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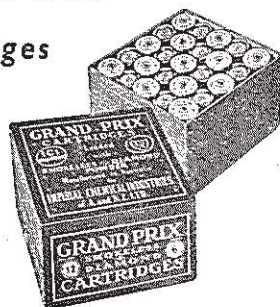
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The Townsville-Roma combination, winners of the Australian Teams' Championship at East Burwood on 12/3/49. L. to R.: Newton Thomas, D. D. Mackay, Jim Smith (all of Townsville Club), and Keith Cameron (Roma Q.).

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The Editor's Notebook



It was fortunate that many weeks of thoughtful pre-shoot organisation had been completed before last month's A.C.P.T.S.A. big week-end of shooting was disposed of. The record field of over 150 lined up at three automatic traps at East Burwood (V.) on Saturday, March 12, when the 1949 Champion of Champions Cup (Australian National Championship) provided a thorough test.

The handling of the "traffic" by officials was a masterly effort, and the first squad toed the mark on No. 1 track; simultaneously the second and third squads, on the similarly numbered grounds, just after 9 a.m. Shooting went without a hitch, and the grand total of thirty-one squads had completed the assignment of the full complement of birds allotted just after 5.30 p.m. Special congratulations are extended to Fred. Burns, of Footscray (V.), for his splendid win in the sixty birder. He covered all his birds, with the exception of the 57th — which he heavily dusted with both barrels — and returned the score of 59/60. It was his third win in the event.

The runner-up, Essendon shooter, J. A. McCraith, is due for warm congratulation also. He is one of the unluckiest sportsmen ever to contest the event. His record shows him as runner-up on the last four occasions! His will be a popular win, should he "break the ice" in any of the immediate future years.

A newcomer to International contests in R. (Dick) Redpath, of Hobart (Tas.), gained the coveted High-Gun honours in the International Match on March 14. Redpath just missed out gaining a place in the 1948 International Team, and again had to stage a strenuous tie shoot before

gaining his place this year. Once the strain of "netting in" was over, Redpath shot with consummate ease and brilliance, to record 97/100.

Again the unlucky J. A. McCraith (he was International High-Gun with 98/100 in 1949) was second, with 97/100.

The great encouragement and support given by the shooting sportsmen of Australia to the series just completed will rebound with enthusiasm among A.C.P.T.S.A. officials. Already discussions are under way for extending to a fourth shooting track, which would allow for up to 200 competitors to shoot in the sixty-birder without inconvenience.

Many shooters are already looking forward to the A.C.P.T.S.A. King's Birthday holiday shoot, when the now popular A.C.P.T.S.A. Intermediate Championship and First Grand Australian Handicap will be staged. The latter contest will be at 45 birds per man, from Association handicaps. Full details appear in the advertising section. Scores of competitors in the recent series appear elsewhere in this issue.

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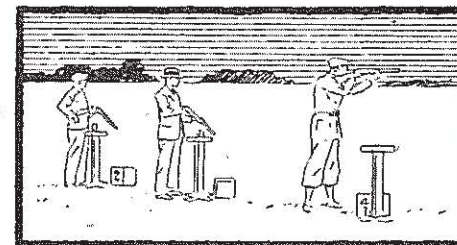
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AROUND THE CLUBS AND MEETINGS...



GOULBURN (N.S.W.). — Shooters from four States competed in the opening shoot of the Goulburn Club at Mummell recently. Rain, unfortunately, upset the arrangements somewhat, but the meeting was, nevertheless, most successful. The main event, a £100 Handicap, at 20 birds, attracted 50 shooters. The winner was A. Bennett, of Brisbane (Q.), with a score of 18/20. W. R. Johns (Melbourne), C. Wise (Wangaratta), Bruce Hill. (Haberfield), E. Brice (Canowindra), and Cec. Medway, of Gunning, shared second and third prize money, each 17/20. The 12/14 yadders' trophy was taken by C. Wise. R. W. Picker, of Bigga (N.S.W.), won the trophy shoot, 12/12, from Mal. Fuller (Sydney), 11/12, and H. Picker (Bigga, N.S.W.), 8/9. A compulsory division was declared in a three bird sweep-stake, and those in the cut were: J. Thomas (Hornsby), E. Brazenall (Punchbowl), A. Bennett, N. Thomas (Sydney), E. Brice, Bruce Hill, A. Campbell (Bathurst), R. Evans (Goulburn), J. Corcoran (Peak Hill), and Sid. Lamb (Goulburn). Alex. Palmer, of Bowral, was referee, and his decisions met with universal approval. Sid. Lamb, the club secretary, who has been mainly responsible for the establishment of the Goulburn Club, was warmly thanked by the president, Mr. H. R. Heat, when presenting the awards won at the shoot. The club's next shoots will be advertised in this publication.

ROMA (Q.). — The Roma Club's latest results are: No. 1, 5 birds, S.B.C.R.: Fletcher 5/5, K. F. Cameron 4/5. No. 2 5 Bird Double-Barrel points: K. Bassett 10/10, M. F. Cameron and Keith Cameron 8/10. No. 3, 10 Birds, Trophy Event: K. Bassett 19/20, Dr. W. W. Feather and C. R. Fletcher 17/20. No. 4, 5 Birds, Walk-up: J. Flower 3/5, K. Cameron and Fletcher 3/6. No. 5, 5 Birds, S.B.: C. S. Mitchell 5/5, K. Cameron 4/5. No. 6, 5 Birds: S. B. C. S. Mitchell 5/5. No. 7, (same): K. Bassett and C. R. Fletcher 8/9, K. Cameron 7/9. No. 8, Miss-out, S.B.: D. Fletcher and J. Flower 3/4. A ladies' practice shoot resulted in a win for Mrs. M. F. Cameron, from Mrs. N. H. Dillon. The shoot was held on the Roma racecourse grounds.

WANGARATTA (V.). — Forty-five shooters graced the spacious Wangaratta grounds recently, when the club staged a £25 handicap as its main contest in a six-event programme. The visitors included shooters from Goorambat, Holbrook (N.S.W.), Albury (N.S.W.), Burrumbuttock (N.S.W.), Benalla and Coburg. Results were:—No. 1, 5 Birds, Div.: J. Duell (Wangaratta), H. R. Donnelly, C. Wise, G. L. Bragg (N.S.W.), R. Plunkett (N.S.W.), C. E. Etches. No. 2, President's Trophy, 15 Birds: Won by A. Bailey (Glenrowan) 25/25, C. E. Etches 24/25, G. Walker 19/20. Optional sweep-stake was divided by the place-getters. No. 3, £25 Handicap, 10 Birds: Div., J. Lodge (Benalla), S. Cordy

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Event No. 2

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(Wangaratta) 10/10, third, div. G. Walker, C. Wise, R. English, A. Bailey, C. Pressley, R. Grossman, J. Duell, and G. L. Bragg, each 9/10. No. 4, 3 Pairs, Deauville Doubles: Div. W. Finnegan (St. Kilda), A. Bailey (Glenrowan), L. Plum-G. Diamond (Benalla), Alex. Burns-B. J. Matheson (Wangaratta), T. Saville (Goorambat) - C. Wise (Wangaratta) 3/3. No. 5, Miss-out: Div. W. Finnegan, Reg. Plunkett (Bowna, N.S.W.), Arch. Burns and C. Wise 7/7. No. 6, Miss-out, from 27 yds.: Div. G. Cook, A. Burns, and Reg. Plunkett 3/3.

