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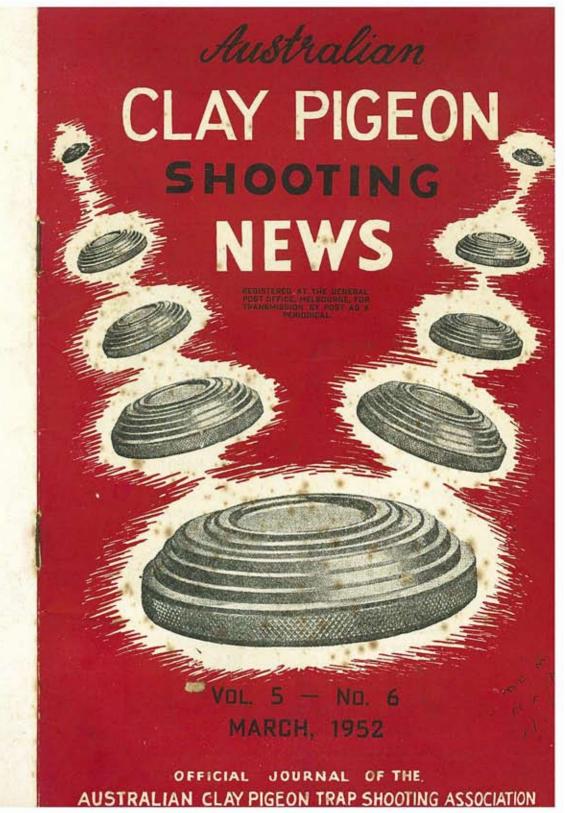
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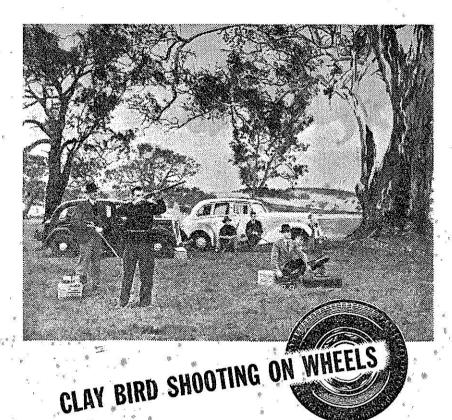
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# THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

The passing, since the previous publication, of H.M. King George VI, has shocked the British Commonwealth of Nations, which is no small degree includes Australia.

The late King was indeed a beloved sportsman. He was one who had much in common in the kindred spirit of shooters, as he was one who favoured gun sport. He excelled in an inanimate targets as well as being a first-class wing shot.

Australian gun sportsmen mourn his passing.

Queen Elizabeth II and her Consort, the Duke of Edinburgh (so well known to many in Australia) begin a new era in the British Commonwealth. The Duke of Edinburgh, seemingly, is also interested in gun sport—recently at Balmoral he inspected the grounds seeking a site for installation of clay pigeon shooting lay-out, according to an English report.

Australians greet our new Monarch and her Consort — may their reign be long and prosperous.

Clubs are reminded that all registered shooters should now be in possession of 1952 registration cards. These cards should be produced by all shooters when entering competitions - this direction should particularly apply when visiting a shoot other than at the competitor's home ground. Shooters not in possession of 1952 registration should not be permitted to compete until they have provided evidence of 1952 registration. Shooters in possession of these cards which show no handicap mark should immediately apply to their home club secretary to have this detail finalised.

It is again pointed out to club secretaries that amendment to a shooter's open handicap may be noted on the registration card immediately after same has appeared in the "News". Earlier amendment is permitted in special cases, pro-



viding the club secretary advises the Association within three days of such amendment.

Club officials are also reminded that handicap returns should be forwarded at least once in every three months to the Association.

A few club officials are apparently not yet certain of the fundamental Association rule that all shooters must be registered. A recent letter from a club secretary advised that "secretaries did not want to get on the wrong side of members by constantly bringing up the matter of registration." This is not a sound argument. When a club affiliates with the Association it becomes a member of that organization—actually part of the Association—the club concerned is required then to obey the rules laid down by the parent body. To permit unregistered shooters to compete against registered shooters is a definite breach of Association rules.

The recent reference to "handicap championships" has brought forth a number of letters. One writer mentions that he was "very interested to see in the 'News' some reference to 'Handicap Championships'. One of the clubs to which I belong shot its last club championship from handicap marks and this caused considerable discussion and argument. I have been connected with competitive shooting for many years and had never heard of such a thing. If I was lucky enough to win such an

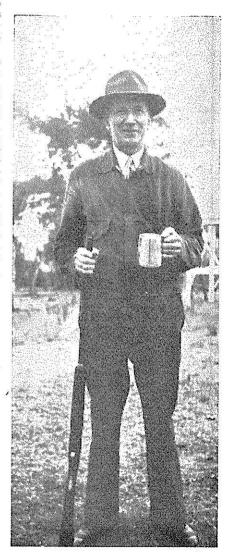
event against a better shot who was shooting from, say, 23 yards, I would not feel too happy about assuming the title of 'Club Champion'. Also how can a handicap be called a Championship? Cannot the Association, as the governing body, give some definite ruling and instruction to clubs on this matter? Saying (as you did) that such an event is non-existent is not enough. Such events are held."

The Association is loath to issue directions to clubs on matters which are domestic affairs of the clubs. However, it is again pointed out that a "handicap championship" is not a championship and cannot be accepted as such. A shooter winning such an event is no more a champion than the humblest front-marker and has no right or entitlement to accept such a title. As already stated, a championship is just what its name implies, all shooters competing from the one mark. Obviously, if a shooter wins a fairly good proportion of these events, it is clear evidence that he is the club champion. Without any doubt, he is the rightful title holder. Staging a handicap event and calling it a championship is merely staging another every-day handicap competition.

The matter will doubtless be discussed by the Association at a later date.

The rule governing Deauville Double shooting as published last month in this section, has brought further queries. A New South Wales club has sent along the following enquiry: "Conditions covering Deauville Doubles, states that in the event of a mis-fire by either gun, another clay pigeon or pigeons will not be given that competitor. I would be pleased if you will give a ruling on the following questions: If an automatic gun is used by one or both competitors in Deauville Doubles and after firing the first shot the gun fails to eject the empty cartridge which becomes jammed in the breech, thereby not allowing the second cartridge to enter the firing chamber is that to be treated as a misfire?" As the outline in the previous issue provided, Deauville Doubles is an "all-in" competition. The question raised above obviously concerns a

gun fault and is the shooter's responsibility — decision is lost bird.



E. Ginty, Stonehenge Skeet Champion.

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

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2nd Event -

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# U.S.A. SHOOTING

(From Rex Miles)

Snow here till Hades, wouldn't have it, just mountains of it—hard to get round here. Have been reading about the terrific heat and terrible fires with you, hope all is O.K.

Arnold Riegger, the champ. whom I mentioned in previous articles, is again in the news. Phil. Miller, of the Reno Gun Club, writes about Arnold:

"No shooter in the world has more confidence than Seattle's Arnold Riegger. The pudgy Washington star drove with a friend in the latter's car to Phil Miller's Labor Day shoot at Reno, Nevada, intending to drive back the new sedan that was the grand prize. He did, winning high gun on 600 sliding handicap targets. My Western trap observer, Maynard Henry, of Los Angeles, reports that Riegger was at his best, crashing 583 out of 600 from 25 yards for over a 97 per cent. average. Riegger had a run of 158 straight. Joe Hiestand, Henry and everybody had trouble with high, wide targets.

"There is no handicap trapshooter, living or dead, as great as your friend Arnold Riegger, whom you made captain of your Sports Afield 1951 All-America team. At our Labor Day shoot he broke 583 out of 600 from 25 yards, 11 targets ahead of the field, all shot with a 2\frac{3}{2}-dram load. He won a 1951 sedan worth 2,700 dollars and 2,731 dollars in cash. Don't forget the Western Grand American at Reno next April. We may put in 20 traps and guarantee the same added money as the Grand American."

Vic. Reinders, Joe Hiestand, Mercer Tennille and some more of our hot shots and make room for an array of new trapshooters who really went to town last summer. First, we'll name Earl Edson of Alcester, South Dakota, as the surprise package of the year. An 89-per-cent gunner in '50, this boy crashed 200 straight to win the South Dakota tate championship.

Then down in Kentucky, where Gene Wenz and Bill Jonas have ruled the shotgun ranges, 40-year-old farmer by the name of Charlton H. Ditto from Boston made the boys rub their eyes. Jonas and Wenz were up to par, each turning in 199 out of 200, but Ditto, who averaged less than 95 per cent. last season, came up with 200 straight. At the Grand American, Ditto told me he got to flinching last year, so had a release trigger put on his shotgun. "Never flinched once," he said.

There was another 200 straight, from the gun of "midget" Roy Davidson, Middletown, who took the Ohio state title, but this was no surprise to this writer.

Bob Andrews, Jr., Little Rock duck hunter who won the Arkansas state championship last year with 200 straight, was again the winner in 1951 when he shattered 199 out of 200. Bob Stifal, Casey, shot the same score to head the Illinois state trapshooters, where 500 gunners turned out for the big shoot, an alltime record. R. E. Lewis, Bakersfield, copped the California crown with 199 out of 200. Earl Schott, Riverside, unseated the great Bob Allen of Des Moines for the Iowa title, while the great Casper Clough of Price took the Maryland laurels. Each broke 199 out of 200.

#### U.S.A. HIGH AVERAGES FOR 1951

High Guns in four groups, 16-yard Targets—

5000 and over—1st, Arnold Riegger, Shot at 5100—Broke 5027—Av. .9856; 2nd, Vic. Reinders, 5350—5241—9796; 3rd, Maynard Henry, 5700—5539—.9717.

4000 to 5000—1st, John Kurth, 4550—4447—.9773; 2nd, Bob Allen, 4550—4431—.9738; 3rd, M. D. Clark, 4200—4088—.9733.

3000 to 4000—1st, H. N. Ferguson, 3800—3736—,9831; 2nd, Julius Petty, 3050—2978—,9763; 3rd, Ray Sheer, 5950—3850—,9746.

2000 to 3000—1st, Ned Lilly, 2200—2173—9877; 2nd, Homer Clark Sr., 2700—2661—.9855; 3rd, Joe Heistand, 2150—2117—.9846.

#### High Professionals, 16 yds.—

1st, Rudy, Etchen, 2600—2571—.9888; 2nd, Cliff Doughman, 3100—3045—.9822; 3rd, Geo. Cottrell, 2050—1999—.9751.

#### High Handicap Shooter-

Arnold Riegger (all from 25 yds.), 3550-3259-.9180.

#### High Woman Shooters-16 yds .--

1st, Ruth Ray, 3350—3219—.9608; 2nd, Iva Pembridge, 3200—3051— .9534; 3rd, Frances King, 4300—4038 —.9390; 4th, Corrinne Farrell, 2000— .1874—.9370; 6th, Joyce Vanairs-dale, 2000—1848—.9225.

#### High Woman Handicap Shooters-

1st, Mrs. T. Harrison, 850—770— .9058; 2nd, Joyce Vanairsdale, 1100— 991—.9009; 3rd, Iva Pembridge, 1900—1701—.8952.

#### High Women in Doubles-

1st, Iva Pembridge, 1350—1210— .8962; 2nd, Ruth Ray, 850—708— .8329; 3rd, Frances King, 1000—826 —.8260.

#### High Doubles Shooters-

1st, Joc Devers, .9571; 2nd, Mercer Tennille, .9550; 3rd, R. Kohler, .9361.

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## A CURRENT EVENT

"Tis a fact that our friend "Deochan-Doris"

Won a pup—and 'tis Irish, begorra.

Dave has such winning ways when
he shoots at the Clays;

He'll remember them now till the end of his days.

Since that pup has been out at Ashburton

Dave's unable to keep any dirt on His carrots and parsnips, his beans and pertaties.

We shudder to think what their terrible fate is.

Sure the pup is for sale, it's a pedigreed male.

Dave wants eight — and is happy to wait,

But a fiver would finish this "tail". (Luke Doyle, Alexandra.)

# "Tips" and "Tails"



The former Lake George Club at Captain's Flat has been renamed the "Captain's Flat Gun Club." It was found that both mail and visiting shooters often went to the actual Lake George locality on occasions. Lake George is some

casions. Lake
George is some
40 miles from Captain's Flat, hence
the change of name.

Association patron, Frank Hockey, who does very little shooting these days, donated his usual £3/3/- to the prize funds of the Association for the March fixture.

Townsville Club patron, D. Peberdy, has moved to Mackay—he will be a loss to the Townsville organization, and there are many regrets over his departure. Writing and advising of his new address, Dave Peberdy says, "I look forward to the 'News' and all the notes and shoots, which I am sure all Northern shooters appreciate very much, together with hints on shooting, handling of guns and the advertisements of shoots by all clubs. Keeps us all in touch with shoots and dates, etc. Wishing you and your staff all the best for the New Year." (Thanks for good wishes, Dave—the "staff" are indeed pleased with your good wishes.—Ed.)

