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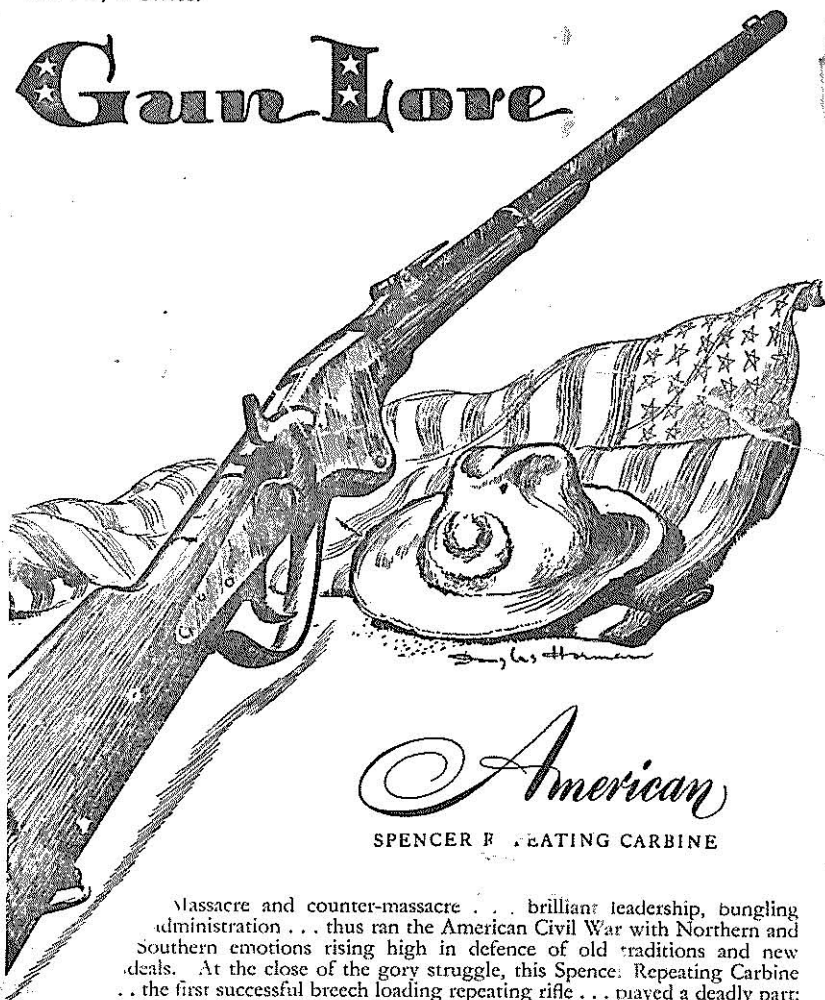
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THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

With the continued development of "News" it is pleasing to introduce two new authoritative correspondents—one in England and one in America—who will supply interesting information and comments for regular monthly publication. The first is that of the distinguished naturalist and journalist, Mr. Noel Sedgwick, Editor of the "British Shooting Times and Sportsman," who has kindly given exclusive permission for the reproduction of any matter considered to be of worth while interest to our Australian readers. Indeed good news! Further, an American well-wisher, Mr. Rex Miles, of the Washington State Trapshooting Association, will forward his comments and encourage contact between U.S.A. and Australian shooters. Both gentlemen are widely read and leading authorities in their respective countries and the value of their comments and advices will be of paramount importance to Australian shooting sportsmen. Extracts from Mr. Miles' first comments appear in this issue.

So many appreciative letters have been received from our English shoot-

ing kinsmen in appreciation of parcels forwarded during recent months, that it has been decided to try and maintain the Food Parcels Fund conducted by the Association. All the articles contained in these parcels are "counted as points" in British rationing hence the particular appreciation. The Association has already forwarded over 300 parcels. That 10/- or 20/- you might be thinking of "stabbing on the favourite" occasionally would be welcomed as a contribution to a Food Parcel for Britain. The Association hopes to get sufficient parcels away to every one who replied to receipt of the first consignments. This will cost a tidy sum, so keep those "red and green-backs" coming in for a most worthy enterprise.

In another section of this issue Clubs are reminded that the 1948 Annual Meeting of delegates of the Association will be held at Scott's Hotel, Melbourne, on Wednesday, November 3. Championship applications for 1949 season should be in by November 1.

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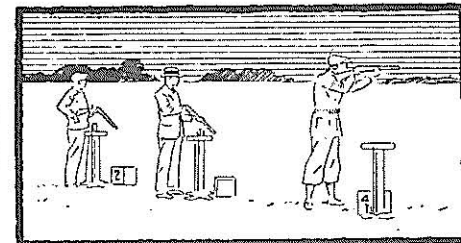
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AROUND THE CLUBS AND MEETINGS...



HORNSBY (NSW).— Secretary W. N. Fisher reports the biggest team of shooters ever to compete at the Mount Colah's grounds of the Hornsby Club in early September when the New South Wales Double Barrel Championship was the premier contest. Fifty two shooters competed with forty-five in the title event. The weather was ideal and the refereeing of Luke Hughes was good. The title event went to J. Edgell (Sydney), winning outright 23/25, with Vic Eather (Boggabri) 22/25. A tie shoot for third placing went to Luke Hughes 25/30 from Ken Cross (Dubbo) 24/30 and Geo Bell (Young) 24/30. Results of other events were—No. 1, 5 birds, D.B., H. Lupp (Bathurst) 14/15, V. Eather 13/15, Ted Brazenall (Punchbowl) 8/10. No. 2, 5 birds, D.B., F. Brook (Gilgandra) 12/12, Wal Eather (Boggabri) 11/12 and A. Thomas (Mudgee) 10/12. No. 3, 5 birds, D.B., G. Bell 15/15, E. Brazenall 14/15 and V. Eather 10/11.

BERRIMA (Bowral, NSW).—The local ground looked a picture on September 11, when shooters arrived from Goulburn, Young, Bigga, Bowral and all surrounding districts. Geo. Bell (Young) was in his usual good form, but was not quite up to the form of the local shooter, J. Upton who had an excellent day with 39/40. R. W. Picker (Bigga) shot 64/69 for the day. A. Shepherd one of the most consistent shooters in the club aggregated 40/42. A local novice, Doug Davis, on his first visit to the grounds stopped 3/5. The management varied the programme somewhat and included a "crowd pleaser" event which was

actually a "blind release," the shooter having to pick the bird up after turning round—this event provided considerable amusement. The big events of next month are as advertised. Alex Palmer's usual efficiency in the secretarial chair did much to make the meeting very successful.

ST. JAMES (Vic.).—The Club's September meeting again drew a good number of shooters and some good shooting was witnessed. The club's youngest shooter, Max Feldtman, who has had only a couple of shoots at clays put up some good scores. He is being well tutored by his father. Points were allotted during the day for the Gerlach Cup—awarded to the shooter with the best performance for the year. All events were 5 birders. Results—Gerlach Cup and Trophy, won by new member R. Shields, 18/20 from J. Feldtman 17/20. Points allotted were, J. Feldtman 10, R. Shields 10, A. Wright 9, J. Plum 8, A. Roberts 8, V. Ryan, M. Murphy, C. Gilmore, M. Scott, M. Feldtman 7, J. Stewart, P. Pettit, R. Thorne, J. Nicholson, T. Shields, G. Kelly, S. O'Donnell, S. Lonie 6, H. Pettit, S. Fear 5, A. R. Church, G. O'Donnell, Tom Saville, J. Ryan 4, E. Parker 3, G. Plum 2, J. Cruse 1.—(Maurice Murphy—Club Reporter).