WONGABRI (N.S.W.).—The Wongabri meeting near Bowral late in February saw the veteran Queenslander, Clive Evans (Warwick), add another title to his long list. This was the South Coast and Southern Tablelands single-barrel event. Evans won outright 18/20. Results were:—No. 1 Club Trophy: A. L. Ray (Camden) 15/15, N. Rogley (Sydney) (2), with R. W. Picker and G. Shepherd (Bowral) equal third. No.

2, Championship: C. Evans 18/20, Newton Thomas (formerly of Townsville, but now of Sydney) 17/20, G. Waite, J. Berry (Hornsby), A. L. Ray and W. McCloy (Wollongong) equal third 15/20. The club was favoured with fine weather, and had the best attendance for some time—35 guns.

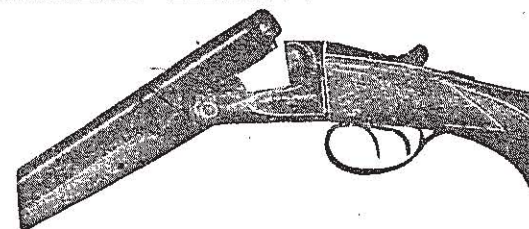
YARRAM (V.).—Events at Yarram at recent shoot results:—No. 1, 5 Birds, Points: Ted English 10/10 points. No. 2, 5 Birds, S.B.: Div., R. Barlow and F. Dempsey 5/5. No. 3, 3 Pairs, Double-rise: Div. A. J. Morris and G. Parkinson 3/3 pairs. No. 4, 4 Pairs Deauville Doubles: Div. Les. Elston-F. Barlow, P. Barlow-Ken. Thomas and W. Albert-Wrecker, 4/4 pairs. No. 5, 10 Birds: F. Graham, H. Nicol, A. Manser, F. Dempsey, R. Barlow and R. T. Barlow, each 10/10, div. No. 6, 3 Birds, Walk-up: Div. J. Stares and F. Dempsey 5/5. No. 7, Miss-out, Skeet Conditions: S. R. Livingstone 7/7, F. R. Glover 6/7.

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Event No. 2

10 BIRD DOUBLE BARREL HANDICAP

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 12 yds., Trophies

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ELTHAM (V.)—(5th) No. 1, 5 birds, div. "Gippsland," C. Thorne and C. Martin, 5/5. No. 2, 5 birds walk-up, "Pampas," 4/5. No. 3, 10 birds, "Gippsland," 13/14. No. 4, 5 birds, S.B., "Gippsland," 4/5. No. 5, 3 pairs, Double-rise, "Pampas," 2/4. No. 6, 5 pairs, D'ville Doubles, "Oigle" and M. Squire, 5/5. (19th) No. 1, 5 birds walk-up, div., E. A. Borley and A. H. Brenk, 5/5. No. 2, 10 birds, L. Gray, 10/10; A. Smith, 12/13; Ben Taylor, 11/12. No. 3, 5 pairs, double-rise, A. H. Brenk, 5/6 pairs; John Bryant, 4/6. No. 4, 5 pairs, D'ville doubles, E. Rogers and J. O'Brien, 7/7 pairs.

FOOTSCRAY (V.)—(26th) No. 1, 5 birds, D.B., div., "Double-H," Loch Finlay, C. Sydenham and P. Willis, 9/9. No. 2, 10 birds, D.B., E. Rogers, 25/25; C. Sydenham, 24/25; K. Love-ridge, 20/21. No. 3, 10 birds, D.B., W. Squires, 16/16; W. F. Williams, 15/16; "Santa," 13/14.

COBURG (V.)—(5th) No. 1, 5 birds, div., C. Mudford, W. R. Morgan (Hobart), K. Cross (Gillandra) and G. Biggs, 10/10. No. 2, 10 birds, S.B., K. Cross (N.S.W.), 11/11; J. H. Headland, 11/12; A. C. Tie, 12/13, 14 yarder; H. Douglas, 10/12. No. 3, 10 birds, C. Mudford, 16/16; R. Langshaw, 15/16; W. F. Williams, 14/15. (19th) No. 1, 5 birds, "Ingi," 8/8. No. 2, 20 birds, D.B., "Blackie," 19/20; "Peters," 18/20; L. Small, 19/22. No. 3, 5 birds, R. Redpath (Hobart), 6/6; J. A. McCraith, 5/6. No. 4, 5 birds, div., K. Steedman and "Peters," 8/8. No. 5, off fence, div., R. Redpath and "Ingi," 6/6.

CAMBERWELL (V.)—(5th) No. 1, 5 birds, div., L. Byrne, O. Davies, "Apex" and "Dick," 5/5. No. 2, 10 birds, J. R. Meehan, 10/11; "Dick," 12/14; "Eskdale," 11/14. No. 3, 5 birds, div., C. S. Bromfield and R. Longmore, 5/5. No. 4 (same), L. L. Schilling, 5/5. No. 5 (same, points), div., Meehan and Longmore, 10/10 points. No. 6, 5 birds, J. R. Meehan, 5/5. No. 7, miss-out, "Dick," 8/8. (19th) No. 1, 5 birds, div., G. R. Cummins, J. McInnes, D. Haddow and F. P. Park, 5/5. No. 2, 10 birds, F. P. Park, 13/16; J. R. Meehan, 12/16;

C. Bromfield, 11/13. No. 3, 5 birds, K. McCrabb (Trafalgar), 15/15; A. J. Russell, 13/15. No. 4, 5 birds, S.B. div., Davies, L. Turner and C. Wignell, 5/5. No. 5, miss out, div., W. Lees and Davies. No. 6, miss out, G. Crocker, 5/5.

SALE (V.)—George Biggs added another championship to his rapidly expanding array when he won the Gippsland double-barrel title at Sale last month. Shot at 20 birds from 18 yards, Biggs won outright with the only 20 straight. Frank Tuck (Brighton) and Roy. Barlow of Yarram staged a tie shoot for the places (each had scored 18/20). Runner-up position eventually went to Barlow with Tuck third. A three bird, "gun warmer" was divided by "Pampas," "Oigle," "Tambo," F. Tuck, J. Yapp, T. J. Sandy, D. Young, C. Growcott, "Santa," J. Headland, F. Graham and Perce Tattersson. Motor boats were made available to visiting shooters on the Sunday and a number of sporting haunts were visited. The metropolitan visitors reckoned on the Sale outing as being one of the best yet and Sale's next meeting should be right up to the total of 60—the total which competed last month.

TASMANIAN GUN CLUB at Launceston held its annual meeting on March 8. The annual report — the tenth — revealed a continuing satisfactory position. The club has installed skeet lay-out, and this form of shooting, introduced for the first time in Tasmania, will add variety to the club's efforts. Short supplies and high costs are tending to keep progress to a minimum, but the enthusiastic band of officials are doing their utmost to improve the lot of the members and visiting shooters.

