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SATURDAY, 20th NOVEMBER, 1948

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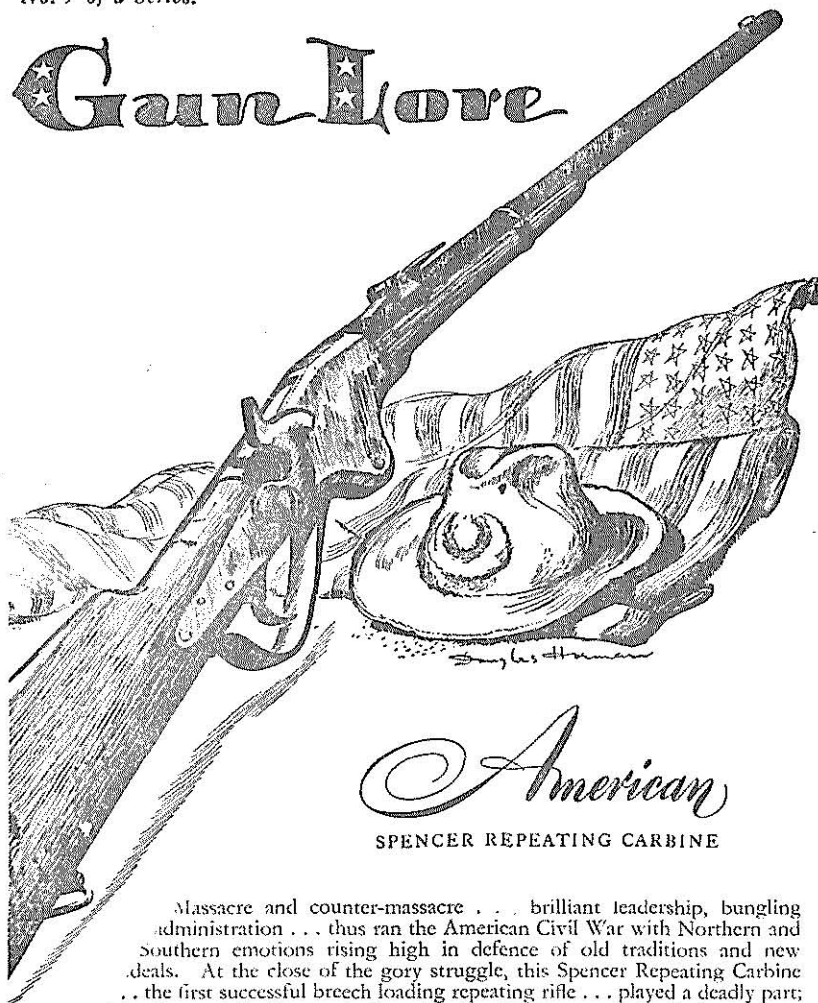
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THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

The 12th Annual Report as submitted to the 1948 Annual Meeting of affiliated Club Delegates, is appended as the subject of paramount interest from the Editorial viewpoint for this month.

"It is pleasing to again describe the activities of the Association and the sport it represents as rapidly returning to the figures of the boom period just prior to the outbreak of war. This is particularly satisfactory, taking into account the difficulties of shooting supplies procurement. The total of affiliated clubs is now 65—with at least 10 others pending or waiting more certainty in the supply position before venturing into active competitive shooting. The total of registered shooters is now nearing 1,300. This latter figure includes the total of Life Registered Shooters, which is made up of the following sportsmen, Messrs. Edmund Collins, John M. Wilson, H. G. James, I. R. Schutt, W. E. H. Rainbird, G. H. Watts, J. Bryant, E. C. Etches, A. G. L. Bragg, Aubrey F. Johnson,

J. O. Cox, John Cox, V. L. Fankhauser and K. F. Cameron. The last five mentioned have been added since the 1947 annual meeting.

"The resumption of the International Series in April 1948 at East Burwood (Vict.) was one of the biggest features of the year. Run in conjunction with the Champion of Champions Cup, the combined matches attracted over 200 shooters in the two day fixture.

"The International Match, shot at 100 birds from 16 yards, 2½" shells loaded with 1½ oz. shot, was contested against teams representative of England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and Australia. Our team was not successful in winning but improved on the scores as recorded by the 1939 Australian combination. England retained the honours, from Scotland, Wales, Australia and Ireland. The Australian high-gun in the International Match was produced by Mr. J. A. McCraith (Essendon, Vict.),



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with 98/100. This total was second only to a member of the Welsh Team, who stopped 99/100, and is considered to be one of the best trapshots in Great Britain and high in world class. Mr. H. R. Donnelly (Bruthen, Vict.) was second high-gun with 96/100 and Mr. E. G. Biggs (Elsternwick, Vict.) third high-gun 94/100. Mr. Donnelly won the Champion of Champions Cup for the second time, dropping only one release in fifty. He won the title previously in the last year in which it was shot prior to war-time recess. The experience gained in International competition should prove invaluable to our shooters and the time should not be far distant when we can expect Australia to win the International Series.

"The Commonwealth blue-riband championship (double-barrel) was shot for the first time under the supervision of the Townsville Gun Club in North Queensland. The event went to Mr. J. N. Brazier of Bathurst (N.S.W.). The idea of permitting major titles to be shot outside city clubs is one which the Association has always favoured. Providing clubs concerned have the organisation to conduct major title events under satisfactory conditions and are outside the city areas they are always considered for major allocations. Experience has proved that this confidence has not been misplaced. Reports reaching the Association headquarters indicate that Townsville Club's handling of the premier Commonwealth title left nothing to be improved upon. Congratulations are extended to the winners of all Commonwealth, State and District Championships.

"Since the initial issue of the "A.C.P.T.S.A. News" in September, 1947, the publication has continued to progress and meet with shooters approval. It has nearly doubled in size since the first issue. The Executive Committee considers "News" has done much to assure the sport of clay pigeon shooting its own individuality as an international pastime and at the same time supplying the Association's registered shooters with an official journal.

"The continually improving finances of the Association, can to some extent be credited to the success of

the Association "News," in that, shooters generally feel that fees to the Association enable an important requirement to be continued.

"Appreciative thanks are tendered to the many business houses and sportsmen who have so generously supported the Association and its activities with donations of cash and trophies. The total donations received were again a record. Appended is list of cash and trophy donors:

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The supply position may ease during the ensuing year and if these expectations are realised the Association confidently expects another good year of progress. The Executive Committee hopes for the continued support of clubs and shooters in the furthering of the interests of the sport of clay pigeon shooting and its governing body."

A full report covering the Annual Meeting and the 1949 Championship allocation will appear in the December issue of "News." The Championship allocation as published will be an official statement and clubs concerned are requested to accept same as the the 1949 Championship distribution.

Wangaratta Gun Club

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

SATURDAY, 20th NOVEMBER, 1948

Victorian Walk-Up Championship

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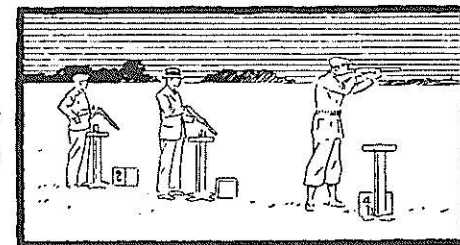
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AROUND THE CLUBS AND MEETINGS...