LATROBE G. C. (Tas.).—Record entries for all events were received by Latrobe Gun Club at its meeting held on Saturday, 18th September, when the main event, £5 Handicap was won outright by A. E. Butler of Devonport with a score of 10/10. E. N. Sharman of Beulah secured first leg-in for R. F. Mitchell Trophy by returning a score of 16/16 from

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L. J. Freeman, Latrobe, 15/16. The R. Rockliff Trophies went to W. Bennett of Cressy, 12/12, and G. Dicker, Camena, 9/9 whilst added sweep stake was divided between those two shooters and C. Glover who returned 11/12. All events were keenly contested between shooters who attended from many centres. The final event was divided by the veterans E. Casey (72 years) and W. Bennett (76 years) both of Cressy. Results—Event 1, Novice Sweepstake, div., G. Fawcner, P. Peacock, L. Emery, W. Blake 4/5; others W. Taylor, R. Dicker, A. E. Butler 3/5. Event 2, R. F. Mitchell Trophy, E. N. Sharman 16/16, L. J. Freeman 15/16, R. F. Mitchell 13/14, others J. Blake 9/10, A. Aitken 7/8, A. E. Butler 6/7, W. Taylor 6/7, E. Casey, M. Blake, W. Blake, D. Brett, H. Brett 4/5. Event 3, £5 Handicap, A. E. Butler 10/10, R. Powell, D. Brett, E. N. Sharman, R. Rockliff, R. F. Mitchell, E. Casey 9/10, A. Aitken, G. Dicker, T. Frankcombe, H. Brett 8/10, W. Bennett 7/10. Event 4, R. Rockliff Trophy, W. Bennett 12/12, C. Glover 11/12, G. Dicker 9/10, E. Casey 8/9, H. E. Brett, R. F. Mitchell 5/6. Event 5, Off the Fence, E. Casey and W. Bennett 5/5 L. Freeman 4/5.

MITCHELL (Qld.).—The South Western Districts of Queensland Double Barrel Championship conducted by the Mitchell Club on September 4 drew a field of guns which almost overwhelmed the club organisation. One event alone drew 63 nominations and included shooters from Brisbane (11), Roma (14), St. George (4), Morven (3), Charleville (2), Toowoomba (3), Warwick and Macalister, plus a good mustering of local club members. The title event went to the good shot of pre-war years, H. T. (Charlie) Thompson of St. George. Winning outright he stopped 19/20, missing on round 14. J. W. Raleigh (Morven) defeated Clive Evans (Warwick) in the tie shoot for the places. Others close up were, A. Bennett (Brisbane) 17/20, R. Hirning 16/20, Boyce Siddens (Dirranbandi) 16/20, K. F. Cameron (Roma) 16/20, J. A. Connors (Mitchell) 15/20, then three 14/20's. Owing to the big entry only three sweepstakes and the championship were attempted. The opening sweepstake, commenced before 9 a.m.

was cut by A. Bennett (Brisbane), J. McGregor (Brisbane), J. A. Seis (Macalister) and R. Hirning (Toowoomba) 4/5. No. 2 by D. McDonnell (Brisbane), "Oakland" and A. Bennett 5/5. The final sweepstake at 3 birds Single Barrel, attracted the biggest field of the day and took until just after sundown to put through. Joe Bayliss of St. George won first money from Clive Evans (Warwick), and C. Ferguson (Brisbane) after tie shooting with G. E. R. Jukes and W. McDougall. The title winner, "Charlie" Thompson is a likely contender for International honours next March — these he just failed to gain in 1939.

ROMA (Qld.).—Secretary C. R. Fletcher reports another good meeting of the local club last month. One disappointment was the cartridges—these were not of local origin and the quality left much to be desired. Scores suffered accordingly. Results were—No. 1, 5 birds, S.B., M. Cameron and C. Fletcher div. 4/5, R. Bell 5/7 third. No. 2, Treasurer's Trophy (for 12 yards), 8 birds, S.B., J. D. Bassett 7/8 first, K. Bassett and R. Bell, div., 8/10 second. No. 3, President's Trophy, 15 birds, S.B., R. Bell 12/15 first, second div., K. Bassett, M. Cameron, R. Ferrier and R. Thomas 11/15. No. 4, Secretary's Trophy, 10 pairs, Double-rise, K. Bassett 8/10 first, second div., R. Ferrier and N. Bassett 6/10. No. 5, 5 birds, D.B., points scoring, G. Ferrier 10/10 first, second div., R. Thomas and C. R. Fletcher 8/10. All are looking forward to the Maranoa Championship two day meeting on November 13 and 14.

COBURG (Vic.).—Coburg Club's grounds at North Coburg are in the process of being re-modelled for the grand opening of its Cup Carnival during which three full days shooting will be available. Shooting will commence at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday morning, October 30 with the main event, the Victorian Tower Championship, followed by a special handicap the winner of which will receive a new Greener Gun, with case and shells. The gun presented by Harry Watts and the shells by Jack McCraith. On Monday, November 1, special cash sweepstakes will be shot all day. On Cup Day shooting will open at 9 a.m.

with the 20 bird Coburg Stakes, prize money for which is £50, this will be followed by the Coburg Grand Prix of £250, the winner of which will receive £175 and sash, second £75 and third £25. Association handicaps will be used throughout. The Club's September meetings were again well attended. The chief championship event for the month being the Club Deauville Double title, which was won by Roy Johns-Fred Burns. Results were—(September 4), No. 1, 3 birds, S.B., div., Ben Cook, "Day," K. Steedman and Bob Wray 9/9. No. 2, 20 birds, points scoring, three 37/40's, tie shoot, N. Guy 47/50 first, "Day" 45/50 second, F. Cauntero (Keilor) 38/42. 14 yarder, Brian Kelly 46/50. September 18, No. 1, 3 pairs Deauville Doubles, "Bendigo"—"Double H" 5/5. No. 2, Club Deauville Doubles Championship, 10 pairs from 16 yards, won outright Johns-Burns 10/10, "Ingi"—E. G. Biggs 9/10 second. No. 3, 5 birds, D.B., D. Hyett 8/8, C. Bound 7/8. No. 4, 10 birds, D.B., Harry Watts 11/11, W. F. Williams 10/11, A. F. Burns 18/19, 14 yarder, B. Kelly 17/19. No. 5, 5 birds, D.B.,

B. Kelley 11/11, J. A. McCraith 10/11, off fence W. F. Williams 4/4.

FOOTSCRAY G. C. (Vic.)—Shooting on its No. 2 Tottenham venue the Footscray Club introduced skeet shooting on September 11. The good attendance of shooters thoroughly enjoyed the diversion. The skeet houses are of modern design and are erected on the wheel or trolley system whereby they can be moved around to suit the convenience of the ground layout—which, under this scheme, need not be a permanent arrangement. Results of September 11 shoot were—No. 1, 11 bird Skeet, F. Burns 16/18 first, Norman Guy 15/18 second, Peter Sheridan 12/18. No. 2, 10 birds, "Down-the-line" Bob Wray 10/10 first, N. Guy 15/16 second, H. Douglas 14/16, 12/14 yarder, J. Hyett 20/22. Novice trophy, D. Langshaw 11/13. No. 3, missout, div., J. Hyett, C. Jones, "Santa" 5/5. No. 4, 3 pairs Double-rise, "Bendigo" 3/3 pairs. On September 25 the Club Skeet Championship at 20 rounds again drew a good field. The winner, who was awarded the J. R. Schutt trophy, was