Hobart Gun Club

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

SHOOTING GROUND, BRIGHTON (TAS.).



7th MAY, 1949

(NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

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EVENT No. 2

5 BIRD DOUBLE BARREL HANDICAP SWEEPSTAKE

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C. H. JONES,
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144 Collins Street Hobart.

BENALLA (V.)—Results of last month's shoot at Benalla were: No. 1, 5 birds, trophy to C. Wise (Wangaratta), 11/11; attached sweepstake, div., L. Plum, C. Wise, G. Twamley, L. Guppy, J. H. Lodge and J. Plum. No. 2, 10 birds, trophy and first in sweepstakes, C. Wise, 10/10; S. Cordy, 12/13. No. 3, 5 birds, S.B. trophy to J. H. Lodge, 11/11, sweepstake, div., V. Ryan, J. Lodge and L. Plum. No. 4, walk-up miss out trophy, won by J. H. Lodge, 6/6.

AUSTRALIAN CLUB (East Burwood, V.)—The club's shoot on March 11 was attended by 109 shooters, including many who competed in the Champion of Champions Cup the following day. Only one 5 birder was completed and this was divided by H. R. Donnelly (Wangaratta), D. Forsyth (Tasmania), A. E. Goodear and Ray Matthews (Bowna). The second event, a 30 birder had to be carried on into the main handicap event on Monday, March 14 (Associa-

tion final day). It was again an Interstate triumph, all the five main trophies going to shooters outside Victoria. The results were: R. Redpath (Hobart), 43/43; J. C. Lindsay (Dubbo, N.S.W.), 42/43; Keith Cameron (Roma, Q.), 40/41; Alf. Allen (Deniliquin, N.S.W.), 36/37; Harold Anstee (Griffith, N.S.W.), 42/44. 13/14 yarder, C. Mudford (Preston, V.), 36/38; 12 yarder, Phil Duchatel (Griffith, N.S.W.), 32/34. (26th) No. 1, 3 pairs, double-rise, J. Bryant, 3/3 pairs; Club double-rise Championship, G. Biggs, 10/15 pairs; "Dick" (R. Wightman), 9/15; F. E. Brown, 12/17. 13/14 yarder, Geo. Clarke, 7/15. No. 3, 10 bird, D.B., G. Biggs, 27/27; F. Tuck, 26/27; R. Cummins, 17/18, 13/14 yarder; E. A. Borley, 11/12, 13 yarder; S. E. Smith, 9/10. No. 4, 5 bird, D.B., div., R. Longmore, F. Skate and Fred. Byres. No. 5 (same), div., C. Bromfield, "Dubbs," Longmore and Skate, 12/12.

Rockhampton Gun Club

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

WILL CONDUCT

THE 1949

Queensland D.B. Championship

MONDAY, 2nd MAY

FULL SUPPORTING PROGRAMME

H. H. WHITMEE,
Hon. Secretary.

After the Dinner

(By Harry Ball)

Late in the evening, some of the celebrants were gathered at the bar end of the building, singing in the manner real celebrants can. George, accompanied by Bert, walked into the room which was used as a servery. I quickly drew their attention to the notice nailed to the door: "Strictly no admittance." The notice had little effect on George, who remarked, "It's like this, 'Arry. In my hurry to get to the ground, I forgot to get my dogs' meat. Can you give me a few bones?" Pointing to a sea chest, into which the ham bones, turkey frames, and pork bones had been thrown, I invited George to help himself. Picking up a piece of skin, George inquired, "What is this, 'Arry?" I replied, indicating it was the skin covering the crop of the turkey — it held stuffing. "Smells good," retorted George.

Returning to the servery later, I was amazed to see no less than eleven stalwarts, each with a healthy malt and hop appetite, standing around the box, staging a "Cannibal Feast." George, I found, had cut the crop in strips, and was thoroughly enjoying it. The Abo., with his witchetty grubs, had nothing on him. Bert, with a hand gripping each end of the turkey frame, and tusk-like teeth tearing the remnants of the grizzly meat, whilst occasionally darting his tongue through a hole in the frame to get a final morsel of stuffing—was really having the meal of his dreams.

Vic., with penknife, stripping a ham bone; Ted, with a bread knife, digging pieces of meat from the backbone of Ollie's pig; Jack, with a ham shin, and others with pork bones, turkey finals, and parsons' noses, were cleaning them with the dexterity of a flock of famished starlings.

Holding the last of a turkey wing in his left and a liberal pinch of salt in the right, one husky voice, with a breath savouring of pickled onions, whispered, "My word, 'Arry, this was a good find; enjoying these bones as much as I did the dinner,

and that took some beating."

At this stage, it dawned upon me that when I visited the room earlier in the afternoon to see and arrange order for the dinner, a number of blowflies were in the scrap box, and I then promptly sprayed them and the contents with D.D.T. (They did not return.) Whilst the dinner was in progress, two additional uninvited guests, a black and a tabby, held their "Association" dinner in the same box. They were chased out by "Dubbs" dog, who, after having his fill, showed his appreciation by using the box as a lamp post.

I was rather concerned about the effect these things would have on the sundry diners. But, as they were just about to depart, after having cleaned the bones bare, I saw no useful purpose in giving them the facts, as they appeared to have enjoyed the impromptu supper so thoroughly. I did not want to upset their stomachs, and make more mess for "Dubbs" and his good army of workers to clean up. The old and familiar thought ran through my mind, "Ignorance is bliss, where it is folly to be wise."

At some inconvenience to myself, I visited the grounds again on Monday (March 14), mainly to see if these sportsmen were all right. Sure enough, they proved to be tougher than the blowflies, and had returned. Two of the eleven were actually shooting in the International, and, what's more, putting up good scores. On enquiring from some of the others concerned, I was informed that they had enjoyed the dinner, enjoyed the "cannibal feast," and really never felt better. Much relieved, I concluded that blowfly, D.D.T. and Carlo's Blessing is not such a bad mayonnaise after all!

(The foregoing, coming as it does from the pen of Harry Ball, one of the sturdiest workers behind the scenes at the recent Association dinner, provides an interesting sidelight not observed by those who sat under the bright lights throughout the evening.—Ed.)

"Tips" and "Tails"



King Island Club — situated in the centre of the stormy waters of Bass Strait — finds it difficult to keep up supplies. The latest misfortune in this regard is advised by Secretary George Turner, who mentions that no shooting has been possible, owing to the lack

of clays. Recently, after long negotiations, the club secured 1000. Unfortunately, these were left on the wharf in Melbourne, and, to make matters worse, this same boat has now gone into dry dock for four weeks! The island sports are taking it all in their stride, but are very disappointed.

Mackay postal official, W. E. Bell, writes: "Still in the land of no shooting here, and have not been to Townsville or Rockhampton for a long time, but living in hopes." (Shipping troubles appear to be the main cause for lack of supplies to North Queensland. The shipping firms apparently prefer what they term "more essential cargo."—Ed.)

From Arthur Lakes (Tas.), C. T. Fleming "wishes the Association all the best for 1949, good shooting and good sport; also wishes 'A.C.P.S. News' every success, and may it continue to grow, and grow ever more popular." (Many thanks, C.T.F.—we have similar hopes.—Ed.)