Coffs Harbour club will shoot the Northern Rivers single and double-barrel championships on October 3 and 4. T. C. Seccombe is now secretary at Coffs Harbour in place of R. H. Bennett.

Tumut Club (N.S.W.), through its secretary, Graeme Baker, advises that the recent shoot on January 20 was most successful, despite the day being what he describes as "a stinker"—presumably it was hot! The new club house provided some medium of shade, and by next year the club hopes to have numerous trees planted around the shooting

area and thus provide additional comfort on hot days. The club recently installed a new automatic trap, club house, concrete tracks and "round" timber fence. We can expect a picture of the new set-up for publication later.

NEWS

A new club has been formed at Abermain, N.S.W. The body is known as the Abermain Clay Pigeon Trap Shooting Club. It is expected that the club will become an affiliated unit of the A.C.P.T.S.A. in due time.

B. J. Bennecke, of "Cheviot Hills," Katanning, W.A., President of the Katanning Gun Club, left for abroad on March 10. He will visit some overseas gun clubs, including a number in England and U.S.A.

Frank Malin, of Concord (N.S.W.) extends "All the best for 1952 for keeping our 'News' up to standard, a really worth while effort."

A new club is being formed at Biloela in North Queensland. It is expected that the organization will ultimately become another A.C.P.T.S.A. affiliated unit.

According to reports from South Queensland, the new South Coast Club, under secretary A. G. Sturgess at Surfers Paradise, put on a first-class shoot and entertainment over the A.N.A. Holiday week-end. Douglas Pack, the ace referee from Roma, was in charge, and no fewer than 84 shooters were in attendance—a remarkable achievement for a club only a few months old. Secretary Sturgess sends along a few club notes he writes:—

"Eric Hodge is in great form of late. Only a new shooter at Clays, and over the South Coast Championship meeting he won the trophy for the best 12 yarder in the £50 Handicap with a score of 19/20, won the 12 yarder trophy, points shoot, with 29/30. Eric also shot his 51 straight on the first day of the meeting. Good work, Eric, it won't be long before you are back at the other end of the concrete track. Albert Anderson, another new South Coast shooter, handled his gun particularly well in the double rise competition. Albert

MARCH, 1952

NEWS

# Tambo Gun Club

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

# EASTER CLAY PIGEON

#### TWO DAYS

Commencing 9 a.m. sharp.

#### Saturday, 12th April, 1952

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

Event No. 2 — 5 BIRD D.B. POINT SHOOT

Event No. 3 —

Nomination, 6/-.

#### 20 Bird D.B. Handicap Point Shoot

Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, also Trophy for best 12 yarder not in 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. Optional Sweeps of 5/- on each round of 5 birds. NO DEDUCTIONS. Event No. 4 — Nomination, £1/5/-.

## Mileay Perpetual Cup

For Club Team of 5 members. 10 Bird Rise to each member. Winning Team to hold Cup for 12 months or until next competed for, once yearly. Each member of winning team to be presented with replica of Milray Perpetual Cup (donated by K. C. Millar). Nomination, £5 per Team.

#### Sunday, 13th April, 1952

Event No. 1 — 5 BIRD D.B. POINT SCORE

Nomination, 6/-.

Event No. 2 — 5 BIRD S.B. SWEEP

Event No. 3 —

Nomination, 6/-.

## Barcoo Championship

Shot under A.C.P.T.S.A. Conditions. 20 Birds Single Barrel shot from 16 yds. Five Birds each visit. 1st Prize, Trophy and Sash; Trophy for 2nd and 3rd place, also Trophy for best 12 yarder not in 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. Optional Sweeps of 5/- on each round of Five Bird.

Nomination, £1/5/-. NO DEDUCTIONS.

A Trophy will be donated to the highest aggregate of points scored on the above events, Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

Event No. 4 — 5 PAIRS OF DEAUVILLE DOUBLES Both Birds to score. Nomination, 6/- each.

Luncheon, Morning and Afternoon Teas supplied on Grounds.

J. E. QUIN, Hon. Secretary, Box 21, Tambo (Q.).

was up against all the "Guns", which included Cyril Ferguson (Commonwealth Championship winner in this event), but he went on to beat Colin Fletcher, of Roma, with a score of 7 pairs straight. Albert won a very handsome silver jug for his effort and did the "nice thing" at our last Committee meeting when all the boys were hot and thirsty. This was the first occasion the jug was put into use, may it not be the last, Albert.

A bouquet for Mrs. G. S. Martin, wife of our ex President, who assisted the Secretary over the meeting.

Pee Wee Thompson thought so much of Surfers Paradise that he decided to stay another fortnight. Heard a remark after the S.B. Championship shoot that they should take a swab of Pee Wee. The outing down the Bay has been blamed for his few "lost birds."

Thanks to Ernie Tooth, who shot 200 feet of technicolour film over the two days meeting. This will be the property of the Club and will be screened over our next big shoot.

Doug Pack (Roma) gave such a fine performance in refereeing that he appears to have a lifetime job on the South Coast. Doug, your accommodation is guaranteed next January.

To all visiting shooters the South Coast Gun Club hope you arrived back home feeling the better for your holiday, and we all look forward to your return.

The Sydney Gun Club at Waterfall (N.S.W.) has laid down concrete track and will shortly instal an automatic trap. Prospects for the club are indeed bright."

Fred. Blackman, the popular secretary at Townsville (Q.), and Association Executive, has a bright young son, Gavin. Gavin, like his father, has taken to the gun like a duck to water. The youngster is only 9, but he uses the 12 gauge double-barrel and automatic with equal effect. His best in open company is 4/5 - on several occasions. The final one has tricked him up to the present, but if reports stand up to fact, young Gavin promises to be one of the best trapshots the North has produced.

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shoot the North-Eastern Riverina Championship on Saturday, April 19. Shooting will start at 10 a.m., with a five hirder, followed by a £25 Handicap, with the title match next. Other events will be included in the programme, time permitting. All enquiries should be directed to the club secretary, R. Forbutt, at Tallandoon, Temora, 5S, N.S.W.

Deep sympathy is extended by all Australian sportsmen to Mr. Harry Rogers, veteran secretary of the English Association, and Mr. Tommy Hughes, the Welsh International, both of whom experienced sad bereavement losses in recent weeks. Mr. Rogers' only son died from asthma two days prior to the Christmas Season, whilst Mr. Hughes' wife passed on a few weeks later. Australians feel sincerely for these grand Home Country sportsmen.

The Victorian Double Rise Championship will be shot under the supervision of the Coburg Club on April 26. Programmes for Coburg fixtures, March 29, April 12 and April 26, are advertised in this issue.

The Portarlington Gun Club on the shores of Port Phillip Bay is now under the Presidency of the popular Elwood (V.) shooter, Lindsay Davies. Lindsay is an archer of some note, as well as a clay pigeon shooter; in fact, he is one of the pioneers of the protect of orehow. sport of archery in Australia. He reckons a lot of his ancestors must have "pulled the bow" at Agincourt in the long ago.

Hobart Club (Tas.) will shoot on its Brighton grounds on Saturday, March 29. The main event is the club double-barrel championship at 20 birds from 16 yards. A 20-bird handicap will follow, when the trophy will comprise 500 cartridges (good quality) - an attractive award in

present circumstances. The club's annual meeting will be held at 7HO Studio on Friday, March 28. The club's April shoot is listed for April 19, with again a 20 birder and 500 similar cartridges as the trophy, two five birders and two ten birders complete the programme. The programmes are advertised in this issue.

The Northern Queensland shooter, S. R. Kilpatrick, of Tolga via Cairus, advises that he "considers clay pigeon shooting is a grand sport—congratulations on turning out such a good little magazine as the 'News'."

Cairns Club in North Queensland reports a most successful first year; a profit of about £200 is advised. Membership is increasing and a new automatic trap will shortly be installed. The club will hold an open championship meeting extending over the dates May 3 and 4. On the second day the North Queensland single-barrel championship will be decided. The full programme is as advertised in this issue. A special invitation is extended to Southern shooters to take part. All enquiries should be directed to H. K. Mazlin, the club secretary, at Box 858, Cairns, N.Q.

Writing from Double Bay (Sydney), Warren Fisher, one-time secretary of the Hornsby Club (N.S.W.), mentions, "As it is very rapidly drawing near to International time, I would like to convey to yourself and the management committee sincerest best wishes for a very successful meeting and may the team retain the coveted honour. As it is articles such as "Tips and Tails' and 'Around the Clubs and Meetings' that keep us in touch with the most recent achievements at clay busting and the many fine sportsmen whom we have only an occasional opportunity of meeting at the widespread clubs. Hearty congratulations are due to Sid. Lamb and associates for the really wonderful manner in which their recent big fixture was organised and conducted. All who attended at Goulburn were unanimous in their praise of the committee's efforts to provide a really 100

# WONGABRI GUN CLUB - (Bowral)

#### Easter Shoot

SATURDAY, 12th APRIL, 1 p.m. sharp-

#### CLUB SHOOT

No. 1-5 BIRD D.B. SWEEP. Comp. Div.

No .2 - 15 BIRD D.B. TROPHY. Op. Sweep 10/-.

No. 3-5 BIRD S.B. TROPHY. Op. Sweep 10/-. Other Events time permitting.

MONDAY, 14th APRIL. Start 10 a.m. sharp-No. 1-5 BIRD D.B. SWEEP. Comp. Div.

No. 2 -

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Dr. H. H. Martin, of Yarram, winner of the Sale Club Single-barrel championship, and Lou Bourbaud (left), President of Sale Club (V.).

per cent, week-end. Best wishes to the Association and may it continue to prosper and expand during 1952."

Jack Houston, secretary for many years at Hay Club, has relinquished the office, which has now been taken over by Max Gibson. The club's recent annual meeting reported a good year. L. Drechsler is the newly elected president, taking over from E. Donohoe. The following members were elected to the executive by the were elected to the executive by the annual meeting: Patrons, Messrs. A. P. MacFarland and E. Bennett; president, Mr. L. Drechsler; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Catlin, J. Donohoe, T. Murray, W. Wesley, E. Donohoe; secretary, Mr. M. Gibson; treasurer, Mr. T. Dancey; auditor, Mr. G. Boods, committee Messrs. T. Mr. G. Reed; committee, Messrs. T. Simpson, J. Houston, J. Headon, B. Hanna, G. Hanna, G. Pocock, J. Lord, W. Schade, D. McNeil, H. Cox; club referees, Messrs. W. Wesley, W. Catlin, J. Houston, T. Murray, E. V. Cox, M. Gibson, H. Cox, N. Taylor; scorers, Messrs. H. Byers, J. Lord, J. Cox; puller, W. Schade, jnr.; pit attendant, R. Murray; handicappers, Messrs. W. Catlin, B. Hanna, G. Hanna, T. Dancey,

Tumut Club (N.S.W.) will shoot the Tumut-Monaro Double-barrel championship at Tumut on April 26. The event has been approved by the A.C.P.T.S.A.

Charters Towers Club (Qld.) advises that the club had quite a good year and, despite heavy costs now existing, that the club will continue to operate. The annual meeting on January 25 elected the following office - bearers: President, Mr. R. Knuth; vice-presidents, Messrs. P.
McDonald, G. Nelson, W. Hanran
and R. Winn; patron, Mr. E. Hill;
committee, Messrs. C. Archer, W.
Archer, S. Worsfeld, H. Place, A. Edmondson; secretary, Mr. F. R. Donaghey; handicapper, Mr. W. Archer.

The following office-bearers were elected at the annual meeting of the Atherton Gun Club, N. Qld.: President, Jack Page: Secretary-Treasurer,

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#### March 22nd-

FULL ROUND OF SKEET, 25 Birds. 25/- entry. 12 Pr. DEAUVILLE DOUBLES, Family Pairs.

1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Trophy donated by T. R. BROWN.

#### March 26th (Night Shoot)—

- 2 5-BIRD SWEEPS. 6/-.
- 3 Pr. DOUBLE RISE SWEEP. 6/-.
- 3 Pr. DEAUVILLE DOUBLES. 4/-.

#### April 5th—

30 BIRD SWEEPSTAKE. £2 entry. 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Cut every ten birds.

April 9th (Night Shoot)— 2 10-BIRD SWEEPS.

#### April 19th—

6 Pr. DOUBLE RISE SWEEP. CLUB DOUBLE RISE CHAMPIONSHIP. Sash, 1st, 2nd, 3rd; 12/14 yd. Trophy.

#### April 23rd (LAST NIGHT SHOOT)-

£25 HANDICAP. Nomination, 25/-. £20, div. 60%, 30%, 10%. 5 at £1.

J. W. BIENVENU, Esq. President.

A. NOLAN, Hon. Sec., 1016 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill. A. Moses, Referee and Handicapper; C. Mealing, Assistant Handicapper; J. Page, Assistant Referee; S. Kilpatrick; Organiser of shoots, R. L. MacLean.