COONABARABRAN (N.S.W.).—Weather conditions were again against Coonabarabran Club when it staged the N.S.W. Mixed Birds title on October 18. Shooting actually commenced in a half gale. Visiting shooters included representatives from Dubbo, Sydney, Warwick (Qld.), Hornsby, Gilgandra, Coolah, Goolma, Gulargambone, Coonamble and Boggabri as well as local shooters. The title event went to the holder of the N.S.W. single barrel title, W. J. McPhee of Dubbo, after a tie shoot with Vic Eather (Boggabri), and J. Lindsay (Dubbo). The three finalists tied over the 20 rounds with 16/20 each. Others close up to the place-getters were: Ken Cross (Gilgandra) 15/20, Noel Knight (Coonabarabran) and C. R. Moore each 14/20. The second days shooting (October 19) was again most successful and good weather favoured the contestants. First prize in the £50 handicap was won by Sydney back-marker, Luke Hughes. The event went to the 25th round Hughes with K. Sullivan, Forrest, Noel Knight, K. Cross, Ted Cross and C. Evans all tied with scores of 9/10 each. The winner's total was 24/25 with K. Cross 23/25 and Evans 22/25 in the places. The conviviality of proceedings at the "Log Cabin" following the first day's shooting left a few a "bit short of a gallop." Nevertheless all voted it as well worth while.

COLAC (Vic.).—The local grounds were "en fete" for the Club's grand opening of its new clay pigeon shoot-

ing lay-out and automatic trap on October 9. Just on 60 shooters attended, and as can be understood this was just about as much as one trap could handle. The grounds are as picturesque as any in Victoria, being adjacent to the beautifully laid-out racecourse and golf links. Surrounded by 50 year old tall pines with extensive Lake Colac in the distant rear, a prettier shooting ground could scarcely be imagined. Melbourne shooters gave the Club a good "kick-off" by attending in good numbers. Don Corstorphane (Secretary) and Theo Norman (President) held to the widest of smiles throughout the day—the reward of many weeks of thoughtful shoot organisation was exemplified in the splendid attendance. The "inner-man" arrangements could not be bettered. This section was under direct control and supervision of the local branch of the Country Women's Association and the good things provided will certainly do much to attract visiting shooters for a return "bout" on November 13, when the club will shoot the Victorian Deauville Doubles Championship and the Western District Double Barrel title on the one bill. Ladies to the fore-front in the food supply section included Mrs. J. James, Mrs. L. Gaylard, Mrs. B. Gow, Mrs. R. Foley, Mrs. Don Corstorphane, Mrs. H. Campigli and Mrs. M. Gaylard. Shooting generally was good. Some of the local sportsmen, many lacking practice after years of inactivity, shot exceptionally well and are sure to be heard of again in big events next year. Competition opened with the

Western District Single Barrel Championship, 20 birds from 16 yards. An outright win was gained by Cliff Bound who stopped 19/20. It was his first title success and was the recipient of warm congratulations all round. "Duxbac" 23/25 was second and Frank Brown (Dandenong) 22/25 third. 17/20's came from the guns of Jack McCraith and Geo. Biggs, 16/20's by Eric Ball, "Oigle" and A. J. Russell, 15/20's by L. Kennedy, "Tambo," J. Bryant and C. T. Grist. The second event was a competition at 20 birds Association Handicaps for a gun trophy. Only two possibles were recorded, these by Frank Brown and George Biggs. There were several hard-luck stories. Jack McCraith, the International High-gun, who was shooting brilliantly, shot under his last bird and missed with both barrels. "Pampas," Les Black and L. Kennedy, also recorded 19/20. The tie shoot to decide was a splendid tussle and one of the best of its kind Colac Club is ever likely to stage. Brown, shooting first missed his 29th release, Biggs missed his

28th and the pair then continued on to the 45th round before reaching finality. Biggs missed his 44th Brown used two second barrels in the tie shoot (additional to his miss) and Biggs also called on his second on two occasions. Both men were loudly applauded for a fine exhibition of class shooting. The front-marker's award went to George Simpson, "mine host" at Pirron Yallock, who grassed 18/20.

LITHGOW (N.S.W.).—Geo Bell (Young) and C. Campbell staged a full round of skeet in a tie shoot to decide the winner of the Central West. District of N.S.W. Skeet title on October 4. Both had scored 17/20 over the original course of the event. In the tie shoot Campbell won 16/20 to 14/20. R Findley was third 16/20. Other events, contested over two days resulted: No. 1, Bruce Hill 6/6. No. 2, E. Brice, R. Finley, F. Bean, Campbell 5/5. No. 3, E. Brice 8/8. No. 4, 14 bird skeet, E. Ginty (tie shoot) 22/28 first, J. Barker 21/28 second, No. 5, E. Brice 14/15. No. 6, E. Brice

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Shooting Commences 10 a.m.

PROGRAMME

EVENT NO. 1.

5 BIRD DOUBLE BARREL EYE OPENER HANDICAP

EVENT NO. 2

5 BIRD DOUBLE BARREL TROPHY. Sweepstakes Optional

EVENT NO. 3

5 BIRDS DOUBLE BARREL MISSOUT

EVENT No. 4 at 1.30 p.m.

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10/10. No. 7. 20 bird skeet, Bruce Hill 19/20 first, C. Campbell 17/20 second. No. 8, F. Bean 5/5, J. Barker 5/5. (4/10/1948): No. 1, L. P. Hughes 10/10 first. No. 2, 7 pairs, Double-rise, A. Thomas 7/7 pairs, first. No. 3, E. Brice 20/20 first, A. Thomas 18/20 second. No. 4, J. Winchester 11/11 first, E. Ginty 10/11 second. No. 5, F. Bean 14/15 first, J. Ryan 13/15 second. No. 6, Deauville Doubles, Finley-Thomas 4/5 pairs first. No. 6, Double-rise, R. Kelly 4/5 pairs first.

HOLBROOK (N.S.W.)—The local club enjoyed the company of a number of district shooters at its October meeting. The Jerilderie Club Secretary, Bob Ferris, using "Monte" Montgomery's gun was in good form as were Lox Creasy (Mangoplah), Geoff Bragg (Wagga), Jack Puma (Culcairn) and Bill O'Brien (Holbrook). Results were: No. 1, 5 bird, D.B., div., G. L. Gragg, L. Creasy, Tony Fairbairn 5/5. No. 2, 5 bird, D.B., outright to Geoff Bragg 5/5. No. 3, 5 pairs Deauville Doubles, L. Creasy-Sam Bowler and Reg Plunkett-J. Puma divided 5/5. No. 4, 3 pairs, Double-rise, div., Lester Collier (Jerilderie) and J. Puma (Culcairn) 7/9. No. 5, £10 Handicap, div., Norman Plunkett, Bill O'Brien, J. Puma, N. McMillan each 9/10, front-marker trophy L. Collier 8/10. No. 6, front-marker event at 5 birds, div., N. Kane and J. Puma 4/5. No. 7, 5 birds, outright to Bill O'Brien 5/5. No. 8, 5 birds, S.B., div., R. Ferris and J. Puma 5/5. No. , D.B., div.,

Pumpa and Ollie Cox 5/5. No. 10, Walk-up, L. Creasy 4/5. No. 11, miss-out, div., Tony Fairbairn and Bill O'Brien, sixth round. No. 12, missout, div., L. Creasy and L. Collier sixth round.