One-time treasurer of the Townsville Club, W. W. James, now resides in East Brisbane (Q.). In an interesting note to the Association recently, he mentioned that, "although 800 miles from Townsville and The Gang, 'The News,' I find, is my only means of following our shoots (apart from a letter now and again from Fred), and activities of other clubs and the Association. I didn't quite realise the value of 'News' while I was an active member at Townsville,

but now I'm more or less exiled here, I miss it very much — so make sure of my new address."

Fifteen-year-old Harvey Eldridge, of Alvie (V.), and sixteen-year-old Max Feldtmann (St. James) created something of a sensation by their brilliant shooting during the big Association meeting last month. Harvey actually secured a place in the International team. He is easily the youngest to achieve that honour. Both boys were presented with special trophies by the A.C.P.T.S.A. In the 60-birder, Eldridge scored 55/60 and Feldtmann 51/60 — remarkable efforts for such young sportsmen.

Wongabri G.C. (N.S.W.) will stage the New South Wales single-barrel championship on its Moss Vale grounds on N.S.W. Six Hour Holiday, October 3. The date has been approved by the A.C.P.T.S.A., and a big attendance should be certain.

W. J. Baker, of Invermay (T.), says: "Association 'Shooting News' is a great little paper, and very interesting."

Popular Woollahra sportsman, Tim Wright, and his travelling shooting companion, Bruce Hill, were not at the big meeting at East Burwood (V.) last month. Tim got his head and eye in the road of the arm of a plus trap recently, and has not re-

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covered fully as yet. Shooters throughout Australia will wish this young sportsman a quick return to normal health.

Clara Creek (Qld.) has affiliated and when supplies are available, this club intends sponsoring first-class shoots which will cater for visitors.

Lionel Bibby, Slazenger's firearms expert, has agreed to write his "1949 Reflections" on the recent Champion of Champions (Nat. title) and International Meeting at East Burwood. Those who enjoyed this capable writer's 1948 effort in this direction can look forward again to a "reflection" treat in May issue of this journal. Lionel entertained us at the Cathedral Hotel before returning to Sydney. Lionel in reflective mood is "entertainment plus," and this will be carried into print in May—Watch for it!

Pleasing to welcome Yallourn-Morwell Club back into the fold of affiliated units of the A.C.P.T.S.A. The club, with Len. Savage at the head of affairs, was one of the earliest clubs to join up with the governing body in the thirties.

Another youthful competitor in the recent Association big shoots was Ray Matthews, of Bowna (N.S.W.). Ray is a son of the popular Ted Matthews, of that Hume Weir-side village. Ray is still in his teens, and was noticed in division on Friday, March 11. He has the makings of a top-notch shot.

Latrobe G.C. (Tas.) will stage the North-Western Districts of Tasmania double-barrel championship, on its pleasant grounds at Latrobe on May 7. Supplies are rather short, but the club hopes to be in a satisfactory position in this regard in time for the championship meeting. The similar single-barrel title is listed for decision during the spring, either in October or November.

S. J. O'Shea, the newly appointed secretary at St. George, is disappointed his club has not been included in the 1949 championship allocation of major titles. The facts are

that no application was received at Association headquarters. It appears that at least three letters have gone astray. It has frequently been noted that interstate officials are at times prone to addressing letters to the Association, giving the city as their own State capital.

Sportsmen on the mainland and also throughout the Apple Isle will regret to learn that Hobart Club committeeman, Claude Abel, has found it necessary to relinquish his seat on account of ill-health. Claude is a most popular sportsman, and all will wish him a speedy return to his best form, both with the gun and his health. He is an honorary Association Vice-President, and was the first secretary of the Tasmanian Gun Club at Launceston.

At Parkes (N.S.W.), enthusiasm is growing for the resumption of the sport of clay pigeon shooting in that very sporting provincial centre.

R. W. Elliott, who was at one time a member of the Wellington Club (N.S.W.), recently forwarded a good budget of registrations. Elliott served with the R.A.A.F. during the war, and during a brief stay in Melbourne in the early stages of the war, competed at Bentleigh grounds of the Nobel Club. He won the main event on that occasion. Like so many other pre-war sportsmen-servicemen, Elliott is keen to retain his original number, which was 1471. This number was not re-issued, therefore Elliott retains the number.

Clerk of Courts at Casino (N.S.W.), Bill Richardson, is still toying with the idea of forming a club in that town. Lack of supplies has greatly hampered the enthusiasm of the small band Bill has around him. Bill is anxious to get hold of a few boxes of "tracer" cartridges to train a few of the local sports. So if any shooter has a few available, Bill will be pleased to hear all about them.

Hobart secretary has the distinction of forwarding the record bunch of registrations in one letter, i.e., 48. These, combined with 22 in another consignment from Bob Ferris at Jerilderie, made for quite an interesting

evening's work! By the way, at Jerilderie, the lay-out is on the local racecourse. The background is as clear as crystal (on a fine day). Bob claims that Jerilderie's lay-out will be second to none when completed. The first big event to be shot there will be the N.S.W. Mixed Birds title.

The following is reproduced from a newspaper dated December last:—"Casualties on both sides have registered high since the U.S.A. game shooting season opened a few weeks back. So far, 111 hunters have been killed in shooting accidents, and at least 100 have died from excitement, drowning, over-exertion or car crashes."

Mitchell Club (Q.) will shoot the S.Q. Queensland S.B. title on June 12 and the S.W. Queensland Walk-up title on June 13.

Coburg Club (V.) will shoot its club single-barrel championship on April 30, followed by the Metropolitan single-barrel title on May 14.

W. J. (Willo) Hanran has been appointed president of the famed Townsville Gun Club in North Queensland. Regarded as the best referee Queensland has produced, Hanran has deputised for some years for the former president, W. J. James. The latter has been in ill-health for that period. Hanran's appointment, both as president and official club referee, reveals something of the confidence northern shooters have in this fine sportsman. He was elected as a member of the club first in 1918, to the club committee in 1922, and has held this seat in an unbroken sequence ever since. In 1938, the appointment of referee was added. He was also elected a life member of the club in 1947. "Willo" considers the dual office of official referee and president will take some handling, but northerners know just how capable he is of carrying out his duties in the dual role. Hanran was elected an honorary vice-president of the A.C.P.T.S.A. a few years back, and he has retained this honour, re-nominated by his club,

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Laurie Tewksbury, Melbourne Gun Club's president, recently joined up as a Life Registered Shooter with the A.C.P.T.S.A. Laurie was, during a great deal of the war period, an Executive Committee member of the Association.

Allan Manser has taken over the secretaryship of the Albury Field Shooters' Club, in place of Jack Butson. The latter has retired owing to ill-health. Allan is a capable administrator and should serve the border city club very well.

Another club in Victoria's north-eastern country is announced with the affiliation of the Glenrowan and District Gun Club, with headquarters at Glenrowan. With many active surrounding clubs, like Wangaratta, St. James, Benalla and other centres, Glenrowan should have a bright future.