AUSTRALIAN

F. Carman, of Camperdown (V.) does not get to metropolitan shoots much these days—he is quite a top-notcher among rifle shooters at the fixed target. Writing recently, he mentioned that he receives "News" regularly and always looks forward to it. He adds that he hopes the Association and the clubs have a successful year in 1952.

Due to circumstances over which the club has no control, the Coburg Club advises that it has been compelled to return the allocation of the Victorian Skeet Championship to the Association for re-allotment. Any Victorian club desirous of securing this championship should now apply to the Association secretary for permission to conduct the event.

W. R. Raymond, of Goondiwindi (Qld.) has taken out Life Registration with the A.C.P.T.S.A.

Rockhampton Club (Qld.) will shoot a £100 open handicap during its shooting carnival extending over June 17 to 20. Full details of the programme will be published in May issue. Enquiries on this series should be directed to club secretary, H. F. Sargent, Thozets Road, North Rockhampton.

With the opening of the quail season not far ahead, it is of interest to recall the following true story of a shooter (well known in Melbourne) trying to teach his few months old pup to retrieve, with the forthcoming season in mind: It appears the shooter concerned was out walking through a field, he fired an occasional shot to allow the pup to become used to the sound and smells connected with the explosion of 12 gauge shells. When passing a tree he noticed a hawk eyeing him carefully. Doing a bit of circling round, he eventually obtained a shot at the hawk, missed with his first, bu stopped it with the second. Promptly he proceeded to where the hawk fell, allowed the pup to get the scent. He then placed it in the pup's mouth and walked on. The pup, true to his breeding, followed on, still retaining his grip on the hawk. After following for a few hundred yards, the

shooter stopped, took the hawk from the pup's mouth and threw it some 15 or 20 yards ahead, at the same time advising the pup to retrieve. The pup promptly proceeded to where the hawk had been thrown and just as promptly tore it asunder and ate the lot, feathers and all. Just how the same shooter and the same pup will fare during the quail season ahead, leaves a lot to the imagination.

The annual meeting of the Bathurst Club (N.S.W.) resulted in the following office-bearers being elected: President, D. Wotton; Vice-Presidents, J. N. Brazier; Secretary, S. Bressington; Treasurer, H. Lupp; Committee, Messrs. C. Campbell, V. Howard, W. Haynes, and L. Healy.

The Tumut-Monaro Double-barrel championship will be decided at the Gilmore grounds of the Tumut Club on Saturday, April 26. A £25 handicap is on the same programme. Shoot details are advertised.

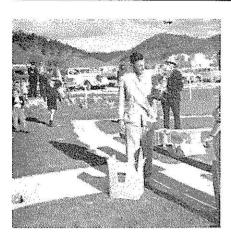
Narrandera G.C. (N.S.W.) will shoot the Central Riverina Single-barrel championship on Saturday, March 29. This event will be preceded by a £40 handicap, at 15 birds. Chas. McConville has taken over the presidential duties from Tom Whillans. Programme is advertised in this issue.

The Western Plains D.B. Championship will be decided on the grounds of the newly formed Derrinallum Club in Western Victoria on March 29. This club is developing well. A rabbit drive will shortly be held to bring in funds to arrange for the erection of club buildings and appointments. Ivor S. Wilson, Box 15, Derrinallum is club secretary.

South Coast and Southern Tablelands titles will be decided under the supervision of the Wongabri (Bowral) club (N.S.W.) (with other events) over Easter Saturday and Monday, April 12 and 14. The club is another to be added to the growing list of those having women secretaries. The Wongabri secretary is now Mrs. Edna Sullivan of Lakeview, Queen Street, Mittagong. A. Palmer, the former secretary, is club president. The programmes for both days are as advertised.

Australian Club (East Burwood, V.) shoots, extending from March 22

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Sid Lamb, Goulburn Club secretary, accepting his trophies at Captain's Flat. N.S.W.

to April 23, are outlined in the advertising section of this month's issue. Included are three night shoots. The final night shoot of the season will be held on April 23, with a £25 handicap.

The Coburg Gun Club (V.). recently posted up a notice outside its secretary's office which reads, "IM-PORTANT NOTICE", "A visiting shooter at time of entry must notify the Secretary of his Association handicap, together with that of his Mother Club. He will shoot from whichever is the greater. If a shooter has Association handicap of 16 vards or under, and no record of a club handicap, he will be required to shoot from AT LEAST 16 yards. In the case of new shooters, handicaps will be left to the discretion of the Secretary and Handicapper. Any shooter giving misleading information will be dealt with as the Committee considers necessary." The ruling issued by the Coburg Committee is obviously aimed at visiting shooters coming along and declaring themselves as front-markers. The ruling issued by Coburg could be well copied, as a protective measure, by all clubs.

#### TURPENTINE FOR FERRETS - -

I had a visit from a very oldfashioned trapper who is always ready to talk about ferrets. He prefers polecats to the white variety. but can give no reason for his preference except that his dad used polecats only; nevertheless, he has owned plenty of good white ferrets in his time. I asked him whether, when ferreting for sport, a polecat is not more likely to be shot than is a white one, owing to its rabbity colouration, but this he considered highly improbable unless the sportsman were a fool or half-blind, which seemed to me a fair enough comment. When one of his young ferrets turns out to be lazy or purposeless—the sort of beast that enters one hole in a tenanted bury and straightway wanders out at another—he does not get rid of it, but instead enters it to rats, and he avers that a course of ratting will, nine times out of ten, turn the sluggard into a keen rabbiting ferret. Turpentine, he holds, is a sure anti-dote to rat bite poison and, when ratting, he always carries a small bottle of it with which to dress a ferret's wounds without delay, for prompt treatment, he took pains to emphasise, is most imperative.

("Shooting Times")

# DOES THIS CONCERN YOU?

Shooters are reminded that Association registration fees (20/- per shooter) fell due on 1st January last. Fees should be remitted direct to the Secretary, A.C.P.T.S.A., Box 2038 S, G.P.O., Melbourne, C.1. Due to heavy administration costs, those whose fees are outstanding are informed that they will be removed from the mailing list of Association "News" after the next issue unless remittance is forwarded.

# AROUND THE CLUBS THE THE AND MEETINGS...

CROYDON (V.).—Results of shoot held February 2: No. 1, 5 birds, D.B.: div. N. Kneebone, F. Emslie. No. 2, 5 birds, S.B.: div. Martin Brown, Tom Cherry; front-marker, L. Rae. No. 3, 5 birds, D.B.: div. "Doch-en-Doris", T. Cherry, B. Elstrick; front-marker, J. Hagan. No. 4, 5 birds: div. "Doch-en-Doris" and J. T. Mc-Arthur.

The all-day shoot conducted under Croydon Club's auspices and organized by Association President, J. M. Wilson, held at Bramac Park, Lilydale, on A.N.A. Holiday, January 28, attracted a big field of top-ranking shooters. All proceeds were handed to the fund for the Lilydale District Hospital. Newton Thomas, the Australian record break holder, made the trip from Sydney to attend. His form throughout the day was good, so much so that he ultimately won one of the £150 Handicaps from his rear mark. Lance Small, the Coburg President, won a similar event. Prizes were distributed by the State Member for Evelyn, Mr. Lechte, M.L.A. Main results were:

No. 1, £150 Handicap at 20 birds (Association Handicaps): Lance Small, 19/20; Max Brown (Croydon) (2), 21/23; R. Martin (Walpeup), 20/23; others in the lengthy prize list were Brian Mark, 19/22; G. L. Cumming (Alexandra), 19/22; Ray Hering, 18/21; R. Krentzlin (Geelong), 18/21; O. Kurrle, 18/21; Newton Thomas, 17/20; A. H. Brenk, 17/20, and Hugh Phillips, 22/26. No. 2, £150 Handicap: Newton Thomas (Sydney), 26/28; R. Jorgenson (Portarlington), 25/28; Hugh Phillips, 21/24, then followed R.

Martin, 18/21; A. C. Tie, 19/22; Brian Mark, 17/20; Eric Fankhauser, 17/20; R. T. Williamson (Alexandra), 17/20; Leo Doyle (Alexandra), 17/20; Max Brown, 17/20, and Luke Doyle (Alexandra), 17/21. A five birder was cut on the 5th round by Barbara Biggs, "Duxbac", Newton Thomas, A. C. Tie, R. Jorgenson and G. Copeland. A series of novice events were shot throughout the day on a second lay-out. Results were: No. 1: div. Grigg, Rohmer, Elstrick, Don Johnson, 4/5. No. 2: div. McDermott, McLachlan, 5/5. No. 3: S. Renfrey (Portarlington), 5/5. No. 4: Elstrick, 4/6. No. 5: McLachlan and Elstrick.

COBURG G.C. (V.)—Results shoot Feb. 2: No. 1, 5 birds: Darcy Watson, 7/7; K. Olver, 8/10; "Peters", 7/10. No. 2, 20 birds: A. J. Clarke (Rainbow), 22/22; Jones, 21/22; R. Martin (Walpeup), 19/20; 12/13 yarder, Ray Garrone, 18/20. No. 3, 10 birds, S.B.: Stan Thompson, 13/13; A. J. Clarke, 12/13; R. Headon (Hay), 10/11; 12/13 yarder, R. Martin. No. 4, 10 birds, D.B.: D. Armstrong, 16/16; R. Hering, 15/16; G. Biggs, 14/15. Results shoot Feb. 16: No. 1, Pool shoot; R. Fallshaw (1), 9/9; R. Armstrong (2), 8/9; G. Anderson (3), 7/8. No. 2, 20 birds, D.B.: S. McCleary (Walpeup), 22/23; C. Dalton (Walpeup), 21/23; G. Anderson, 18/20; 12/13 yarder, J. Jones, 21/26. No. 3, 10 birds, D.B.: L. Murphy, 36/36; R. Brown, 35/36; A. C. Tie, 32/32; L. Peters, 22/27.

FOOTSCRAY (V.) — Results 9/2/52: No. 1, 3 birds, S.B.: div. L. Murphy, J. Johnson, Peter Wray, 7/7. No. 2, 10 birds, D.B.: L. Tewksbury,

# HAY GUN CLUB

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#### MONSTER

# EASTER CARNIVAL FOR SHOOTERS

(3 AUTOMATIC TRAPS, two of which are brilliantly illuminated for Night Shooting)

Easter Saturday, 12th April, at 1 p.m.: 10 BIRD D.B. OPENER. Nomination, £1.

#### £50 Handicap - 15 Birds

(Association Handicap Marks) Nomination, £2/10/-.

#### NIGHT:

## Commonwealth D.B. (Night) Championship

25 Birds. Nomination, £1/10/-. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Trophies and Sash.

Sunday, 13th April (Free).

Easter Monday, 14th April, commencing at 9.30 a.m.: 10 BIRD SINGLE BARREL OPENER. Nom., £1.

#### New South Wales Single Barrel Championship

20 Birds. Nomination, £1/5/-.

#### £50 Handicap - Double Barrel

(Association Handicap Marks)
15 Birds. Nomination, £2/10/-.

#### OTHER EVENTS IF TIME PERMITS.

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J. D. Byrne, J. Johnson and J. Barden Senr., 10/10. No. 3, 11 rounds Skeet: V. Bird, 18/20; Brian Kelly, 17/20; L. Tewksbury, 16/20; K. Veall, 15/20; R. Fallshaw, 14/20.

Results club shoot held on Feb. 24. No. 1, 3 rounds Skeet: div. L. Davies and H. Greenham, 3/3. No. 2, Club Skeet: Championship, 20 rounds Skeet: J. Bryant, 20/20; F. Burns, 27/31; "Pampas", 26/31 (3). No. 3, 10 birds: div. Burns, R. W. Lamb, P. Wray, M. MacCubbin, 10/10.

P. Wray, M. MacCubbin, 10/10.

CAMBERWELL (V.). — Results shoot held February 2: No. 1, 5 birds D.B.: div. H. Phillips, Tom Connor, T. R. Brown, Roy Johns, 7/7. No. 2, 5 birds, S.B.: R. Didier and Roy Brown, 5/5, div. No. 3, 10 birds, D.B.: Tom Connor, 12/13; W. Bray, 11/13; K. McDairmid, 10/11. No. 4, 5 birds, D.B.: div. "Dick", Jack Stephens, Harry Roberts Junr., C. Sanderson, T. R. Brown, T. R. Wightman, 8/8. No. 5, 5 birds, D.B.: div. V. Dudley, C. Sanderson, M. Gardiner and "Dick", 5/5. The Club Championship (D.B.) shot at 20 birds from 16 yards on February 16, was won by Roy Johns, 70/70, from Eddie Brenk, 69/70; W. Wager, 49/50; 12 yarder, E. L. McLachlan, 14/20; 13/14 yarder, A. Mansell, 45/46. A minor event, at 5 birds D.B., was cut by "Dick", Percy Willis, Ray Hering, G. Cookson (Alexandra), R. Johns, A. Sampson, Lionel Byrne, 7/7. The day produced breaks by Johns, 77 (unfinished); Brenk, 69, and Wager, 50.