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CHARTERS TOWERS (Qld.)—Club officials at Charters Towers report the "best meeting yet" on the occasion of the Club's recent Charters Towers District title event and handicap series. Shooters attended from many centres, including several from the south who stayed over after the Townsville Club's Commonwealth title meeting. Shot over two days the meeting was refereed by Townsville's ace "Willo" Hanran. As usual this fine sportsman's decisions met with universal approval. Visitors were entertained in the R.S.L. Rooms. Results were—(First day)—No. 1, 5 bird, Sweepstake, S.B., div., Newton Thomas, Jim Smith, W. J. Rutty (Wollongong, NSW), W. Archer, W. Hanran and K. Butler each 15 points. No. 2, £30 Handicap, 10 birds, S.B., div., John Carrington, W. J. Rutty, S. Ball and Ron Berryman, all possibles. No. 3, 5 bird, S.B., div., J. Hardy, Newton Thomas, W. J. Rutty, W. Carrington, N. Crago and K. Butler 5/5. No. 4, 5 bird, S.B., div., Rutty, Fred Blackman, J. Smith, P. McDonald, W. Carrington, Crago and K. Butler 5/5 (Second Day) No. 1, 5 bird, div., J. Doyle, N. Thomas, Viv. Madsen, S. Ball, K. Butler possibles. No. 2, Charters Towers District Championship, 15 birds, W. J. Rutty and Sam Ball each returned full scores. In the tie shoot Ball stopped five straight against Rutty's 4/5 and

was declared the winner. Others with one miss each were, B. Colless, E. Landsberg, J. Carrington, K. Butler and Newton Thomas and they divided third attached money. Those next to this bunch were, D. Peberdy, W. McLaughlin (Capella), D. D. Mackay (Cooranbong, NSW), H. Nasser (Atherton), V. Madsen, W. James, W. Adams and F. Blackman in that order. No. 2, £30 Handicap, 10 birds, div., Rutty and John Carrington, each full scores. No. 3, 5 birds, S.B. six possibles and divided, W. Hanran, J. Brownson, F. Blackman, M. Mitchell, W. Carrington and G. Klines. Final event, missout, div., W. James (Townsville) and J. Hardy 6/6. Shortage of clays brought about the termination of shooting earlier than was intended. The club is interested in Tower Shooting and intends erecting a modern tower at first opportunity.

SALE (Vic.)—Sale Gun Club recently re-opened under its pre-war Secretary's organisation — Len. J. Robinson. The opening day drew a good muster of shooters, many coming from as far away as Yarram and other East Gippsland centres. Results were, No. 1, L. J. Robinson 5/5 (outright winner). No. 2, 5 birds, M. Atkinson 8/8, R. Barlow (Yarram) 7/8. No. 3, 5 birds (tie shoot), A. Morris 10/11 first, G. Wheildon (Yarram) 8/11 second. No. 4, novice event, M. Harrison 4/5. No. 5, 10 birds, Les Elston 19/20 first, B. Gibb 18/20 second. No. 6, missout, M. Atkinson 5/5, R. Barlow 4/5. No. 7, missout, R. Glover (Sale) 7/7. The final event listed was "called off owing to darkness." The next shoot will be held on October 9.

COLAC (Vic.) — (September 4)—Club Championships at 15 birds (30 shooters), "A" Grade, C. Grist 15/15, T. Norman and E. Ball 14/15. "B" Grade, three 14/15's shoot off resulted, H. Eldridge 29/30 (missed his first), T. Meek 28/30, W. Arnold 27/29. Other events 3 birds, div., W. Arnold, F. Eldridge, C. Romeo 3/3. 5 bird Sweep (compulsory cut), W. Arnold, T. Norman, E. Ball, J. McCarthy, D. Corstorphane, B. Carter, H. Pell, G. Simpson 5/5. Trophy 5 bird div., A. Eldridge and D. Corstorphane 11/11. Break honours to H. Eldridge with 35 straight. (Septem-

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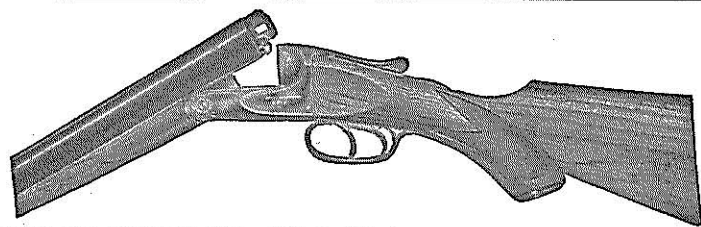
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COONABARABRAN (NSW).—Drizzling rain upset calculations somewhat at the recent two day meeting conducted by the Coonabarabran Gun Club. Nevertheless shooters came from as far away as Gilgandra, Boggabri, Gulargambone, Coonamble and Bathurst. The best performance on the opening day came from Vic Eather (Boggabri) who won the canteen of cutlery with a string of 21 straight. Noel Knight, who is well known to Victorian shooters, was runner-up 20/21. Gilgandra shot, Ken Cross, won the £50 Handicap shooting 15 straight, from Vic Eather and D. Bacigalupo (Coonamble) 27/28 to 26/28. Luke Hughes stopped 21/23. Other trophy winners were Bruce Davies (Coonabarabran) who won the tea set 13/13 from Ken Cross. C. R. Moore won the silver tea service from Vic Eather (Boggabri) 15/15. The "Log Cabin" was at its brightest and best during the social evening of the

opening night. The club is looking forward to a good muster of shooters and visitors at the N.S.W. Mixed Birds Championship meeting at Coonabarabran on October 18 and 19.

HARGRAVE PARK (NSW).—Sydney Double Barrel Championship attracted a good field at the Hargrave Park Club's grounds on Saturday, September 25. Shot at the regulation 20 birds, the only possible score was returned by J. Edgell who called on his second barrel twice only—on the 8th and 16th rounds. There were no 19/20's. The only 18/20 was recorded by J. Spiter (Hornsby) to run second, whilst Luke Hughes, Jock Berry and Sid Lamb of Goulburn were equal third each 17/20. W. Stonex (Turrumurra) 16/20 was next. A five bird "Eye-Opener" sweepstake was divided by J. Berry, D. G. Brown, R. E. Lake and N. Buffier 5/5. O. Forrest won the Reading Lamp Trophy for the final event of the day, 5 birds, 9/10 to runner-up G. West 8/10.

CAMBERWELL (Vic.).—Camberwell Club meetings were well attended. Results were—(4th)—No. 1, 5 birds, div., D. Haddow and "Kim" 8/8. No. 2, 5 pairs Deauville Doubles, D. Haddow-J. P. Willis 13/14. No. 3, 3 pairs D-rise, L. L. Schilling 3/3 pairs, F. E. Brown 4/6. No. 4, 10 birds, D.B., C. C. Jones 10/10, and F. E. Brown 10/10 div. 12 yarder, J. Russell 12/14. (18th)—No. 1, 5 birds, div. A. Brenk, "Pampas," "Eskdale," H. H. Ball and W. Bloomfield 10/10. No. 2, 15 pairs Deauville Doubles, F. Brown-R. Longmore 15/15. No. 3, missout, div., O. Kurrle, V. Dudley, R. Johns and L. L. Schilling 7/7.



American Shooters and Shooting

Washington State Trapshooters' Association, one of the premier affiliated units of the American Trapshooting Association, with headquarters at Spokane (Washington) has through the courtesy of its Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Rex A. Miles, been in contact with the A.C.P.T.S.A.

From the preliminary contact established it is expected that this journal will in future have all the first hand information on the doings of trapshooters and the sport of clay pigeon shooting in U.S.A.

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a member of the 1948 Welsh International Team which competed against Australia in the recent International series. (Major Miles' figures were 91/100). Mr. Rex Miles, who is a native of Great Britain, has been secretary at Washington for well over 30 years, hence his knowledge of the sport in America is second to none and the Association is indeed fortunate to be able to welcome him as a Correspondent.