Lionel Bibby's "Gunsmoke" appears in another section of this issue. Lionel wrote this article some ten years ago, but notwithstanding its approach to the "sear and yellow" it retains the Bibby touch throughout. Incidentally, Lionel is not looking forward to the possibility of a couple of months in hospital. On his arrival from Melbourne recently he was thankful that Newton Thomas was on hand to take over matters generally. Lionel sends his regards to all "the gang in Melbourne."

Deniliquin Club's big meeting over Easter Saturday and Easter Monday, April 16 and 18, seems certain to attract a record field. The entertainment arranged for Sunday, April 17, promises to be something right out of the ordinary. Shooters intending to visit the big Riverina centre should hesitate no longer if they hope to secure accommodation. Leo Ridge, club secretary, at 49 Cressy Street, Deniliquin, is sufficient address for accommodation details.

Finley club (N.S.W.) will shoot the Riverina single-barrel championship on its home grounds at Finley on Saturday, May 7. The club was intending to shoot either on April

23 or 30, but both these dates were considered unsatisfactory owing to the opening of the football season and also the closeness to the big meeting at Deniliquin.

The A.C.P.T.S.A. annual full-day shoot on King's Birthday holiday, June 13, again promises to be one of the highlights of the shooting season. The main events will be the Association Intermediate Championship, to be followed by the First Grand Australian Handicap. The first-named event will be open only to shooters whose Association handicap does not exceed 16 yards. The "Grand Australian" will be shot under single-barrel conditions. Full details will be advertised in next month's issue of this publication.

Shooters everywhere will share the deep regret of all sportsmen in the recent announcement of the passing of veteran Dugald Stevenson, of Barramunga. He was 76 years of age and had been a supporter of the Colac club almost since its inception. Dugald shot under the name of "Otway"—which was actually a tribute to the country he loved and lived in for so long. A great lover of the bush country, Dugald, unknown and unsuspected by many, was really an artist of some standing. One of his

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oils hangs in the offices of the Colac Water Trust to-day. He had charge of the weir at Barramunga and patrolled the water pipe-line for some 30 years as far as Barongarook. A sportsman to his finger tips, he will be sadly missed by the Colac club members and also the Melbourne metropolitan clubs, where he was a frequent competitor in many big events.

George Simpson, mine host at Pirron Yallock, is developing his small club with great enthusiasm. Shooters from as far away at Pomberneit, and further west in Victoria's rich pasture country, are interesting themselves in the small Pirron Yallock organisation. George reports that it is the club's intention to install an automatic trap later and run good class shoots which will attract metropolitan support.

Eltham club will sponsor a good programme for metropolitan and local club members who will be remaining in Melbourne over the Easter vacation with an afternoon shoot (commencing at 1.30 p.m.) on Easter

Monday. Main event will be a 20 birder, the first trophy for which will be a 15 guinea silver salver. Secretary Ben Taylor writes, "In passing I would like to express my personal, as well as the club members' congratulations to you on our very excellent little journal." (Thanks, Ben—we like your collective and descriptive word, "our." We like to think everybody feels the same way.—Ed.)

Colac club's meeting on April 2 was postponed unavoidably and the management has arranged to stage the same programme on April 30. The main events will be the Western District of Victoria double-barrel championship, to be followed by a £50 handicap. Other events will be arranged if required. Colac club is very pleased with the efforts of its members at the recent Champion of Champions Cup meeting. W. Arnold and young Harvey Eldridge both won places in the International Team. Harvey is aged only 15 years. He was presented with a special trophy by the A.C.P.T.S.A. for his meritorious effort.

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Gun Gossip

(Forwarded by the Secretary of the Wongabri Gun Club, N.S.W., with acknowledgment from the book of an eminent gun-maker.)

THE ESSENTIALS OF A GUN

Pattern.—When a gun is said to make a pattern of 200, it means that 200 is the average number put in a circle 30 ins. in diameter on the target, the butt of the gun being forty yards—not paces—from the target, the load being 3 drams of black powder or the equivalent in nitro powder, and 1½ ounces of No. 6 shot, 270 to the ounce (304 pellets to 1½ ounces), which is called the standard load, and originated at the Field Gun Trials of 1875, when the charge of shot was first counted.

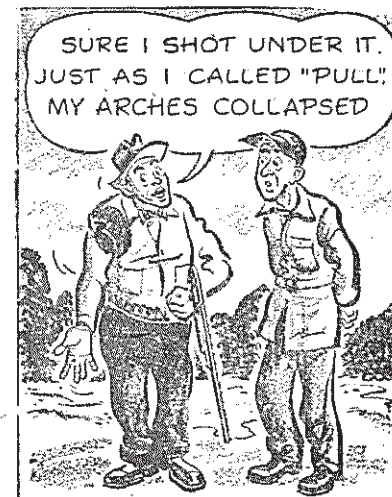
It is necessary that the pellets of the charge be counted into the case if a correct estimate of the gun's shooting is required.

The target should be 3 ft. 6 in. square, and the bull's-eye marked in the centre. After the gun is fired to find the pattern, describe a circle around the thickest of the pellets. The best of the pattern is thus obtained, which is called the selected circle.

Penetration.—To find the penetration, a rack is used, consisting of a wooden frame, so constructed to hold sheets of strawboard about ¼ in. apart; the sheets measure 6 in. by 7 in., and weigh 25 to the pound.

The rack is placed about 4 ft. from the ground, and fired at from the standard distance (40 yds.). The number of sheets pierced by one or more shots is the penetration.

The Flight of a Charge of Shot.—The pattern is the shown shooting of a gun, the only visible proof of a gun's powers—the killing of game being in the same measure dependent upon the skill of the sportsman. The pattern of a gun, besides being the most reliable test applicable to a gun, is fortunately the easiest. A good close pattern at 40 yards is a guarantee that the gun has sufficient force to kill at that distance. The greater the velocity of the mass of pellets of the charge, the closer is the



pattern. No close shooting gun has inferior penetration, and, generally speaking, the less distant each individual pellet is from the common centre depicted on the target, the less is the distance between the first and last pellets of the charge—in other words, a close pattern means uniform velocity in the pellets in the charge.

(Occasional bad patterns, or patchy patterns, prove the gun to be improperly bored.)

For instance, with a cylinder gun, 42 grains of nitro-explosive and 1½ ounces of No. 6 shot, the front pellets reach the target in .138 seconds from the time of leaving the barrel, but the last pellets to reach the target arrive after the expiration of .187 seconds. As a matter of fact, about 5% of the pellets arrive simultaneously at the target 40 yards distant, followed by 25 to 30% (if the gun be a good one, up to 40%) of the pellets. This represents the killing power of the gun. The remaining pellets fly irregularly, and tail off so rapidly that little reliance can be placed upon same.

Choke-Bores and Cylinders. — A gun must be more or less choke-bored, unless the sportsman wishes to handicap himself needlessly. Not only does the choking cause the gun to shoot more closely; it also makes it shoot more regularly, more uniformly. For ordinary sporting purposes, a gun which shall give its largest killing circle at 30 yards with the first barrel, and 40 yards with the second, will be found the most convenient for good shots.

