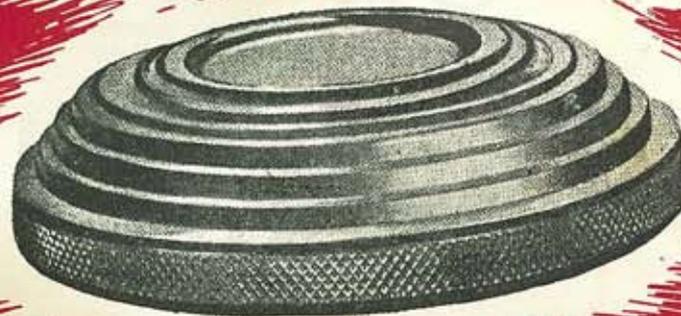


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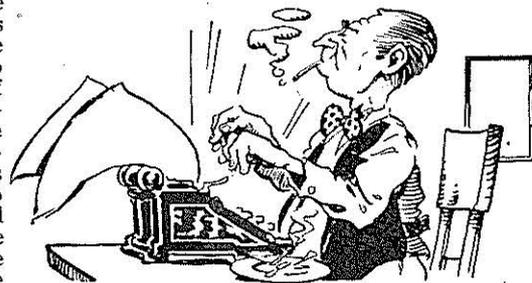
Of major interest during the preceding month has been the completion of the Association's 1951 shooting programme, 1951 annual meeting and matters arising from that gathering.

Reviewing the events in order of sequence, special congratulations are extended to George Biggs for his splendid win, the Champion of Champions Cup (Australian National Championship), and to Newton Thomas for his outstanding performance in registering the first 100 straight ever achieved by a member of an Australian International Team, and also his record break of 173 unfinished (at time of writing). These performances were undoubtedly the highlights of the big shoot, and there is not likely to be many similar repeats in future years.

For the first time in the history of the Association's annual shooting programme it was this year decided to dispose of the entire list of events during the one weekend shooting period. The idea of shooting the Champion of Champions Cup, as tried this year, over two days could not be considered as successful, despite the smooth running of the entire meeting. Experience proved that commencing the National title event on the Friday afternoon debarred quite a number of metropolitan shooters from taking part in the contest. It has been revealed that Friday is possibly the busiest day of the week for many business-men shooters, particularly the Friday just prior to a Monday holiday. The result was that the metropolitan entry was down considerably on last year.

In the light of information now available, it would appear almost certain that the Executive Committee will decide to shoot the Champion of Champions Cup right through on the Saturday—or it has been suggested that the Association revert to the holding of this big event on the Monday holiday, as was the case

when the contest was originally staged in pre-war years. The shooting of the match on the Monday holiday would rather tend to take the glory of victory from the winner at the annual Saturday night dinner, but if it was thought to be more expedient to do this, there is little doubt that the Executive would act in this direction. If it was decided to revert to the Monday holiday for the major title event, the programme would necessarily require considerable alteration. Possibly the Grand Australian Handicap and minor events would take up most of Saturday, followed by the annual dinner at night. Monday would be occupied with the National event, leaving Tuesday for the Intermediate Championship and the International contest. Whatever is decided upon by the Executive will only be done after



full consideration and taking into account the best interests of shooters.

Considerable interest was created among delegates attending the annual meeting on March 12, regarding the proposal put forward as a recommendation from the Executive Committee, that in future the Executive Committee of the Association should comprise four members each from New South Wales and Victoria, two from Queensland and one from Tasmania. Added to this proposal was a further recommendation that the Association should pay three days' accommodation, plus return plane fares to elected Executive Committee members resident outside

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Victoria. The majority of those present at the meeting considered the proposal a sound one, particularly as it gave genuine proportional representation, according to the number of clubs affiliated, to each State and also had the interesting feature of returning to the clubs throughout the Commonwealth portion of the fees which they pay annually, by means of the representation recommended. Much discussion followed the introduction of the proposal. Some delegates opposed the idea on the question of expense, others felt that the Association was in need of more urgent administration, such as proper headquarters, office and the like. On being put to the meeting it was noticeable that many of the delegates representing clubs outside Victoria were strongly in favour. The meeting ultimately decided to approve of the scheme, which will now become part of the Association Constitution. Generally speaking, it would seem that little basic objection can be raised to the scheme which, in fact, provides for a national management set-up in the Association and allows for all States to share in the control of the sport at its source.

ASSOCIATION DINNER

The 1951 Annual Dinner was a most successful function. The venue was the usual spacious packing shed on Vic. Fankhauser's home property. Speeches were cut to a minimum this

year, with emphasis on entertainment. Those who provided the mirth and amusement did not miss a cue, and many who have attended all such functions voted 1951 effort as the best ever. Don Corstorphan, of Colac, did quite a lot of the arranging of the programme, assisted by pianist Cecil Luckman (Horsham). These two provided some tuneful verses to the tune of "March Binding in the Marsh," altered to "Frog Hollow in the Marsh." Pat Sullivan, of Sale, brought the house down with his magic and comedy. It is expected all will be available again for next year.

Dr. J. L. Sertori, of Griffith, proposed the toast of "The Association," which was responded to by Association President, Jock Wilson.

In reply to the toast of the visitors, proposed by Jim Bienvenu, President of the Australian Club, Douglas Pack, of Roma, responded on behalf of the Queenslanders, Bill Rainbird, of Launceston, for the Tasmanians, Jack Houston, of Hay, for the New South Welshmen, and Theo. Norman, of Colac, on behalf of Victorian country shooters. George Biggs and Nev. Bassett (runner-up) both ably replied to the toast of the winner and runner-up.

This opportunity is taken of extending official thanks to all those who assisted in getting the big shoot and its attendant work off so smoothly. Special thanks are again expressed to Vic. Fankhauser and his family for the untiring assistance given, both before, during and after the shoot.

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Colac Club in Victoria's Western District has deferred its special handicap and Championship meeting from April 28 to May 19. The change has been brought about by the advent of the Federal elections, decided upon after the original

advertisement for the meeting was published. The title event is the Victorian State Mixed Birds, followed by a £40 handicap. Eric Ball (President) and secretary Don Corstorphran (6 Rae Street, Colac, Phone 406) would welcome any enquiries regarding accommodation or other matters. The "Colac trip" is always worthwhile, and those desirous of enjoying a good day's shooting should book for this series.

Many amusing sidelights were noticed during the progress of the annual dinner, especially in the latter part of the night. One of particular interest noticed was the spectacle of one of Vic. Fankhauser's geese parading along one of the dining tables. The same bird was later observed adorned in a flashing yellow tie, understood to be the property of a well-known shooter.

West Australian sportsman, Keith Barker, of Perth, mentions in a brief note, "I would like to record my appreciation of the 'Australian Clay Pigeon Shooting News,' which I read with great interest and keenly look forward to its arrival."

Another club in the far Western area of Victoria has affiliated with the Association. The group is the Macarthur Gun Club, of which John J. Lyons, of Russell Street, Macarthur, is hon. secretary.

The 12th Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending December 31 of the Tasmanian Gun Club is to hand. Surplus assets over liabilities are mentioned at £400 odd.

The club reports only two Life Members, namely Alf Poxon and Bill Rainbird. These two also hold the offices of Vice-President and President respectively. Hon. Secty. is J. F. Bennell.

Rockhampton Club (Q.), which advertises the Central Queensland two-day shoot on Tuesday, June 19, and Friday, June 22, when £50 and £15 handicaps will be decided, also reports results of its most recent shoot in another section of this issue. The fixture mentioned was the first held by the club for this year. The Rockhampton sportsmen have been hampered by having their shooting ground twice covered by flood waters of the Fitzroy River. The club intends taking up a new site at West Rockhampton in the near future with a most modern lay-out.

Another hard-luck story comes from an intending competitor in the recent big Association meeting. This one comes from Mal. Johnson, of Yarwun on the N.C. Line, Qld. Mal. left Yarwun in January, but only got as far as the New South Wales border. There he ran into floods and after waiting a fortnight with seemingly no hope of getting through, he turned back for home. Mal. is looking forward to this issue of "News" to look over details and results of the big meeting. He offers congratulations to Newton Thomas on his "great shooting."

Some interesting stories have been narrated following the duck season opening in Victoria. Firstly, Victorians are not at all happy regarding the lack of co-operation shown to them by the N.S.W. authorities, inasmuch as it appears that the present is the first occasion on which the duck season has not been opened in the Albury Police District when the season has been opened in Victoria. Local Albury authorities were incensed at the short-sighted attitude and complete lack of appreciation shown by the powers on the Northern side of the Murray. As one Albury dignitary mentioned, the Sydney authority has no conception of the position as it applied in Albury and district, and the financial

loss to Albury can be assessed at thousands of pounds. It was anticipated that at least 1,000 cars from Victoria and the Riverina would have gathered in Albury on duck opening eve, had the usual local opening been permitted. Just what a congregation of sportsmen would spend for the occasion would take some computing. When the Victorian side opened up on duck opening morning only a few shots were possible before the ducks departed over the river into N.S.W., and for the majority, especially those who obeyed the rules, the opening was over. The ridiculous statement issued from Sydney that there were

there were "millions of ducks" in the Albury district alone, plus hordes through most parts of the Riverina and Central districts. Some tales have come in from various sources which may have the hallmark of truth or otherwise. One sidelight we know to be factual is conveyed to the mind's-eye as amusing, that is the spectacle of a full colonel probing the depths of the Hume Weir in very rough water, trying and striving—with the usual addition of words not revealed in the dictionary—to release a dinghy's towing rope which had become wound around the propeller of a motor boat. It might be added that the colonel was observed attired in full birthday suit only. We have it that he eventually succeeded, after going down for the "third time" on one occasion, plus a stomach full of water which had been severely dealt with by various types of birds and both ears chock full of similar water.

Queanbeyan G.C., adjacent to the Federal Capital area (Canberra), has affiliated with the A.C.P.T.S.A. The club secretary is G. R. Bond, 35 The Crescent, Queanbeyan.

Quite a budget of Life Registrations were received round about and during the big Association shoot last month. Among those who took out "Lifer" badges included Messrs. E. Broadley (Waratah, N.S.W.), the three Bassett Brothers from Roma (Q.), Ken, Nev. and John D., H. T. (Charlie) Thompson, of St. George (Q.), J. James (Griffith, N.S.W.), R. A. Pegler (Charleville).

T. S. Young, secretary at Katanning (W.A.), mentions in a recent note that W.A. clubs do not shoot at clays while the duck season is open, hence there has been little information coming to hand from that quarter of the Commonwealth in recent weeks. Reports are that W.A. is having its worst year for ducks "according to the local long beards." Three years of light rainfall has dried up all the spots around Katanning. The town itself has only one day a fortnight with fresh scheme water. At all events the W.A. sportsmen are looking forward to a particularly good season at the traps.

Speaking at a dinner at Sale recently, the Association President, J. M. Wilson, gave an interesting



Newton Thomas, of Sydney (N.S.W.), first Australian to break 100 straight under International conditions. He was high-gun for Australia at East Burwood on March 12, 1951.

no ducks to be shot was obviously issued by some individual with no real knowledge of the true position. A check among experienced local sportsmen and others revealed that

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outline of the work carried out by the Association. He emphasised that he considered team shooting should be encouraged, particularly inter-club, because of the fellowship which it created. He advised the Sale area clubs to continue their present policy by refusing to allow betting on clay-birds. Clay bird shooting was a sport, not a money-making game, and it should always be treated in that light. He stressed the importance of keeping guns open when not on the shooting mark. If the shooter left his gun open from the time he left the shooting mark until he returned to it, there would never be an accident. The Association President was actually speaking in reply to the toast of "The Association," very ably proposed by Dr. H. H. Martin, of Yarram. Dr. Martin referred to what he termed was the magnificent organization of the Association and its management. He added that shooters had grumbles against cartridges, traps and clay birds, but they never had a genuine grudge against the Association. Dr. Martin assured all of the loyalty of the Gippsland clubs to the Association.

Mention of Dr. Martin recalls that he had a most unenviable experience on duck opening morning. Posted in a swamp area, he was mistaken by a shooter unfamiliar with the locality for some moving object in the gloom just before dawn. The result was that the sporting medico received almost a full charge at close range near the right knee, fortunately warded off to some extent by a quick turn. Dr. Martin spent almost a week in hospital and, to use his own words, "was indeed lucky not to lose the leg." The complete lack of appreciation of the presence of others on duck opening morning seems to have been fairly general; a number of reports of similar, but not so serious, have come to hand.

A new clay pigeon shooting club is contemplated at Miranda, N.S.W. The club has as its sponsor, R. Crozier, a member of the Griffith Club, who now resides at Garnet Road, Miranda. There are a number of interested sportsmen behind the sponsor, and a good club should result. Another important point which should also be of great assistance is the fact that another member of the Griffith Club also lives in Garnet

Road, Miranda, and he has overcome the clay supply difficulties by making his own. With the support mentioned a club at Miranda should not be a long period before coming to fruition. Interested sportsmen should get in touch with R. Crozier, at the above address, or ring him at LB 6269.