Among the interesting items mentioned by Mr. Miles in his initial letter, is the fact that at the recent 37th "Inland Championship" meeting at Spokane in April last, no fewer than 526 competitors faced the mark. Twelve automatic traps were used to dispose of this gigantic number of competitors. The Mayor of the City of Spokane, Mr. Art. Meehan (Any relation to Bob Meehan, the young Blackburn shot?—Ed.), whose picture appears on the opening page of the booklet form programme in a foreword of welcome to all competitors finishes off with, "We want you to enjoy our city's hospitality and, at the end of the shoot, feel that you would like to come back and shoot with us again. I shall be a competitive shooter during this tournament and will be glad to do everything possible to make your stay enjoyable."

The President, Val Preston, also offers words of welcome to competitors and mentions that the 12 traps installed will permit the throwing of

300 targets per man on the opening day, 200 the following and 200 on "Sunday." (Apparently Sunday clay pigeon shooting is permitted on a large scale in U.S.A.). President Val, concludes, "Every effort is being made to make this event enjoyable to everyone. Bring the wife or sweetheart and while the shoot is on let them do their shopping with an occasional visit for coffee and rest at the beautiful downtown Spokane Club Cocktail Lounge."

Among the many rules quoted—these will be reproduced in other issues—one of the most striking from the point of view of added efficiency in shoot management is the fact that, "Errors in scores must be contested and settled before the shooter shoots five additional birds, otherwise the score stands. The scorer will call lost birds only." This latter calling of "lost birds only" appears an excellent idea and one that will doubtless have serious consideration by the A.C.P.T.S.A. Executive. If approved by that body it will probably be recommended for adoption by all Association Clubs. The time saved in "calling" would be considerable over a long shoot, besides relieving the official referee of terrific strain especially on vocal chords.

An especial item of interest to record is the performance of Keith Miles, a son of our correspondent, in the 48th Annual Grand American Trapshooting Tournament. The young shooter who is only 17 years of age led the strong Spokane contingent with a score of 96/100 in the Preliminary Handicap. Miles missed four targets in his first fifty and then smashed through the final 50 birds without a blemish. His handicap is 19 yards. Considering the field numbered over 1,000 of the best trapshots in America the effort of young Miles, who has been shooting only two years, calls for congratulations. In the actual Grand American Handicap he stopped 95/100, made up of 24, 24, 24, 23. He was in 15th place "on a thousand or over targets" of all shooters in the U.S.A. and 8th in the State of Washington on doubles. Some boy!

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Known as the "best Melbourne shooter of the Riverina," Lindsay Plant was welcomed back to competitive shooting after a visit to Japan at the Australian Club's meeting on September 25. Lindsay reckons "most interesting place—but very glad to be home." In the wool business in a big way Lindsay spends a lot of time at stations in the Riverina and along the Murray—the social contacts and their consequences sometimes make Lindsay wish home was closer.

Don Johnson, Aubrey Johnson's (Australian Club Secretary) school-boy son has recovered from his recent appendical operation. Don is a most likeable youth—he has the gift of a cheery smile always with a rotund build to add to his personality—he shoots under the name of "Don" (registered). He is booked for Geelong College in 1950 and hopes to follow his brother Stuart who won a place in the College crew for this year's "Head of the River."

Club reporter, Keith Venables for the Australian Club at East Burwood, reports that the newly elected committee has got away to a flying start since the annual meeting. More use is intended for the club's three track lay-out. The committee is anxious that shooters should study the routine for their squad numbers and thereby ensure smooth running of each track. It is likely that events for new shooters and front-markers will be conducted on one ground whilst major events are being run on the other two lay-outs.

Latrobe Club in North-Western Tasmania is delighted with the response of shooters from other centres at its September meeting—the first shoot since November. Latrobe is catering for the north-west shooters very well and its future seems assured. With the strong support promised from Launceston, Cressy and as far away as Hobart there is no reason for anything but optimism at the pleasant shooting ground on the river town. The club's annual meeting will be held in October.

Bob Ferris, Jerilderie's Club's main sponsor and top ranking sportsman, has been delayed in getting supplies to start up the Riverina club. Jerilderie was allotted the Riverina double barrel championship for 1948. In order to ensure that the event is disposed of before the end of the year Bob approached the Finley Club for permission to use the Finley grounds for the event. Gerry Rourke (President) and his fellow clubmen at Finley gladly agreed to permit this arrangement and the event will be staged as an all day shoot on behalf of the Jerilderie Club on the Finley grounds on November 27. Particulars are advertised this month. Finley is only 21 miles from Jerilderie. The combined organisation should provide an excellent shoot and Bob has already indicated that he expects quite a muster of Melbourne shooters to attend.

An interesting newspaper cutting has been handed in by a shooting enthusiast. This is a cutting from a Melbourne paper early in 1925. Apparently it was soon after the Nobel

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Club got under way on its West Footscray grounds. A notable reference is the performance of Mrs. L. H. Bibby of Sydney, "the first lady to shoot on the ground—winning the trophy given for the visitors competition." The late Charles Corbett is credited with the best performance of the day with a winning score in one event of 10 straight off 23 yards. This won him the Nobel Spoon for the day. Others mentioned in winning brackets were: W. Sansbury, W. Thompson, H. James and W. Ward.

One of the first airmen to fly a Spitfire in Australia was "Tos" Ingledeu the former West Australian. An ardent follower of clay pigeon shooting whenever his official duties permitted it, he has been somewhat restricted in his shooting activities in recent times by the fact that his station has been Darwin, N.T. Quite a good shot and a plus grade sportsman, "Tos" now flashes the gold braid of the rank of Wing-Commander and his new appointment is likely to be a N.S.W. station. If this eventuates he will be very welcome among the clubs near Sydney. His effort was the best of the 12/13

yarders in the recent Commonwealth single-barrel championship at East Burwood, V., for which he received the special award. Incidentally he promptly forgot his trophy and Secretary Aub. Johnson did a bit of chasing round to locate our subject throughout the evening of Saturday, September 25, in order to ensure it eventually reached its proper destination.

A popular win was gained by Carnegie shooter, H. R. Knight, when he returned best figures in the special 12/13 yarders event at East Burwood on September 11. Ill-health has prevented more than spasmodic attendances at shoots in recent months, hence the win was pleasing to all.

Last month we reproduced a letter from J. N. Brazier, winner of the Commonwealth title at Townsville, in praise of the organisation of that body in North Queensland. We have since received the following letter from Mr. W. J. Rutty of Wollongong. "After a recent trip to Townsville and Charters Towers I think it is my duty to write to you regarding the two shoots I attended. The of-

ficials of these two clubs do everything in their power to make your visit most enjoyable. As for the running of the shoots they were the best run shoots ever I attended, the refereeing in particular was the best I have ever seen. I see by August "News" that a Sydney paper called "Willo" Hanran, "Prince of Referees"—there is no doubt about that—he is the real "Prince of Referees." I can assure any one making a trip to Townsville or Charters Towers shoots will be made at home and will thoroughly enjoy themselves." (Congratulations again Townsville and also Charters Towers—your clubs certainly have earned a great name.—Ed.).

One of the Association's newly affiliated clubs at Roma (Qld.), the Roma Gun Club to be precise, is staging the Maranoa District Championship on November 13. The meeting will be a two day affair. Following the title event special handicap events are listed for November 14, including a £50 20 birder and a £25 15 birder. Roma officials are top-line sportsmen and would very much welcome a visit from any shooters down South. Secretary Fletcher will arrange all social activities and accommodation if contact is established with him in reasonable time. The Western Mail train leaves Brisbane on Friday afternoon and Qantas plane is also available for those who favour this type of travel, leaving Brisbane every Wednesday and Saturday morning. Full details of the big shoot appear in the advertising section of this issue.