AUSTRALIAN (V.). — Results shoot February 9. All ten birders. No. 1: div. S. Thompson, R. Didier, A. J. Clarke (Rainbow), Ian Twyerould, and A. J. Russell, 10/10. No. 2, C. Mudford, 19/19; Ian Twyerould, 18/19; R. Hering, 16/17; 12/14 yarder, A. G. Wright (St. James), 15/16. No. 3, 10 birds: div. T. R. Brown, H. Phillips, L. Byrne and J. Headon (Hay), 12/12.

The Club night double barrel championship was attended by nearly 60 shooters on February 13. The title went to John Bryant Junr., 51/51, from W. Wager, 50/51. Wager missed a straight-away.

There was a big attendance of shooters on Saturday, February 23, when the main event was the Club's Double Barrel Championship. Four

possibles resulted and produced a first-class tie shoot. The winner was W. Finnegan, of Gardenvale, 35/35, from J. Bryant Junr., 34/35, with Ray Hering third, 33/35. Fred Byers, the club's assistant secretary, who was also one of the finalists, gained the 15/16 yarder trophy, 29/30. The 12/14 yarder award went to Murray Gardiner, 19/21. A ten birder on the same programme was div. A. C. Tie, R. Hering, E. Cornish, G. Anderson, T. R. Brown, L. Byrne, A. J. Byers and K. Hudson (Moe), 10/10.

BALMORAL (V.).—The Balmoral Gun Club held its monthly shoot at clay pigeons on Saturday, January 26. Twenty-two shooters competed during the afternoon. In the main event, a 15-bird D.B., four shooters broke 14 targets and divided the attached sweepstake. In the shootoff for trophies, R. W. McPhee gained first place, 17/18; J. Hall second place, 16/18, from K. Troeth, 15/18, and G. Austin, 14/16.

Results of shoots: No. 1, 5-bird D.B.: div. M. Molloy and K. Coleman, 5/5. No. 2, 15-bird D.B.: R. W. McPhee, 17/18; J. Hall, 16/18; K. Troeth, 15/17; G. Austin, 14/16. No. 3, 10-bird D.B.: div. L. Perry, N. Hardy, K. Troeth, 10/10. No. 4, 5-bird D.B.: div. C. Duncan and A. Forrest, 7/7.

(W. F. Duncan, President.)

GRIFFITH (N.S.W.). — 5-bird Single Barrel from Handicaps: No possible was scored in this event. Shooters to score 4/5 were: Ken Powell, Reg McNamara, Digger Gibbs, Bob Bushby, Gerard Sertori, Ian Evans and Watts McNamara. 30 birds for the W. Swailes Trophies: This event consisted of 20 single

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barrel and 10 skeet: 1st and Trophy, Harold Anstee, outright win, 29/30; and and Trophy, Digger Gibbs, 25/30; 30; shoot-off to 32/40; 3rd and Trophy, Ian Evans, 25/30; shoot-off to 30/40. 15-bird Double Barrel from 30/40. 15-bird Double Barrel from Handicaps: This event was taken outright by Bob Bushby with the only possible, 15/15. Shooters with 14 kills were: Digger Gibbs, Harold Anstee, Emil Albert and Bill Gibbs. 5-bird Double Barrel from 16 yards: This event div. Bill Gibbs, Digger Gibbs, Harold Anstee, Eric Evans and Des Coughlan.

Results from Saturday's, Feb. 9, events were: 5-bird Silent Rise from Handicaps: This event was div. Jack Bowsher, Bill Gibbs, Jack Semmler, Bruce Gordon, Des Coughlan, Ernie Clarke and Claude Carnell, all with the possible 5. 10 pairs Double Rise and 10-bird Silent Rise for the Emil Albert Trophies: In this event both birds of the double rise had to be killed to score the point, and a score of 20 was the possible: First and Trophy to Ian Evans with 16/20; second and Trophy to Reg McNamara with 14/20, and shot off to

20/26; third and Trophy to Bruce Gordon with 14/20, and shot off to 19/26; fourth to Bill Gibbs with 14/ 20, and shot off to 17/26. 10-bird Double Barrel from Handicaps: There was no possible scored for this event and the shooters to register 9 kills were: Reg McNamara, Emil Albert, Chris Paspalas, Wally Gritten, Bob Bushby, Alf Patten, Merv Webb and Claude Carnell. 5-bird Double Barrel from Handicaps: This event was div. Dr. J. Sertori, Graham Barber, Chris Paspalas, Bob Bushby, Bill Gibbs, Bruce Gordon, Merv Webb and Jack Semmler.

Results shoot held February 23. Event 1, 5-bird Single Barrel from Handicaps: Reg McNamara took this event outright with the only possible 5. Shooters to register 4 kills were:
Dave Taylor, Phil Stott, Jack Scott,
Chris Paspalas, John James, Ian
Evans, Harold Anstee, Arthur Baker
and Ron Gow. Event 2, 30 birds
Single Barrel from Handicaps for the J. B. Hogan Trophies: 1st and Trophy, Harold Anstee, 28 kills from 30 birds, an outright win; 2nd and Trophy, Reg McNamara, 30/35; 3rd

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and Trophy, Bob Bushby, 29/35. Bob dropped his 31st bird in the shoot-off with Reg after they had both completed their 30 birds with 25 kills each. Next best score went to Dave Taylor with 24. Event 3, 5-bird Double Barrel from 16 yards: This event was div. Graham Baker, Arthur Baker, Dave Taylor, Chris Paspalas, Ian Evans, Jack Coughlan, Digger Gibbs and Ron Gow, all with 5/5.

(J. James.)

ROCKHAMPTON (Qld.). - 28th December. No. 1 event, 5-bird: div. C. Allan, D. Barlow, C. Clarke, all shot 5/5. No. 2: C. Allan, S. Henderson, H. Anson, all shot 5/5. No. 3: C. Allan, L. Smith, W. Larson, H. Anson, F. Sams, W. McLaughlin, J. Brumm, 5/5. No. 4, £100 Handicap: D. Barlow, 23/25, 1st; H. Goodson, 22/25, 2nd, with H. Anson, 3rd, and J. Rossiter, 4th.

28th January: No. 1, 10-bird S.B.: R. McDonald, H. Goodson, H. Beak, 9/10. No. 2, Central Queensland S.B. Championship: D. Barlow, 18/20; M. Johnson, 17/20; W. McLaughlin, 3rd. No. 3, 5 pair Double Rise: F. Sams, C. Allan, W. McLaughlin, 2/5

(W. Galloway, Publicity Officer.)

SALE (V.). - Dr. Martin Shield Shoot, shot at Morwell on Monday, 28th Jan., 1952. Under very bad and windy conditions, the Sale Gun Club team, consisting of L. Bourbaud, Len Robinson, I. Gleson, Roy Glover, M. Atkinson, Geof Scheldt, Reg Murphy, Les Elston, H. Guyatt, Len Schlipa-lius, W. Stevenson and Geo. Williams, won the Dr. Martin Shield for the second year in succession, with Moe team 2nd, Morwell 3rd and Yarram 4th. The High Gun of the day was div. C. Budge, M. Atkinson and H. Guyatt with a full score of 20 each. Other events were divided by several shooters, and all the teams were entertained at one of the finest dinners on record by the Morwell Gun Club, with Mr. Stan Gude in the chair (President of Morwell G.C.). The artists kept a steady flow of first-class entertainment for all the guests. Dr. Martin, the donor of the very fine Shield, presented it to the Sale team. The Morwell Gun Club was congratulated on the fine manner in which they conducted this



Fred Greentree, secretary at Queanbeyan, N.S.W.

shoot, which was a grand success in every way, with a good attendance of approx. 60 shooters.

Next year the Shield teams shoot will be conducted by the Moe Club. These teams shoots are looked forward to by all the shooters and create great harmony amongst the clubs and are very keenly contested. On March 29th, 1952, the Sale Gun Club will conduct the Victorian Double Barrel Championship on the Saturday, and this shoot will then be followed by a well organized duck shoot to the best of Gippsland's duck marshes. All shooters will be well catered for by the Sale Gun Club, so don't miss this Victorian D.B. Championship, March the 29th. Shooters should book in early for accommodation direct or to Len Robinson, secretary of Sale G.C.

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

STONEHENGE (N.S.W.).—Stonehenge held their first shoot of the year on 19/1/52, about 30 shooters taking part. The first competition was div. Bob Mason and D. Edinburgh, with 10/10; F. Werner, G. Henderson, Mr. Nash, of Dubbo, with 9/10. No. 2 Comp., 10-bird Point Score, went to A. Johnston with 10/ 10 first barrel; R. Faint and Max Gibson used their second to finish with 10/10; F. Werner, Bob Mason,

# Tumut Gun Club

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

## CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT

# Saturday, 26th April, 1952

Shooting commences 10.30 a.m.

No. 1 — 5 BIRD EYE-OPENER (Comp. Div.)

No. 2 —

#### Tumut - Monard Double Barrel Championship

20 Birds off 16 yards, with Optional Sweep.

Trophy and Sash 1st, Trophies for 2nd and 3rd and Best 12/14 yard.

No. 3 — £25 HANDICAP, 15 Birds.

Divided 60%, 30%, 10%.

Other Events time permitting.

A limited supply and cartridges, Luncheon and Afternoon Tea will be available.

#### Reminder . . .

Our ground for the holding of this fixture is situated at W. C. Butler's Property, "Gadara", Gilmore, approximately 7 miles from Tumut towards Adelong. A sign post will be erected at turn-off from main road.

For all inquiries, phone Tumut 44 day or 385 night.

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M. Smith, D. Edinburgh, Don Hughes, W. Haseler, of Clara Creek, and G. Nash and Mr. Hiberson finished with 9/10; the old veteran, F. Werner, shooting 18/20. A round of skeet, which is very popular, went to Maurice Gibson, of Hay, who shot the lot, 13/13. Stonehenge traps are right up to date and general championship conditions prevail. Stonehenge Club wishes to extend to all clay busters a prosperous new year and a hearty welcome to the club when visiting Sydney.

Stonehenge held their regular meeting at their grounds in Thorn-leigh on 9/2/52. The shoot was open at 10.30 to enable new members and beginners to take advantage of some practice and instructions which was appreciated. Hot water was provided and quite a few made a picnic of the day. The main shoot began at 1.30. The first comp. at 5 birds resulted in a tie—Mr. Howard, Val Sargent, R. Sonter, Mr. Crispe, Mr. Chiarotto, Mr. Arthur D. Burton and McKay, W. Bullen, Mr. Bruce and F. Werner, all with 5/5. The next comp. was to have the honor of presenting a very beautiful Hand Cut Crystal savory set to Miss Beverley Sonter. Mick Smith, of Smiths sports store, Sydney, and Bob Mason organised the competition among members to donate a trophy to Ralph Sonter's daughter, who is being practice and instructions which was Sonter's daughter, who is being married early in March. After a tie between Mat Fuller, Jack Hill, Val Sargent, D. Edinburgh, Mr. Manning, Mick Smith, Bob Mason, Don Hughes, Jack Thomas, Lieut.-Commander Graham, Mr. Howard, all with 5/5. The shoot-off ended in a battle between Jack Thomas and Mick Smith, which went to 30 birds before Mick Smith missed out. The winner, Jack Thomas, deputised Miss Val Sargent to make the presentation on his behalf, which was very well carried out and ably responded to by Miss Beverley Sonter, who thanked the members for their very generous gift. Next comp, a D.B. Point Score, went to Young Manning, who scored full points, 20; D. Hughes, 19; A. Johnson, 18; Crispé, 18; Arthur, 18; M. Fuller, J. Finlanson, with 17. About 38 shooters taking part in Skeet among the new members was L.B. Arthur of Cell wellbers was J. B. Arthur of Cullamulla, Queensland, who has transferred his

home shoot to Stonehenge, and Lt.-Commander Graham.

(Chas. S. Horne.)

LEETON (N.S.W.).—A very successful shoot was held on the club's grounds on Saturday, 29th December, with 50 shooters attending from Grenfell, Deniliquin, Warren, Gidginbung, Peak Hill, Cobar, Young, Narrandera, Melbourne, Barellan, Griffith and Leeton. Forty-one shooters contested the main event of the day, namely the Riverina Single Barrel Championship, with all honours in this event going to Mr. R. McNamara, of Griffith, who scored the possible.