HOBART (Tas.)—The official opening of the Hobart Gun Club's spacious pavilion by The Hon. The Premier of Tasmania, Mr. Robert Cosgrove on October 9, attracted a record field of shooters. The fixture was resplendent with a remarkable individual effort by the Northern Tasmanian shooter, Neil Frith, who recording 74/75 won first money in the £100 handicap from Ivor Hallam (Montrose) 71/75. Third place-getter was Alf Poxon of Launceston with 33/35, then D. Forsythe 29/31, W. McMasters 28/32, R. Redpath 24/25, M. Blake 21/22, T. Cannon 19/21, E. Colbeck 20/22, J. Blake (Cressy) R. Powell (Cressy) C. Poxon, F. White and C. Young 18/20, W. Bennett, Jack Brent, E. Casey, C. J. Lowe, M. Munnings (Kempston) Eric McRae, "Peter" (P. White, Melbourne), F. Pulford, A. Smith 17/20. Hallam established a Tasmanian break record. At his previous shoot he had stopped the last two birds and then followed with 69 straight to record 71. One bird better than the previous record of J. F. Blake of Cressy. Over the original course of the £100 event at 20 birds, Frith, Hallam, Poxon and Redpath tied, each with possible scores of 20. Redpath was the first eliminated in the tie shoot, followed by Poxon. Hallam missed on 70th round (shooting first) and also missed three in his next five. Frith missed his 68th. It is many a day since a 20 bird event took up 75 rounds of shooting to reach a decision—rather reminiscent of long strung-out tie shoots of pre-war days. Minor events resulted: No. 1, 5 birds, (67 entries), div., J. Best (Ouse), F. Blake (Cressy), R. Pulford (Derwent Bridge), T. Cannon (Hobart), W. G. and J. Sydney (Pontville) D. Forsythe (Launceston), J. Wilson (Grantton), "Peters" (Melbourne), R. Pitt (Ouse), R. Redpath (Hobart), H. Munnings (Kempston), E. Casey (Cressy), C. L. Lowe (Macquarie Plains), E. Colbeck (Hobart) and R. Powell (Cressy) 5/5 div. Section trophies attached to the £100 handi-

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cap were won by the following: 12 yards, D. Forsythe, 13 yards, F. White (Hobart), 14 yards M. Blake (Cressy), 15 yards R. Powell (Cressy), 16 yards C. Poxon (Launceston), 17 yards E. Casey (Cressy), 18 yards R. Redpath (Hobart), 19 yards, W. R. Morgan (Hobart). The final event of the day, a 10 birder under Single Barrel condition, was won by Eric McRae, the club's former secretary. 12/13 from J. Sydney 11/13 and A. J. Lowe 10/11.

BERRIMA (Bowral, NSW).—The Berrima Club staged its monthly meeting at Wongrabri corner grounds on October 9. The main event was the South Coast and Southern Tablelands Single Barrel Championship. Many visiting shooters, competed, including parties from Hornsby, Sydney, Wollongong, and Goulburn. Wind conditions tended to make the targets' flight more than is usual at this ground. Len North's (Bowral) 18/20 gave him an outright win. Jock Berry (Hornsby) and R. Evans (Goulburn) tied for the places. Berry won the shoot-off. The third round of the Club's trophy event went to Oss. Sullivan 20/20 from Len North 19/20. Gordon Shepherd, not in the form he was in recent months, missed out in the shoot-off. The Deauville Doubles event went to J. Edgell-J. Berry, who grassed the full complement of 10/10 pairs. The runners-up were the Goulburn pair R. Evans-Sid Lamb 9/10 pairs. In the final "down-the-line" match J. Edgell, W. Rutty (Wollongong) and A. Shepherd divided 10/10. The Club's next programme is advertised in this issue.

WANGARATTA (Vic.). — Early last month the local club held its usual club fixture. The highlight of the day was the performances of 17 year old John Steele and 13 year old John Dean. Against 14 competitors in the novice event the pair shot it out to the 21st round, Steele winning. Other results were No. 1, 5 birds, div. R. Brook (Carboor), C. Wise (Wangaratta), A. J. Masters (Wangaratta), Tom Saville (Goorambat) 5/5. No. 2, £10 Handicap, divided on fifteen round by J. Lodge (Benalla), T. J. Saville, McMasters. No. 5, missout, div., A. Burns (Wangaratta), Roy Grossman (Wangaratta), G. Cook (Wangaratta) 8/8. The Club is making big preparations for a large muster of shooters on Saturday, November 20, when the Victorian Walk-up Championship will be decided. A £50 handicap will be shot on the same day. The full programme appears in the advertising section of this issue.

ST. JAMES (Vic.).—At the recent annual meeting of the Club the following officials were elected for the ensuing 12 months. President, Henry Pettit; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. A. Roberts, J. Cruse, M. Murphy, J. Ryan, J. Feldtman and J. F. Kelly; Secretary-Treasurer, Alan R. Church; Club Handicappers, Messrs. H. Pettit, A. Roberts and E. Parker; referees, Messrs. E. Parker and A. Roberts; Auditor, J. R. Cobbett (National Bank); Executive Committee, comprises all office-bearers with addition of E. Parker and P. Pettit. The Club's membership fee has been fixed at 20/-, out of which the Club pays each financial member's A.C.P.T.S.A. registration. (This method of ensuring all members registration is being widely adopted by prominent clubs in all States—it has much to commend it.—Ed.).

CRESSY (Tas.).—The Cressy Club held a most successful shoot last month when the Northern Districts of Tasmania Double Barrel Championship attracted a big field, including shooters from as far away as Hobart and other southern centres. Victory went to the veteran Ted Casey, who had the only clean score

of 20/20, after tie shooting with M. Blake and Alf Poxon. The latter was runner-up, 23/25 to Blake's 22/25. It was rather remarkable that Blake missed his three last birds in the shoot-off and Poxon also missed his last two. A £10 handicap was divided on 10th round by F. Blake (Cressy), R. F. Mitchell (Moriarity), D. Forsyth (Launceston) and M. Blake (Cressy) 10/10 each. A sweepstake event was cut by W. Bennett, C. Poxon, L. F. Freeman (Latrobe), "Beaver," W. Taylor, D. Forsyth, R. Dicker, E. Casey, G. Dicker and W. Rainbird.

SALE (Vic.).—The most recent shoot at Sale, which was well attended, showed the following results, No. 1, 5 birds, div., L. Bourbaud, F. Graham, J. Atkinson. No. 2, 10 birds, div., F. Graham and G. Williams 9/10. No. 3, 5 pairs, doublerise, div., J. Harrison and Les Elston 4/6 pairs. No. 4, 5 birds, div., Jim Atkinson, G. Williams, L. Bourbaud, Len Robinson and D. Young (Yallourn) 4/5. No. 5, Deauville doubles, won out-

right by Les Elston and M. Atkinson 10/10 pairs. Len Robinson, the Sale Club's enthusiastic secretary, is planning big things for his club in 1949. One of the main attractions will be a big clay pigeon shooting series just prior to the duck opening. The meeting will probably include a Gippsland title event and handicap.