Dr. H. H. Martin, the pre-war President of Yarram, has again been elected to the chair as President of the recently re-formed Yarram Gun Club. Many of the old members have renewed their interest and a first class organisation should result. The club's inaugural meeting was held in the Yarram Shire Hall on September 14. Bert Holman is Secretary.

Victorian Mixed Birds Championship will be staged by the Australian Clay Target Club on the East Burwood shooting grounds on October 23. The date has been approved by the A.C.P.T.S.A. Details are advertised in this issue.

Canowindra's (NSW) first class layout will do much to bring about a good club at that New South Wales centre. Canowindra is now an affiliated unit of the Association. E. W. Brice of Canowindra Motors is the chief enthusiast behind the establishment.

Boggabri (NSW) was an important pre-war centre for clay pigeon shooting and a well organised club conducted many good shoots prior to 1939. The local club, under Wal. Eather (well known among Victorian metropolitan clubs) has reaffiliated with the Association. The club will stage the North-Western Districts of New South Wales double barrel championship at Boggabri on October 25. A good muster of guns seems assured.

Swift's Creek (Vic.) one of the newest organisations affiliated—the club's actual title is Tambo Valley Club—held its first meeting at Ensay (Vic.) in the form of a picnic shoot. Twenty guns competed and there were many onlookers. The club is staging a series of shoots in several centres before deciding a definite shooting rendezvous.

The Commonwealth title holder, J. N. Brazier, met with a painful accident just prior to the shooting of the N.S.W. Double barrel title at Hornsby. He had to shoot through the major event with his left hand and wrist encased in plaster. Under this handicap he returned the good figures of 18/25.

A group of gun enthusiasts at Bowral—all of whom used "Greener" guns—recently wrote to the Greener Company in England asking for information as to the date of manufacture and other information about their respective weapons. As an example of efficient records the reply of the Greener organisation is hard to counter. One shooter was told his gun "was made in 1892 and was sold to a 'Mr. A' of Sydney in that year, weight 7 lbs. 2 ozs., 30" Sir J. Whitworth steel barrels, flat file rib, both barrels choke and shooting pattern 245 using 47 grains powder, 1¼ shot (6) (245 grains of shot in 30" circle at 40 yards). Grade 'Royal Greener' (the best hammerless made to that

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date). Another was informed that his gun was "made in 1908 and sold to Mr. D— in Sydney in that year, shooting qualities 243 with Blue Rick Pigeon on rib." Another was similarly informed that his was "D grade, etc. etc." A very interesting outline of the history and origin of the weapons. All, by the way, are still in first class order. Some records!

Coburg Club recently introduced an innovation by the appointing of several prominent shooters as "official coaches." These shooters, who of course, are club members, have been issued with an official badge which can be affixed to either the shooting jacket sleeve or coat front. The idea behind the move is to ensure that other club members, many of whom may not be as proficient as the official coaches, can approach any one of the coaches seeking points on improved shooting or any other matter on which the coaches may be able to assist. The scheme should pay dividends, particularly in the encouraging of young shooters. The club is to be congratulated on its progressive move—one that could be well copied by other leading clubs.

Cr. Stan Cole, Coburg Club's President, has been re-elected Mayor of Coburg. This is his second term in the Mayoral Chair—previously he donned the robes in 1938. Shooters heartily congratulate this energetic civic leader.

An interesting winner at Coburg last month was Harry Watts—the noted referee. Harry is not a regular shooter—most of his time is taken up in giving decisions! One of the rare occasions on which he faces up to the mark at his home club found him winner of a ten birder on the 11th round. It was his first win for many moons and he was warmly congratulated.

The Commonwealth Deauville Doubles Championship will be decided at St. Leonards (Tas.) under the supervision of the Tasmanian Gun Club on October 16. Shot at 20 pairs from 18 yards the event is usually one of the most popular of the title series. The same Club is staging a special shoot on November 27 when the main event will be a 10 birder for the Roy Chenhall Memorial

Trophy. This will be followed by a £25 Handicap. The Memorial event is a most worthy one and recalls the memory of a fine little Tasmanian sportsman and club member in Roy Chenhall, who passed on about six years ago. Jack Neenan is now acting secretary of the Tasmanian Club and he will provide immediate replies to all enquiries.

Hobart Club's chief attraction at its November shoot on 13th will be the Tasmanian Single-barrel championship, one of the main title contests of the year. A £25 Handicap will follow. The Cascade Brewery will present a magnificent trophy to the winner of the title match. The usual Association conditions will govern the series.



Ten Years Ago

Early in September 1938 E. (Ted) Egan of Storey's Creek (Tas.) won the Tasmanian Double-rise Championship on the King's Meadows grounds of the local Tasmanian Gun Club. It was his first title win. A mining expert and authority on the gaining of metals from Mother Earth, Ted relaxes in ownership of a few good gallopers on Melbourne and Tasmanian tracks and a bit of shooting. He is the owner of that recent Cup winner Britisher. Other winners at the same meeting, Roy Chenhall, Bill Rainbird, "Beaver," Ernie Chugg, Tom Gill, F. Blake, Ron Green, J. Hart and Charlie Searle.

At West Footscray (Vic.) "Dubbs" (Vic Fankhauser) won the Southern Hemisphere Double-rise Championship, under most trying conditions. A frontal gale caused a straight powder "blow-back" and there were many red eyes at the close of shooting. It was Vic's fourth success in championship competition. Prior to this win he had been twice runner-up in National titles earlier that year.

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Lionel Bibby (Slazengers' Firearms Expert) Looks in on the 1948
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At 4.30 a.m. on July 15, a taxi rolled quietly up to my flat in Sydney and a quarter of an hour later delivered me to the Rose Bay flying boat base. The night was still black when our T.E.A. aircraft nosed her way out on to open water, and then, with a dawn-shattering roar, took off and headed east. For seven or eight hours we flew on steadily—sometimes in brilliant sunlight above cloud level; at others within a few hundred feet of the turbulent Tasman—until finally the vividly green coastline of New Zealand slid in under the wings and we touched down in Auckland's beautiful harbour with the easy grace of a black duck settling down on some quiet lagoon at sundown.

When you arrive in New Zealand you don't have to ask someone where so-and-so lives, go and find his house, and knock and say "I'm here!" The Maorilanders are not built that way. Everyone who knows you are coming is down at the base to meet you, and if they don't actually present you with "the freedom of the city" in its official sense, they certainly make you feel you are the recipient of that honour.

My visit to the Dominion was sponsored by Slazengers (N.Z.) Ltd., and Ammunition House Ltd. Wellington, and my mission was to talk to anyone interested in rifles, shotguns, and ammunition. That meant—I soon found out—that I would have to talk to practically every mother's son (and quite a few handsome daughters) in the Dominion, because it seems to me that practically everyone who lives in that sportsman's paradise is a shooter of some sort.

After a day's pow-wow with the boys of Colonial Ammunition Company, (where I staged a rifle and pistol shooting demonstration), Murray Wiseman, and Monte Tisdall and others, I bedded down in a

"sleeper" on the three and a half feet gauge "Limited" for Palmerston North, arriving in that beautifully laid out city of 28,000 people in time for breakfast. Here I linked up Lionel Donovan, managing director of Slazengers (N.Z.), "Tabby" Tabart, manager of Ammunition House Ltd., and Dick Stanaway of I.C.I. (N.Z.) and we made the acquaintance of the members of the Palmerston North Gun Club, of which B. K. Thompson is popular President. Here also, I made the acquaintance of New Zealand's wintry winds which caused me to attach an entirely new significance to that eloquent nursery rhyme relative to the discomfiture of the Laplanders.