Results as follows: 1st Event: 5-bird D.B. Sweepstake: div. A. Martin, D. Simpson, N. Singleton, G. Biggs, John Bryant, L. Hanel and G. Patterson. 2nd Event: 5-bird D.B. Sweepstake: div. J. Bryant, H. Anderson, D. Simpson, G. Daly, A. Martin, S. Marshall. 3rd Event: Riverina Single Barrel Championshiop: 1st place won outright by R. McNamara with 20/20. After shooting off at another 15 birds, G. Daly secured 2nd position with 33/35, H. Anderson taking 3rd with 32/35. 4th Event, £30 D.B. Handicap, resulted in 9 shooters scoring the possible of 15 and dividing. Shooters were as follows: G. Bell, J. Bryant, H. Anderson, G. Biggs, G. Daly, C. Burgess, D. Simpson, S. Marshall, A. Martin. 5th Event, 10-bird D.B. Sweepstake, resulted in 9 shooters again scoring the possible, and after shooting off with a miss-out, this event was div. J. Bryant, D. Taylor, G. Daly, F. Singleton. Although the day was exceptionally hot, with a hot wind blowing, some very good shooting was witnessed and the Leeton club members would like to thank all shooters who attended this shoot and so making the day so much of a success.

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

TUMUT (N.S.W.).—Results shoot held by Tumut Gun Club, 20/1/52, at Club Grounds, Gilmore. Event No. 1, D.B. 5-bird Sweep: div. M. Downing and G. Kell (Tumut), 5/5. Event No. 2, D.B. 5-bird Sweep: div. Lynch Creasey (Mangoplah) and G. Baker and D. Lowther (Tumut), 5/5. Event No. 3, S.B. 5-bird Sweep: div. G.

# Narrandera Gun Club

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

# CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT

# Saturday, 29th March, 1952

Commencing 10 o'clock sharp.

No. 1 Event — 5 BIRD D.B. Nomination, 10/-.

No. 2 Event —

#### £40 HANDICAP

15 BIRDS D.B. Nomination, £2.

No. 3 Event -

#### CENTRAL RIVERINA S.B. CHAMPIONSHIP

20 BIRDS S.B., 16-yard mark. Nom., 25/-, with Optional Sweeps of 10/- and 5/-.

Championship Sash and good Trophies to 1st, 2nd and 3rd; also 12/13 yard Trophy.

#### OTHER EVENTS TO FOLLOW IF TIME PERMITS.

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CHARLIE McCONVILLE President

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BOB BUSHBY Secretary Box 102, Narrandera Phone 14U Baker, Ray Hall and Bruce Hall (Wagga), 5/5. Event No. 4, D.B. 5-bird Sweep: div. O. Cox, L. Stoll (Mangoplah), R. Hall and R. Blake (Wagga), and A. J. Baker (Tumut), 5/5. Event No. 5, D.B. 5-bird Sweep: div. L. Stoll (Mangoplah), R. Hall and B. Hall, K. Cosgrave (Dalton), A. Ronning (Cootamundra), 6/6. Event No. 6, D.B. 5-bird Sweep: div. Lynch Creasey, K. Cosgrove, J. Ryan (Cootamundra), R. McNamara (Griffith), 8/8. Event No. 7, D.B. 15-bird Main Event: R. McNamara, J. Ryan, div. 1st and 2nd, 14/15; G. Baker, 18/20, 3rd. Shoot-off for 3rd between B. Hall, Lynch Creasey and G. Baker. Event No. 8, 10-bird Trophy Shoot: 1st, Lynch Creasey, 16/17; 2nd, G. Baker, 15/17. Shoot-off between Lynch Creasey, G. Baker, J. A. Medway, K. Cosgrave and D. Lowther. Event No. 9, 5 pair Deauville Doubles: K. Cosgrave and J. A. Medway (Dalton), 7/7. Event No. 10, 5 pair Double Rise: div. M. Downing and W. Butler (Tumut) and J. James (Griffith), 4/5. Event No. 11, 5 pair Double Rise: won by R. McNamara, 5/5. Event No. 12, Box Sweep: won by G. Baker, 7/9.

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

FOSTER (V.).—Foster Club in the Victorian Gippsland area resumed shooting on January 28 after a recess of some months. Results were: No. 1, 3 birds: C. Arnup, 3/3. No. 2: div. C. Arnup and P. Barlow, 3/3. No. 3, G. Arnup, 3/3. No. 4, 5 birds, points: div. P. Barlow and C. Steele, 12/15 points. No. 5, 10 birds, Single Barrel: J. Shellcot and C. Steele, 6/10. No. 6, 5 birds, D.B.: C. Arnup, 8/8.

(C. G. Steele, President.)

COLAC (V.).—R. Jorgenson (Portarlington) won the dinner set in the main event at the Colac Gun Club's clay pigeon shoot on Saturday, 2nd Feb., 1952. He returned a score of 19/20, conditions being 10 birds Double Barrel and 10 birds Single Barrel. He missed his 19th release. Ivan Wilson (Derrinallum) gained second place after a tie shoot with Charlie Romeo and Bill Arnold. He also was high gun for the day, with a total score of 39/41. Charlie Romeo was in good form, and was unfortunate to heavily dust his 19th bird. Main scores:

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Event 1, 5-bird D.B.: div. I. Wilson, Event 1, 5-bird D.B.: div. I. Wilson, R. Wellman (Derrinallum), and D. Corstorphan, all 7/7. Event 2 (ditto): div. I. Wilson and R. Wellman, both 9/9. Event 3, 10-bird D.B. and 10-bird S.B.: R. Jorgenson, 19/20, 1st; I. Wilson, 19/21, 2nd; C. Romeo and W. Arnold, 18/21. Event 4, 5-bird S.B.: div. I. Wilson, E. Gaylard and D. Corstorphan, all 5/5. Scores for the aggregate trophy at the end of the third round are: W. Arnold, 29; J. Hay, 28; D. Corstorphan, 25. phan, 25.

(D. Corstorphan, Hon. Sec.)

TOWNSVILLE (Qld.). — The Townsville Gun Club held an open clay pigeon shoot at the club's grounds on Saturday, 9/2/52. Shooting conditions were good, apart from a stiff south-easterly breeze which varied in strength and played up with some of the quartering targets, making them difficult shots. Five events were shot off during the afternoon each of them being at five afternoon, each of them being at five birds, single barrel, and resulted as follows:

First Sweepstakes: E. J. McKimmin, M. McCloskev, J. Farren and F. Hose, div. Second Sweepstakes: M. McCloskey, W. Hanran and J. Farren div. £5 Handicap: First and second div. M. Neilson and K. Miskin.

# Hobart Gun Club

BRIGHTON - TASMANIA

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

#### MARCH SHOOT - SATURDAY, 29TH

Commencing 1 p.m.

Event 1 — 5.BIRD D.B. SWEEP. Nomination, 6/-.

Event 2 -

# CLUB DOUBLE-BARREL CHAMPIONSHIP

20 Birds from 16 yards. Squad System. Nom., 25/-. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Trophies. Optional Sweepstake of 10/-.

Event 3 — 20 BIRD DOUBLE BARREL HANDICAP Trophy — 500 Ballistite Cartridges. Nomination, 30/-.

Event 4-5 BIRD S.B. SWEEPSTAKE. Nom., 6/-.

Further Sweepstakes time permitting.

AFTERNOON TEA AVAILABLE.

Note — ANNUAL MEETING 7 H.O. FRIDAY, 28th MARCH.

NEXT SHOOT — 19th APRIL.

J. M. TYQUIN, President. D. BRIDGES, Hon. Secretary.

# Hobart Gum Club

BRIGHTON - TASMANIA

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

## Saturday, 19th April

Commencing 1 p.m.

Event 1 — 5 BIRD D.B. SWEEPSTAKE Nomination, 6/-.

Event 2 -

# 20 Bird Double-Barrel H'dicap

Trophy — 500 Ballistite Cartridges.

Nomination, 30/-.

Event 3 — 10 BIRD D.B. SWEEPSTAKE Nomination, 12/-.

Event 4—10 BIRD D.B. SWEEPSTAKE Nomination, 12/-.

Event 5 — 5 BIRD TOWER SHOOT FOR TROPHIES

Afternoon Tea served by Brighton C.W.A.

J. M. TYQUIN, President.

D. BRIDGES, Hon. Sec.

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M. McCloskey was third after defeating E. McKimmin in a shoot-off for the minor placing. Third Sweep-stakes: A tie shoot with M. McCloskey, K. Miskin jnr., S. Horwood and M. Young resulted: Young, 1st; S. Horwood, 2nd; K. Miskin jnr., 3rd.

M. McCloskey and J. Farren, who are both comparative newcomers to the sport, shot particularly well throughout the afternoon. Ken Miskin jnr., competing for the first time, also put on an excellent effort for a lad to record a place at his first shoot. shoot.

(Fred Blackman, Hon. Sec.)

COFFS HARBOUR (N.S.W.).—
The monthly shoot was held on Saturday afternoon, 9th February, at
McCauley's Headland, under ideal
shooting conditions, and shooting was
of a very high standard. In the main
event for the R. E. Edge Trophy, 15-bird D.B., T. C. (Dan) Seccombe shot the possible, a very good performance, as this is the first time the possible has been achieved in a monthly Trophy Event; a Trophy

was also given by Dan Seccombe for the best 12 yarder and under, and the best 12 yarder and under, and this was won by W. Golden after a shoot-off with R. Edge. Our congratulations to W. Golden, as this was his first shoot. The club has donated a Trophy for the first member to shoot 25 birds D.B. straight, so Dan Seccombe carried on after his 15 birds straight, but the 17th proved too good for him—better luck next time. next time.

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Results: 5-bird S.B. Eye-opener: G. D. T. Seccombe and R. Edge div. 1st and 2nd. 5-bird D.B. Gun Down: 1st, Alf Herdigen; 2nd, R. Bennett. 15-bird D.B., R. Edge Trophy: 1st, Dan Seccombe, 15; G. D. T. Sec-combe and R. Bennett, 14, div. 2nd and 3rd; 4th, Vern Wuillimen. Dan and 3rd; 4th, Vern Wuillimen. Dan Seccombe Trophy for best 12 yarder or under: W. Golden. 3 pairs Double Rise, No. 1, 1st, R. Bennett; 2nd, Alf Herdigen. No. 2, 1st, Dan Seccombe; 2nd, R. Bennett. Deauville Doubles, No. 1, G. D. T. Seccombe and W. Golden; No. 2, Dan Seccombe and C. Bowden. 5-bird Skeet, No. 1, 1st, G. D. T. Seccombe and R. Bennett,

#### ROCKHAMPTON GUN CLUB

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

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

#### Carnival Shoot

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div. 1st and 2nd. No. 2, 1st, G. D. T. Seccombe; 2nd, Keith Seccombe.

Shooters please note we have been allotted 3rd October for D.B. Championship and 4th October for S.B. Championship.

(Rex Bennett.)

SYDNEY (N.S.W.)—Results club's SYDNEY (N.S.W.)—Results club's regular shoot, February 2. No. 1, 5-bird D.B.: div. G. Henderson, H. Knight, W. Rutty, D. Edenborough, 5/5. No. 2, Teams Match, 10-bird D.B., 19 shooters per side: This event was not decided until the last two shooters, J. Gardiner and C. W. Dunlop, shot at their ninth bird, bringing the scores to 119-121. You could have heard a pin drop as Dunlop fired the winning shot. The point that made it so interesting was that neither of these two shooters had that made it so interesting was that neither of these two shooters had ever shot clay birds before. No. 3, 5-bird D.B.: div. A. Johnston, F. Hare, R. Amies, B. Burns, D. Burton, B. Mason, W. Rutty, R. Lake, 5/5. No. 4, 5-bird S.B.: won outright by D. Edenborough, 5/5. No. 5, 5-bird D.B.: div. R. Faunt, B. Richards, W. Rutty, 5/5. No. 6, 5-bird D.B.: div. R. Faunt, W. Rutty, 5/5. This event was shot when it was practically nitch dark, and was an excellent. ally pitch dark, and was an excellent exhibition of night shooting. The club has decided it will not be necessary to instal expensive lighting for night shooting, after this performance.

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

SOUTH COAST (Qld.).—Shoots on 26/1/52 and 28/1/52. The £50 H'cap on Saturday, 26th, brought 74 shooters to the tracks, and for the South

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Coast Single Barrel Championship on the following Monday we had a record entry of 84 shooters. Wellknown shooters from all parts of Queensland and N.S.W. were present and took part in the two days' meeting. Results were as follows:-

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Saturday, 28/1/52: 5-bird D.B.
(Eye-opener): div. C. Whitney (Sth. Coast, R. Seccombe (Coffs Harbour), R. Humble (Goondiwindi), E. Geary, (Cunnamulla), S. Tennant (Tambo), A. Seis (Roma), G. Akers (Charleville). £50 Handicap, 20-bird D.B.: C. Dight, 20/20 (1); 2nd and 3rd prizes div., after shoot-off: W. Tennant (Tambo), 19/20; F. Thompson, (Moree), 19/20; B. C. Webster (Charleville), 19/20; J. Raleigh (Clara Creek), 19/20; J. Raleigh (Clara Creek), 19/20; T. Stone (Sth. Coast), 19/20; best 12 yarder, E. Hodge (Sth. Coast), 19/20, 5-bird D.B. Points Sweepstakes: R. Thorsborne (Sth. Coast), W. Moore (Sth. Coast), H. Rothwell (Roma), T. Stone (Sth. Coast), div. 15/15. 5-bird D.B. Points Sweepstakes: C. Ferguson (Sth. Coast), D. McKerrow (Charleville), div. 15/15. 12 yarder (Trophy) 10-bird Points: E. Hodge (Sth. Coast), 29/30. 5-bird D.B. Points Sweepstakes: J. A. Seis (Roma), C. Clarke (Rockhampton), div. 15/15.