The Lake George Club at Captain's Flat and the newly formed organization at Queanbeyan are co-operating with a combined shoot over Saturday, September 29, and Monday, October 1. Lake George had previously been allocated both the double and single barrels championships for the Southern Districts of N.S.W. Lake George, in order to give its neighbour club a good sporting send-off, has sought permission from the A.C.P.T.S.A. to transfer the single-barrel title to Queanbeyan for September 29, leaving the double-barrel title for Lake George on Monday, October 1. This has been approved by the Association, and a really good week-end of shooting should result. A country outing will be held on the intervening day. Interested competitors desirous of reserving early accommodation should contact E. G. Croker, secty., Lake George Club, at the Ambulance Station, Captain's Flat, or G. R. Bond, 35 The Crescent, Queanbeyan, N.S.W.

A number of telegrams were received during the recent Association big meeting. Some were of special interest and told their own story—one such is as follows: "From Augathella, Qld. We are bleary-eyed with smoke and green-eyed with envy at not being with you, depending now on Cameron's mob to bring home bacon. Best wishes for grand meeting, signed Joe Raleigh, Bill Schooley, Stan Schooley." The telegram obviously registers the acute disappointment the three sportsmen experienced when bush fires surrounded their properties in Southern Queensland, and they were thus unable to risk leaving them.

An International telegram from Mr. Harry Rogers, the English Association secretary, was received on the morning of March 12; it read, "Very best wishes for a most successful championship meeting to all shooters in Australia from all shooters here." The interest of our English kinsmen is greatly appreci-

Leeton Gun Club

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ated and if we can offer them a tip, they will need to be on their best on International Day in Dublin.

Ed. Metcalf, secretary of the Perth Club (W.A.) forwarded the following telegram: "Very sure every member here wishes join President and self extending hearty congratulations Newton Thomas record surely his for long time." (We thank the Perth shooters also—we remembered them during the functions and hope to have some with us in 1952.—Ed.)

Ken Woolford, secretary at Darr River (Q.), mentions in a club report (published in another section of this issue) that "we had a very good day except for a storm late in the afternoon, and many of the shooters spent the rest of the night fighting bush fires started by lightning. I hope you are having perfect conditions for the big four days' Association shoot. Wishing I could be there, but there will be other years." (The foregoing will provide our overseas readers with an idea of the difficulties under which some of our outlying A.C.P.T.S.A. clubs function.—Ed.)

There was a real Apple Isle flavour about the first at the Coburg's Club fixture on March 17. Only three possibles were returned, at 10 birds, and three cut the event—they were Mac. Johnstone, secretary of the Latrobe Club; Max Bale, former secretary at Bothwell, and Dick Redpath, of Glenorchy (Hobart), who two years ago returned the International High-gun for Australia.

The Dubbo (N.S.W.) club will conduct a two-day meeting over May 12 and 13. The main event on the opening day is the Central N.S.W. Double-rise championship. A £100 handicap is chief attraction on May 13. The meeting follows on immediately after the Macquarie Picnic Races at Dubbo, therefore those intending to compete should arrange accommodation without delay. Ron Morrison, Box 76, or Phone 729 Dubbo, the club secretary, will be pleased to assist and attend to all enquiries.

T. L. Akers, of Shorncliffe (Q.), writes: "I look forward to receiving the 'News', as I think it is a great little publication, and I would like to thank those responsible." (Appreciated, T.L.A.—Ed.)

Mangoplah Club in Southern New South Wales, where former Association Executive (J. O. (Ollie) Cox officiates as President, has recently installed a new automatic trap, trap house and tracks, which it is claimed is unlikely to be bettered anywhere in the senior State. The club's grand opening of the new installations took place on April 15. Peter Millwood has taken over the secretaryship at Mangoplah from young John Cox, and he advises that Les Stoll and Cliff Angel are likely contenders for top-class honours in the not far distant future.

The first of our New Australians to register with the Association is John Brugman, of Strathfield, N.S.W. John's fees came through the Stonehenge Club. It is understood that John is a native of Holland and is a very keen shooter. A 12 yarder for the present, reports are that he will soon be coming back. We extend greetings to our newcomer and hope he will find Australia a happy and first-class country in which to settle.

Bill Hurlston, who is well known around Melbourne shooting clubs, left on April 9 for a Queensland holiday. His gun will be a main part of his gear whilst away.

Gladstone Diggers' Gun Club (Q.) will shoot the Queensland State Jubilee Double-rise championship on June 10. The meeting will follow a two-day race meeting on June 9 and 11. Details are as advertised in this issue.

Narromine Club (N.S.W.), one of the newer of the affiliated Association clubs, is staging a three-day meeting on May 25, 26 and 27. Two £50 handicaps and a £100 handicap are the principal attractions. This meeting also follows the local races on May 23 and 24. Early application for accommodation is advisable to Ron F. Back, club secretary, of Meryula Street, Narromine. Back was under notice as a rapidly improving shooter during the recent Association fixtures at East Burwood. He won the Dubbo Club title a few weeks ago.

Gary Daly was re-elected President of the Deniliquin (N.S.W.) club at the club's recent annual meeting. It will be his fourth successive term.

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week of shooting over May 2 to May 7 at Roma and St. George. The members of these clubs, who visited East Burwood in March, reckon that visitors will experience the extreme in the unusual with keen competition at these fixtures. Full details are as advertised in the double-spread centre pages, and those able to attend these first-class meetings are assured of shooting plus.

Few better exhibitions of the art of refereeing have been witnessed at recent big shoots than that given by the Queensland legal attorney, Douglas Pack, of Roma. Doug's fame as a referee and general top-line administrator had preceded him. When it was known he intended visiting Melbourne for the big shooting weekend, efforts were made to induce him to permit his name to be included in the referee panel. He readily agreed with most happy results. Shooters had such confidence in his knowledge of the rules and general handling of referee duties that the Association Executive decided to request him to supervise the International shoot. It could be added that the brilliant rhythmic-like shooting produced by the Australian No. 1 Squad on International Day was to a great extent due to his masterly control. His advice throughout the shoot and during periods of top executive administration was greatly appreciated by all those concerned. It is interesting to record that Douglas Pack is a District Commissioner in the Boy's Scout Movement in Southern Queensland. He has an interesting philosophy in this point. He reckons "the boys of today are the men of tomorrow—if one can assist them to be better men, they and the Nation benefit in the long run." A worthwhile appreciation of the youth of Australia. Doug is a native of Kingaroy (where the peanuts thrive) and is in partnership with his father in one of the best legal practices in Southern Queensland.

Leo Ridge, due to heavy private business duties, declined office as secretary, and R. J. Jones has taken over those duties. Both competed at East Burwood recently.

Popular St. Kilda shooter, Bill Finnegan, was not seen at his best during the Association fixtures in March; however, he made up for this somewhat by staging a brilliant effort in the Footscray Club's double-barrel title decided on March 24. Bill shot on to the 30th round with a clean score to win 30/30.

Footscray Club will shoot the Victorian Skeet championship on April 21.

Coburg Club's double-rise championship will be the main interest at the club's May 12 shoot.

Visitors to Cobar in the far west of N.S.W. are in for a splendid two days' sport when the local club stages the Far Western District of N.S.W. Double-barrel championship and £50 handicap over April 28 and 29.

Shepparton Club (V.) will shoot the North Eastern Double-rise championship at Kialla West on May 5.

Big interest for visitors and Southern Queensland shooters is the

The Executive Committee of the Association desires that its deepest thanks be recorded to all members of the staff and those who assisted throughout the recent strenuous four days' shooting. Without the assistance given, the shoot could not have functioned as well as it did.

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Leeton Club (N.S.W.) will conduct the New South Wales Skeet Championship on the Jubilee Holiday, Wednesday, May 9. Shooting will commence at 10 a.m. A £25 handicap is listed for the same programme which is advertised in this issue. E. S. Miller, Box 293, Leeton, is club secretary.

M. Smith, of Benalla, the 1951 winner of the Victorian Double-barrel title, continues in good form and recently completed his break at Wangaratta at 76. Smith was shooting at the Wangaratta Queen of Sport fixture in aid of the local Hospital. 13-year-old M. Burgess, of Cobarr, astounded seasoned shooters by giving a brilliant display and returning a break of 44 unfinished. He will probably continue his break at Cobarr late in April during the Far Western N.S.W. Championship meeting. Should he gain his 50 straight badge, it would seem almost certain that he is the youngest shooter to gain this honour.

Advertisers and clubs are reminded that, until further notice, the publication date of this Journal will be on or about the 18th of each month. Advertising and general copy matter will not be accepted after 30th of the month preceding issue.

Bill Rainbird, of Launceston (Tas.), the senior Association Vice-President, in keeping with his usual practice, slipped the Association secretary a "red-back" (tenner) on International Day at Burwood, just, as he remarked, "To keep the show moving—I've had a great week-end."

Some red faces were noticed when a well-known shooter who had been invited to become one of the party was left at a position nearly 10 miles behind when the party of several car loads moved off in the Bendigo district during a recent duck shooting expedition—he had been forgotten! His description of the hospitality of the party, when he was eventually rescued, was vivid in the extreme. Another episode which drew quite an amount of banter and surprise and which will take some living down by a certain prominent A.C.P.T.S.A. official, was brought about by the officials clean missing with both barrels of a man-sized black duck drake which almost "flew down his barrels."

Tom Powell, a Vice-President of the Perth Club in W.A., has also been appointed the Western club's publicity officer. Tom moves round the State quite a bit in the course of his every-day duties, so it can be accepted that the Perth Club will be spoken of in many country centres of Australia's biggest State. Tom has started off with what he calls Report No. 1, which reads:

Perth, W.A., held its Annual Meeting on March 15, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Colin Ferguson; Vice-Presidents, Tom Powell, Tom Blakeley, H. Collier; Secretary, Roy Alexander; Treasurer, Jim Conlan; Captain, Jim Williamson; Referees, Frank Bailey, Harry Bentley; Publicity Officer, Tom Powell.

The Club has been in recess since the beginning of the duck shooting season, which opened here on the 23rd December, but shooters are now anxious to start dusting the clay again, and it was resolved at the annual meeting to begin the season with a working bee and prepare the new grounds, which will be at Clontarf, about six miles from the city. This location has all the natural beauty and surroundings for making an ideal club grounds. However, there is a lot of hard yacka ahead, but enthusiastic members are already on the scrounge and we look forward to the day when we will be hanging up the decorations to welcome the Eastern States shooters to our Championships.

A new club is contemplated at Manildra in New South Wales. The sponsor is Mr. R. B. Elliott.

An additional donor to the Association's prize funds for the recent big shoot is Messrs. Harris-Williams Press Pty. Ltd., £5.

R. B. Pegler, formerly of Cunnamulla, and now of Charleville, recently posted along fees for a "Lifer's" Badge. R.B.P. is well known to many of the pre-war brigade of shooters—he visited Melbourne for quite a lengthy holiday some years ago and was prominent in several shoots at the old Bentleigh grounds. Incidentally he is another who much regretted his inability to make the recent Association shoots.

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In the Grand Australian Handicap at Burwood last month Miss Cecilie Duchatel, of Griffith (N.S.W.) and "Nyla" (Nyla Fankhauser) tied with the equal scores. Instead of holding a tie shoot the Association decided to present each with a 'special trophy. Every year during the shooting of the Champion of Champion's Cup a special trophy is drawn by the lady holding the winning shooter's name. This feature is most attractive to women visitors and creates much interest. This year the trophy was gained by Mrs. J. C. Duchatel, of Griffith (N.S.W.), herself a competitor in the big event. Mrs. Duchatel held George Biggs' name in the draw.

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Ten Years Ago . . .

Trap shooting news was becoming scarce during April, 1941, due to the advance of the tension of the war years. Athol Love, now of Nhill, won the Victorian Tower Championship shot on the Coburg grounds. Love won outright 20/20 from G. Biggs, 22/25, and W. R. Johns, 19/25. Jack Bryant (Sen.) won the N.S.W. Night Shooting Championship at Leeton with 28/30. The event was the first of its kind ever staged in New South Wales. Bryant won from J. Semmler (Barellan), 27/30, and Don Muir (Griffith), 30/35.

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U.S.A. Shooting . . .

(From Rex Miles—Washington)

Writing from Spokane, Washington, our good friend in the U.S.A., Rex Miles, says, "This is your busy time (written 26/2/51), with all the preparations for your Grand Australian Tournament coming up. Hope it is the very best yet. You will no

doubt have a record attendance, if the war conditions will not interfere. Tell the boys to lay on those stocks and break the winning scores in the International. Fudging and finching sometimes raises Hell with a good shooter; it is hard to overcome, and it has made many drop out of the sport. I don't know whether you have heard of or seen guns with the relaxing trigger. In case you have not, I will describe them. These guns are used by the Flinchers and Fudgers, and they say it helps them. The guns with the relaxing triggers are shot by releasing the trigger, that is you pull back and hold the trigger as far back as possible, then when you are ready to shoot, release it. I may say that these guns are very dangerous in the hands of persons who are not expert gun handlers, and personally I would not shoot in a squad with anyone but an expert who used one. There are a few top-notchers who use them here. Cal Ray (husband of Ruth Ray), and Maynard Henry both shoot them, and, of course, are experienced shooters. I would feel perfectly safe with them. We are having good turn-outs at our Spokane Trophy shoots; the boys are shooting while they can.

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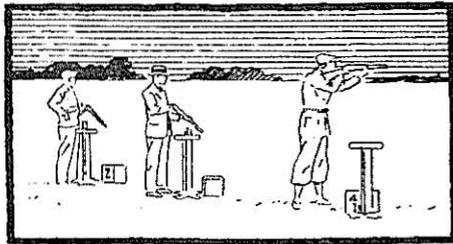
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AROUND THE CLUBS AND MEETINGS...