GRIFFITH (NSW).—The Commonwealth Walk-up Championship at Griffith last month attracted such a big field that it was possible to shoot only the main event before darkness intervened. The winner was "Duxbac" from Jack Houston (Hay Club's Secretary) and Roy Johns who defeated Geo Biggs in the tie shoot for the place. The usual Griffith hospitality was even more overwhelming than on previous occasions and "that's saying something." Ted Fromholtz and his band of workers have transformed the Club's grounds and clubhouse into a veritable garden of beauty. Lawns are coming along splendidly and Griffith will shortly boast of one of the premier grounds

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11th December, 1948

ALL DAY SHOOT — COMMENCING 10 A.M.

EVENT NO. 1.

3 BIRD DEAUVILLE DOUBLE SWEEPSTAKE

Nomination 5/- each shooter

EVENT NO. 2

TASMANIAN DEAUVILLE DOUBLE CHAMPIONSHIP

Twenty Pairs, shot from 18 yards — Six Trophies

Nomination 20/- each shooter, with 10/- and 5/- each shooter, Optional Sweepstake. First and Second Trophies and Trophies to Best 12/13 yard pair.

EVENT NO. 3

£20 CHRISTMAS DOUBLE BARREL HANDICAP SWEEP.

Divided 60 per cent., 20 per cent., 10 per cent. and 10 per cent. Best 12/13 yard shooter. 10 Birds. Nomination 15/-

EVENTS No. 4 and 5

5 BIRD 5/- Nomination CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Association Handicaps.

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CRESSY SHOOT— NOVEMBER 20.

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J. M. TYQUIN

Hon. Secretary:

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in the "Ma" State. A big shoot is promised for New Year's Day, details will be advertised later. But intending competitors are recommended to get in touch with "Frommie" without delay in regard to accommodation. The main attraction will be a 'down-the-line' championship of major proportions, plus a handicap event, this should ensure a bright vacation period at Griffith, with hospitality plus.

DENILQUIN (NSW). — Many Melbourne shooters journeyed to Denilquin for the Riverina Club's meeting early in October. The main event attracted a big field—this was the Riverina Single Barrel Championship. Visitors voted the meeting as well conducted and one of the best held in the Riverina since the war period. The championship event to East Burwood visitor "Dubbs" (Vic. Fankhauser) 19/20 from "Duxbac" 22/25 and Leo Ridge (Denilquin) 20/25. Front-marker trophy went to Jack Lord 20/25. Other events resulted: No. 1, 5 birds, S.B., Frank Cautero (Keilor). No. 2, £25 handicap, J. Houston (Hay, NSW) 15/15, places divided Ron Gow (Griffith), M. Webb (Leeton), Tom Connor (Coburg) and "Duxbac," 14/15.

AUSTRALIAN C. T. CLUB (Vic.) (9th October)—No. 1, 5 birds, div., C. H. Daish and "Eskdale" 8/8. No. 2, 15 birds, F. Skate 17/17, L. Gray 16/17, A. H. Brenk 18/19; 12/14 ydr., Findlay 16/20; novice, W. White 15/17. No. 3, 15 birds points, L. L. Schilling 28/30, "Eskdale" 29/32, E. T. Lee 28/32; 12/14 yarder A. E. Johnson 30/36; novice, L. A. Small 23/30. (23rd October)—No. 1, 5 birds, div., L. L. Schilling, J. P. Willis, J. H. Headland, E. A. Borley, N. Fletcher, 7/7. No. 2, Victorian Mixed Birds Championship, A. F. Burns 17/20 first, "Duxbac" 16/20, F. E. Brown 15/20; 14/15 yarder, E. Brenk 14/20; 12/13 yarder, Vern Dudley 11/20. No. 3, 10 bird, tie shoot, D. B. O'Callaghan and "Bruino" (Bill Scott) div. 1st and 2nd 24/24, C. H. Daish 15/16 third, L. Gray 13/14, L. Byrne 10/11. Novice Trophy, N. Fletcher 11/12.

FOOTSCRAY G. C. (Vic.)—(9th October)—No. 1, 10 birds, Walkup, K. Veall 9/10, R. Johns 12/15, H.

Douglas 11/15. No. 2, 5 birds, D.B., div. F. Wager and C. Cole 11/11. No. 2, 3 pairs Double-rise, G. Crocker 6 points. (23rd October)—No. 1, 3 birds Walk-up, div., H. Douglas, J. Sydenham, R. Syenham 3/3. No. 2, Club Walk-up Championship at 15 birds, G. Kean 15/15, H. Douglas 15/18, J. Hyett 12/16. No. 3, 5 birds, D.B., div., Douglas, D. Corstorphane (Colac), Phurley and Kean 7/7. The Club is delighted at its team's success in the first attempt to win the McCraith Shield event. A "get-together" dinner was held after the shoot (Monday following) at the Oriental Hotel, Melbourne, when the winning team and the Coburg team were entertained. A splendid evening of conviviality followed.

COBURG G. C. (Vic.)—(2nd October)—No. 1, 5 birds, D.B., div., B. Kelly, "Santa," "Peters," Wall and R. Clinnick 8/8. No. 2, 10 birds Tower, J. M. Tyquin (Hobart) 27/30, F. Burns 26/30, F. E. Brown 25/30, 14 yarder, D. Watson 24/30. No. 3, 5 birds, Tower, R. Sydenham 6/6, A. Snow 6/7. No. 4, 5 birds, D.B., div., "Ingi," Kelly, C. Bound, N. Guy 9/9. (16th October)—No. 1, 5 birds, F. Tuck, G. F. Williams, B. Cook, B. Kelly, R. Ferguson, "Day" 10/10. No. 2, McCraith Shield Challenge Match,

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10 men aside, each 20 birds, won by Footscray 164 points to Coburg's 154. Fred Burns was "high-gun" 20/20. No. 3, 10 birds, D.B., W. Wager 25/25, T. Connor 24/25, "Bendigo" 22/23, J. Bardin 22/23. The opening day of the Club's Melbourne Cup week three day series was held on October 30. Many interstate visitors attended. Bad weather unfortunately marred the day's shooting and conditions were difficult, although the wind was not excessive. Results were: (Morning) Victorian Tower Championship, tie shoot, F. Burns 49/50 first, N. Guy 48/50, C. Bound 27/30. No. 2, Gun Trophy, 20 birds, Association handicaps, tie shoot, A. E. Poxon (Launceston, Tas.) 25/25, F. E. Brown (Dandenong) 24/25, further tie shoot for places, Ray Cummins 28/29 third, C. Poxon (Launceston) 27/29, others F. Cautero, Burns and C. T. Grist (Colac). The 14 yarder trophy went to Cautero. A minor sweepstake was divided, Burns, J. R. Medway (Gunning, NSW), Cyril Fankhauser, J. Hyett, F. Cautero, Rowley Pitt (Hobart), Ted Casey (Cressy, Tas.),

J. R. Meehan and "Blackie" (Roy Blackwood) 5/5.

CAMBERWELL (Vic.)—(2nd October) No. 1, 5 birds, D.B., div., P. Sheridan, A. Goodear, O. Kurrle and A. J. Russell 6/6. No. 2, O. Kurrle 13/13. No. 3, A. Goodear 13/14. No. 4, P. Sheridan, 13/13. No. 5, div., Purdey, "Pampa," Russell and Brenk 14/14. (16th October): No. 1, 5 birds, div. D. Haddow, L. Gray, C. Bromfield, Purdey and "GiGppsland," 8/8. No. 2, 10 birds, Burford 24/24, L. Gray 23/24. No. 3, (novelty) D. Haddow 12/12. (30th October) No. 1, div., "Eskdale," "Santa," Loveridge and C. H. Daish 7/7. No. 2, 10 pairs Deauville Doubles, "Gippsland"—Frank R. Hockey 13/13. No. 3, 5 pairs D-rise "Gippsland" 5/6, A. J. Russell 4/6 pairs. No. 4, missout, div., E. Didier, Russell and "Jack" 8/8.