Monday, 28/1/52: Sth. Coast (Qld.)

Clarke (Rockhampton), div. 15/15.

Monday, 28/1/52: Sth. Coast (Qld.)
S.B. Championship, 20 birds: J.
Raleigh (Clara Creek) (1), 19/20;
H. Rothwell (Roma), (2); C. Ferguson (Sth. Coast), (3). Dalton
Trophy, 5-bird S.B. Sweepstakes:
Trophy won in shoot-off by J.
Thompson (G'windi), 14/15; Sweepstakes div. F. Thompson (Moree),
Stakes div. F. Thompson (Moree), D.
McKerrow (Charleville), C. Ferguson (Sth. Coast), W. Richardson
(Casino), W. White (Surat), A. McIntosh (G'windi), J. R. Wickham
(Warwick). Double Rise (Trophy)
3-bird and Sweepstake: A. Anderson

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APRIL 12—

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- 10 Bird Single Barrel.
- 10 Bird Double Barrel.

APRIL 26-

5 Bird Single Barrel.

# Victorian Double Rise Championship

10 Bird Double Barrel.

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C. J. COLLEDGE, Hon. Sec, 12 Adler Grove Merlyston, N.14 (Sth. Coast), (1), 7/7 (shoot-off); Sweepstakes div. A. Anderson, C. Fletcher, W. Richardson, N. Gorxie, A. Seis. 5-bird Trophy and Sweep-stakes (Points): A. Polletti (Ayr, Nth. Qld.), (1), 21/21; Sweepstakes div. A. Polletti, F. Thompson, N. Mc-Gilp, A. Akers.

Boat Picnic to Jumpinpin on Sunday, 27/1/52. On Sunday, 27th, the South Coast Gun Club entertained all South Coast Gun Club entertained all visiting shooters and their families, who could make the trip, to a Boat Picnic at Jumpinpin. The M.V. "Landfall" was hired by the Club and privately owned motor boats were made available to the Club by G. S. Martin, E. D. Pike, B. Ernst and Roy Thorsborne. Every person who made the trip requested that they want it repeated next year. The Club not only promises a repeat performance, but we want visiting shooters and their families to join in this outing if possible. On arrival at Jumpinpin the programme varied from swimming, running, tug of war and the old-fashioned pastime of "gargling the tonsils." The tug of war will be long remembered by the participants and spectators. Colin participants and spectators. Colin Fletcher selected his team of 10 from "All Comers" and Arthur Sturgess matched the team by Sth. Coast shooters. After a long struggle in the beach sand, Mr. Woodroffe (Editor of the South Coast Bulletin) declared in favour of the Sth. Coast declared in favour of the Sth. Coast boys. All captains of the various boats reported a very happy journey both going and coming home. To all persons who helped to make this outing a success the South Coast Gun Club says thank you for your cooperation, and we hope to see you all back next year all back next year.

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

DENILIQUIN (N.S.W.). — The Deniliquin Gun Club conducted its Double Barrel Championship meeting at the Club's grounds on 9th February, 1952. The club's Double Barrel Championship went to the club's popular president, Garry Daly, with his brother, Eddy Daly, runner-up, who was the title-holder. The third place-getter was the very consistent shooter, Tom Holschier. The club's Double Barrel Championship has been held by the Daly brothers five years out of six since clays have been shot in Deniliquin. Eddy Daly has

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held the title three times, Garry Daly twice and M. Crowe once.

Results of events are as follows: First event, 5-bird Double Barrel Handicap: div. G. Daly, A. Allen and W. F. Robertson, 5/5. Second event, Club Double Barrel Championship, 20 birds: 1st, G. Daly, 24/25; 2nd, E. Daly, 22/25; 3rd, F. Holschier, 22/25. Third event, 5-bird Single Barrel Handicap: winner G. Daly, 5/5. Fourth event, 5-bird Single Barrel Handicap: div. G. Daly, J. Cowie. Fifth event, 5-bird Double Barrel Handicap: winner J. Cowie, 5/5. Sixth event, 5-bird Double Barrel Handicap: winner Ron Jones, 5/5. Seventh event, 3 birds Walk-up: winner G. Daly, 4/4. Results of events are as follows:

The Annual Meeting of the Gun Club was held on 9th February, 1952. The President, Mr. G. Daly, was returned for his fifth term unopposed. The Hon. Secretary, Ron Jones, was also returned for his second term unopposed.

(Ron Jones, Hon. Sec.)

GANMAIN (N.S.W.) .- Results of shoot held at Ganmain on the 2nd Feb., 1952. There were shooters present from Narrandera, Wagga, Tumut, Gidginbung, Griffith, and a few local shooters.

Results: No. 1, 5-bird D.B. Sweepstakes: div. R. Casley, L. Meek, A. Pellow, P. Gibbons, 5/5. No. 2, 5-bird D.B. Sweepstakes: div. B. Hall, R. Casley, A. Pellow, K. Gumbleton, R. Bushby, P. Gibbons, 5/5. No. 3, 5-bird D.B. Sweepstakes: div. H. Gibbs, A. J. Baker, L. Meek, Jack Winnell, C. Schnider, P. Steinke, J. Scott, Ray Hall, R. Casley, P. Gibbons, 5/5. £25 Handicap, 10 birds: div. J. Winnell, P. Steinke, Reg McNamara, H. Vicker, 10/10; 12 yd. Trophy went to Bruce Hall after a shoot-off, 25/26. £25 Miss-out: div. Jack Winnell, D. Gibbs, P. Steinke, P. Gibbons, 23/23; 12 yd. Trophy went to C. Schnider, 22/23. 5-bird D.B. Sweepstakes: div. D. Taylor, D.B. Sweepstakes: div. D. Taylor, H. Gaul, I. Evans, D. Gibbs, W. Gibbs, P. Steinke, 5/5.

(P. Gibbons, Hon. Sec.)

CHARTERS TOWERS (Qld.).—Shoot, 16th Feb., 1952. This, the inaugural meeting of the club for 1952, was a half-day shoot, as a "barrel-warmer" for the year. Keen

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## NEWCASTLE GUN

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

#### Ansac Week-end

#### Friday, 25th April, 1952

First Event, 12.30 a.m.

No. 1 — 4 BIRD S.B. HANDICAP SWEEPSTAKE No. 2 -

### Newcastle District Single Barrel Championship

20 Birds, 16 yds., A.C.P.T.S.A. Rules. 1st, Trophy and Sash; 2nd, 3rd, Best 12/13 and 14/15 yd. Trophies. Nomination, 25/-. Optional Sweepstakes.

No. 3 —

#### £50 Mandican - 20 Bird Single Barrel

Nomination, 50/-. Divided 60%, 30%, 10%.

Other Events, Time permitting.

#### Saturday, 26th April, 1952

First Event, 10.30 a.m.

No. 1 — 4 BIRD D.B. HANDICAP SWEEPSTAKE No. 2 --

#### Newcastle District Double Barrel Championship

20 Birds, 16 yds., A.C.P.T.S.A. Rules. 1st, Trophy and Sash; 2nd, 3rd, Best 12/13 and 14/15 yd. Trophies. Nomination, 25/-. Optional Sweepstakes.

No. 3 -

#### £50 Handicap - 20 Bird Double Barrel

Nomination, 50/-. Divided 60%, 30%, 10%. Other Events, Time permitting.

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shooters and a few welcome visitors attended, and an enjoyable time was had by all. We hope that many will be attracted by our next programme. Shooters and spectators had a most Shooters and spectators had a most shooters and spectators had a most shooters. be attracted by our next programme. In the early part of the shooting quite a few "misses" resulted, due, evidently, to the long break since last shoot on Boxing Day, but as the afternoon progressed, results improved. Results were: Event, 5-bird S.B.: C. Walker and H. Peace, div. Event 2, 5-bird S.B.: A. Edmondson, R. Berryman, R. Knuth, div. Event 3, 5-bird Walk-up: C. Archer. Event 4, 5-bird Teams: C. Walker, H. Lavery, R. Berryman. Event 5, 5-bird Teams: H. Peace, P. McDonald, R. Knuth. Event 6, 5-bird S.B.: S. Worsfold, C. Archer, W. Carrington, R. Knuth, div. R. Knuth, div.

(F. R. DONAGHY, Hon. Sec.)

BATHURST (N.S.W.). — Results shoot held February 16. Perfect weather conditions prevailed and a good roll-up of shooters had a most enjoyable afternoon. V. Howard, carrying on with an unfinished break of 30, kept up the good work till his 49th and missed his next release. Hal Cross has an unfinished break of 25, and the way he is shooting could easily collect a badge for his efforts at the next shoot.

Results as follows: Event 1, 3 birds: A. Ovens, C. Campbell, L. Lupp, V. Howard, W. Byers. Event 2, 5 birds: C. Campbell, L. Lupp, V. Howard, S. Bressington, H. Cross, W. Byers. Event 3, 5 birds: A. Ovens, W. Burrows, V. Howard, H. Cross, W. Byers. Event 4, 5 birds: W. Burrows, R. Campbell, V. Howard, H. Cross. Event 5, 5 birds: A. Ovens, C. Campbell, W. Burrows, H. Cross, W. Byers. Event 6, 5 birds: H. Jaques, W. Burrows, H. Cross, W. Byers. Event 7, 5 pairs Double Rise: C. Campbell. Event 8, 5 pairs Deauville Doubles: H. Lupp and W. Haynes. Haynes.

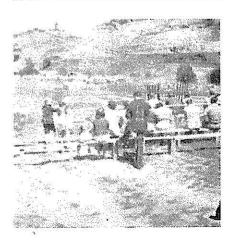
(S. Bressington, Hon. Sec.)

DERRINALLUM (V.).—The club's opening shoot on February 16 was attended by shooters from Portarlington, Colac, Skipton, Camperdown and Geelong. The main event was won by A. Barker of Lismore, 16/16, from R. Wellman, 15/16. No. 2, 5 birds: "Apex", 13/13; S. Renfrey, 12/13. No. 3 (same): R. Wellman, 14/14; Don Corstorphan, 13/14.

(Ivor S. Wilson, Hon. Sec.)

ALEXANDRA (V.). — Our First Birthday Shoot was an even more successful and happy event than the enjoyable day and complimented the club on the progress made and the way the shoot was conducted. Visitors way the shoot was conducted. Visitors were present from Camberwell Club, Croydon, Lilydale, Yea, Seymour, Finley (N.S.W.), Shepparton, St. James and Homewood. The Club President welcomed visitors and presented the trophies to the winning visiting shooters. Mr. "Jock" Wilson, Association President, presented the trophies for local Club Championship and we were honoured to have him trophies for local Club Championship and we were honoured to have him with us. Camberwell President, Dick Wightman; Croydon President, Jim McArthur, and that fine sportsman, "Deoch-en-Doris" spoke on behalf of the visiting shooters. The Ladies' Committee was highly praised for their efficient and friendly hospitality and the club is fortunate to be so well supported in this direction. Over fifty lead and visiting shooters come fifty local, and visiting shooters competed in the various events. Results were as under:

Event 1, 5 birds D.B.: div. J. Mc-Arthur (Croydon), K. Brooks (Croydon), L. Baker (Finley), R. Nicholson, R. Simmons, C. Cumming, G. Cookson, K. Andrews, H. Hare (Shepparton), "Deoch-en-Doris", "Dick",



Captain's Flat G.C. site (N.S.W.).

# Cairns Gun Club

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

# Two-Day Shoot

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First Day:

No. 1 — 5 BIRD EYE-OPENER

No. 2-

#### **£20 SINGLE-BARREL HANDICAP**

No. 3 — DOUBLE RISE TROPHY AND OPTIONAL SWEEPSTAKE

Second Day:

No. 1 — 5 BIRD EYE-OPENER

No. 2-

#### **£20 DOUBLE-BARREL HANDICAP**

and CALCUTTA SWEEP

No. 3 — 5 BIRD WALK-UP

No. 4 --

# N.Q. SINGLE-BARREL GHAMPIONSHIP

(under A.C.P.T.S.A. Conditions)
Optional Sweepstake

No. 5 — DEAUVILLE DOUBLES SWEEPSTAKE

Other Events time permitting.

The Committee reserves the right to make any alteration they consider necessary in programme.

Luncheon and Light Refreshments on Ground. Automatic Trap in operation.