FOOTSCRAY (V.).—Results shoot March 24: No. 1, 5-bird D.B.: div. S. Snipe, A. C. Tie and R. Johns, 12/12. No. 2, Club's Double-barrel Championship, 15 birds, 16 yards: W. Finnegan, 30/30; S. Snipe, 29/30; C. Mudford, 24/25; R. G. Wray, 19/20.

ROCKHAMPTON (Q.). — First shoot for 1951. Results: No. 1, 5 birds: div. L. Smith and H. Rogers, 5/5. No. 2, 10 birds, S.B.: div. B. Harrison and H. Rogers, 9/10. No. 3, 5 pairs Deauville Doubles: C. Allan-J. Winslade and J. Brumm-D. Russell, each 5/5 pairs, div. No. 4, 3 pairs Deauville Doubles: div. D. Warnack-G. Lawrence, H. Rogers-D. Russell. No. 5, 5 birds, S.B.: div. B. Harrison, C. Allan and J. Winslade, 5/5.

(Bill Galloway, Publicity Officer.)

COBURG (V.).—The club staged a special Champion of Champions trial on Saturday, March 3. Attendance was affected somewhat by the absence of a number of prominent shooters at the duck opening. The main 20 birder went to R. Armstrong, who stopped 26/26 from N. Guy, 25/26; R. Johns, 46/49; R. Hering, 45/49; W. Finnegan, 32/34; front-marker, P. Dally, 14/20. The minor events resulted: No. 1, 5 birds, S.B.: div. "Ingi", "Bruino", W. Wager, C. Mudford, J. Whincup, A. A. Mills (Hay), 5/5. No. 2, 10 birds, D.B.: G. Stone (Walpeup), 25/25; N. Guy, 24/25; C. Mudford, 20/21; 12 yarder, P. Dally, 17/18. Results shoot Saturday, March 17: No. 1, 10 birds, three possibles: div. P. Marshall (Hobart, Tas.), R. Redpath (Hobart, Tas.) and Max Bale (Bothwell, Tas.),

10/10. No. 2, 10 birds, S.B., four possibles: J. Bryant, 15/15; W. A. Commons (Broken Hill, N.S.W.), 14/15; Armstrong, 12/13; D. Haddow, 9/10; 12 yarder, D. Ryan, 9/10. No. 3, 10 birds, D.B.: Les Turner, 17/17; C. Mudford, 16/17; J. Whincup, 10/11; 12 yarder, J. Bourke, 23/24. No. 4, 10 birds, points: D. R. Armstrong and D. Haddow, 29/30, div.; "Peters", 28/30.

Results shoot 31/3/51: No. 1, 5 birds, S.B.: div. J. Headland, W. Finnegan, Stan Thompson, J. A. McCraith, 8/8. No. 2, Club Single-barrel Championship at 15 birds: won outright by J. H. Headland, 15/15, from C. Mudford, 28/30; R. Hering, 26/30; 12 yarder trophy to K. Armstrong, 16/20. No. 3, 10 birds, D.B.: F. Burns, 15/15; D. Armstrong, 14/15; A. C. Tie, 13/15; front-marker, Mitchell, 10/11.

CAMBERWELL (V.). — Results March 3: No. 1, 5 birds, S.B.: div. F. Skate, O. Kurrle, H. Ball and Keith Davies, 5/5. No. 2, Club S.B. Championship, 15 birds: M. Doherty, 18/20; L. Davies, 16/20; J. McArthur, 13/15; 13/14 yarder, E. T. Lees, 11/15. No. 3, 5 birds, D.B.: div. A. Goodear, L. Davies, R. Didier, 7/7. No. 4, Miss-out: div. A. Jones, Goodear, L. Byrne and Delaney. Results March 17: No. 1, 5 birds: div. A. Male, R. Didier, C. Bromfield, "Dochan-Doris", 7/7. No. 2, 20 birds, D.B.: A. Quinton, 19/20; C. E. Cornish, 18/20; R. Johns, 20/23; 12/14 yarder, W. Jones, 19/23. No. 3, 5 birds: div. R. Johns and T. R. Brown, 5/5.

Results 31/3/51: No. 1, 5 birds, D.B.: div. L. Davies, Harry Roberts

Junr., W. Jones, A. J. Russell, R. Johns and Quinton, 9/9. No. 2, Club Auto and Driven Championship: J. Bryant, 10/10 pairs; R. Johns, 9/10; P. Willis, 10/13; 12/14 yarder, R. Wightman Junr., 9/13.

KELLY'S CREEK (Qld.).—After a long recess due to the excessive floods in this part of Queensland, the Kelly's Creek Gun Club opened the year with a very enjoyable shoot on its home ground—the Kelly's Creek Sports Grounds, on 18th February. This is also the headquarters of the Country Cricket Club, and a bough shed is provided. The spot, fifty miles west of Longreach, was chosen as being the most central for members, but a great many of our sportsmen have to travel from twenty to sixty miles. The club has followed the Darr River Downs Club in introducing the Squad System, and has also borrowed their idea of using corn-bags to mark out the shooting tracks, so the trap lay-out has been considerably improved of late.

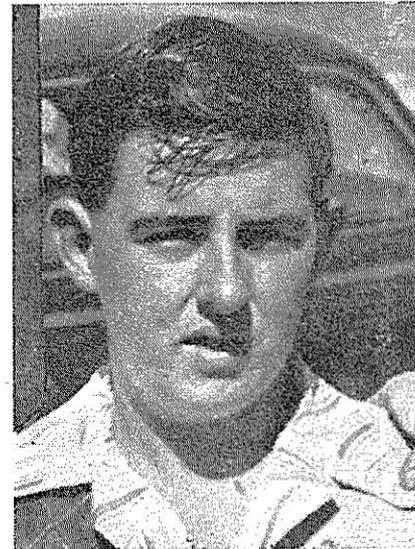
The highlight of the recent shoot was an inter-club contest between a team of Darr River Downs men and the home side. The enthusiastic on-lookers seemed to put the shooters on their metal, for this event produced some of the best shooting of the day. It was unfortunate that, because of the bush-fire risk and other reasons, a great number of members were unable to attend.

Detailed results: 1st, 5-bird D.B. Sweepstake: S. Barton, 8/10. 2nd, 5-bird D.B. Sweepstake: G. Taylor, 8/10. 3rd, 5-bird D.B. Sweepstake: K. Banks, 10/10. 4th, 3-bird Walk-up: K. Woolford, 9/9. 5th, 10-bird Kills to Count: H. Owens, 9/10. 6th, 5-bird D.B.: D. Hill, 9/11. 7th, 10-bird Inter-club Contest: Darr River Downs Club defeated Kelly's Creek by 44/35.

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

GRIFFITH (N.S.W.).—The Griffith Gun Club programme opened up the afternoon's shooting on March 17 by staging the Allan B. Turner Trophies as No. 1 event. Under Captain of the Day, Ernie Clark, the programme ran smoothly and was rounded off with those who wished to test their skill from 20 yards in a Miss-out and one Star. Conditions for shooting were not the best, as a good breeze was blowing into the trap throughout all events. The trap gave no trouble and only a small percentage of broken birds hindered the shooters. Two visiting shooters, A. Matthews and P. D. Flynn, of Cobur, contested all events. Event No. 2 was shot from 20 yards as a practice for the Hay Gun Club's Easter Shoot, and following are the results of events as shot during Saturday afternoon:

Event No. 1, 20-bird Double-barrel for the Allan B. Turner Trophies, Handicap and Sweepstake: Harold Anstee won outright with 19/20; Ian Evans, with 31/34 (2); Jim Theodore, with 30/34 (3). Event No. 2, 5-bird Double-barrel from 20 yards, with Optional Sweepstake: 1st place div. Phil Stott and Ian Evans, 5/5. Next best shooters for this event were Bob Bushby, Dr. Sertori and Ernie Clark, with 4/5. Event No. 3, 5-bird Double-barrel from Handicap Marks, with Optional Sweepstake: 1st place div. Harold Anstee, Bob Bushby, Des Coughlan,



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(J. James.)

DARR RIVER (Qld.).—A small shoot was held on the 3rd March, and some good shooting was witnessed. The standard was high, but long straights were ruined by the missing of vital birds. Over tenseness seemed to be the main trouble. A return teams' match was shot with the Kelly's Creek Gun Club, this time Kelly's Creek being the victors.

The results were: Event No. 1, 5 birds: P. Clemestra, 6/6; K. Banks, 5/6. Event No. 2, 5 birds: K. Banks, J. Gibson, 6/7. Event No. 3, 10 birds: D. Mackenzie, 9/10. Event No. 4, 5 birds, Novice: K. Peters, 3/5. Event No. 5, Teams match, 5 birds: Kelly's Creek, 20; Darr River, 17. Event No. 6, 5 birds: H. Owens, 7/7; W. Dunn, 6/7.

(K. Woolford, Hon. Sec.)

TOWNSVILLE (Qld.).—There was a good attendance of shooters at the Townsville Gun Club's grounds last Saturday, March 10, when the club

held an open clay pigeon shoot. A strong gusty wind made shooting conditions difficult and as a result the scoring generally was below average. The main event was the opening round of a competition comprising four rounds for a canteen of cutlery presented to the club by Patron D. Peberdy. Shooting well, J. Longworth and D. Peiniger, with level scores of 28/30 points each, topped the field to tie for first placing. D. Peberdy, with 27/30, was runner-up and filled third place. T. Bray, Rus McKimmin, F. Hose and T. Clay, each with 26/30, tied for fourth placing. With three more rounds to go, anything can happen, but the above shooters have secured a handy points lead.

The following are the results of the four events shot off during the afternoon: Five-bird Single-barrel Sweepstakes: div. J. Melville, D. Peberdy and W. Stockham, each possible 5/5. First round, 10 birds points shooting, 3 points first barrel, 2 points second barrel: First and second, J. Longworth and D. Peiniger, each 28/30; D. Peberdy, 27/30, third; J. Bray, Rus McKimmin, F.

Hose and T. Clay, each 26/30, div. fourth. Five-bird Barrel Sweepstakes: div. W. Hanran, E. Vandersee and G. Sinclair, each 5/5 possible. Walk-up Sweepstake, 3 birds Double-barrel: div. J. Melville, D. Peberdy, J. Longworth, C. Ray, E. Vandersee, D. Laidlaw and S. Horwood, each 3/3 possible.

(Fred Blackman, Hon. Sec.)

STONEHENGE (N.S.W.).—Tim Wright, of Woolahra, was the main winner at the Stonehenge Club's meeting on March 3. Tim stopped 39/40 for the day. Some Newcastle visitors attended, and all had an enjoyable day. Mal. Fuller, one of our most enthusiastic shooters, flew to England, via America, last month. He intends to do some shooting in both countries, and will be away about six months.

(C. S. Horne, Hon. Sec.)

BARELLAN (N.S.W.).—The South Western District Double Barrel Championship was conducted by the Barellan Gun Club on February 24th at the club's grounds at Barellan. The Championship was won outright by George Bell, a shooter from Young. He was the only shooter to make the possible, shooting with a precision that blew all 20 birds to dust. Fifty-six shooters faced the traps in squad shooting system, and it was agreed by all contestants that the loss of five birds would automatically eliminate any shooters. Under these conditions only 29 shooters of the 56 contesting the event finished the four rounds of five birds; other shooters fell out in the following rounds with five or more birds lost. Ten more shooters fell out at the conclusion of the second round, and 14 more at the conclusion of the third round. Shooters with 19 kills out of 20 were: Reg McNamara (Griffith), M. Webb (Leeton), John James (Griffith) and Max Gibson (Hay). These four shooters shot off for 2nd and 3rd places.

This District Championship was not under ideal conditions. The day was extremely hot, and early in the shoot a head wind was blowing into the trap. This, with the irregularity of the trap and too many bad and broken birds, together with several trap breakdowns and the ultimate hand-loading and firing of the trap

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(J. A. Pritchard, Hon. Sec.)

LAKE GEORGE (Captain's Flat, N.S.W.).—On March 3rd the Lake George Club conducted a shoot, the main event being a £30 Handicap, supported by a trophy event, total value of the trophies being £15/10/-. Each event was keenly contested, the main event going to K. Strudwick, who, from a novice 12 months ago, is now among the top-liners. James Brown surprised by winning the trophy event.

Scores: 1st Event, 5-bird D.B. Sweep: L. Morrison, K. Stumbles, M. O'Rourke, R. Ceely and K. Strudwick, tied with 5/5. 2nd Event, £30 Handicap: K. Strudwick (13), 10/10, 1st; H. Thompson (13), L. Morrison (13), K. Stumbles (13) and G. Bond (16) div. 2nd and 3rd prizes. 3rd Event, 10-bird D.B. Trophy Handicap: J. Brown (12), 11/11, 1st; A.

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

SHORTLAND (Newcastle, N.S.W.)
Results of shoot on February 24:
No. 1, 3 birds: A. Hartley, 15/15 (1); R. Hartley, 14/15 (2). No. 2, 10 birds, D.B.: div. A. Hancock, B. Bright, each 9/9. No. 3, 5-bird S.B.: A. Munday, L. P. Hughes. No. 4, 5 birds, D.B.: A. Munday and W. Hanley, div. 5/5. No. 5, 5 birds, D.B.: W. Hanley.

(F. Hodges, Hon. Sec.)