There is but one cylinder. It is useless to expect pattern, penetration, and velocity from a cylinder barrel, which are beyond the capabilities of the cylinder bore, and, go to whomsoever you may, if you want closer patterns, greater penetration, or more uniform shooting, he must "improve" the cylinder by choking to give you what you want. For a trap-gun, a full choke is absolutely necessary, for a game gun the pattern may be reduced, but it is rarely advisable. The full choke can always be loaded so as to equal the improved cylinder or cylinder in wideness and regularity of speed, but NO gun-maker, or sportsman, can load a cylinder or improved cylinder to shoot as closely and as evenly as a choke.

Some sportsmen seem slow to grasp the fact that pattern is the all-important factor in the killing range of the gun, NOT penetration. Whereas, unless the pellets strike the game penetration is quite useless, pattern never is.

The barrel may be contracted from, say, 5,000ths of an inch (almost cylindrical) to 33,000ths of an inch when it is an extra full choke.

Using 1½ ounces of shot improves the pattern of a choke gun from 10 to 30 pellets (No. 6 shot); it fills up the pattern just round the 30 inch circle.

★ ★ ★ Out of the Past . .

Melbourne shooters of the late 1920's will possibly learn with surprise that the prominent U.S.A. sportsman, Frank Reihl, who, at that period represented an American firm in Australia, was something of a poet. Frank passed on about 15 years ago in U.S.A. He was one of the founders and a life member of the fine sporting body of trapshooters in Uncle Sam's country, known as the "Hiyu Indians." Frank's effort, written in Melbourne on May 20th, 1929, reads:—

"Dear Chieftains of the Northern Trails,
I greet you from the Southern Seas;
And vision every bird that sails,
And you despatch with skilful ease;
While some may win, must others lose,
But all the value of the game
Depends upon the friends we choose,
And cherish by whatever name.
"So have our Indians always stood
For what is best in life and sport;
Therefore your fame is fair and good,
And rated high in Honour's Court.
Shoot fair and straight and never fear,
As long as each has done his best;
The Referee will pass you clear,
To joyous Feast and Hunter's Rest."

(Thanks are extended to our American friend, Mr. Rex. Miles, for his interest in forwarding Mr. Reihl's composition. It revives memories of a really grand sportsman.—Ed.)

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The Grosvenor Corner

"Hints to Hits" (by late W. P. Grosvenor, cont. from March "News")

16. Be careful in distance shooting not to undershoot fast rising targets, or overshoot those that may be flat and fall quickly away. You cannot hold the same for both types. Also give your angles plenty of lead, and notice whether they are rising, level or falling when shot at, and correct the aim accordingly.

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

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

19. Do not think of the targets you have missed, nor how many you have to break to win. Make each target, as it is sprung, your particular problem, and make up your mind to break it.

20. When you take up your position at the firing point, your business is shooting, and from then on concentrate. ("Hints to Hits," concluded.)

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

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U.S.A. Shooting



Our American correspondent has forwarded a complete set of the Official U.S.A. Trapshooting Rules, 1949, as issued by the Amateur Trapshooting Association at Vandalia, Ohio, U.S.A. Many items provide interesting comparison with those in use in Australia. The heading, "Disqualification" in the American rules reads, "A contestant must be at the firing point within one minute after having been duly notified to contest. Failing therein, he may be disqualified. (Contestant is "duly notified" when his name is posted on the Score Board and the Referee, Scorer, or other official calls out his name.) Shooting on the grounds at any other place than the firing points is prohibited. Shooting at any other

yardage than that prescribed by the Handicap Committee is prohibited. Shooting in classes other than the class assigned is prohibited."

The correspondent's son, a University student, recently won two handicaps and is now back to 28 yards. At a recent shoot the young sportsman broke all but four pairs in 50 (double-rise) and on another occasion lost only one pair in 50. Explaining his miss he recalled that he was so surprised at missing his first target that he forgot to cover the second. Completely missing a pair (double-rise) is known in U.S.A. as a "Dutch-Double."

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Letters to the Editor

The Editor,

Dear Sir,

Undoubtedly most shooters must realise that one of the most important persons on our shooting grounds is that often taken for granted person, the "trap-puller."

Unfortunately he is often regarded as a necessary evil, especially when the onlookers are told to be silent whilst a shoot is in progress. Of course when Mr. Average Shooter is on the mark and ready to shoot he expects our puller friend to hear his all too timid call above the chatter of his mates grouped about the puller.

Having often acted as temporary puller at metropolitan and country shoots I fully realise the difficulties that pullers have to contend with and I, along with many others, urge that the system be abolished and a more modern method instituted. I suggest that an electrical system could be used with the puller working same by means of an electric switch connected to the trap by a long flex and operated from behind each shooter. This system would abolish slow pulls and the shooter could be assured that the trap would work as fast at the end of the day as it did at the start. This was not always the case on recent Champion of Champions Day. It is towards the end of the day that the strain is greatest and the competitor really keyed up and when the call of pull is answered by a slow or sluggish pull the results are quite often only too evident.

The International Team should congratulate Tom Spall, the Coburg trap-puller, for his wonderful effort on International Day. He released some 2,000 birds in 3½ hours continuous pulling and, to my knowledge, there were only two slow pulls. One of these was the fault of the writer.

In conclusion I must add that if we are to get consistently good trap-pulling under the present system, the shooter must call for his bird loudly and clearly and must not fiddle on the mark more than is absolutely necessary and, above all, refrain from

talking near or around the puller while the shoot is in progress.

Yours, etc.,

"Pampas" (A. E. Haynes).

(In Egypt the main clubs use an electrical release operated by the foot of the shooter. The device has two pressures and according to those who have experienced it the system works very well.—Ed.).

Secretary, A.C.P.T.S.A.,

Dear Sir,

It is with concern that I would ask you to bring before the notice of your readers a warning or note of advice regarding the "blueing" of gun barrels by amateurs, and in some cases, engineers. The latter, with their experiences during the war, gave them a knowledge of blueing with chemicals on most steel surfaces. While this blue process looks O.K. on rifle barrels and other metals it is the beginning of no end of trouble and possible ruin to a good shot gun. The chemicals get under the ribs and have a constant action between the barrels. The proper method, as used by gunsmiths, is a much slower and more extensive process, but it is better lasting and does not have any damaging effect.

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"Champion of Champions" Cup (Australian National Championship, 1949)

SCORES

Match conditions, 60 birds from 16 yards, special load cartridges, 1½ oz. of shot. Winner, A. F. Burns (Footscray, V.), 59/60; J. A. McCraith (Essendon, V.), 58/60; H. R. Donnelly (Wangaratta) and E. G. Biggs (Malvern), equal third, after tie shoot with W. Arnold (Colac, V.); scores, Donnelly and Biggs 66/69, Arnold 58/62, John Bryant, Jr., and Keith Cameron (Roma, Q.) tied for fifth and sixth places, each 56/60. Shooting on, both stopped 67/80, and then tossed for the trophies attached to the placings.