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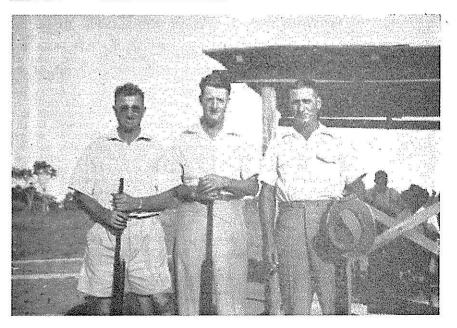
G. R. KELLY, President, P.O. Box 612, Cairns. H. K. MAZLIN, Hon. Sec., P.O. Box 858, Cairns. G. S. Cumming, Barry Doyle and Luke Doyle, 5/5. Evevnt 2, 5 birds D.B.: vid. J. McArthur, Leo Doyle, J. Hagan (Croydon), C. Cumming, E. McLachlan (Croydon), G. Cookson, "Deoch-en-Doris", "Dick", S. Goldhoorn, G. S. Cumming, J. McCarthy (Homewood), T. Cherry, Perc Dennis (Coburg), 5/5. Event 3, 10 birds D.B. Sweep: div. J. T. McArthur, N. Kneebone (Croydon), G. Cookson, C. Cumming, "Deoch-en-Doris", "Dick", B. Williamson, Barry Doyle, T. Cherry, 10/10. 1st Trophy for best score by visiting shooter to J. McArthur (Croydon), 15/15. 2nd Trophy for visiting shooter to "Deoch-en-Doris" (D. Watson, Camberwell, 14/15. Club D.B. Championship to G. Cookson, 25/25, from T. Cherry, 24/25. 12/14 yd. Trophy to B. Williamson, 15/16, from Barry Doyle, 14/16. Event 4, 5 birds D.B.: Len Baker (Finley), G. McLeod (Shepparton), R. Nicholson, R. Simmons, C. Cumming, C. King, G. Cookson, K. Andrews, H. Pauling, Ian Cumming, J. Squires, W. Cumming,

B. Doyle, "Dick", R. Williamson, B. Williamson, J. McCarthy, Lin Cumming, 5/5; 7 shooters divided this event with 8/8. High Gun Trophy over four events was shot for by "Dick", C. Cumming and G. Cookson. "Dick" (T. R. Wightman, Camberwell President) won the shoot-off. Congratulations, "Dick". Ladies' trophy went to Mrs. R. W. Delaney, Camberwell.

The co-operation of shooters in unanimous divisions of the sweep-stake events is greatly appreciated and resulted in a great saving of time. Club thanks to those who assisted in any way to make the day such a happy one.

(Luke Doyle, President.)

SEYMOUR (V.).—Seymour Gun Club opened its 1952 season on Saturday, Feb. 9th. The weather was ideal for shooting and good scores were recorded. Alexandra and Shepparton Clubs were well represented and their shooters were in good form.



Place-getters, Central Queensland Walk-up Championship, 1951: Frank Claussen, winner (centre); Jim Smith (Home Hill) (left); Joe Casalegno, third (right).

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Top scores of the day were: G. Cookson (Alex'dra), with 24/28, including a 21 break, and C. King (Alex'dra),

The results were: No. 1, 5-bird D.B., five possibles: C. King (Alex'dra), R. Long (Shepp.), Ron Williamson (Alex'dra), A. H. Earl (Seymour). No. 2, 5-bird D.B., five possibles: P. Reid (Seymour), Luke Doyle (Alex'dra), G. Cookson (Alex'dra), div., 8/8. No. 3, 5-bird D.B., 7 possibles: R. Williamson (Alex'dra), G. Cookson (Alex'dra), G. Cooks dra), G. Cookson (Alex'dra), C. King (Alex'dra), Luke Doyle (Alex'dra), R. Long (Shepp.), W. Gribben (Shepp.), L. Gribben (Shepp.). No. 4, 5-bird D.B., 6 possibles: W. Reid (Seymour), L. Gribben (Shepp.), R. Long (Shepp.), B. Doyle (Alex'dra), C. King (Alex'dra), G. Cookson

(Alex'dra), 5/5. No. 5, 5-bird D.B.: 1st, C. King (Alex'dra), 5/5.

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

NEWS

HOBART (Tas.). - The Commonwealth Single Barrel Championship, conducted at Brighton on Saturday, February 23, by the Hobart Gun Club, was won by C. Poxon, a Launceston shooter. Under ideal conditions, Poxon, a member of the Tas-manian Gun Club (Launceston), had an outright though narrow win from three other shooters with a score of 20/25. It was his first Commonwealth title, and his first big success in the South. His previous victories included 10 State and club championships. Poxon was presented with a canteen of cutlery by Mr. E. H. Round, and Mrs. J. M. Tyquin, wife of the club president, decorated him with the championship sash. Second and third places were decided after a shoot-off between E. G. McRae, J. Brent, and S. Marshall, all of whom had scored 19/25. Brent added four to gain second honours, with McRae two down in third position. Marshall lapsed badly, and added only one to his previous score. With a clean score of 20/20, M. Bale (Bothwell) won the £50 Handicap, from the 15-yard mark. His shooting throughout the day was particularly good, and at one stage he had a break of 36 straight. Six competitors stopped 18/20, and carried the shoot to the 25th round, when S. Marshall, S. Bailey and J. Brent div. second and third handicap prize money. In the 10-bird lower event the first, second and third trophies were won respectively by H. M. Eddington, 10/10; S. Marshall, 10/11; J. M. Tyquin, 9/11. A Single Barrel Handicap Sweepstake of 10 birds was div. W. McMaster, R. Redpath and J. Blake after each had recorded the possible.

NEWTON THOMAS, record break holder (189) used a BREDA Automatic to win the SYDNEY WALK-UP CHAMPIONSHIP, an event which really tests the handling and balance of a gun.

Results. Championship: C. Poxon, 20/25, 1st; J. A. Brent, 23/30, 2nd; E. G. McRae, 22/30, 3rd; G. Marshall, 20/30; R. Powell, J. Blake, A. Poxon, E. G. McRae, 22/80, 3rd; G. Marshall, 20/30; R. Powell, J. Blake, A. Poxon, 18/25; A. Nelson, T. Cannon, R. Redpath, S. Bailey, 17/25; J. McKenzie, P. Marshall, 16/25; A. J. Lowe, 15/25; J. M. Tyquin, M. Bale, E. Casey, W. McMaster, 14/25. £50 Handicap: M. Bale, 20/20, 1st; S. Bailey, S. Marshall, J. Brent, 23/25, div.; J. Blake, 22/25; F. Blake, J. M. Tyquin, 21/24; P. Marshall, R. Powell, T. Cannon, 17/20; C. Poxon, J. McKenzie, A. J. Lowe, J. Hayden, 16/20; E. Casey, J. Reynolds, W. McMaster, 15/20. 10-bird Single Barrel Handicap Sweepstake: J. Blake, R. Redpath, W. McMaster, 10/10, div.; S. Bailey, 9/10; P. Marshall, J. Brent, W. R. Morgan, H. Munnings, 8/10; S. Marshall, A. Poxon, W. Bennett, E. Casey, A. J. Lowe, W. Reynolds, F. Blake, 7/10. 10-bird Tower Trophy Shoot: H. M. Eddington, 10/10, 1st; S. Marshall, 10/11, 2nd; J. M. Tyquin, 9/11, 3rd; A. J. Lowe, W. Reynolds, 8/10; A. Nelson, A. Poxon, P. Marshall, S. Bailey, J. Blake, 7/10. 5-bird Sweepstake: M. Bale, M. Munnings, A. Nelson, 6/6, div. A women's event was won by Miss Mary Reynolds of Penna.

(Mrs. M. Nelson,

(Mrs. M. Nelson, Club Correspondent.)

BALMORAL (V.). — The monthly shoot of the above was held at clay birds on Saturday, Feb. 23. Twenty-nine shooters participated in events throughout the afternoon. The main event, a 20-bird D.B. for Trophies and attached Sweepstake, was won by R. W. McPhee, of Balmoral, who, after missing his first bird, shot 19 straight to tie with J. Futerical, of Coleraine, and D. Forrest, of Edenhope. In the shoot-off R. McPhee shot 22/23, second trophy going to D. Forrest, 23/26, from J. Futerical, 22/26.

Details of events: No. 1, 5-bird D.B.: K. Toleman, L. Perry, W. Pitman, J. Futerical, K. Troeth, N. Woodfield, J. Vaughan, D. Forrest, G. Austin, E. Gash and O. Mayfield, div. 5/5. No. 2, 20-bird D.B.: R. W. McPhee, 22/23; D. Forrest, 23/26; J. Futerical, 22/26. No. 3, 3 pr. Deauville Doubles: div. G. Austin-G. G. Pern and D. Forrest -A. Forrest 3 pairs, No. 4, 3 pr. Doubles. rest, 3 pairs. No. 4, 3 pr. Double Rise: N. Woodfield, 2 pairs. No. 5,

Miss-out: div. N. Hardy, J. Vaughan,

Afternoon tea, dispensed by ladies present for local Bush Nurse fund. was enjoyed by shooters and spectators.

The monthly shoot for March will not be held, as ducks are plentiful in the district, and shooters will take advantage of the opportunity to hit the feathered targets.

(W. F. Duncan, President.)

COLAC (V.). — The Colac Gun Club's Single Barrel Championship on Saturday, Feb. 23, proved to be the most keenly contested championship event shot on the club's grounds for many years. Seven competitors returned equal scores of 17/20. Consistent shooter, Bob Jorgenson, of Portarlington, with five clean kills, proved too strong for the rest of the field in the tie shoot, and ran out winner. Weather conditions were pleasant, but a breeze from the right quarter made left swingers hard to catch, so that, on the whole, it can be claimed that the scoring was good.

When presenting the trophies the club president, Mr. Eric Ball, congratulated the winners, welcomed the visitors, and thanked the ladies for dispensing afternoon tea. He also thanked the shooters for their attendance and those traders of the town for their donations of trophies. He mentioned that the nett proceeds from the shoot would go to the funds of Colac's Queen of Sport. This sum is expected to be approximately £13.

Main results: Event 1, 10-bird D.B.: 1st, J. McCarthy, 12/12; 2nd, I. Wilson (Derrinallum), 11/12. A. Eldridge, R. Jorgenson, R. Ridgeway and D. Corstorphan, all 9/10. Sweep div. place-getters. Event 2, Club S.B. Championship (20 birds from 16 yards, squad system): I. Wilson, H. Eldridge, W. Arnold, R. Hinchcliffe, R. Jorgenson, C. Grist, J. McCarthy, all 17/20. Tie shoot resulted: 1st, R. Jorgenson, 22/25; 2nd, W. Arnold, 24/28; 3rd, C. Grist, 23/28. Sweep div. seven finalists. Sectional award, R. Wellman, 15/20. Event 3, 5-bird D.B., for trophies donated by Bilson's, Swayn & Neilsen and Ball & Croft: Possibles by G. Crosse, R. Wellman, J. Howard,

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A. Eldridge, R. Hinchcliffe, R. Harrison and R. Jorgenson. Tie shoot resulted: 1st, R. Harrison (Pomborneit) (first success at clays), 12/12; 2nd, R. Jorgenson, 11/12; 3rd, G. Crosse, 8/9.

Full publicity was provided and

donated by the "Colac Herald." The aggregate scores for the I.C.I. trophy advanced another stage. With one more round to go, the leading scores are: W. Arnold and J. Hay, 36; D. Corstorphan, 34.

(Don Corstorphan, Hon. Sec.)

# 200 STRAIGHT ..

BY ERIC DUSSEK

I have always been an admirer of perfection. The smooth, confident ability of the past master of his craft whether he be pianist, violinist or the craftsman who fashions beauty from a piece of wood or metal, leave me fascinated and entranced. I felt just the same as I watched Lew clay pigeon shooting at the championship meeting last year. The word "Pull", the appearance of the clay, the raising and firing of the gun and the accompanying "puff" as the clay shattered were syncromatic. It all appeared so easy and effortless. The acme of efficiency, you might say. He just could not miss.

I had known Lew pretty well, on

I had known Lew pretty well, on and off, over many years, but little did I know the stir he was going to cause that afternoon. Of course, some said he did it for effect. He knew he was good and wanted to show off. You will always find the malicious ones at everything. But let me tell you just what did happen.

Lew was doing fine in the individual championship. Mind you, this was the third and last day of the meeting, so he had been doing some pretty heavy shooting, but as a grand finale he had entered for the 200 Straight and had by now reached 146. The regularity of the kills became almost monotonous. 147. 148. 149. After a while I thought he was beginning to look uneasy and by the time he reached 160 there was something definitely wrong. The perspiration was streaming down his face and he looked really ill. At 162 he missed. At 164 he fumbled his cartridges and dropped one. At

165 he missed again. And then it happened. We were waiting for his call of "pull", but it never came. His gun was ready when suddenly he broke it, and calling the referee, he requested permission to change his gun on the grounds that he considered his own unsafe for further use. Everyone was astounded, especially as he borrowed one, not having another of his own. That's why some folk say he did it for effect. He finished up the shoot with only those two misses, and that takes some doing, believe me, the more so when the last 35 kills are made with a borrowed gun.