SHEPPARTON (V.) — Results shoot February 24: No. 1, 5 birds, D.B.: R. Long, "Silver" (J. Lodge), P. Pettit, A. Parker, K. Reynolds, J. Dealey, A. Coward, H. Hare, R. Thorn; tie shoot, A. Parker (St. James), 10/10; A. Coward (Congupna), 8/10 (2). No. 2, 10 birds, D.B.: E. Phillips, N. Jordan, R. Long, A. Parker, each 10/10; shoot-off, A. Parker, 17/17; R. Long, 16/17. No. 3, 10 birds: won by Phil Pettit, 15/15, from E. Phillips, 14/15.

(H. Hare, Hon. Sec.)

DUBBO (N.S.W.) — The Dubbo Club held its Double-rise Championship on March 11. Success went to Jack Bayley, 8/12, from Jack Lindsay, 9/15, and C. Nash, 7/15. Four of the club's members were shooting at the big Association fixture, and consequently did not take part in the event. A minor 3 birder was cut by L. Rumble and Jack Lindsay, each 5/5.

(Ron Morrison, Hon. Sec.)

SALE (V.) — Results inter-club shoot at Sale on January 31. The A.C.P.T.S.A. officials, J. M. Wilson (President) and W. McCullough (Secretary) attended the shoot and dinner which followed. 1st Event, £25 with added £10: Len Robinson, Lou Bourbaud, Wally McCubbin and L. Mitchell. 2nd Event, Teams Shoot Sale Club Sweepstake in teams shoot: 1st, Allan Oldham; div. 2nd and 3rd money: G. Williams, H. Guyatt, S. Oldham and Wally McCubbin. 4th Event, Hampton: W. McCubbin, R. Glover, M. Beck, Jim Bindt, H. Guyatt, P. Stephens. 3rd Shoot, 20-bird: Alex Oldham, 1st;

H. Guyatt, S. Oldham, W. McGubbin, div. 2nd and 3rd money.

L. J. Robinson, Hon. Sec.)

BATHURST (N.S.W.) — Club shooters contested an all-sweepstake programme on 3/3/51. Quite a few of the boys were in good form, particularly Jim Ryan, Arthur Morris, Vic Howard, Hal Cross, Fonce Owens and Billy Byers. New President, Ken McEwen, after a trot of the 4/5 habit, came good in No. 6 and 7 and beat the bogey. Secretary Vic Howard used up one of his bi-annual days "on" and had a break of 23 straight. Fonce Owens, who has only recently taken up the sport, was very satisfied with a string of 17 consecutive "kills" during the afternoon. Jim Ryan is regaining form as his health improves. Must have a quid on him the day he feels 100 per cent. New member Johnny Valentine annexed two B Grade sweeps with full scores of 5/5, one being shared by Bill Burrows.

Results: No. 1, 3-bird D.B.: L. Lupp, J. N. Brazier, M. Burrows, C. Campbell, J. Barker and M. Wotton. No. 2, 5-bird D.B.: J. McLeish, V. Howard, C. Campbell, H. Cross, M. Wotton and A. Morris. No. 3, same: J. Howard, J. Valentine, W. Burrows, V. Howard, A. Morris and J. Ryan. No. 4, same: L. Lupp, J. Howard, H. Jaques, W. Burrows, A. Morris, V. Howard, A. Owens, R. Campbell and J. Ryan. No. 5, same: L. Lupp, M. Burrows, W. Haynes, W. Burrows, A. Owens, V. Howard, C. Campbell, H. Cross and W. Byers. No. 6, same: K. McEwen, J. N. Brazier, M. Burrows, A. Owens, J. Valentine, H. Cross, W. Byers and J. Ryan. No. 7, 3-bird 23 yds.: K. McEwen, J. N. Brazier, H. Jaques and A. Morris. No. 8, 3-bird 24 yds.: L. Luff, J. N. Brazier and A. Morris.

(Vic Howard, Hon. Sec.)

ECHUCA (V.) — Despite the bad conditions on Saturday, 24/2/51, 35 shooters attended the Echuca Gun Club fixture, and high gun went to H. Carmody with 16 straight. Results were: No. 1 event: div. A. Quinton, R. Stagg, A. Rickards, 5/5. No. 2, Trophy: J. Garrett (Kyabram), 7/7, 1st; K. Dobson, 8/9, 2nd. No. 3, Single-abrel: div. H. Carmody and J. Garret, 5/5. No. 4, Miss-out: div. A. Holter, G. McDonald, L. Scriven,

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Event No. 4—10 BIRDS POINT.. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Trophies. Nomination, £1.

ROMA GUN CLUB . . .**30th April**

Event No. 1—5 BIRD D.B. Nomination, 6/-.

Event No. 2—

ROMA HANDICAP OF £100

Nomination, £4. 30-bird Point Scoring 3 and 2. Prize money will be increased if sufficient nominations.

Prize money distributed on the basis of 50%, 30%, 10% and 5% for best 12 yd. score.

Event No. 3—10 BIRD S.B. TROPHY SHOOT. Nomination, £1.

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 12/13 yd. Trophies.

ROMA GUN CLUB . . .**1st May**

Event No. 1—5 BIRD D.B. Nomination, 6/-.

Event No. 2—£25 TROPHY SHOOT, 10 BIRD D.B. Nomination, 25/-.

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 12/13 yd., 14/15 yd. and 16 yds. and over Trophies.

Event No. 3—

GRAND TEAMS CHALLENGE MATCH

To be shot in Teams of 5 at 25 birds. Each member from Association Handicaps. Nomination, £25 per Team.

PRIZE MONEY—

2 Teams only £40, 1st 4 Teams £45, 1st; £30, 2nd; £10, 3rd

3 Teams £40, 1st; £25 2nd 5 Teams £50, 1st; £35, 2nd; £20, 3rd

Prize Money will be increased and a fourth prize paid if six or more teams nominate.

ALL MEMBERS OF TEAMS MUST BE FROM THE SAME CLUB.**ST. GEORGE GUN CLUB . . .****6th May**

Event No. 1—5 BIRD EYE-OPENER SWEEP. Association Handicaps. Nomination, 6/-.

Event No. 2—5 BIRD D.B. from 20 yd. Mark. Nomination, 6/-.

Event No. 3— **1951 Commonwealth Single Barrel Championship**

Shot under Rules and By-Laws of A.C.P.T.S.A. at 25 birds Single Barrel from 20 yds. in rounds of 5.

Optional Sweeps divided 60%, 30% and 10% with no deductions.

1st, Trophy and Sash; 2nd and 3rd Trophies, also 12yd., 13/14 yd. and 15/16 yd. Trophies.

Event No. 4—£25 TROPHY SHOOT, 10 BIRD D.B. Nomination, 25/-.

1st, 2nd and 3rd Trophies.

ST. GEORGE GUN CLUB . . .**7th May**

Event No. 1—5 BIRD D.B. Nomination, 6/-.

Event No. 2—£28 TROPHY SHOOT. Nomination, 25/-.

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 12/14 yd. Trophies.

Event No. 3—

THE ST. GEORGE HANDICAP OF £100

Nomination, £4. 30 birds Point. Prize money will be increased if sufficient nominations. Prize money will

be distributed on the basis of 50%, 30%, 10% and 5%, also 5% for best 12 yd. score.

Event No. 4—£25 TROPHY SHOOT, 10 BIRD SINGLE BARREL. Nomination, 25/-.

1st, 2nd and 3rd Trophies.

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W. Cakebread, 5/5. No. 5, Miss-out: div. C. Rosenow, W. Cakebread, 4/4.
(A. Rickards, Hon. Sec.)

DUBBO (N.S.W.)—Dubbo held an open shoot on 25th February last, and 48 shooters from as far west as Cobar and Inverell in the North were in attendance. Ideal weather was experienced and consequently good scoring resulted. The Handicap was divided between W. Eather, J. Baxter, D. Bacigalupo and Lloyd Wilson with a possible 10/10. The next big event on the Dubbo programme is the Central N.S.W. Double-rise Championship and £100 Handicap to be held on the 12th and 13th May, 1951.

Results of the February meeting were as follows: Event 1, 3-bird D.B. resulted in a tie between: L. Rumble, E. Morris, K. Cross, D. York, J. Bayley, L. Morris and J. Spratt, with 6/6, 22 shooters being in the shoot-

off. Event 2, 5-bird D.B.: R. Back, 1st, 9/9; D. York, 2nd, and J. York, 3rd. Event 3, 5-bird S.B.: R. Back, 1st, 16/16; L. Morris, 2nd, 15/16; G. Nash, 3rd, 14/15. Event 4, 10-bird D.B.: tie between J. Baxter, W. Eather, L. Wilson and D. Bacigalupo, 10/10. Event 5, 3-bird S.B.: J. Gittoes, 1st, 11/11; F. Singleton, 2nd, 10/11; L. Wilson, 3rd, 9/10. Event 6, 3-bird D.B.: L. Morris, 1st, 11/11; J. Bayley and L. Wilson tied for 2nd and 3rd with 10/12 each. On No. 2 trap—Event 1, 5-bird D.B.: W. Eather, 1st, 5/5. Event 2, 3-bird D.B.: A. Cross, 1st, 10/10.

(Ron Morrison, Hon. Sec.)

ALEXANDRA (V.) (Opening shoot February 24)—About 50 shooters and many spectators attended the opening shoot of Alexandra Gun Club. Visitors included the President of A.C.P.T.S.A. and Mr. Geo. Biggs and his daughters from Melbourne, plus visitors from Seymour, Home-

wood, Yea and Wentworth. The President of the Alexandra G.C., Mr. Luke Doyle, after thanking all who helped to start the club, introduced the Shire President, who spoke on the value of the club to the district, and the President of the A.C.P.T.S.A., Mr. "Jock" Wilson, who gave a short address on Gun handling, and then succeeded in breaking his 43rd consecutive official bird with his first barrel. A good performance was put up by 12-year-old Barry Doyle, who at his first shoot, shot 12/15 birds in the main event and would have been well in the picture except for his last two elusive "right swingers."

Results of events were as follows: Event 1, 5-bird D.B.: div. J. Broughton, R. Nicholson, C. King, 5/5. Event 2, 5-bird D.B.: div. T. Cherry, J. Squires, 5/5. Event 3, 5-bird D.B.: div. G. Biggs, C. King, K. Andrews, 5/5. Event 4, 15-bird D.B.: won by M. Gray (Seymour), 17/18; 2nd, J. McCarthy (Homewood), 16/18; 3rd, W. Reid (Seymour), 15/17; 12 yd. trophy to L. Cumming, 13/15; sweepstake cut by first three. Event 5, 5-bird Single-barrel (49 entries): div. T. Cherry, G. Cumming, P. Reid (Seymour).

(T. A. Cherry, Hon. Sec.)

BALMORAL (V.)—Results 24/2/51: No. 1, 3-bird D.B.: Rex Perry, W. Pitman, G. G. Pern, M. Malloy, 3/3. No. 2, 5-bird D.B.: div. Rex Perry, G. G. Pern, M. Malloy, N. Woodfield, 5/5. No. 3, 10-bird D.B. Trophy Shoot with optional Sweepstake: G. G. Pern and J. Wishart divided the sweepstake with 10/10, and in the shoot-off for trophies G. G. Pern, 12/12, took first trophy; J. Wishart, second, 11/12. 12/13 yarder attached trophy provided a good shoot-off, R. Perry, 15/17, winning from L. Murray, 14/17. No. 4, Deauville Doubles, 3 pairs: div. A. McPhee - J. Brown and G. G. Pern - J. Wishart, 3 pairs. No. 5, Double-rise: A. McPhee, 2 pairs. No. 6, 5-bird D.B. Point Shoot: div. A. McPhee and F. Patison, 8 points. No. 7, 3-bird: A. McPhee, 8/8.

Afternoon tea was provided by the ladies present, proceeds going to the Local Bush Nurse Centre.

(W. F. Duncan, President.)

CLARA CREEK (Qld.)—Results 7/10/50: No. 1, 5-bird D.B.: Reg Akers, J. Raleigh, C. Fletcher, A. Seis, div. 9/9. No. 2, 5-bird D.B. Point: C. Fletcher, D. Cameron, div. 10/10. No. 3, 5-bird D.B. Point: O. W. Smith, S. Parry, div. 10/10. No. 4, D.B. Miss-out: B. G. S. Schooley, Reg Akers, B. Luxton, S. Parry, G. Akers. No. 5, Maranoa D.B. Championship, 7/10/50, 20-bird, 16 yds.: 1st, J. Raleigh, 35/35; 2nd, K. Cameron, 34/35; 3rd, B. G. S. Schooley, 19/20; 12 yds. Trophy, Ron Akers, 18/20. Consolation Sweep: 1st, T. L. Akers; 2nd, B. Carne. No. 6, 5 prs. Deauville Doubles: 1st, B. Luxton and J. Page, 7/8 prs. No. 7, 5-bird D.B. Point: D. Cameron and J. Raleigh, 10/10.