TOWNSVILLE (Qld.)—The Townsville Gun Club held an "Open Clay Pigeon Shoot" at the Club's grounds on Saturday, October 23. Competitors found the boisterous conditions difficult and the strong changing wind was responsible for many

misses throughout the afternoon. All down the line events were at single barrel. Shooting opened with a 5 bird sweepstake, which was won by Fred Blackman with the only possible 5/5 scored. Fred Melville and A. A. Edwards were runners up with 4/5 each and divided second and third money. Two ten bird handicaps followed and resulted in T. Clay 8/10 winning the first and D. Peberdy 9/10 winning the second. D. Peberdy, R. White, A. A. Edwards, and F. Melville were runners up and divided the minor money in the first and Newton Thomas and Colin Melville divided second and third with W. W. James and R. White dividing fourth place in the latter one. The fourth event a 5 bird sweepstake was won by Newton Thomas with J. Carrington, A. A. Edwards and Colin Melville dividing the minor placings. Three Deauville Double sweepstakes followed and were won by the following pairs: J. Carrington-C. Melville, Newton Thomas-T. Clay, and Newton Thomas-J. Doyle. A Double-rise sweepstake at 3 pairs was divided by W. W. James and Newton Thomas with 2/3 pairs each. The final event a first miss-out sweepstake from 25 yards was won by Newton Thomas with Fred Blackman filling second place. The Club is preparing for its big two day meeting on November 6 and 7, when the "1948 Single Barrel Championship of Queensland" will be the principal event and a good representative field is expected at Townsville to compete at the meeting.—(Fred Blackman, Hon Secty.).

TASMANIAN G. C. (Launceston) Although forced to contend with bad shooting weather the Tasmanian Gun Club had a most successful day when it staged the Commonwealth Deauville Doubles Championship at St. Leonard's last month, 16 inst. Proof was again in evidence of just how youth and age can combine successfully in the sport of clay pigeon shooting. The winning combination turned up in Ted Casey the Cressy veteran and the Club's young Secretary Jack Blake—the pair stopped 19/20 to win outright from Rex Powell-F. Blake 17/20. Then followed Jack Neenan-C. Poxon and W. Rainbird-A. Poxon each 16/20, Eric McRae-H. Munnings 15/20, C. Colbeck (Hobart)-J. Mc-

Kenzie 14/20, M. Munnings (Kempston)-J. Hart 13/20, C. Fleming-T. Jenkins (Stepps) 12/20. The £50 handicap, first money went to a division between Alf Poxon and C. Fleming 15/15 each, W. Rainbird, C. Young, and N. Frith divided third 18/19. Other results were: No. 1, Deauville Doubles, 3 pairs, J. Brent-"Peters" (Melbourne), F. Blake-Rex Powell 3/3. No. 2, 10 bird sweepstake, div., E. Casey, E. McRae, C. Fleming, I. Hallam, P. Cameron 14/14. No. 3, 5 birds, div., G. Dicker, W. Bennett, W. Rainbird 10/10. No. 4, 5 birds, div., W. Reynolds, K. Reynolds, C. Colbeck, J. McKenzie 8/8. (J. D. Neenan, Acting Hon. Secty.).

HARGRAVE PARK (NSW.)—The Club's Double Barrel Championship shot on October 23 was again well patronised. Shot at 20 birds from 16 yards the winner was Jack Edgell, who missed only one release. This was his third championship success in a row—his previous wins were in the N.S.W. Double Barrel title and the Sydney D.B. Championship. Full results were: No. 1, 5 bird, "Eye Opener," div., R. J. Butt (Newton), C. W. Plummer (Sydney), B. E. Brazenall (Punchbowl), J. N. Brazier (Bathurst) and T. V. Dommett, div. 5/5. No. 2, Club Championship, outright to J. Edgell 19/20, W. Stonex (Turrumurra) second 18/20. Tie shoot for third, resulted, B. E. Brazenall 2/30, R. E. Lake 25/30. No. 3, 5 bird sweepstake, R. E. Lake 5/5. Next month the Club will shoot the N.S.W. Deauville Doubles Championship as advertised in this issue.



Ten Years Ago

An interesting item recalled for this section is the effort of the present Association President, J. M. Wilson, when shooting at the old Bentleigh grounds (Vic.) in 1938. Competing in a "driven-bird" event, he and Prahran veteran "Crom" (Percy Cooke) shot on to the 53rd round before reaching a decision. Wilson won. Shooting on he then added nine before missing to 62—53 at incoming targets and nine "down-the-line." It was a record for the ground.

THE COLAC GUN CLUB

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

Saturday, 13th November, 1948

Commencing at 10 a.m.

**WESTERN DISTRICT OF VICTORIA
DOUBLE BARREL CHAMPIONSHIP**

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TASMANIAN MIXED BIRDS CHAMPIONSHIP

AND AUTOMATIC TRAP OPENING

20th November, 1948

Commencing 12.30 p.m.

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EVENT NO. 1.

5 BIRD DOUBLE BARREL HANDICAP SWEEPSTAKE

Nomination 5/-.

EVENT NO. 2

TASMANIAN MIXED BIRDS CHAMPIONSHIP

20 Birds—5 Birds Double Barrel 20 yards; 5 Birds Single Barrel 18 yards; 5 Birds Walk-up 20 to 15 yads; 5 Pairs Double Rise 16 yards. Nomination 20/- with Optional Sweepstakes 10/- and 5/-. First, second, Third Trophies

EVENT NO. 3

£10 — 10 BIRD DOUBLE BARREL HANDICAP SWEEPSTAKE

Nomination 10/-.

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J. BLAKE, Secretary.
Cressy, Tasmania.

“TIPS” and “TAILS”

Jack Lord, Deniliquin Club's official referee and also an Association official referee, won considerable approbation for his smart handling of the remaining events after Harry Watts' departure for Melbourne at last month's Deniliquin meeting. Jack had a lot of coaching from Harry Watts in his first year or two at the sport and he has profited by that experience. His name has been suggested as a possible appointee for official duties during the Association Champion of Champions and International meeting next March.

Victorian Deauville Doubles Championship and the Western Districts of Victoria Double Barrel Championship listed for decision at Colac grounds (Vict.) on November 13 will provide an excellent double attraction. The Colac Club won a splendid reputation for its hospitality and general shoot arrangements on October 9. One prominent shooter described October 9 at Colac, “A great shoot, well managed, good trophies

and nothing wanting and that includes the feed.” November 13 programme is as advertised.