Leaving Palmerston North, and its hospitable people "Tabby" Tabart took charge of me and we drove through the magnificent Manawatu Gorge to Hastings, and then on the Napier on the East Coast. Then we

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Dick Stannaway and Lionel Donovan rejoined us here, and Bob Law, general manager of I.C.I. (N.Z.), Jack Chambers and Eric Harrison, general manager and secretary, respectively of the C.A.C., in Auckland, made up a sinful party of seven aboard the brand-new speedy "Hine-moa" which carried us South to Christchurch to see the biggest event in the history of New Zealand trap-shooting, a tournament which took seven consecutive days to run off.

The corroborree commenced on July 27 with a two-hundred-and-fifty smacker handicap which gave every competitor an opportunity to blow the spiders out of his barrels before the 1948 New Zealand Single Rise Championship was held the following day.

The Single Rise rumpus was the real thing. Twenty-five birds shot off eighteen yards with a 1½ ounce load under foul weather conditions prov-

ed to me that these Pig Islanders can shoot; that they don't care a brace of assorted hoots what sort of weather they shoot in; that they never challenge a target, no matter where the traps hurls it; that they never appeal against the light; and never bust a gun butt over the Referee's nut. If you don't think twenty-five birds is enough to settle a national championship on, take a run over to Christchurch in July 1949 and have a crack at it.

One hundred and fifty huskeys decorated their hatbands with entry tickets for the Single Rise shindoo. They were dressed in full length waders, oilskins, gum boots—anything that might reasonably be expected to keep out some of the wet. The only reason why swim suits were not worn was because the temperature in Christchurch during the months of July and August is so low that natural increase in brass monkeys in the Southland is unknown.

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You could too, and quite a good lunch. And the "etc." was excellent. You could even get Scotch if you knew the pass-word.

A feature of the fireworks was faultless organisation. Rain, fog, sleet or bitter cold could not stop the Championship from sliding along as easily as the fabled bear who used to way-lay the school kids and pinch the bread and butter out of their lunch baskets.

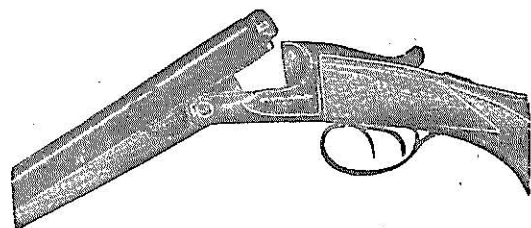
A. N. Turner, of Turner & Le Brun, Secretary of the N. Z. Gun Clubs' Association gets the credit for having thus oiled the works. "Alby" as he is popularly known throughout the Islands not only secretaried the soiree, but shot in it as well, and although he missed his first bird he

looked like wrecking the rest until a pea-soup fog settled down on the ground and he was obliged to chalk himself up three noughts in a row. Nevertheless, he finished with 21 kills, two short of the winner. "Alby" Turner has been calling "pull" for many a long year, and is well-known to quite a few Australian trapshooters. He came across to Australia and shot in the £5,000 match held in Melbourne in 1928 when 'Bish' Crawford, Reil of the Western Cartridge Company, and 'Doc' Claunch came out from the United States to take part in the big event.

The weather in Christchurch on July 28 would have broken the heart of any trapshooter other than a Kiwi. It was bitterly cold, the wind was variable, and the light was lousy. At times the targets almost disappeared in the murk ten yards out from the trap, and only a shooter gifted with radar vision knew where to point at them. Two such eagled-eyed hunters, E. Benton and Bob Baker tied for first place with 23/25, and in the

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five bird shoot-off Baker dropped his third target. Benton, breaking the five collected the trophy, rake-off, congratulations, and the title: "Champ."

The shoot-off between these two was rather amusing to watch. Rain-sodden "bumpers" dropped from the corner of each man's mouth while they alternately jitterbugged around each other until the decision was reached. For studied nonchalance they might have been shooting off for a badly bent "tray-bit" instead of the honour and glory of sitting the trophy on the mantelpiece and gazing at it for the three hundred and sixty five days it remains in the winner's possession; unless said winner is good enough to anchor it for another one or more years.

Mind you, it was a trophy worth gazing at. Known as the New Zealand Bronze, it is an eighteen inch figure of a trapshooter superbly modelled in bronze by the well known New Zealand sculptor Mr. A. R. Fraser, A.R.C.A., A.R.B.S. It was presented to the New Zealand Gun Clubs Association by Ammunition House

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Benton's win was by no means influenced by any of those streaks of luck that so frequently break either with or against a shooter. On his way down from the North he dropped his visiting card at all the Northern tournaments, and arrived in Christchurch with a truckload of trophies, a kickful of cash, and a soul full of sure-shootin' confidence. In fact the name "E. Benton; E. Benton; E. Benton" echoed throughout New Zealand with the monotonous repetition of the "Hallelujah Chorus."

There were some colourful figures at the shoot. One—a veritable man-mountain from Gisborne in the North Island was Ken Cameron who swiped both the Single Rise and the Live Pigeon Championships in 1947. Ken's pinnacle stands about six and a half feet from floor level, and on a rough guess I should say about the same length of tape would be necessary to circumnavigate his shoulders. Ken

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and his charming wife were on the ground each day of the tournament, and so was the Rev. Father Kelly who in the ordinary course of business shepherds a flock of hairy-chested he-men on the frigid West Coast of the South Island. As his Reverence said to me as we knocked over a couple of those "etceteras" mentioned in the programme: "Yes sir,—I come from the West Coast where men are men and they smell like horses." I wish I had a picture of this young, twenty stone Heavenly-Direction-Finder. Can not help thinking that a few more mixers of his type would make church far more popular than movies. He shot pretty well but had not enough gear changes to make the heavy grades.

Following the Single Rise event came the Double Rise calling for ten pairs from 16 yards. Eighty-four competitors loaded their muskets for this event, which E. Cooke of Hamilton won outright with 18 out of the twenty releases. Jack McKenzie of Masterton was right on his tail with 17/20, which was not a bad piece of fowling-piece-fingering considering the conditions.

On July 30 the Skeet Championship was put up for sale, and C. J. Malzard who won the event last year with 19/25 showed that he could do it again in 1948 and added four more targets to his score just to prove

it. At the conclusion of the first round four competitors out of the 43 who were ambitious enough to give it a go—Malzard; D. P. North; B. Clinch and J. Brightling (the first three names having already appeared in championship honour rolls) tied with 22 birds each. In the shoot-off Malzard won outright with 23/25, and North and Brightling tied for second place with 22 birds each. Then the fireworks really started. From station to station North and Brightling did the complete round, and this time not one solitary bird hit the turf intact. So, the honour of running up Malzard had to be contested a second time, and when the smoke cleared the score board showed Brightling with 20, which was one more than North broke.

And by the way, note this, Australian skeet shooters. In New Zealand they shoot American skeet—No. 8 station and all. There is no blowing whistles or banging tin cans or anything like that. The shooter calls "Pull" and an electric timer tosses the target. Accordingly the N.Z.'s can compare their scores with those of the people who originated the fine game of skeet, which is a compliment to said originators, and a damn sight more satisfactory to the shooters.

Incidentally—and I'm adding in this bit of information chiefly because I



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Mr. A. N. Turner, Secretary, N.Z. Gun Clubs Association
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Saturday, November 13, 1948

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know George Biggs will be interested—Malzard used a 30 inch cylinder bored, ventilated rib Remington automatic and Eley shells.

It was interesting to note that no Pig-Islander tries to hide his real identity under some fancy nom-de-plume (or Nom-d-fusil) such as is frequently practiced in Victoria in particular. Full names and initials appeared on the score board at all times, no "Bongo Bongo's" or anything like that.