Results Championship Shoot held on Charleville Ground 8th October, 1950: No. 1, 5-bird D.B. Handicap: D. Cameron, B. Schooley, D. Young, C. Fletcher, J. Raleigh, div. 10/10. No. 2, 5-bird S.B. Handicap: 1st, J. W. Raleigh, 10/10; 2nd and 3rd, J. Hamilton, C. Fletcher, B. Luxton, D. Cameron, div. 9/10. No. 3, 5-bird S.B. Handicap: J. Raleigh, A. Akers, A. Seis, div. 10/10. No. 4, Maranoa S.B. Championship, 20-bird, off Assn. Handicaps, 16 yds.: 1st, J. Raleigh, 24/25; 2nd, Tom Akers, 23/25; 3rd, K. Cameron, 23/25, after shoot-off with B. Carne and D. Cameron; 12 yd. Trophy, G. Akers, 16/25. No. 5, Consolation Sweep, 5-bird D.B.: G. McDairmid, J. Page, L. Wade, div. 7/7. No. 6, 3 pairs D. Bird Rise: K. Cameron, Ron Akers, div. 3 prs. No. 7, 5-bird D.B.: J. Quin, Tom Akers, Ron Akers, B. Munns, div. 10/10.

Results shoot 27/7/50, held at Clara Creek: No. 1, 5-bird D.B. Handicap: J. Raleigh, D. Squire, S. Parry, div. 5/5. No. 2, 10-bird D.B. Point Handicap: 1st, T. Akers, D. Squire, div. 18/20; 3rd, A. Akers, 16/20. No. 3, 5-bird S.B. Handicap: 1st, T. Akers, 6/7; 2nd, O. Smith, J. Page, div. 5/7. No. 4, D.B. Miss-out: L. Haseler, J. Ferrier, W. Whitfield, div. 8/8. No. 5, S.B. Miss-out: Reg Akers, G. McDairmid, div. 4/4. No. 6, D.B. Miss-out: S. Parry, L. Haseler, div. 16/16. No. 7, A. R. Tie Saunders Memorial Cup, 15-bird D.B. Point Handicap: 1st, J. W. Raleigh, 28/30; 2nd, J. Ferrier, 27/30; 3rd, T. Akers, 26/30. No. 8, 5 pairs Deauville Doubles: 1st, R. Lord - Reg

DIGGERS GUN CLUB

Gladstone - Queensland

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

10th June, 1951

PROGRAMME:

AUTOMATIC TRAP :: REFRESHMENTS ON GROUNDS
CARTRIDGES AVAILABLE

First Event: 5 BIRD DOUBLE RISE SWEEPSTAKES

1951 QUEENSLAND STATE JUBILEE DOUBLE RISE CHAMPIONSHIP

SUPPORTING HANDICAPS IF TIME PERMITS.

First event commences at 10 a.m.

Horse Racing on 9th and 11th June at Gladstone.

President:
MR. P. M. JONES

Secretary:
N. E. BYONE
Toolooa Street, Gladstone

COBAR GUN CLUB, N.S.W.

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

BIG TWO DAY SHOOT

28TH AND 29TH APRIL 1951

Shooting to start at 9.30 a.m. sharp

1st Day — SATURDAY, APRIL 28th.

3 BIRD EYE-OPENER. Entry, 5/-.

1st, Trophy.

Far Western District of N.S.W. Double Barrel Championship

20 BIRDS FROM 16 YARDS

Entry, 20/-. Optional Sweepstakes, 20/-.

Championship Sash. Valuable Trophies 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

2nd Day —

£50 DOUBLE BARREL HANDICAP

Entry, 25/-. Optional Sweepstakes 20/- and 10/-.

1st, £30 and Trophy; 2nd, £15; 3rd, £5.

A.C.P.T.S.A. HANDICAPS :: AUTOMATIC TRAP SQUAD SYSTEM

Other events time permitting.

LUNCHEON SERVED ON GROUND.

A. D. MATHEWS, President,
"Maryantha",
Cobar, N.S.W.

W. K. OSBORNE, Hon. Sec.,
Box 129,
Cobar, N.S.W.

Akers, R. Small - J. Ferrier, div. 6/8 pairs.

(J. C. Page, Hon. Sec.)

AUSTRALIAN (V.).—The club's opening shoot for March was held on the afternoon of Thursday, the 8th, as a prelude to the A.C.P.T.S.A. contests. The main contest was at 30 birds and resulted in a win for Gary Daly, of Deniliquin, 37/37, from W. MacCubbin, 36/37; M. Bale (Bothwell, Tas.), 34/35; L. Turner, 33/35; R. T. Brown, 31/33; S. McCleary (Ouyen), 30/32; 13/14 yarder; D. McL. McDonald (Catani), 28/30; 12 yarder, John Duchatel (Griffith), 28/32. No. 2, 10 birds, 5 possibles, each of whom took £2; they were "Red" (Deniliquin), John Bryant, G. Bell (Young), W. MacCubbin, M. Phillips (Young); the balance was cut on the 17th round by Phillips, G. Bell (Young) and John Bryant, each 17/17. The Night Commonwealth double-barrel championship followed, and this was won by John Bryant, 32/35, from W. Finnegan, 31/35, and "Bruino" (Bill Scott), 23/25; 15/16 yarder, R. Back (Narramine, N.S.W.), 21/25; 13/14 yarder, J. James (Griffith), 16/20; 12 yarder, M. Gibson (Hay), 15/20. The club night championship (not previously reported) was won by F. Oliver, 16/20, from J. Barnett, 14/20; R. Hering, 17/24; 13/14 yarder, W. Jones, 16/24, and 12 yarder, F. Jensen (Townsville, Q.), 13/20. Minor events the same night: 5 birds: "Doncaster", 10/10. No. 2 (same): div. R. T. Brown, A. Mansell and "Bruino", 5/5. Results of March 24 were: No. 1, 10 birds: div. A. Goodear, J. Paul, "Doch-an-Doris", L. Murphy, R. Didier, J. T. McArthur and "Nyla", 10/10. No. 2, 10 birds, trophy: "Nyla", 23/25; K. Jenkins, 22/25; M. Newnham (Romsey), 15/16; 12/14 yarder, J. Paul, 13/14. No. 3, 10 birds, S.B.: W. Jones, 9/10; O. Kurrle, 13/15; H. S. Godfrey, 12/15; "Nyla", break 31. On June 11 (King's Birthday) the club will stage the Jubilee Handicap. The winner will receive a dining-room suite, second a cocktail cabinet and third an auto dinner waggon.

(A. F. Johnson, Hon. Sec.)

HOBART (Tas.). — Results shoot January 27: Young Bothwell shooter Max Bale defeated J. M. Tyquin in the 40-bird event for the H. James

trophy at the Hobart Gun Club's shoot at Brighton. In a deciding round of five birds, Bale added the possible to his score of 36 "kills" to give him final figures of 41/45. Tyquin was one down on Bale's total. Another 10 rounds were needed to decide third placing between R. Powell, N. Frith and W. R. Morgan, each of whom had scored 35/40. Morgan added all 10 to his total. The front markers' trophy was won by F. Fair from B. C. Smith after a deciding round of five birds. Fair only recently began shooting, and his score of 39/45 was a promising performance. He has improved with each shoot. Nine competitors shared the five-bird sweepstake. They were: S. Marshall, J. M. Tyquin, E. Pulford, C. J. Lowe, W. Reynolds, J. McKenzie, M. Bale, A. J. Lowe and W. McMaster. In novice 12 and 13 yds. event, C. Allwood "downed" 21 consecutive birds to defeat A. J. Lowe, who scored 20/21.

Details: H. James Trophy: M. Bale, 41/45; J. M. Tyquin, 40/45; W. R. Morgan, 45/50; N. Frith, 44/50; R. Powell, 36/45; C. J. Lowe, 35/40; B. C. Smith, 38/45; F. Fair, 39/45; K. Pulford, 33/40; C. Allwood, A. Lowe, E. Casey, P. Marshall, A. Poxon, 32/40; G. Marshall, 31/40. Novice, 12-13 yds.: C. Allwood, 21/21; A. Lowe, 20/21; E. Pulford, 7/8; M. Bale, F. Fair, 5/6. Ten-bird Single and Double-barrel: G. Marshall, 10/10; A. McRae, R. Powell, A. J. Lowe, M. Bale, 9/10; E. Casey, K. Pulford, 8/10; N. Frith, W. R. Morgan, C. Reynolds, R. Pulford, C. J. Lowe, 7/10.

Results February 27: New South Wales marksman W. Catlin ("Dinky") brilliantly won the Hobart Gun Club's Tasmanian Grand Prix at Brighton. "Dinky's" win was his first major success, and his score of 58/60 was a fine achievement, as a bad light and a southerly breeze made conditions difficult. However, "Dinky's" success was attributable to fast shooting, which overcame the unpredictable flight of the "clays." S. Marshall (Bridgewater) and Neil Frith (Launceston) gave superb displays of gunmanship to gain second and third honours. Marshall's shooting was particularly commendable, and his score of 57/60 is an indication that he has a promising future. Frith started well, but dropped an

occasional bird over the last "thirty," and was seven down on the final count.

Handicap awards were won by: 12-13 yards, J. Pocock (N.S.W.), 49/60; 14-15 yards, P. Lowe (Macquarie Plains), 47/60; 16-17 yards, W. R. Morgan (Hobart), 48/60; backmarker, R. Powell (Cressy), 48/60. The novice and 12-13 yard shoot was won by C. Allwood, of Bothwell. A five-bird double-barrel sweepstake was divided by "Dinky", J. Pocock, W. R. Morgan and C. Allwood, all of whom stopped the possible.

For the benefit of interstate shooters who had not previously participated in Tower shooting, the club also conducted a Tower event. The shoot went 32 rounds before J. M. Tyquin shook off the Commonwealth title-holder, E. G. McRae, who registered 31/32. Other major scores were: P. Marshall, 25/26; M. Bale, 21/22; H. M. Eddington, 15/16.

(Mrs. M. Nelson,
Club Correspondent.)

ALEXANDRA (V.). — Results shoot held at Alexandra, March 24.

Thirty-five shooters attended. A slight quartering wind made targets elusive. Visitors were present from Melbourne and Shepparton. Event 1, 5-bird D.B.: div. T. Cherry, J. Squire, R. Long, A. Blakeney, 5/5. Event 2, 5-bird D.B.: div. P. Dennis, R. Nicholson and Barry Doyle, 5/5. Event 3, 10-bird D.B., 2 possibles: C. Cumming and C. King. Trophy won by C. Cumming, 17/17, from C. King, 16/17. Front-markers' trophy won by J. Hall, 13/15, from B. Doyle, 12/15. Event 4, 5-bird S.B.: div. A. Blakeney, R. Williamson and G. Cumming, 5/5. Event 5, Miss-out off fence: div. H. Pauling, T. Cherry, G. Cumming, 5/5.

(T. A. Cherry, Hon. Sec.)

GOULBURN (N.S.W.). — Results of shoot on January 29, which was attended by shooters from Victorian, Queensland and many parts of New South Wales. Trophies were handed over by President, Harold Heat, who expressed his appreciation of the referee, Alex. Palmer, of Bowral.

Three-bird double-barrel compulsory division, 27 shooters divided:

J. Storrier, F. Singleton, W. Fisher, D. Wright, T. Ginty, N. Churchill, E. Brazenall, W. Finnegan, L. Finley, J. Keen, Newton Thomas, F. Burns, J. Walkom, B. Keith, R. Seely, K. Stumbles, F. Morton, L. Reardon, F. Mooney, J. Medway, H. Hedges, P. Shepherd, W. McCloy, A. Campbell, G. Ceely, H. Picker, E. Ginty. The £100 double-barrel open handicap over 15 birds was divided after eight shooters returned a possible from the 45 nominations. Those divided being: D. Wright (Sydney), A. Campbell (Bathurst), M. Edlington (Bathurst), C. Medway (Gunning), Sid Lamb (Goulburn), R. Picker (Bigga), M. Phillips (Young), E. Brice (Canowindra). The 12-14 yard trophy was divided by J. Storrier (Goulburn) and B. Hall. They shot 14/15 to win this prize, missing their 10th and 12th birds respectively. Other shooters to return 14/15 were: A. Shepherd (Bowral), G. Beaumont (Young), W. Finnegan (Melbourne), W. McCloy (Wollongong), O. Hallam (Gunning), J. Walkom (Bannister).

The £50 trophy double-barrel handicap over five birds, 47 shooters visited the traps, and of these 18 shots the possible, and after a shoot-off, Hedley Picker (Bigga) gained first place with a score of 26/26, from Geo. Bell (Young), second, 29/30, with Sid Lamb (Goulburn), third, 28/30. The 12-14 yard trophy went to K. Stumbles (Queanbeyan), 18/19. Other shooters to shoot the possible: J. Medway (Gunning), F. Singleton (Cobar), D. Wright (Sydney), T. Ginty (Gulgambone), M. Phillips (Young), Geo. Bell (Young), L. Ridley (Bigga), W. Fisher (Sydney), A. Campbell (Bathurst), Newton Thomas (Townsville), W. Finnegan (Melbourne), W. Rutty (Wollongong), R. Picker (Bigga), J. Walkom (Goulburn), P. Shepherd (Goulburn).

Hedley Picker was presented with a grandfather clock; Geo. Bell, silver tea service; Sid Lamb, cut glass set; K. Stumbles, set teaspoons and cake forks.

Single-barrel trophy, five birds, plus sweepstake, was divided by J. Medway, Geo. Bell, Newton Thomas, G. Beaumont, H. Picker, E. Brice, Sid Lamb, M. Phillips, R. Picker. The trophy went to Geo. Bell after a shoot-off. Bell shot 14/14 to win

from M. Phillips, 13/14. Trophy, silver tea service and tray.