E. W. Brice, of Canowindra, N.S.W., was eighth, 64/67, followed by "Gippsland" (Vic. Fraser, of Lakes Entrance), 57/61. Then followed 55/60's by Fred. Brook (Gilgandra, N.S.W.), L. L. Schilling (Ormond, V.), "Bendigo" (H. Ceresa), H. Eldridge (Alvie, V.), A. E. Poxon (Launceston, Tas.), F. Skate (Blackburn, V.), "Pampas" (A. E. Haynes, Thornbury, V.), Newton Thomas (Townsville, Q.); 54/60's by R. Redpath (Hobart, Tas.), E. G. McRae (Hobart, Tas.), Don. Corstorphane (Colac, V.), J. Smith (Home Hill, Q.), W. Bloomfield (Sandringham, V.), R. Johns (Malvern, V.), H. Anstee (Griffith, N.S.W.), and D. B. O'Callaghan (Brighton, V.).

53/60's by C. E. Mudford (Preston, V.), J. Berry (Hornsby, N.S.W.), R. W. Picker (Bigga, N.S.W.), G. K. Cross (Gilgandra, N.S.W.); 52/60's by W. R. Morgan (Hobart, Tas.), "Doncaster" (J. Bienvenu, Doncaster, V.), R. Longmore, K. Cross (Gilgandra, N.S.W.), "Ted" (Ted Cross, Gilgandra, N.S.W.), J. R. Meehan (Blackburn), Theo. Norman (Colac), L. L. Ridley (Bigga, N.S.W.), Major-General W. Bridgeford (Melb.), John Martin (St. Kilda, V.), W. J. McPhee (Dubbo, N.S.W.), "Eskdale" (W. Robinson, Bentleigh, V.), Don. Muir (Griffith, N.S.W.); 51/60's by Max. Feldtman (aged 16 years), Dookie, V.), D. D. Mackay (Cooranbong,



FRED BURNS, FOOTSCRAY, VIC.
Winner 1949 "Champion of Champions" Cup
Score 59/60

N.S.W.), K. Feldtman (Major Plains, V.), M. J. Fuller (Bellevue Hill, N.S.W.), T. Spall (Coburg, V.), Sid. Lamb (Goulburn, N.S.W.), Rowley Pitt (Hobart, Tas.), A. G. Rourke (Finley, N.S.W.), R. Ferris (Jerilderie, N.S.W.), "Doch-an-Doris" (Ashburton, V.), "Blackie" (Roy Blackwood, V.).

50/60's by F. E. Bean (Lithgow, N.S.W.), W. Duchatel (Griffith, N.S.W.), Les. Black (Irrewillipe, V.), Leo. Ridge (Deniliquin, N.S.W.), A. J. Baker (Tumut, N.S.W.); 49/60's, A. J. Russell (Warrandyte), J. M. Tyquin (Hobart, Tas.), J. C. Lindsay (Dubbo, N.S.W.), A. H. Brank (Burwood, V.), J. N. Brazier (Bathurst, N.S.W.), "Double-H" (H. Harrison, V.), A. F. Johnson (Balwyn, V.), "Peters" (P. White, Brunswick, V.), J. Hyett (Sunshine, V.), K. Steedman (Essendon, V.), Ron. Gow (Griffith, N.S.W.), "Calrossie" (Ormond, V.), W. Gibbs (Griffith, N.S.W.), and C. Poxon (Launceston, T.).

48/60, P. Barlow (Yarram, V.), E. T. Lees (Ringwood, V.), W. J. Rutty (Wollongong, N.S.W.), Mal. Johnson (Yarwun, Qld.), D. Forsyth (Laun-

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SHOOTING GROUNDS

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PROGRAMME

To be held at the Tasmanian Gun Club, Launceston
on the

30th APRIL, 1949

Event No. 1

3 BIRD DEAUVILLE DOUBLE TRIAL. Nom. 5/-.

Event No. 2

Tasmanian Deauville Doubles Championship

Nom. £1, Optional Sweepstake, 10/-.

Conditions: 20 prs. from 18 yds., 5 prs. each visit.

Event No. 3

£25 Handicap - 15 Birds

Nom. £1, Divided 60, 30, and 10.

Event No. 4

**TROPHY SHOOT—First, Messrs. F. & W. Stewart's Trophy,
Second, Trophy.**

10 BIRD DOWN THE LINE HANDICAP

Nom., 7/6, Optional Sweepstake, 2/6.

Tentative Shoots to follow 21. 5. 49. and 18. 6. 49.

W. RAINBIRD,
President.

J. BENNELL,
Hon. Secretary,
Trevallyn, Tas.

REGISTRATION & AFFILIATION FEES

The reminders given in earlier publications this year regarding Registration and Affiliation Fees has, in a few cases, not been heeded.

The Association Executive Committee has, therefore, decreed that a further instruction be issued. The direction now is that those shooters whose fees remain unpaid at 30th April, 1949, will be immediately removed from the Official Registration List, and will become ineligible to receive the monthly issue of the "A.C.P.S. News."

Shooters' individual Registration Fee is 10/- and Club Affiliation—Clubs only—£1/1/-.

ceston, T.), J. Bryant (Blackburn), "Duxbac" (Bentleigh, V.), R. Ridgeway (Colac, V.); 47/60, F. R. Glover (Sale), "Ingi" (Coburg, V.), L. W. Baker (Finley, N.S.W.), G. Daniels (Narre-Warren); 46/60's, R. Barlow (Yarram), R. Matthews (Bowna, N.S.W.), Alf. Allen (Deniliquin, N.S.W.), L. A. Small (Caulfield, V.), E. R. Ginty (Gulargambone, N.S.W.), Geo. Simpson (Pirron Yallock, V.); 45/60's, E. J. Matthews (Bowna, N.S.W.), E. Evans (Griffith, N.S.W.), F. Eldridge, Sen. (Alvie, V.), W. Finnegan (St. Kilda, V.).

44/60's, J. M. Scott (Mount Beauty, V.), T. J. Sandy (Swift's Creek, V.), E. H. Weine (Wellington, N.S.W.), R. Evans (Goulburn, N.S.W.), R. Grossman (Wangaratta, V.), J. N. Ginty (Gulargambone, N.S.W.); 43/60's, Reg. McNamara (Griffith, N.S.W.), G. R. Cummins (Camberwell, V.), C. Medway (Gunning, N.S.W.), F. Tuck (Brighton, V.); 42/60's, Reg. Plunkett (Bowna, N.S.W.), "Nimrod" (H. Roberts, Glen Iris, V.), O. Kurrle (Elsternwick, V.), R. Wightman (Kew, V.), Ben. Cook (Coburg, V.).

41/60's, M. Gardiner (Coburg), H. A. McIntosh (Seymour, V.), C. Fankhauser (Burwood, V.), H. L. McMaster (Burrumbuttock, N.S.W.), "Dubbs" (V. Fankhauser, Burwood, V.), Eng. Lt. Cdr. K. A. Graham (Melbourne); 40/60's, W. F. Robertson (Deniliquin, N.S.W.); 39/60's, F. Eldridge (Alvie, V.); 38/60's, W. E. Willard (Finley, N.S.W.); A. C. Tie (V.); 37/60's, "Nyla" (Miss Nyla Fankhauser, Burwood, V.), A. McCorkill (Pirron Yallock, V.).

36/60's, J. Winchester (Lithgow, N.S.W.), "Kim" (J. Sans, Surrey Hills, V.); 34/60's, A. Eldridge (Alvie); 28/60, W. Hutchinson (Gulgandra, N.S.W.); and 30/60, W. J. M. Murphy (Yundool, V.).