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was no different from that offered throughout the Dominion. They only seem to trade in one brand. They are glad to see you, and they want to like you, and they don't peer under your exterior to see if they can find any reason why they should not like you. Take a trip over there some time and meet these hardy shooters, and when you step aboard the aircraft that brings you back to Australia you'll do so—as I did—with a sheaf of last minute telegrams clenched in your hand each ending with the words: "Come back soon."



Handicap Adjustments

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| 1526 Ball, E. R. (Colac) | 19 | 2954 Hickey, B. (Colac) | 12 |
| 3308 Bassett, J. D. (Roma) .. | 12 | 396 Ingbritsen, C. H. ("Ingi") | |
| 3240 Bassett, K. (Roma) | 12 | (Coburg) | 18 |
| 3241 Bassett, N. (Roma) | 12 | 3166 Kelly, B. (Coburg) | 15 |
| 20 Bloomfield, W. (Aust.) .. | 18 | 3318 Kerr, L. (Colac) | 14 |
| 3127 Bowden, M. R. (Hobart) .. | 12 | 2655 Kurrle, O. (Aust.) | 15 |
| 3287 Branley, M. (Colac) .. | 12 | 3284 Lane, J. (Colac) | 12 |
| 171 Bridgeford, Mjr.-Gen. W. | | 3319 Lewis, G. (Colac) | 12 |
| 3205 Burns, Alex (Wangaratta) | 12 | 1110 Longmore, R. (Aust.) .. | 16 |
| (Aust.) | 17 | 1145 Meehan, J. R. (Aust.) .. | 17 |
| 46 Burns, A. F. (Footscray) .. | 21 | 3322 Meek, T. (Colac) | 12 |
| 2879 Byrne, L. (Aust.) | 14 | 3321 Morrissey, D. (Colac) .. | 12 |
| 3288 Callanan, L. (Colac) | 12 | 3286 McCarthy, J. (Colac) .. | 12 |
| 2035 Cross, Ken (Gildandra) .. | 15 | 2991 McGrath, M. (I'llillipe) .. | 12 |
| 3300 Dorman, P. (Colac) | 12 | 949 O'Callaghan, D. B. (Aus.) | 18 |
| 3324 Eldridge, A. (Colac) | 12 | 3079 O'Shannassy, V. (Colac) .. | 12 |
| 3320 Eldridge, F. (Colac) .. | 14 | 2767 Palmer, A. (Berrima) .. | 15 |
| 3323 Eldridge, H. (Colac) .. | 14 | 1421 Pitt, Rowley (Hobart) .. | 17 |
| 2881 Evans, R. (Goulburn) .. | 15 | 2 Schilling, L. L. (Aust.) .. | 18 |
| 3297 Everingham, A. S. (H'by) | 12 | 2770 Shepherd, A. (Berrima) .. | 17 |
| 3298 Fankhauser Miss Nyla | | 836 Skate, F. (Aust.) | 14 |
| (Aust.) | 12 | 2977 Simpson, G. (Colac) | 12 |
| 3184 Ferrier, G. (Roma) | 12 | 327 Snow, A. (Coburg) | 15 |
| 3182 Fletcher, C. R. (Roma) .. | 14 | 3245 Thomas, R. (Roma) | 12 |
| 2953 Gaylard, J. (Colac) | 14 | 165 Upton, J. W. (Berrima) .. | 15 |
| 2689 Grist, C. T. (Colac) .. | 15 | 2392 Veall, K. (V.G.C.) | 15 |
| 1700 Haynes, A. E. ("Pampas") | | 512 Wray, R. G. (Coburg) .. | 17 |
| (Aust.) | 16 | | |

New Registrations

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| 3340 Akers, Geo. (Charlev'le) | 3352 Bock, G. (Tambo Valley) |
| 2019 Andrews, Roy (Clermont) | 3329 Bode, C. H. (Eltham) .. |
| 3354 Armit, J. (Tambo Valley) | 3362 Boyd, John (St. James) |
| 3373 Atkinson, Jim (Sale) .. | 3359 Bressington, S. (Bath'st) |
| 1741 Barlow, N. (Yarram) .. | 3344 Burden, K. (Tambo V.) |
| 3343 Boardman, Phil (Can'dra) | 3332 Burey, E. S. (Mitchell) |

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| 3366 Butler, A. E. (Latrobe) | 3315 Loveridge, K. (F'tscray) |
| 3342 Cesco, Don (Canowindra) | 3328 Martin, C. T. (Eltham) |
| 3339 Chambers, Ron (Mitchell) | 3369 Maxwell, K. (Eltham) .. |
| 3363 Church, Alan R. | 3322 Meek, T. (Colac) |
| 3357 Clarke, A. G. (Tambo V.) | 3374 Mills, E. (Sale) |
| (St. James) | 3355 Morley, C. (Tambo V.) |
| 3347 Costello, R. (Tambo V.) | 3321 Morrissey, D. (Colac) .. |
| 895 Crosse, G. K. (Colac) .. | 3376 Morris, A. J. (Sale) .. |
| 610 Curbishley, E. (K. Isld.) | 3334 Munns, J. R. (Mitchell) |
| 3317 Darley, S. M. (K. Island) | 3346 McCoy, J. M. (Tambo V.) |
| 3316 Deanshaw, A. (K. Island) | 3341 McDougall, W. R. (St. |
| 3381 Douglas, H. J. (F'tscray) | George) |
| 3358 Dudley, Don (Tambo V.) | 3350 McLarty, T. J. (Tambo |
| 1226 Eather, Vic (Boggabri) | Valley) |
| 3324 Eldridge, A. (Colac) .. | 3368 McPherson, A. C. (Aust.) |
| 3320 Eldridge, F. (Colac) .. | 12 |
| 3323 Eldridge, H. (Colac) .. | 3331 Page, Jeff (Charleville) |
| 3365 Feldtman, Max (St. | 3333 Porter, P. M. (Charlev'e) |
| James) | 3372 Pym, R. (Lithgow) .. |
| 781 Gilbey, G. H. (Boggabri) | 3380 Robb, J. (Sale) |
| 460 Growcott, C. W. Bairns- | 3336 Rhyne, M. (Queensid.) .. |
| dale) | 3353 Sandy, S. J. (Tambo V.) |
| 3378 Harrison, M. (Sale) .. | 3337 Seis, J. A. (Mitchell) .. |
| 2098 Hirning, R. (Toow'mba) | 3361 Shields, Robt. (St. James) |
| 3370 Howard, L. (Lithgow) | 3360 Shields, T. J. (St. James) |
| 3348 Humphries, M. (Tambo | 3356 Simpson, R. (Tambo V.) |
| Valley) | 3325 Smith, Mrs. Ossie .. |
| 3382 Jones, C. C. (Footscray) | (Charleville) |
| 1378 Keating, R. H. (K. Isld.) | 3335 Smith, O. W. (Charlev'e) |
| 3318 Kerr, L. (Colac) | 3364 Stewart, A. W. (St. |
| 575 King, C. L. (Aust.) .. | James) |
| 3348 Lee, A. E. (Tambo Vall.) | 15 |
| 3345 Lee, E. G. (Tambo Vall.) | 3326 Squire, R. J. (Eltham) .. |
| 3319 Lewis, G. (Birregurra) .. | 3327 Squire, W. R. (Eltham) |
| 3351 Lloyd, T. (Tambo Vall.) | 3371 Weinert, H. (Lithgow) |
| 3330 Loughnan, W. W. (Mit- | 3379 Williams, Geo. (Sale) .. |
| chell) | 3377 Willis, C. (Sale) |
| | 3375 Woodlands, K. (Sale) .. |
| | 3367 Yorston, G. A. (Aust.) |



Commonwealth S.B. Championship

The excellent field of 84 shooters entered for the Commonwealth Single Barrel Championship conducted under the Australian Clay Target Club's auspices on its three track shooting ground at East Burwood (Vic.) on Saturday, September 25. Tasmania was well represented with entrants from Hobart and Launceston. Wing-Commander T. S. Ingledew, who has been stationed at Darwin (N.T.) for a long period was also a competitor.