Double-barrel miss-out trophy: won outright by W. Finnegan (Melbourne), with a score of 11/11 (cut glass basket). Double-barrel miss-out box trophy No. 1: won outright by D. Wright (Sydney), 4/4 (whisky decanter). Double-barrel miss-out box sweep No. 2: won outright by Hedley Picker, 6/6. High gun for the day went to Sid Lamb, with 50/53.

(S. E. Lamb, Hon. Sec.)

WANGARATTA (V.).—The recent shoot in connection with the Queen of Sport in aid of the Wangaratta Hospital was well attended. Results were: No. 1, 5 birds: div. J. Lodge (Benalla), C. Burgess, J. Dean, M. Smith (Benalla) and R. Cook, 14/14 (37 noms.). No. 2, £15 Handicap: div. M. Burgess (Cobar, N.S.W.), J. Wright (St. James), C. Burgess, C. Wise, M. Smith, A. Roberts (Yundool), R. Cook (Corowa), C. Dean, 13/13; 12 yard trophy to M. Burgess. No. 3, Trophy and Sweepstake, 5 birds, 18 possibles, shoot for trophy: win to M. Burgess (aged 13 years), of Cobar, 31/31, from C. Dean (Wangaratta), 30/31. Sweepstake div. 13th round by C. Burgess, M. Burgess, C. Dean, R. Grossman, J. Crawford (Benalla), A. Roberts, D. Rae (Whorouly East) and M. Smith (30 noms.); 12 yarder, J. Crawford (Benalla), 23/27.

A feature of the day was the splendid exhibition by young M. Burgess, of Cobar, who held an unfinished break of 44 straight. M. Smith finished his break at 76. C. Dean ran to 47 straight before missing.

(S. Cordy, Hon. Sec.)

HORNSBY (N.S.W.). — Hornsby Club held its monthly shoot on March 17. A very enjoyable day was had by all. Sweepstakes were won by Abe. Everingham, 10/10; W. Hanley, 10/10; Tim Wright, 10/10; Jock Berry, 10/10, and the veteran F. Werner, 9/10. Don Cameron, President of St. George Club (Q.) attended our previous meeting and later made a generous donation to the club. Hornsby hopes to have its own grounds again shortly, and it is intended that these should be most up-to-date and picturesque. Hornsby

Colac Gun Club
(Affiliated A.C.P.T.S.A.)

Saturday, 19th May, 1951

Victorian

Mixed Birds Championship

Followed by

£40 HANDICAP £40

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

REFRESHMENTS - - - CARTRIDGES

E. R. BALL, Pres., D. CORSTORPHAN, Sec.,
Colac 390. 6 Rae St., Colac 406.

SHOOTERS NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

COBURG GUN CLUB

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

GROUND LOCATION: MATHIESON ST., NTH. COBURG.

SATURDAY 28TH APRIL 1951

10 Bird Double-Barrel.

5 PAIR AUTO and DRIVEN.

10 Bird Double-Barrel.

SATURDAY 12TH MAY 1951

3 Pair Double-Rise.

Club Double-Rise Championship

10 Bird Double-Barrel.

SATURDAY 26TH MAY 1951

10 Bird Single-Barrel.

10 Bird Points Decision.

10 Bird Double-Barrel.

J. A. McCRAITH,
President

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

will open with a £100 handicap to commemorate the opening.

(C. S. Horne, Hon. Sec.)

HAY (N.S.W.). — Commonwealth Double-barrel Championship Meeting, Easter, 1951. The title contest was won by G. Bell (Young), 24/25, from 90 competitors. Second placing went to A. Henneberg, of Ouyen, Victoria, who returned a score of 22/25. Six competitors shot off for third money after compiling a total of 21 each on the final round. The shoot-off was won by P. Pettit from Shepparton, Victoria, who got a score of 5/5. Others who took part in the shoot-off were: T. Murray and J. Houston, of Hay; K. Cameron, Roma, Queensland; H. McMaster, Lockhart, and G. Daly. Murray scored three and the others four each.

Other events resulted: First, £100 Handicap, A.C.P.T.S.A. marks: A. Henneberg, 43/45; Maurice Gibson, 42/45; Max Gibson, 33/45. Second, £100 Handicap, A.C.P.T.S.A. marks: Max Gibson, 29/30 (outright). Shoot-off for second (E. V. Cox, E. Daly, G. Patterson, K. Cameron, A. Mills, G. Daly). Mills dropped out in first five, G. Daly in the next five, Cameron was eliminated in the third, Patterson and Cox equalled in the following round, but Patterson dropped one in the next, leaving Cox and Daly in until Cox dropped one to take third position, and E. Daly went to second placing. Deauville Doubles: div. N. Milliken and G. Daly, M. Thomas and R. Hering, E. V. Cox and R. Emmett, J. C. Duchatel and C. Carnell, P. Scott and "Harry." Double Rise (£50): E. Brenk, 6/9; second and third div. W. F. Robertson, Max Gibson, N. Thomas, R. Hering, all on 5/6. Five-bird Open Event: div. N. Thomas, K. Stumbles, A. Anstee, L. Baker, M. Webb, E. Lugsdin, Max Gibson, K. Cameron, L. Rumble, J. Houston. Ten-bird Trophy (point score): W. Ronfeldt, 1st; J. Headon, 2nd; C. Baker, 3rd. After first ten birds Ronfeldt and Headon had scored possible 30. Ronfeldt won outright after a shoot-off, when he got his first bird and Headon missed. In the shoot-off for third placing, E. V. Cox, R. Bushby and C. Baker shot their first two, but only Baker scored in the third. J. Baxter took the front-markers' trophy in this event. ("Pull").

AUSTRALIAN BREAK RECORD

Newton Thomas, who broke 100 straight in the 1951 International and concluded the Association meeting with a break of 173 unfinished, continued at Hay, N.S.W., during the Easter vacation. Thomas concluded at 139 — easily the new Australian record. Then he missed three in a row. The previous record break was 117 straight, held by Lloyd Wilson, of Dubbo, N.S.W., who was also a member of the 1951 Australian International team.

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Crocodile Shooting in N.Q.

BY R. S. PLANT - ATHERTON



This subject has been given great publicity of recent years, and rightly so considering that it has become one of our most fascinating sports. I speak as one who has devoted many years in pursuit of this game. Yet today I have a greater longing than ever to go in pursuit of Brother Croc. This desire is accentuated by the fact that I have a grown-up son who loves the sport as much as I do. Limited space will not allow of much detail of the Croc or his habits nor of the country in which he lives. However, I will endeavour to give a slight idea of some of the thrills associated with Croc shooting. Unlike some forms of sport, one has no scruples about destroying the crocodile. There are two species. The Fresh-water variety, known as the Johnson Croc, and the Salt-water, mistakenly called the Alligator. As a matter of fact, there are no alligators in Australia living in their natural State. These being confined to China and South America and more or less resembling our fresh-water chap in habits, though not unlike his salt-water cousin in appearance. The snaps were taken in the Gulf country of North Island.

After a long journey over "Gill-gai" or "melon hole" country we at last reached our destination at the junction of a salt arm and the Flinders River. The members of the party had never seen a crocodile, but were bursting with eagerness to get their first kill. They were seated on a bank overlooking a narrow salt arm which was only a few feet deep. I was just explaining that this was a most likely place for crocs when they were surprised to see me raise my rifle and fire. Not 20 feet away I had seen the form of huge head

breaking the water. I didn't give him a chance. I had taken hold of a .22 sprinter rifle which I had brought along, hoping to get a shot at a small croc (up to 7 ft. long). However, I took aim at the back of his head where the spinal column joins the head. The little 45 grain bullet did its job. There was a mighty splash and the big fellow commenced rolling over and over.

Luckily we were in a position where we could get a rope down to him, and we winched him out with the truck. This chap measured 14 ft. 5 ins. and was a beautiful specimen. Crocs vary slightly in shape. Generally they taper gradually from the middle to both ends. This chap was as big round the waist as a croc several feet longer. (Snap No. 1.)

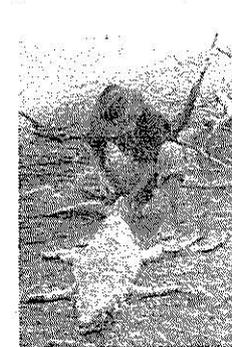
Not far from this spot we were in our 10 ft. dinghy with our outboard motor roaring. We rounded a sharp curve and there, 40 feet away, was a head looking straight at us. I think the croc was too surprised to decide what to do, or was it curiosity? I had my favourite rifle, a .300 Savage. It was a lucky shot, with the engine giving us about eight miles an hour. The bullet entered his eye and shattered where the small brain is situated. The head was jerked back, showing the white under-throat. He rolled over and sank. The engine was cut out and we decided to probe for him with a pole. As we tied up the dinghy we were surprised to see three huge paws reach up above the water. We found later that the fourth was bitten off at the shoulder and only a stump remained. We dropped a big hook tied to a line, and felt it catch on something that gave a little.

It was low tide and with much tugging and not without many curse words, we secured the head to one mangrove branch and the tail to another. We were surprised to find that this croc measured 16 feet. He must have been very old, as he had a greenish fungi growing on his skin. He was nearly as big round

the waist as a 44-gal. drum. We had his mouth tied shut. As I pushed the point of the knife into the horny side the old chap gave a heave and opened the undamaged eye. That was good enough. As he was securely tied up, we decided to leave him until he "died properly."

Next morning he was under six feet of water. After much manoeuvring he was got to the surface and tethered to two trees. We had no winching gear and had to skin him in the water. The skin tied to a tree, we stood on the body and cut away the flesh as the tide went down. We couldn't even pull the head clear of the water, let alone the body. After the skin was removed, one man could not drag it along the ground.

We spent a week on that river and shot and skinned 30 crocs, ranging from 16 feet to 3 feet. Most of these were shot at night with the aid of a powerful light. Our mode of attack was to use two boats. One tied behind the other. Our bedding and tucker, not forgetting the precious water, was placed in the second boat.



Skinning a 7 footer.

We used a light, inboard motor in No. 1 boat. We would pick up the red glow of the eye (nearly always you only see one eye). We would run the boat straight for that red eye. You cannot make out the rest of the body until very close and do not know quite what you are up against. One man held that eye in the beam of light; another held the rifle ready to shoot when close enough, while another would cut out the engine and be ready to jab in a spear in case the croc wriggled into the water. When within a few feet of croc the rifle would be fired. Sometimes the croc would make for the water, but oft times would come up again not far away and give another chance for a shot. A telescopic sight can be used at night, but the

trouble is that it is difficult to gauge the distance, as the 'scope brings the croc closer and you are inclined to fire too soon. In this case, unless he is paralysed, the croc may wriggle into deep water before he can be speared.

We would carry on through the night with the aid of a few biscuits and a thermos. Any crocs small enough we would put in the boat. The bigger ones would be tied up until the return journey in daylight.

Some time was spent fishing and netting. Occasionally we would shoot and spear a barramuondi, our choicest fish. Two groper were caught, measuring 6 ft. long, with, of course, the usual percentage of sharks, which are plentiful in the Gulf rivers.

With the advent of the aeroplane, croc shooting can be had with a lot less hardship than of old. With 'dromes spread all over the Gulf country, one has only to arrange with someone who is willing and who knows the country, to meet them with necessary plant, and they are only a few hours off the croc in his natural home. All that one needs to take with them being a port and a few blankets. Of course, this sort of thing is going to make the croc more and more scarce as time goes on. It will become necessary to go further and still further back. A thing that would be a great boom to the hunter would be a water condenser. Between the croc and fresh water, there oft times lies marine plains and vast salt pans where no fresh water can be had. If an efficient salt-water condenser could be obtained, the croc could be hunted anywhere.

Another handy gadget would be a spear that could be fired out of a rifle for night shooting. Handy for obtaining a wounded croc in the water.

I would like to close this article with a few comments on rifles. Probably there are more .303 rifles used on crocs than any other. Perhaps this is on account of cheapness of ammo. However, there is room for improvement in the .303. Though a wonderfully dependable rifle, it always feels like carrying a crowbar. The hard bullet is all right if it strikes a bone. However, I have seen

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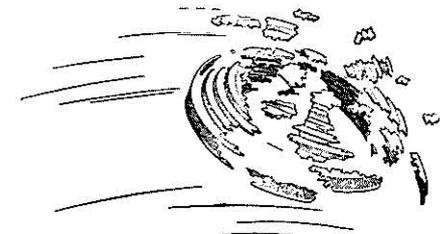
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a croc shot from a distance of 40 yards turned right over on his back. He lay there and bellowed like a calf for a few minutes, then got up and ran into the river. Had he been hit with a soft-nosed bullet, he would never have shifted. You can now purchase a 135 grain .303 soft-nosed bullet, also priming caps. The .303 shell loaded with smokeless powder leaves little to be desired as a killer. Personally I would class rifles in this order: The 30.06 loaded with 170 or 180 grain S.N. bullet, first; .270 Winchester, .300 Savage (150 grain bullet), .303 and 30.30 Winchester. The .22 Hornet is all right if one wants to shoot small crocs for mounting, but is, in reality, a nice kangaroo or wallaby rifle. The 22 sprinter, with a 55 grain bullet, will kill the biggest of crocs if you get him in the brain, but you cannot always depend on that. Therefore you want the rifle that will give the greatest shocking effect. This is got by a combination of speed and weight of bullet. Thus the 30.06. The 22 sprinter travels too fast; wears out your barrel, does not work well enough in the .303 mechanism and has not the shocking effect to compensate. Better to reduce speed to 3,000 feet per sec.; use 55 grain bullet and keep for kangaroos instead

of 22 hornet. For small crocs an ordinary 22 automatic or repeater is quite efficient and does not damage the head for mounting. The 25 sprinter should be an excellent rifle, but I would like to see it loaded with a 100 grain bullet and provided your game is not too far off. As one never knows just what is going to turn up, it is wise to use the rifle that does the most damage.