There is a wide divergence between that of a successful dirt track rider and a first class trapshot, but Victorian shooter, Cliff Bound looks like making a success of both. A few years ago he won fame on the dirt track when carried by a high powered motor cycle. Since retiring he has concentrated on the gun. His first championship at Colac (Vict.) last month was clear cut and he won generous applause for a fine exhibition. Cliff reckons gun sports are “a bit safer” than the circular dirt track.

Rockhampton Club (Qld.) recently appointed H. H. Whitmee as its Secretary in place of the late Ken Moffat. The latter met with fatal injuries a month or two back when engaged in his duties as a railwayman at Rockie. A great sportsman, very capable secretary and one who co-operated in every possible way with Association headquarters. Moffat's

Berrima District Gun Club - Bowral

11th DECEMBER, 1948

South Coast and Southern Tablelands of N.S.W.

Double Barrel Championship

Nomination 15/-. 20 Birds, 18 yards. First, Second and Third Trophies. Plus Best 12/13 yarder Trophy not in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.

Plus Optional Sweepstakes, 10/- and 40/-.

MINOR EVENTS

EVENT No. 1

5 BIRD DOUBLE BARREL EYE-OPENER, 10/-

EVENT No. 2

FIFTH ROUND OF CLUB TROPHY

Nomination 5/- Prize to Best 12/13 yarder.

EVENT No. 3

15 BIRD DOUBLE BARREL HANDICAP

Nom. 25/-. £25 in Prize Money, and Optional Sweep. £2

EVENT No. 5 (Time Permitting)

6 PAIRS DOUBLE-RISE and Optional Sweep. 30/-

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Saturday, 27th November, 1948

**Roy Chenall Memorial Trophy
and
£25 Handicap**

CHRISTMAS SHOOT — CHRISTMAS SHOOT

SATURDAY, 18th DECEMBER, 1948.

NOVEL EVENTS

SEASONAL TROPHIES

Afternoon Tea and Cartridges available on ground.

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President.

J. D. NEENAN, Act. Hon. Secty,
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Launceston, Tasmania.

passing is a great loss. Sincere sympathy and regret is extended to Ken's relatives and his club.

Bob O'Day ("Tambo"), Tom Lloyd and Hy Humphries journeyed from Swift's Creek in East Gippsland to attend the Colac shoot last month. Certainly a long journey for a one day shoot—all however, thoroughly enjoyed the outing. The two latter named are newcomers to the sport. Bob O'Day is one of the main sponsors of the new Tambo Valley Club.

Eric McRae, the popular manager of Radio 7HO Hobart, and former honorary secretary of the Hobart Club, recently, in one of his most sportive moods, queried the Association handicappers, as to the reason for his being moved back from 12 yards to 13 yards on the Association list. Whether the handicappers "knew something" or otherwise is debatable. Apparently the move has been beneficial to Eric, for at last month's big meeting at Hobart, he outstayed a field of nearly 60 to win the final event on the programme at single barrel. Congratulations to a good sportsman.

O. H. Middleton has taken over the secretaryship of the Molong (NSW) Club in place of D. P. Leslie. The latter has disposed of his business interests at Molong.

John Houston, secretary at Hay (NSW) has received A.C.P.T.S.A. approval to stage the N.S.W. Double-rise Championship for 1948 at Hay on December 11. The Hay Club recently secured a return of its ground from a Government department and is establishing a complete new layout on the local Showgrounds. A £25 handicap will follow the championship. Harry Watts has been engaged as referee. A good muster of Riverina and Melbourne shooters is expected to take part. The programme is as advertised in this issue.

A good many moons have passed by since we heard from Yallourn-Morwell Club (Vict.). Recently Len Savage the pre-war secretary, wrote advising of his club's intention to get going again. Many young local shooters have given indication of their interest. The Yallourn-Morwell Club

functioned very successfully prior to the war time recess and there is no reason at all for its not being equally successful in the future. Len Savage is a most capable and experienced official and under his guidance the club at "Brown Coal Headquarters" will doubtless attract a lot of district and metropolitan support on its big days.

C. W. Plummer, Hargrave Park Club's treasurer, has forwarded several pictures of his club grounds and appointments. These will be reproduced in this journal at first opportunity. The club's shooting area is situated at Seven Hills.

Reuben Evans, the Goulburn (NSW) shot, is considered to be one of the fastest shooters in Australia's "Ma" State. When in his best form he fragments his targets to dust. Recently at Bowral he was "picking 'em up" so quickly that a few of his co-competitors asked him to "give the birds fair go and wait until they are at least 20 feet from the trap."

Falling from a building scaffolding two days before the South Coast and Southern Tablelands Championship at Bowral last month, the local shooter, Len North remarked after a couple of trial shots that "I don't think I can stand 20 shots today, my shoulder blades are too sore." Coerced into putting in an entry he ultimately ran out winner 18/20. The club has a £50 handicap listed for next month. It has been suggested to him that another fall from a plank may induce history to repeat itself.

During the afternoon tea adjournment at Coonabarabran Championship meeting on October 18, the Club President, Mr. Tom Bradley, presented a life membership of the club badge to C. R. Moore.

The Dandenong shooter, Joe Kirkham, raced in the "Club's colours"—all white—at the Australian C. T. Club's meeting on October 23. Joe is an ardent cricketer as well as being quite a good shot over the automatic trap. It appears he was picked to play the white flannel game and going into bat early, put up quite a creditable score before being "caught behind." As his team was unlikely to

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

20 Pairs Clay Pigeons from 18 yards. Trophies for First
Second and Third. Optional Sweepstake.

SWEEPSTAKES TO FOLLOW

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have to field, without changing he grabbed his gun and made haste to East Burwood, hence many of his fellow sports considered him as a starter in "Club's Colours."

Members of the Australian Clay Target Club committee farewelled Geoff Rutledge at a late afternoon cocktail party at Scott's Hotel, Melbourne, on Friday, October 29. A pioneer in the sport of clay pigeon shooting in Australia, a foundation member of the Nobel Club and a member of the first Australian International team in 1939, Geoff has been transferred to Brisbane as Queensland General Manager of I.C.I.A.N.Z. Ltd. His transfer is certainly Queensland's gain and Victoria's loss—Southern shooters generally wish him well and look forward to the day of his return.

The Australian Club's forthcoming meetings are advertised in this issue. The famous "Duke of Gloucester"—the original of which is valued £150—will be contested again for the first time since pre-war on November 20. This contest will be at 15 birds. On December 4 the Club Double-rise Championship at 10 pairs from 16 yards is listed. The Christmas Shoot on December 18 promises to be something special.

Footscray Club will stage the Commonwealth Skeet Championship on December 4. This will be the first Association title contest staged by Footscray and the Club is making a special effort to ensure it being a big success. The event was originally allocated to Leeton (NSW) but the latter Club decided to forego it.

Coburg Club's next programmes are as listed in the advertising section of this issue. Ten birders comprise the main events on each day. The Christmas Shoot on December 11 is expected to be a masterpiece in good things—so keep this in mind.

Tasmanian Gun Club's President, Bill Rainbird, recently donated 15 minutes radio time to his Club over Station 7LA Launceston. The donation coincided with the shooting of the Commonwealth Deauville Doubles Championship at St. Leonards. The station sent its wire recording out to the ground. Winning shooters were

interviewed, together with other personalities and statements were later broadcast over the station in its sporting session the same night. The idea was a great success and did much to boost the Tasmanian Gun Club's activities to residents of Launceston and district.