He dashed away rather abruptly afterwards, looking very strained. It was a few weeks before I met up with him again. This time it was a chance meeting in town, and as neither of us was unduly busy, we had a few drinks together. It was while we were waiting for a table for lunch that I asked him what happened that day. "Come over here and sit down and I'll tell you

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about it," he said. So seeing that our glasses were full, we made our way to a seat by the window where the autumn sun imparted a pleasant warmth, and this is what he told me.

Bettina's death on our wedding eve six years ago was such a shock eve six years ago was such a shock that I set about trying to forget the whole affair, and, in fact, had pretty well succeeded, but some months before that competition I started dreaming about her. Can't think why. Thought I had got her out of my system after all these years. But no, there she was, clear as crystal. The dreams were always the same. I was shooting at clays when she was shooting at clays when she would appear at my side, lay her hand on my right arm as I was about to bring up the gun and looking straight at me with those deep brown eyes of hers, would slowly shake her head. Then the scene would chiff and we have the scene would shift and we were looking at someone lying on the ground with a multitude of people crowding round. I couldn't make out any features. but there had evidently been an accident of some sort. Then 'Tina's accident of some sort. Then Tima's husky voice would say "it was his 166th," and the dream faded. This happened night after night, week after week until I dreaded going to sleep. I saw the Doc'. I took pills. Nothing seemed to do any good, for the dreams went on just the care. the dreams went on just the same. Then when I was at the end of my tether they stopped, after which I started putting on weight and felt more like my old self. But it was short-lived, for a week before the meeting they started again, until finally the climax came on the last night. It was ghastly. We had reached the part in the dream where Tina took me to see the body on the ground, but this time, by pushing through the crowd, I could see who it was. It was MYSELF with my face a mass of blood, and by my side lay a gun with burst barrels. Voices were saying "Oh! Yes, dead, I should think." "Dreadful sight, isn't it?" Then 'Tina's voice again, "it was your 166th." Do you notice the difference this time? Not "his" but "your" 166th. I awoke in a hell of a state, I can tell you. The following day the Doc gave me something to steady me up, enough to start shooting, anyway, and by the third day things weren't so bad, but in the 200 contest, once the hundred mark

was passed, I began to feel uneasy. Well, you know what happened. I think I might have gone on and fired that 166th shot if, when I put up the gun, I hadn't felt a hand laid firmly on my arm. Of course there was no one there, as you know. I was out there on my own, but there was no mistaking that hand gently but firmly pulling me away. That, was enough for me. You saw what happened after that. What you don't know, though, is that the next day I got old George to look the gun over. He passed it as apparently perfect, so without giving him any reason, I asked him to have it sent up to the test house. The result was pretty astounding. With the first shot the right barrel burst just for'ard of the chamber. That would have been the 166th shot. Remember? There was no reason for it. The only theory that's been put forward is that it was due to metal fatigue, but as George pointed out, it's most unusual, unheard of, in fact, for a gun of that quality to suffer fatigue so soon. It makes you think, doesn't it? Have another before lunch? No? Oh well, let's go in now, shall we?"

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# GUN GOSSIP

#### By NORTH COUNTRY

(Courtesy Editor, Shooting Times)

Talking of 16-bores, I remember now at a duck shoot a 16-bore user attributed his success to the No. 4 shot he was using. This man had certainly shot well, killed his birds in fine style and scarcely missed a reasonable bird. But it was not his choice of shot size that had been responsible. It was just his good shooting and the fact that he was using his favourite gun. If he had been using No. 5, he would, have done equally well. I was using No. 5 from a 12-bore and stopping my birds just as decisively—as long as I got their length and line. I may not have done quite so well, but the 16-bore man was a better shot.

Many false impressions owe their origin to the fact that we do not all shoot up to the same standard. The gun and ammunition which the better man uses are sure to attract attention. Somehow duck shoots always awake ideas on shot sizes. If one man is pulling his birds down nicely, another is sure to want to know what pellets he is employing. I will say this: there are few situations in which there is any need to use shot larger than No. 5 (American No. 6). I would feel very happy against mallard, wigeon, etc., with a good dose of No. 5 - say 14 oz. or 1 3/16 oz. In the case of a 16-bore with its slightly reduced charge, it is surely an advantage to keep to the medium sizes.

Of course, circumstances do alter cases. If big, heavy birds are the objective, No. 4 may be better and at 50 yards it may give nearly as good a pattern as No. 5. This is something you must find out for yourself. Your gun or, say, the choke barrel of it, may behave particularly well with No. 4 shot or No. 5 shot or with some other size. Try it out and see for yourself. Then when you come in for some special shooting, you know what to do. However, for ordinary duck I am solidly in favour of No. 5. Some of my friends use No. 6 with good effect.

I have been advised by professional gunners to use No. 3 for small birds, because "every pellet kills." No doubt this is true enough, but it should be explained that these gunners refer to the firing into bunches and not to the shooting of individual birds. A single charge comes expensive when employed against a single bird. But when fired into a flock of birds, it may show a dividend! So it needs to be understood that big pellets are recom-mended in special circumstances by certain experts. For wader shooting I would suggest No. 7 shot, though for bigger birds No. 6 or No. 5 again. The fact is, if you have No. 5 in the gun, you cannot go far wrong.

Big birds may be shot with small pellets at full range - if shot with skill. A friend once shot a big bird at 40 yards with No. 6. A first-class shot, he merely aimed well forward (it was a crossing bird) and placed his charge on and around the head and neck. All very effective and simple-when you know how to do it! Like the expert who could kill his elephants with a .256 rifle, this expert could place his charge of game shot on the vital parts. Yet would not go about advertising No. 6 for big bird shooting. All the same wildfowl shooters in the East, in many cases, favour small pellets. It is so largely a matter of accurate shooting.

What I always feel about such problems is that, in practice, it is not possible on every occasion to get in those head and neck shots. In any case the requirements of the average shot rather than those of the expert call for consideration. So the best solution is some kind of compromise. Seldom do I feel that big lettered pellets should be used on birds. No. 3 is a favourite size of mine for heavy game. It is a good killer, packs plenty of punch and yet its pattern is not scanty. Of course, I know how decisively really large pellets will kill when they hit. But unfortunately they do not hit often enough!

Big lettered pellets are best for very large targets, like deer, which will receive plenty of the pattern. With their superior penetrative and killing power they render a few yards one way or another of minor importance. But it is very seldom that anything larger than BB is needed.

If you have a new gun delivered about now, you will have plenty of time for breaking it in. You may go shooting in the country or clay bird shooting, as it suits you. But it is of value to get in this pre-season shooting. I attach great importance to it.

Very few of us can shoot our best with a new gun—at first. It may be a better gun than the previous one, better fit, more handy, lighter, better balanced and the rest of it. For all these things we seldom begin so well though we may start off with a brilliant shot or two. Why is this?

If the gun does not fit you, you can in a way make yourself fit the gun. And I truly believe that this is what many a man does. In the country are many fellows who shoot and who have shot since boyhood, but who know nothing of the technical side of gun-fitting. They have picked up their guns at least second-hand from others in the neighbourhood. They have to do the best they can in such circumstances and it often proves to be a very good best.

Suppose one of these fellows does get a new and fitted gun! What happens? It is just too good for him—at first. No longer having to adjust himself, he just cannot adjust himself to shooting. And he will shake his head and say while it is a pretty gun, it fails to kill like the old one. So in a case like this the reason is clear why a new gun is not at first an unqualified success. There is too much living down to be done.

But even those of us who are accustomed to shooting with fitted guns are unlikely to do so well with a new gun. The situation is somewhat akin to that of the donning of a new suit. It is seldom so comfortable at first. It may fit better than the previous one, but it has to adjust itself to the figure. I prefer to wear a new suit once or twice before the first party. In like manner I prefer to get in a little rough shooting

before using a new gun at grouse or partridges.

A friend once treated himself to a best quality single trigger hammerless ejector to take the place of his hammerless non-ejector. It was an expensive gun and every trouble was taken over the fitting. Yet when it was delivered, he did not shoot so well with it and often missed easy shots. A sensitive man, and having a considerable reputation to uphold. he did not relish the idea of using a gun under these circumstances. even though it was an ejector, light and specially made for game shooting, of which he was getting his full share. Now, as a result, this gun was put away and not used at all for some years. Eventually, how-ever, in a new spirit it was brought to light again, tested locally, taken to a shooting club and vetted by an independent expert as fit and suitable. My friend accordingly resolved to make use of it rather than allow such a valuable piece to be wasted in idle seclusion, and he then began to shoot brilliantly with it. From that date he never used any other gun.

It is of value as well as of interest to know of these matters, as our own experiences are nearly sure to have some points in common. And if we are having a bad break, we may find consolation and perhaps a solution of a problem in some parallel case. We shooters are, in a way, sensitive folk, and allergic to seemingly petty influences. A few bad misses and the feeling of a lost reputation arises, when probably nothing of the kind has happened or is likely to happen.

But having been through the tortures of a poor performance in the face of a gallery, I am in sympathy with fellow sufferers. It is bad enough to miss when alone - how I have hated myself for doing that. But to be "off it" when everyone is not only watching you, but expecting great things from you, is a bitter pill. And I know how we are inclined to suffer from "stage fright." Happy is the man who can be oblivious to all around and just get on with the job. That is the way to do it! Just to forget everything save yourself and your bird. And even the most nervous type may be able to train himself to shoot well in company or in public.

## 48th English Open Championship

The 48th Annual English Open (Down-the-line) Championship Meeting was held at Down Barns Farm, Northolt, Middlesex. It was noteworthy for the high scores and hig attendance. There were three scores of 99 kills out of 100 on the first day, four on the second, and three competitors tied for the Championship with 124 out of 125. Mr. E. Fear (Sheffield) won the shoot-off with a possible (25/25) which gave him the Championship, as well as the Festival of Britain prize for the highest score over the two days.

Results (after ties had been shot off): Dougall Memorial event (93 entries): 1st, H. B. Pitt (Belford, Northumberland), 99 out of 100. Class A (Ladies' Cup): 1st, E. Fear, 99/100; 2nd, J. Wheater (Hull), 99/100; 3rd, W. S. Lawson (Otley, Yorks), 98/100. Class B (Gale Memorial): 1st, R. Wilkinson (Helperby, Yorks), 96/100; 2nd, E. A. Clarke (Stowmarket), 96/100; 3rd, F. Sherlock (Manchester), 96/100. Class C: 1st, H. F. Sherwood (Tongham, Surrey), 95/100; 2nd, H. A. Poberts (Birmingham), 92/100; 3rd, V. J. C. Bassett (Truro), 90/100. Cunmakers' Cup (for teams of two, rapresenting affiliated Clubs): 1st, Southport and District Gun Club (W. Blamire and S. T. Rimmer), 193/200. Dewar Shield (for teams of five, representing affiliated Clubs): 1st, Southport and District Gun Club (P. Catterall, W. Blamire, S. T. Rimrer, S. Bamber and T. E. Sanders), 477/500.

(2nd Day), English Open Championship (112 entries): 1st, E. Fear, 124/125. Class A (Jhalawar Cup): 1st, S. T. Rimmer (Liverpool), 99/100; 2nd, J. Wheater, 99/100; 3rd, F. Lunn (Sleaford), 99/100. Class B (Referee Cup): 1st, R. Love (Wigan), 98/100; 2nd, G. L. Ezart (Wetherby), 97/100; 3rd, R. G. Abrey (Boxford, Suffolk), 96/100. Class C: 1st, E. W. Ward (Bridgnorth, Salop), 92/100; 2nd, L. T. Claydon (Hundon, Suffolk), 90/100; 3rd, W. L. Davey (Leeds), 90/100. Veterans' Cup: 1st, A. E. Browning (Blandford), 49/50. Colts' Down-the-line Championship:

1st, Keith Stenton (Northwich), 45/50. North v. South of England: 1st, North (W. J. Sable, Captain), 1,873/2,000. International Shield: 1st, England "A" (C. Lucas, Captain), 480/500. Festival of Britain Prize, for the highest score over the two days (200 birds): 1st, E. Fear, 198/200 after a tie shoot with J. Wheater. Hundred-straight badges were won by Messrs. S. T. Rimmer and J. Wheater, and 50-straight badges by the following: W. S. Lawson, H. W. Sherwood, C. Lucas, J. Wheater, H. B. Pitt, E. Fear, W. Blamire, C. R. Booth, E. A. Clarke, S. T. Rimmer, F. Lunn, R. G. Abrey, R. Love and T. H. Hughes.



GAVIN BLACKMAN, (TOWNSVILLE), WITH A BIG EAGLE HAWK HE SHOT. (NOTE THE SIDE ARMS.)

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