Skin and Head of a 16 footer as described in this article.



The Sporting Gun in England Its History and Development

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

The conclusion to this brief survey of the development of the sporting gun may fittingly be made by a reference to the romantic history of the Reverend Alexander John Forsyth, a minister of the parish of Belhelvie in Aberdeenshire. The discovery of fulminates as a percussion explosive enabled the minister to solve the problem of the percussion gun lock which was to supersede the flint lock as a means of ignition for the sporting gun. Forsyth made this discovery in 1805. In the spring of 1806 he came to London and announced that in the course of other private experiments, he had solved the problem, but it was not until 1807 that he took out a patent.

He brought with him to London his old gun converted to his new invention and various letters of introduction, including one to Lord Moira, then Master General of Ordnance, who was so much impressed that he persuaded Forsyth to take charge of a workshop in the Tower and promised to subsidise an ordained assistant to take charge of his parish during his absence. Thus Forsyth was compelled to divert his attentions from the sporting to the military weapon.

The Duke of York became personally interested and considered the project of great importance to military service.

Forsyth had to face many difficulties and was within sight of attaining his objective when the Whig Government was defeated and as a consequence Moira was removed from the Ordnance Office. He was replaced by the Earl of Chatham, who immediately asked Forsyth to render an account of his expenditure and to remove "his rubbish" from the Tower. In order to rub in the insult the Ordnance Department under its new "Master" refused to pay the "locum tenens" at Belhelvie. It is said that the only concrete offer which Forsyth received was one for

£20,000 from the Emperor Napoleon, which was refused with contempt.

Such experiences would have damped the ardour of a man with less courage than Forsyth, but to him they acted as a spur, and in the face of hostility from the gunmakers' trade he set up business in Piccadilly under the title of Forsyth and Co. and secured the services of James Purdey, a pupil of Joseph Manton and the founder of the present firm bearing his name. When he was assured that his invention would be used to effect, he quietly retired to his parochial duties in Aberdeenshire.

With such stirring developments of the sporting gun up to over 100 years ago, I leave the consideration of its modernization to those experts far more qualified than I am to deal with the subject.

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Dangers in Old-time Barrels

(By J. W. Houlden)

(CONTINUED FROM MARCH ISSUE)

One fallacy about these guns has, unfortunately, been accepted for many years. Damascus barrels were said to be more elastic, with more "give" when exposed to a pressure that would burst steel. But the exact opposite is the truth. The Damascus barrel, due to its soft metal and low elastic limit, would bulge under even a moderate strain. Steel, on the other hand, has a very high elastic limit. If two barrels, one of Damascus steel and one of plain steel, were subjected to gradually increasing but identical pressures, the Damascus barrel would bulge first and remain bulged. A steel barrel would stand considerably more pressure without signs of permanent bulging or rupture.

Beauty is no yardstick to safety in shotguns, for to add to the inherent weaknesses of Damascus barrels two other "additions" were made to the hunter's kit at the turn of this century which helped spell doom to this type of gun. First, came the invention of smokeless powder. Up to this time, ordinary black powder was the only type used. It gave breech pressures around 6,000 pounds per square inch in shot shells. It is estimated that the tensile strength of the iron in these old barrels would run from 42,000 to 48,000 pounds per square inch. To ease the situation the peak rise in pressure when a black powder shell was fired occurred near the breech where the metal was thickest. As the shot progressed along the barrel the pressure dropped rapidly and the barrels could be very thin near the muzzle and still be safe.

Today we have smokeless powder with minimum pressures around 9,000 pounds per square inch and the maximum going as high as 12,500 pounds in heavy 12-gauge duck loads. Gun metal must be at least twice as strong for today's smokeless loads. Modern powders are also progressive burning and there is still considerable pressure inside the barrel at 12 to 15 inches from the breech. At this point the old Damascus barrels

are paper-thin and here they usually burst open.

Time and rust have also played their part. A large percentage of the existing antique guns are badly pitted. Some even have pin holes chock-boring the muzzle of the barrel. As their merits became better known, steel barrels gradually supplanted those of Damascus and through the barrel, but are still being used.

Damascus steel barrels signed their own death knell as a product when gunsmiths discovered the excellent shooting qualities created by laminated steels, until today all the best guns are fitted with steel barrels. These are made lighter than Damascus, yet offer greater resistance to the heavier pressures exerted by modern powder. They do not bend or dent so easily as Damascus barrels, and trade in the latter has dwindled away until it is now exceedingly difficult to procure reliable Damascus barrels.

Damascus guns were made at a time in our history when individual craftsmanship was at its peak. Some of them are intricately forged and engraved with gold and silver inlays. This superb workmanship was costly then, as it is today, and the guns have been handed down from father to son as family heirlooms. Many are unearthed by the present generation in attics and second-hand shops. Gun enthusiasts are intrigued by the beauty and feel or balance of these old guns and can't resist giving them a try, using modern high-pressure loads.

The result of this curiosity is sometimes unexpected, to say the least. Constant warnings have been given, yet the public, and Damascus gun owners in particular, are hard to convince. After each hunting season, reports of blown-up Damascus shotguns trickle in from all parts of the country.

The best place for these old guns is hanging over the fireplace or in the trophy cabinet with the firing

pin removed. Don't sell your Damascus gun to some unsuspecting customer without warning. He may end up in a fatal accident. Better still, you should destroy the gun completely so that no one will be tempted to fire it now or in the future. Throw it into a deep river or lake and time will take care of the rest. And warn any owners whom you know about the dangers of Damascus, laminated, or twist-steel barrelled shotguns.

For extra measure you can also point out to your hunting friends the notice printed on the side of a box of shotgun shells of any make, either

in Canada or the United States. The warning will read: "CAUTION—Do not use these shells in guns having DAMASCUS or other twist-steel barrels."

The popularity of Damascus steel was so great in the late 1800's that a considerable number of guns with all steel barrels were etched to resemble Damascus steel. If you are not sure of your gun, ask a reliable gunsmith or your local ammunition company representative. He will be glad to help prevent these accidents.

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ASSOCIATION SHOOTS

The Association's big shooting programme enjoyed what may be termed the best run of weather since the inception of the Champion of Champions contest some 16 years ago. From the outset on March 9 the weather proved favourable—in fact, some considered it to be excessively hot. Some visiting Queensland sportsmen and their wives brought rolls of warm jackets and woollen garments to "protect themselves against Melbourne's weather." All this was to no purpose, for the reason that Melbourne showed its best warming autumn sunshine throughout.

Shooting opened just after noon on Friday, March 9, with the Champion of Champions Cup (Australian National Championship). Four automatic traps were used for the first time in Australia and 20 rounds of the event were disposed of by late afternoon. With 20 of the 60 rounds gone, the lead was shared by six shooters: "Apex" (Harry Mills, of Colac, V.), A. J. Russell (former Australian record break holder), M. Gibson, of Hay, N.S.W., Nev. Bassett (Roma, Q.), E. G. Biggs (V.) and Lionel Byrne (V.). All had clean scores. Those with one down at this stage included "Calrossie" (V.),

W. R. Morgan (Hobart, Tas.), Newton Thomas (Sydney), W. Wager (V.), Norman Guy (V.), S. Marshall (Hobart, Tas.), L. Hanel (Albury, N.S.W.), Harry Roberts (Caulfield), D. W. Gitting (Albury), Phil Pettit (St. James), "Peters" (Peter White, V.), R. Ridgway (Colac, V.), J. Smith (Home Hill, Q.) The title holder, J. A. McCraith, was among the 18/20's.

Continued good weather, all in favour of the gun, appeared on Saturday when the remaining 40 rounds were disposed of. Only two of the leaders were able to stand up to the rigours of full 60 rounds; these were E. G. Biggs and Nev. Bassett. Both returned unbroken scores of 60 straight. The tie shoot conditions were best of five rounds until finality. Biggs, shooting first, continued to look as though he would reach his century. However, to the surprise of a large gallery, he missed his 65th target. Bassett, following, had then only to break his 65th release to be declared winner. A lot of Queensland hats were ready to be skied at this juncture. Whether Bassett eased in his concentration or otherwise is unknown, but he, too, failed to stop his 65th after looking a certain winner. Another five rounds

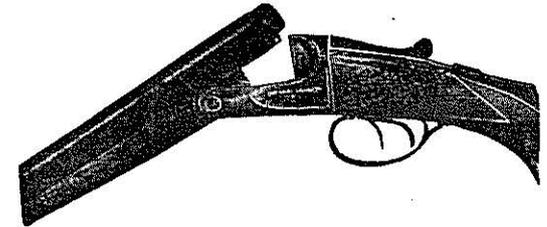
was ordered by the Association President, Jock Wilson, who took over the conduct of the tie shoot. Biggs returned a clean round of five straight. When another tie seemed certain, Bassett again failed to grass his final bird of the round, his 70th, and Biggs was returned winner with 69/70 amidst great applause. Bassett took the runner-up position, 68/70. Newton Thomas and Bill Wager staged another tie shoot to decide third and fourth placings. Thomas gained third, 76/77, to Wager's 75/77; Phil. Pettit, of St. James, 58/60, was fifth.

The remaining awards in the prize list went to Keith Cameron (Roma, Q.), sixth, 62/65; W. R. Morgan (Hobart, Tas.), 60/65 (7th); John Bryant Junr., 66/70 (8th); Lloyd Wilson (Dubbo, N.S.W.), 65/70 (9th). (Wilson was the holder of the Australian break record of 117 straight until bettered by Newton Thomas during the meeting), with A. J. Russell (V.), 65/70 (10th). (Wilson and Russell tossed for the two final placings to save an additional shoot-off.) The sectional awards resulted:

12 yarder, J. Cutting (Broken Hill, N.S.W.), 52/60; 13 yards, R. Jorgenson (Portarlington, V.), 51/60; 14 yards, Harry Roberts Junr. (Caulfield, V.), 59/65; 15 yards, J. H. York (Quirindi, N.S.W.), 64/70; 16 yards, Gary Daly (Deniliquin, N.S.W.), 55/60; 17 yards, Ken Bassett (Roma, Q., brother of the runner-up), 70/75; 18 yards and beyond, A. F. Burns, 60/65. The Interstate trophies (not winning any other award) went to Queensland:—J. Smith (Home Hill); New South Wales, Sid Lamb (Goulburn), 64/70; Tasmania, S. Marshall (Hobart), 69/75. Best Victorian country (not winning any other trophy): "Apex" (Harry Mills, Colac), 55/60. Miss Barbara Biggs, daughter of winner, won the Ladies' Trophy. The Roma-Townsville combination, comprising Newton Thomas, Jim Smith, Sid Lamb and Keith Cameron, again won the Australian Teams' title, 113/120. Some just outside the winning trophy list in the Champion of Champions Cup were: 55/60's, "Apex", A. F. Burns, S. Marshall, H. L. McMaster (Burrumbuttock, N.S.W.), G. Daly (Deniliquin), K. Bassett (Roma) and

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J. A. McCraith (some of these secured sectional awards); the 54/60's, Frank Brown (Dandenong), M. Gibson (Hay, N.S.W.), "Tambo" (Bob O'Day, Swift's Creek), D. Gittings (Albury), J. Brazier (Bathurst, N.S.W.), J. Smith (Q.), R. Armstrong, J. H. York and Don Corstorphane (Colac). A £50 handicap was won by L. Bourbaud, of Sale, from Alf Allen (Deniliquin) and N. Bassett (Roma).

Monday, March 12, was International Day and the deciding of the A.C.P.T.S.A. Intermediate Championship. High-gun in the Australian Team went to Newton Thomas with 100 straight—a truly brilliant performance. E. G. Biggs was second high-gun with 99/100. Biggs and Thomas both shot in the No. 1 squad for Australia, Biggs gaining the honour of shooting first because of his great win in the Champion of Champions Cup. The squad, which comprised five of Australia's leading clay pigeon shots, put up a brilliant performance of precision shooting, the equal of which has never previously been seen in Australia. Timing this squad from Biggs' call (as No. 1) to his call again, the five targets were called for and shot at in varying times around 11 to 11½ seconds, which is moving indeed. Shooting conditions were not good, either—a strong bustling following wind made the birds travel at terrific speed. Instead of this proving a hazard, it appeared to sharpen the team members, and their shooting was extraordinarily fast. The team scores are sealed until the Great Britain teams shoot at Dollymount Racecourse near Dublin (Ireland) about mid-June. It can be said that Australia's team performed well. The Intermediate Championship produced a record entry for this event with the following result (after tie shooting), G. B. McLeod (Shepparton, V.), 39/40 (1), T. R. Brown (V.), 38/40 (2), "Apex" (H. Mills, Colac, V.), 27/30 (3), O. W. Smith (Charleville, Qld.), 23/25 (4) and M. L. Phillips (Young, N.S.W.), 40/42 (5). At the conclusion of the day's shooting, Newton Thomas held a break of 173 straight—easily the Australian record.