The winner was A. F. (Fred) Burns who had only one blemish in his 25 releases. He failed to cover his 23rd bird, otherwise his effort was as good as has been seen in any previous

series. A tie shoot for the places was one of the highlights of the meeting. Three shooters, "Dubbs," "Pampas" (Bert Haynes) and W. R. Bloomfield (Sandringham) each stopped 23/25. In the shoot-off the scoring was—"Pampas" 5/5 total 28/30, second; Bloomfield 3/5, 5/5, 5/5, 3/3, total 39/43, third; "Dubbs" 3/5 5/5, 5/5, 2/5, total 39/45. fourth. (Dubbs shot before Bloomfield—the latter drew two no birds in his second five of the tie shoot). Others close up to the place-getters were, Frank Brown (Dandenong) 22/25, "Doch-an-Doris" 22/25 equal fifth; J. R. (Bob) Meehan 21/25, J. Bryant,

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"Duxbac," "Ingi," Jack McCraith (previous title holder, won at Launceston in December, 1947), W. R. Johns each 20/25; D. B. O'Callaghan, L. L. Schilling, "Peters," A. E. Poxon (Launceston), "Dick" (T. R. Wightman), E. G. Biggs, J. M. Tyquin (Hobart) and Wing. Com. Ingledew (Darwin) each 19/25; R. Longmore 18/25; Cyril Fankhauser, A. H. Brenk, C. Growcott (Lindenow South), O. Kurrle, H. R. Donnelly (Bruthen), Dr. B. Ryan (Romsey), F. R. Tuck, J. P. Willis and M. Atkinson (Sale) each 17/25.

Wing-Com. Ingledew won the 12/13 yarder trophy and R. Longmore the 14/15 yarders award.

The club staged an unusual event to conclude the fixture, it was a 24 yard event—really the equivalent of a 24 yard championship. "Ingi," Lionel Byrne, "Oigle" and Roy Johns all stopped the full complement of 10 straight. Winner was "Ingi" 17/17 from Byrne 16/17 and "Oigle" 11/12 and Johns 11/12.

Minor events at the same fixture resulted—No. 1, 5 birds S.B., div., A. G. Rourke (Finley, NSW), W. Bloomfield, "Dubbs," R. Johns and H. H. Ball 7/7. No. 2, 10 birds, H. R. Knight 12/12, Neil Frith (Launce-

ton) 12/13, N. Fletcher (Dandenong) 11/13, special trophy, K. Reynolds (Congupna Road) 10/11.

Other shoots conducted by the Australian Club during September resulted—(11th)—No. 1, 5 birds, D.B. "Doncaster" 18/18, "Peters" 17/18. No. 2, 5 bird, S.B., R. Longmore 9/9, F. E. Brown 14/15. No. 3, points scoring, 5 birds, W. R. Bloomfield 22/22, J. P. Willis 20/22. No. 4 Walk-up, L. L. Schilling 14/15, W. R. Johns 13/15. No. 5, 5 pairs, Double-rise, W. Bloomfield 6/6 pairs, Cyril Fankhauser 6/7 pairs. Overall aggregate for day, W. Bloomfield 27/28, the aggregate winner missed only one release in walk-up series. 12/14 yarders aggregate, J. P. Willis 24/28. Novice aggregate, "Double-H" 23/31.

Show Day Shoot — Delightful weather favoured the club for its Show Holiday Shoot on September 30. An average field of 50 took part in each event. The main winner was the popular Tasmanian Gun Club's Chairman, Alf Poxon of Launceston, who stopped 29/30—all first barrels. The one he missed was shot over with both barrels. The win was deservedly well received. Alf, is a first class shot, a very capable administrator and one of the best all round sports in every sense the Apple Isle has



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produced. Alf was called upon by Club President, Dave Watson to distribute the trophies, but as he was the main winner Jack Tyquin (Hobart President) deputised temporarily. Results were—No. 1, 5 bird sweepstake, div., G. R. Cummins, J. K. Venables, J. R. Meehan, "Doch-an Doris," "Peters" and W. R. Bloomfield 9/9. No. 2, 15 birds, J. R. Meehan 15/15, F. E. Brown 32/33, "Peters" 31/33. 12/14 yarder, J. McInnes 15/17. Novice, A. J. Byers 15/17. No. 3, 30 birds, A. E. Poxon (Launceston) 29/30, W. R. Johns 29/31, "Doncaster" 29/32, Fred Skate 28/32, J. M. Tyquin (Tas.) 31/35, G. R. Cummins 28/32. Novice, Maurice Murphy (St. James). It was the latter's first appearance on the ground. No. 4, 10 birds, "Bendigo" (Harry Ceresa) 14/14, "Gippsland" (V. Fraser) 13/14, G. Biggs 12/13, 12/14 yarder, L. Gray 10/11.

The Association

Affiliated clubs are reminded again that the 12th Annual Meeting of affiliated club delegates will be held at

Scott's Hotel, Melbourne, on Wednesday, November 3. In accordance with the Association's Constitutional Rules every affiliated member club is entitled to one delegate to represent its interests at this meeting. The name of the delegate is required in writing and must be in the hands of the Association Secretary seven days prior to the meeting.

Clubs far distant from the Association headquarters unable to make a direct delegate appointment may apply to the Association Secretary with a request that a delegate be appointed. Any such appointee made under this latter arrangement must have his appointment confirmed by the member club he is to represent at least seven days prior to the annual meeting.

Clubs desirous of holding 1949 Championships, should make written application to the Association Secretary on or before November 1. It is particularly desirable that tentative dates be mentioned for the holding of such events. This concerns all Commonwealth, State and District Championships.

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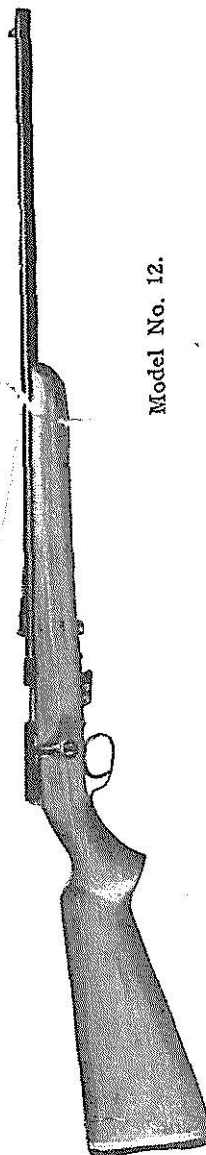
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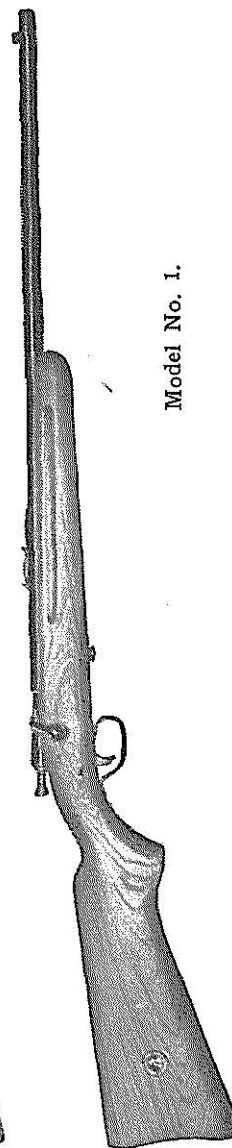
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