Neil Frith's recent 74/75 effort at Hobart has brought him many congratulations from members of his own club at Launceston and the local sportsmen. You could not break Neil off from clay pigeon shooting now under any circumstances.

Seventy-year-old Ted Casey, who combined successfully with young J. Blake, to win the Commonwealth Deauville Doubles title recently, has been shooting in rare form in recent weeks. A few weeks ago he won the Northern Tasmanian District Championship decided on his home grounds at Cressy. Usually a good speaker, Ted, did not face up the the barrier with his usual certainty when the broadcasting outfit interviewed him after his latest big win. Ted reckons he'd sooner have to face the job of winning over again than "spruik into the mike." Keep up the good shooting Ted.

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English and European Championship

The 45th annual championship meeting was held at Bisley Camp, Brookwood, Woking, on July 22, 23 and 24. Whilst the English Open Championship formed the opening event at 100 birds on the first day, the meeting was augmented by two further 100 bird events. The first 200 counted towards the European Championship on the second day and the final 100 (making 300 in all) for the World Championship on the last day. The occasion was a special one, as the meeting was run by the English C.P. Association in conjunction with the Olympic Games—although officially not part of them. It had the blessing of the International Shooting Union which now controls all Continental clay pigeon shooting interests, having divorced itself from other forms of shooting. The entries were only limited by the size of the lay-out available and by difficulties of travel which prevented a number of foreign visitors from taking part.

None the less, visitors did come from Norway, Greece, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium, Poland, France, Egypt and the Argentine. The first two named countries also entered teams for the international team event.

The main prize winners were: English Open Championship, (100 birds), Major H. Aasnaes, O.B.E. (Norway) 98/100; S. T. Rimmer (Lancashire) 96, C. Lucas (London) 96 (after tie shoot); E. Fear (Yorkshire) 93; E. Ormiston (Scotland) 93 (after tie shoot); W. T. Jones (Wales) 92; P. Catterall (Lancs.) 92; Baron C. Palmstierna (Sweden) 92; P. Stanbury (Middlesex) 92; L. T. Field (Yorks.) 92; S. Helling (Norway) 92; T. H. Hughes (London) 92; L. S. Boyland (Hants.) 92; and K. Gresvig (Norway) 92 (after tie shooting, in order named).

European Championship (200 birds), S. T. Rimmer (Lancs.) 194; Major Aasnaes 192; P. Catterall 191; E. Fear

191 (after tie); W. T. Jones 189; C. Lucas 188; Baron Palmstierna 187; P. Stanbury 187; E. Ormiston 187; T. H. Hughes 187 (after tie). The above comprised the shooting on the opening day.

The second day scores were: (100 birds), H. B. Pitt (Northumberland) 97; W. E. Harris (Kent) 96; N. Moe (Norway) 96; E. Horlock (Wilts.) 96, (after tie); A. Fichet (Belgium) 95; E. With (Norway) 95; F. Kelly (Wales) 95; J. Stewart (Scotland) 95; R. D. Browning (Dorset) 94; E. Jenkins (Essex) 94 (after tie).

World Championship (300 birds), Major H. Aasnaes (Norway) 291/300; P. Catterall (Lancs.) 289; E. Fear 287; S. T. Rimmer 287 (after tie); W. T. Jones 286; P. Stanbury 284; W. E. Harris 282; T. H. Hughes 280; Baron Palmstierna (Sweden) 280; L. T. Field 280.

Special 100 bird event: A. G. Clark (Essex) 97/100, D. T. Jones (Wales) 96; Wing-Cdr. W. Kolaczowski, D.F.C. (Poland) 95; P. E. Linardakis (Greece) 94; J. Roger (Argentine) 93; H. Simmons (Wales) 93, (after tie shoot); P. Horsfall (Denbigh) 91; L. S. Boyland (Hants.) 90; J. Wheeler (Yorks.) 90; C. E. Horne (Oxon.) 90.

Team Event, (300 birds per team member teams of six, five best scores

to count) England "A" 1,400/1,500, first; Wales "B" 1,387.

Prizes were later distributed at the Charing Cross Hotel, London, by Miss Dolores Gray, the star of the London production of "Annie Get Your Gun" (Reprinted by exclusive permission of the Editor, British Shooting Times).



Final Championship of Scotland, 1948

Among many interesting items received recently from the Secretary, Scottish Clay Pigeon Association, was his very warm thanks on behalf of all Scottish shooters for the parcels forwarded to members of his Association. He also mentions, "If conditions in the International field do not become desperate, we may see an improvement in the numbers qualifying for our District Finals and Grand Final next year. It is Scotland's turn to house the International but in view of Ireland's better food position they have asked us, informally, to consider going there next year."

"Congratulations on the very good performance of your team in the recent International—if the conditions had been twenty guns to count you would have been third, as it is, I think your team has every reason to be very satisfied."

Winning 20 in the Final Championship of Scotland shot at Stirling are appended. (Scores were not included).

J. Ponton (Argyll) first, T. McLellan (Killearn) and M. Snodgrass (Inchinnan) were equal second, W. Fenton (Kirriemuir), fourth, A. J. McLeod (Laggan) fifth, equal sixth were W. Grant (Alyth), A. J. McGregor (Dalnacardoch), and equal eighth J. Tait (Sauchieburn), J. Spiers (Argyll), J. Buchanan (Alloa), Donald Lamont (Blair Athol) tenth, equal 12th R. A. Brown (Lossiemouth), J. A. Guthrie (Alyth) equal 14th, W. Loudon (Balfour), T. Sim (New Pittligo), 16th was E. Ormiston (Newtonmore), 17th J. Gillies (Berwick), equal 18th R. Kemp (Dunblane) and W. R. Kinner (Dundee), and 20th J. Snodgrass (Inchinnan).

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THE EAGLE'S DILEMMA

(By "Willo" Hanran, Townsville, Q.)

On Saturday morning, 11th September, accompanied by a companion Alf Everett, I motored to the Club's Shooting Grounds at Cromarty, for one of the final duck shoots of the present season. On arrival, after a leisurely and uneventful run, camp was prepared for the overnight stay, lunch taken and we lazed about until 2 p.m.—the fixed time for the preparation of all positions and the placing of decoys. By this time nine other parties had arrived. At the appointed hour, all moved to the swamp and were busy for the next hour or so erecting cover and spreading the decoys.

A description of the decoy here will be helpful. They are of the home-made, floating, non-capsizable type, cedar wood bottoms, Rexine Cloth uppers, kapok filling, with a 3 foot length of cord line and 2 oz. anchor attached (for mooring) affixed to underside by means of a stout screw eye; a total weight of 13 ozs. The finished article a life-like representation of our popular black duck,

realistic enough to deceive an eagle, as later events will prove.

With the job completed, a return to camp was made, tea prepared and five of us sat down together, three others having joined us in the meantime. As we dined and "yarned," I noticed a huge White-headed Sea-eagle, soaring in from the sea, approaching the swamp from the western end, at a height of about 150 feet, on reconnaissance. As he proceeded, ibis, water-rail, spur-wing, plover and all the lesser "fry" dived for cover in wild confusion. Making a full run, he returned and commenced a second run at lower altitude and lesser speed. Approaching my decoys, he slowed down, (here I remarked to the tea-party, "It is goodbye to one of my decoys, boys. I've had two similar experiences with members of his family and the same decoys.")