The final day, Tuesday, March 13, was allotted for the Grand Australian Handicap, at 40 targets from Association handicap marks. This was

won outright by W. A. Commons, of Broken Hill, N.S.W., with 39/40, from S. Marshall (Hobart), 40/42, then followed J. R. Bushby (Narrandera, N.S.W.), 39/42; Max Gibson (Hay, N.S.W.), 38/42; Max Bale (Bothwell, Tas.), 37/41; W. MacCubbin (Traralgon, V.), 36/41; L. Wilson (Dubbo, N.S.W.), 53/58, and J. Baxter, also of Dubbo, 52/58. A minor five birder was divided by J. Paul, J. James (Griffith, N.S.W.), "Dubbs", Loch Finlay, J. R. Bushby (Narrandera, N.S.W.), A. N. N. Mills (Burrabogie, N.S.W.), W. F. Robertson (Deniliquin, N.S.W.), Ken Bassett (Roma), H. Rothwell (Roma, Q.), L. Wilson (Dubbo) and "Dinky" (Bill Catlin, Hay, N.S.W.).



"FORTY SEVEN SRAIGHT"

I read those snappy little verses
Where "Clays" should be as big as asses.
Don't shoot behinds, but away ahead
The Referee will then call "Dead."
I, too, have cursed the one I dusted;
Felt quite sure it should have busted.
"Lost Bird" 'twas given, you'll understand;
It fell in half, two feet from the ground.

—W. J. Hurlston.



"Swamp Sports De-luxe"

BY [PULL]

Following the Hay Gun Club's much publicised Field Entertainment, under the heading of "Swamp Sports-De-Luxe" some fifteen cars carrying in all 76 persons, of whom at least a third were women and children, proceeded, by the courtesy of Mr. Arthur Tyson, to a large swamp on his "Corrong Station" property beyond the Lachlan River.

Mrs. Ledwidge, acting as Official Hostess for the Hay Gun Club, and assisted by Mrs. Baker, of Finley, and several other visiting ladies, proceeded to dispense what seemed a tremendous amount of turkey, fowl and sucking pig to what were by then a very hungry crowd of people.

Some of the visitors were dismayed when a local walked into the deepest part of the swamp and proceeded to fill the "Tea Billy" from amongst the weeds, although subject to much banter by the locals on the merits of the flavour given to the water by a variety of game, including pigs, ducks and fish, they had to admit that the resultant tea was excellent.

Having assembled the "Hunters" who had, by the way, up till now shown some uncertainty as to who were the "Hunted" and who the "Hunters".

The writer announced there's the swamp and there's the sport DE-LUXE—"PIGS GALORE."

Urged on by "BRING THEM BACK ALIVE" and Africa Speaks, half the company plunged into the swamp, accompanied by several small boys and one intrepid young lady to the tune of much barking by the dogs.

Wading through the waist-deep water, the party had scarcely reached the other bank when a chorus of barks, yells and shrieks announced the flushing of two medium-size porkies; the commotion that followed so terrified one small lad that he set up a wall of fear and refused to be pacified until the hunters returned proudly leading two fine pigs.

The "Hunters" then proceeded further afield and the occasional faint cries and flitting figures of men seen dimly through the trees told of a pig being captured.

Our worthy guide (Mr. Walter Shiels), who had admitted to having spent 40 years in the locality, had to stand up to a barrage of questions from the visitors ranging from the greatest drought he had seen to the biggest flood.

Whether the pigs ate the snakes or the snakes killed the pigs that survived last in the drought. "Walter" said the pigs and foxes lived longest, as they ate the other animals as they bogged in the water holes; eventually all died in a record drought.

Always the question was fired again and again. Why, with the myriads of ducks seen, was the "SEASON CLOSED IN N.S.W.?"



How George Biggs, 1951 Champion of Champions winner, appears to Dubbo cartoonist, John Lindsay.

The only answer that could be given was that it was a case of an uninformed bureaucracy flouting the wishes of the people. It was suggested that as the "Native Game" neither knew nor cared about State Boundaries, a Federal board similar to that functioning in Tasmania composed of those who might reasonably be expected to have some knowledge of the subject should be appointed by the people to control the whole of the "Native Game" of Australia.

Although the Lachlan has a reputation as snake country, fortunately none were seen at the camp.

However, the pig truck ran over a large brown snake and two suspected "Tiger Snakes" were seen in the rushes.

The end of the hunt found the "Big Reo" laden with 27 prime porkers, of which about a dozen were the quaint little piglets. Strangely enough, no large boars were sighted at all, and this is probably a record in this regard. Numerous foxes were

seen, also the inevitable 'roos and emu's.

A humorous point was: Lionel's attempting to outstay a lone porker encountered on the plain. Lionel said, "I was making mine very short at the finish," and in racing parlance the pig was going away.

The athletic person known as the "Yank" gave some good examples of lightning attack, but was finally bitten by an angry porker for his pains.

Excitement was provided by the general uncertainty throughout the day as to who was the hunter and who was being hunted.

The visitors were intrigued by the technique of placing a local at the head of the convoy to open the various types of gates which completely baffled them, and another local at the rear of the convoy to make sure that every gate was closed, and finally, in the words of the "Hon. Sec.", "A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ONE AND ALL."



AMENDED HANDICAPS

4683 Adams, E. (Echuca)	14
4732 Armstrong, R. G. (Aust.)	16
5259 Back, R. F. (Narromine)	17
4105 Baillie, C. H. (Yallourn)	13
2897 Bale, M. (Bothwell)	14
543 Bayliss, J. (St. George)	16
4587 Beard, G. (Yallourn)	12
560 Bell, G. H. (Young)	21
4166 Bolding, J. (Yallourn)	12
5081 Brown, Ian (Shepparton)	12
4627 Brown, James (Lake George)	13
5031 Budge, J. (Morwell)	13
577 Cameron, D. R. (St. George)	16
4959 Commons, W. A. (Broken Hill)	17
2681 Daly, G. (Deniliquin)	17
3051 Duchatel, John (Griffith)	13
5164 Edlington, M. J. (Lake George)	14
2808 Fenton, J. (Bathurst)	12
5313 Fredericks, W. (Ather- ton)	12

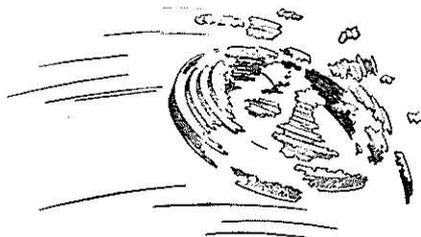
5074 Freebody, A. (Lake George)	12
4887 Garrett, Joe (Tongala)	13
3441 Gaylard, Eric (Colac)	15
5312 Gereghty, James (Atherton)	12
4476 Gibson, Maurice (Hay)	13
2476 Gibson, M. (Hay)	16
2689 Grist, C. T. (Colac)	15
3645 Gude, S. (Yallourn)	13
3858 Hampton, H. (Moe)	15
1700 Haynes, A. E. ("Pam- pas") (Aust.)	19
4073 Henneberg, A. (Walpeup)	15
4298 Hudson, J. P. (Moe)	14
396 Ingbritsen, C. H. ("Ingi") (Coburg)	18
4520 Kilpatrick, Jas. (Ather- ton)	13
5297 Macadam, R. (Cobar)	12
5075 Marmont, R. (Lake George)	12
4386 Martin, Trevor (Ather- ton)	12
5316 May, E. (Atherton)	12
4933 Missen, R. (Sale)	15
5165 Morton, F. (Lake George)	12

3286 McCarthy, J. (Colac)	15	5406 Bonney, Ivan (Latrobe)	12
4380 McCauley, J. (Cunna- mulla)	16	5411 Boughman, John (Stone- henge)	12
2081 McCraith, J. A. (Coburg)	20	162 Brown, Jim ("Stanhope") (Australian)	16
4936 McCubbin, W. (Yallourn)	15	5441 Burgess, A. E. (Cobar)	14
3984 McHale, E. (Echuca)	13	5442 Burgess, M. (Cobar)	14
4667 McLeod, G. (Cobram)	16	5392 Collis, R. (Alexandra)	14
4359 Newsham, K. J. (Cunna- mulla)	14	5399 Coughlan, D. (Griffith)	14
4379 Norris, E. (Cunnamulla)	14	5398 Coughlan, J. (Griffith)	12
1589 Norris, Nelson (Cunna- mulla)	17	5400 Croker, Alan (Atherton)	12
4537 Oldham, A. (Yallourn)	14	5383 Dalton, E. (Roma)	12
2190 O'Shea, S. J. (St. George)	14	5417 Davidson, D. (Young)	12
4079 Phillips, M. L. (Young)	15	5439 Day, Stewart (Atherton)	12
5118 Quinton, E. A. (Aust.)	14	5420 Dealy, J. (Shepparton)	12
4222 Raleigh, John (Clara Creek)	12	5413 Dempster, A. J. (War- wick)	12
1219 Rickards, A. E. (Echuca)	16	5386 Denton, Mrs. E. (Roma)	13
2685 Roberts, Harry Junr. (Aust.)	14	5397 Dobson, K. (Echuca)	12
4740 Ryan, Dave (Australian)	13	5433 Dunne, J. (Cobar)	12
5372 Ryan, J. M. (Cootamun- dra)	12	5381 Ferrier, Geo. (Roma)	12
5371 Ryan, Patrick (Coota- mundra)	12	5385 Ferrier, R. (Roma)	12
4937 Sawyer, F. (Yallourn)	17	5444 Flynn, P. M. (Wangar- atta)	12
2 Schilling, L. L. (Aust.)	17	5430 Frater, B. (Narromine)	12
3434 Shelton, T. (Yeo)	14	5407 Gaffey, Allen (Walpeup)	15
5311 Smyth, Julian (Atherton)	12	157 Gardiner, W. A. (Aust.)	12
4812 Stephens, P. (Yarram)	14	5431 Gehardy, Les (Mango- plah)	12
4335 Strudwick, K. (Lake George)	15	5390 Godfrey, F. C. (Katan- ning)	12
4681 Stumbles, K. (Lake George)	14	5391 Goulden, Peter (Yarram)	12
266 Thompson, H. T. (St. George)	18	5434 Grinter, J. M. (Echuca)	12
4618 Thompson, F. H. (Moree)	15	5414 Harrison, B. (Rockchamp- ton)	14
4371 Weller, Tom (Cunna- mulla)	14	3757 Hay, A. (Colac)	12
5315 Westcott, A. (Atherton)	12	4327 Heathcote, M. (Grenfell)	12
5114 Westwood, N. (Colac)	13	5419 Hill, D. (Kellys Creek)	12
55 Wightman, T. R. ("Dick") (Aust.)	18	5382 Hooper, N. S. (Roma)	12
3784 Winnell, John (Ganmain)	15	5389 Houston, David (Hay)	12
5298 Wright, D. (Cobar)	12	5387 Johnston, H. K. (Roma)	12
4113 York, Doug (Quirindi)	14	5416 Johnson, D. (Young)	12
3265 York, J. H. (Quirindi)	16	5427 Jones, J. R. (Narromine)	12
		5410 Jones, W. (Australian)	14
		5432 Killalea, C. S. (Mango- plah)	12
		575 King, C. (Alexandra)	15
		5443 Lawton, G. E. (Wan- garatta)	12
		5412 Lees, Albert (Gunning)	12
		5380 Loughnan, C. (Roma)	12
		5379 Lowther, D. (Tumut)	12
		5425 Luhrs, O. R. (Cavendish)	12
		4457 Mason, L. T. (Foster)	12
		5401 MacLean, Ross (Ather- ton)	12
		5421 Mitchell, G. (Macarthur)	12
		3067 Mitchell, M. (Charters Towers)	12
		4559 Moore, R. W. (Roma)	12
		5426 Mulhearn, D. (Coffs Harbour)	12
		5394 Murray, J. H. (Alexan- dra)	12

NEW AND RENEWED REGISTRATIONS

5438 Anderson, J. (Tullibigeal)	14
5409 Armstrong, K. (Aust.)	14
5396 Armstrong, Tom (Gan- main)	12
3902 Bartelson, H. (Echuca)	12
5404 Bell, Robin (Coburg)	12
5388 Bird, V. (Footscray)	16
3294 Bohdal, K. (Tasmanian)	12

5424 Murray, L. (Cavendish)	5423 Sampson, J. D. (Aust.)
302 McDonald, D. McL. (Australian)	5384 Scott, H. A. (Roma)
15	5408 Smedley, J. (Australian)
5435 McLachlan, J. (Cunnamulla)	5405 Spink, K. (Tullibigeal) ..
12	5418 Worner, R. (Young)
5437 Nicholson, Robert (Alexandra)	5440 Wotton, M. (Bathurst) 12
5402 Nolan, L. (Leeton) ..	5395 Wright, K. H. (St. James)
12	1310 Young, Mrs. H. (Coburg)
4640 Nomchong, C. (Lake George)	
5428 Pay, B. (Narromine)	
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5429 Pay, M. (Narromine)	
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5436 Peskett, W. G. (Cunnamulla)	
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5422 Poynton, E. S. (Macarthur)	
5376 Pullos, C. (Goondiwindi) 12	
5378 Raymond, W. R. (Goondiwindi)	
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5377 Robinson, Jim (Goondiwindi)	
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5415 Rogers, H. (Rockhampton)	
14	
5403 Ronfeldt, W. G. (Leeton)	
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