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effortless ease into a strong head-wind, with the attached line and anchor swaying wildly. I viewed the departure with many regrets and even more speculation. How I longed to be sitting beneath him in my blind and "to line his ribs with lead" in the same way as I did his relatives twice previously. Fifty yards further on he banked for a right hand turn.

circles, on one wing and the decoy trailing from the other, with Ken in hot pursuit, slushy mud flying in all directions and the writer enjoying the fun. Ken secured him by the wing and I came over and took the other. With beak and claws he fought furiously, but soon he was safely secured. Together we subjected him to a searching examination,



As he did so the swaying line and anchor fouled the left wing between the body and first joint. He was in trouble immediately, and his frantic efforts to remain aloft, combined with determination to retain his grip on his imaginary meal only added to his difficulties by still further entanglement. Thus handicapped, he lost altitude rapidly, crab-wise, and came down in a spectacular crash-landing in slushy mud at the eastern end of the swamp. Abandoning the half-finished meal, I reached for my gun and a few shells, and set off at the double to retrieve the decoy and dispatch the marauder. Approaching the scene of disaster, I noticed another sport (Ken Miskin) coming from the opposite side. He arrived first. The thief by this time had released his hold on his inanimate enemy, but the anchor line was still firmly wound round his wing. As we approached he made a final effort at escape. Off he went in semi-

the outcome of which enabled me to complete the details of this unique capture. Triumphant we returned to camp, where several photographs were taken and wing-spread (6'4") measured. This completed, the decoy was restored to its original position, and the thief consigned to a box for despatch to Townsville. At the moment of writing, he is a captive at Mount St. John Private Zoo, near Townsville.

Extraordinary as they appear, these are the facts which can be verified by eight other eye witnesses, and the accompanying photograph.

Fate was very unkind to him, I thought. From a number of decoys he had to select one whose mooring line had only been renewed a day previously, the breaking strain of which was equal to the efforts of one three times his size.

The ensuing duck shoot was a wash-out. The proverbial "feed" being the bag for the majority.

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2630 Archer C. (Junn.) (Ch. Towers)	15	1641 Garrone, Gus (Coburg)	16
2631 Archer, G. (Charters Towers)	14	1824 Garrone, P. (Coburg)	16
3373 Atkinson, Jim (Sale)	12	626 Gibbs, W. (Griffith)	14
2609 Atkinson, M. (Sale)	15	2426 Haddow, D. (Coburg)	15
2633 Ball, S. (Charters Towers)	17	1962 Hallam, Ivor (Hobart)	17
3287 Bramley, M. (Colac)	12	3378 Harrison, A. (Sale)	12
2599 Brown, F. E. (Aust.)	20	3318 Kerr, L. (Colac)	14
2968 Butler, K. (Charters Towers)	14	3284 Lane, J. (Colac)	12
3288 Callanan, L. (Colac)	12	3319 Lewis, G. (Colac)	12
2957 Colless, V. H. (Charters Towers)	14	3255 Lodge, J. (Benalla)	13
3154 Cook, G. (Wangaratta)	14	3122 Lowe, A. J. (Hobart)	14
2071 Corstorphane, D. (Colac)	14	3322 Meek, T. (Colac)	12
2967 Crago, N. (Charters Towers)	14	3067 Mitchell, M. (Charters Towers)	13
3007 Cram, P. (Coburg)	13	2504 Morgan, W. R. (Hobart)	18
3269 Dean, C. (Wangaratta)	14	3321 Morrissey, D. (Colac)	12
3324 Eldridge, A. (Colac)	14	1927 North, L. (Berrima)	15
3320 Eldridge, F. (Colac)	12	3152 Plum, J. (Benalla)	12
3323 Eldridge, H. (Colac)	14	116 Poxon, A. E. (Tasman)	20
3188 Ferrier, P. (Roma)	12	2347 Pumpa, J. (Holbrook)	14
123 Frith, N. (Tasman)	14	222 Saville, T. J. (St. James)	15
		1928 Shepherd, G. H. (Berrima)	15
		2977 Simpson, G. (Colac)	14
		2771 Sullivan, O. (Berrima)	14
		3379 Williams, Geo (Sale)	13
		3204 Wise, J. E. (Wangaratta)	14
		3375 Woodland, K. (Sale)	12

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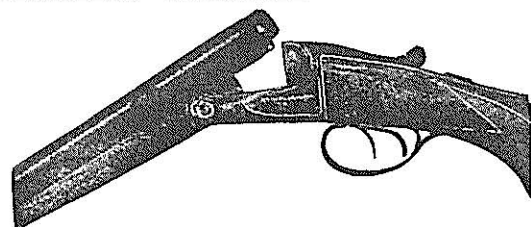
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3397 Crossley, J. E. (Colac) .. 12	3395 Inglis, Angus (Colac) .. 13
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The following shooters have been approved as official Association Referees. These shooters have passed a prescribed written test and will shortly be issued with Official Association Referee Certificates.

A number of others applied for Examination Papers but did not complete paper in prescribed period, or failed to return same, these have been excluded and cannot be considered for test until another course is arranged. Official referees who permit unregistered shooters to compete, are unregistered themselves, or belong to un-affiliated clubs, automatically disqualify themselves as Association referees.

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Lionel Bibby's trick shooting with the rifle and automatic a few years back are recalled with interest in the comments of the newspapers at West Wyalong and Temora (N.S.W.). The latter town scribe describes Mr. Bibby's exhibition as a display of dexterity, speed, accuracy and trick shooting such as Temora have not before witnessed. Lionel with a Colt automatic twice drilled a tin thrown in the air before it reached the ground. He later ripped the head off a safety match, smashed a small glass ball held by a spectator, grazed the cigarette ash from a smoking on-looker and split a visiting card edgewise on, all at a distance of about 12 feet. Later he jerked bullets into the air by means of the extractor and "potted" them before hitting the ground. (Lionel in that form would be a very awkward customer to meet in a tight corner!—Ed.).



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U.S.A. Shooting

Our American correspondent, Mr. Rex Miles, Secretary of the Washington State Trapshooting Association, makes the following interesting points in his latest article. "Trapshooting is a big sport in this country. The Grand American Handicap, which ran all one week recently is the World's greatest shoot. Last year we had over two thousand competitors and nearly as many this year. At our Inland Championship our program calls for 700 "clay pigeons" per man and that is a lot of birds to throw.

Under the American system we shoot once at a target, even in double shooting you are not allowed to shoot both barrels at the same bird. That

is, if you miss the first bird you have to shoot at the second bird with the second barrel, it is strictly one shot at one bird. In England they use two barrels on a bird, in my estimation this is "poor stuff"—I feel I should know as I am familiar with both systems. I do not think, that at this time, it is advisable to talk of shooting a match, let us wait until your boys have had more practice. Enclosed is picture of the American Trapshooting Association grounds at Vandalia, Ohio, during the shooting of the Grand American Handicap. This ground has 36 traps in line (all auto-angle)—22 are visible in the picture."