The following retired during the course of the event:—L. Tewksbury (Melbourne), "Jock" (J. M. Wilson, Ringwood, V.), J. J. Dawson (Beaumaris, V.), Joe Kirkham (Dandenong), "Bruino" (Billy Scott, Mont Albert, V.), R. Frean (Bentleigh, V.), K. Veall (Melbourne), G. L. Bragg (Albury, N.S.W.), J. O. Cox (Mangoplah, N.S.W.), G. A. Fairbairn (Woomargama, N.S.W.), McG. Kean (Elwood, V.), H. H. Ball (Kew, V.), J. McInnes (Canterbury, V.), Norman Guy (Flemington, V.), and F. Cautero (Keilor, V.).

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AUSTRALIAN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

The Australian Teams Championship (previously held by Hobart) went outright to the Townsville-Roma combination, which stopped 110/120. Scores were calculated over the first 30 birds released to each man in the 60-bird event. The winning team comprised: J. Smith (Townsville, Q.) 28, Newton Thomas (Townsville, Q.) 28, D. D. Mackay (Townsville, Q.) 25, and Keith Cameron (Roma, Q.) 29/30. The team was presented with the Slazenger Pennant, presented by Slazengers (Aust.) Ltd., by Mr. Lionel Bibby, a representative of that organisation. Silver tankards were also presented by that firm as individual trophies.

International Match

This was staged on March 14, and the high-gun was R. Redpath (Hobart, Tas.), 97/100, from J. A. McCraith (Essendon, V.), 96/100. Complete scores have been sealed until the teams representative of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales have shot their section of the contest, probably during May. Scotland is the venue for this year's Home Country International series.

Sectional awards on March 12 went to 12/13 yarder, E. G. McRae (Hobart, Tas.), 14/15 yarder, F. Skate, 16/17 "Bendigo," 18 yards and over L. L. Schilling; best Tasmanian not winning any other trophy, A. E. Poxon (Launceston, T.). Victorian country, "Gippsland" (V. Fraser, Lakes Entrance); New South Wales, F. Brook (Gulgandra, N.S.W.); Queensland, Newton Thomas (Townsville, Q.). The minor events on March 14 resulted:—No. 1, 15 Birds, Association Handicap, six possibles, tie shoot: Reg. Plunkett (Bowna,

N.S.W.) 23/23, W. F. Williams (Coburg) 22/23, N. Guy 21/22, W. Rainbird (Launceston, T.) 20/21, H. Anstee (Griffith, N.S.W.) 16/17, R. Barlow (Yarram) 15/16. The 20-Birder, which was reduced to a 15-Birder, due to the big entry, produced 11 possibles, tie shoot: A. H. Brenk (Burwood, V.) 25/25, L. L. Ridley (Bigga, N.S.W.) 24/25, Don. Corstorphran (Colac) 20/21, H. Anstee (Griffith, N.S.W.), (additional tie shoot) 21/22, Rowley Pitt (Hobart, T.) 20/22, G. Simpson (Pirron Yallock) 17/18, J. Berry (N.S.W.) 17/18, R. McNamara (Griffith, N.S.W.) 16/17, "Dick" (R. Wightman) 16/17, V. Dudley (Balwyn) 16/17, J. A. McCraith 15/16.

The sweepstakes on March 12 went to the three place-getters in the 20/- and 10/- sections, and the 5/- sweepstake was a Colac triumph, with W. Arnold taking first money, Harvey Eldridge second, and third being divided by Don. Corstorphran and Eric McRae (Hobart).

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KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEK-END, 12th and 13th JUNE

Shooting commences 9 a.m. sharp each day.

June 12th—S.W. Queensland S.B. Championship: 20 birds from 16 yds., in series of 5. Nomination, 15/-. Optional Sweepstakes. Trophies 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

June 13th—S.W. Queensland Walk Up Championship: 25 birds released between 20 and 15 yds., in series of 5. Nomination, 15/-. Optional sweepstakes. Trophies, 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

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Association Dinner Appreciations

This function, restricted to competitors and donors, was another milestone in a very successful week-end. The main thanks for the organisation in this regard must go to the very popular Fankhauser family, headed by Victor and his wife and his brother, Cyril, plus almost every member of Vic's family. No praise is too high for the family generally.

The repast provided was good and there was plenty of it. Vic. actually worked right through the previous night, and his shooting form suffered greatly, and by nightfall he was almost "out on his feet" from exhaustion. If words printed in this publication in appreciation of yeoman service rendered can be accepted as thanks, same would be totally inadequate to illustrate the great services rendered to the clay pigeon shooting fraternity by the much esteemed Fankhauser family.

Others who assisted during the big meeting, and to whom the A.C.P.T.S.A. extends its grateful thanks, are Mrs. Eddie Brenk, Geo. and Mrs. Biggs, Harry Ball, Jim Bienvenu, Harry Burrows, Fred Byers, Jim McInnes, Dave Watson, the Australian Club, Eddie Brenk, Chas. and Mrs. Wignell, Bert Haynes, Ken. Schilling, Fred Mullens, Vic. Fraser, and members of Executive Committee.

Ten Years Ago..

April, 1939 recalls details of the final shoot of the Nobel Club on its old West Footscray grounds. The actual date of the last shoot was April 29, 1939. The fixture was attended by over 50 shooters—many

appearing for a farewell "crack" over the lay-out which introduced so many sportsmen to clay pigeon shooting. High gun honours for the day went to the late Charles Corbett, whose break was 36 straight. He won the first event on the 12th round, was runner-up in the second, 24/25 to Athol Love and again runner-up to Herb. McIntosh of Seymour in the third event. The club was later domiciled at Bentleigh and has now amalgamated with the former Blackburn Club and the combination is known as the Australian Clay Target Club, with shooting grounds at East Burwood.

★ ★ ★ Handicap Adjustments since last Issue

3289 Arnold, W. (Colac)	16
1805 Biggs, E. G. (Coburg)	22
3010 Brenk, A. H. (Australian) ..	17
2118 Bromfield, C. S. (Camberwell) .. .	14
2879 Byrne, Lionel (Australian) ..	15
3056 Cordy, S. (Wangaratta) ..	13
3268 Coward, A. (St. James) ..	13
2661 Etches, C. E. ("Script") (Wangaratta)	13
3013 Harrison, H. ("Double-H") (Aust.) .. .	15
3285 Lodge, J. H. (Benalla) ..	14
47 Rainbird, W. (Tasmanian) ..	18
1778 Redpath, R. (Hobart)	19
2976 Skate, F. (Australian)	16
3512 Smith, S. E. (Australian) ..	13
1533 Plunkett, R. A. (Holbrook) ..	14
2927 Pressley, C. (Wangaratta) ..	15
1628 Walker, G. (Wangaratta) ..	17
857 Watson, D. ("Doch-an-Doris") (Aust.) ..	18
3115 Wise, C. (Wangaratta) ..	15

New Registrations since last Issue

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| 3674 Adam, Dave (Albury) . . . | 3632 Macdonald, A. W. (Finley) |
| 3677 Baker, Earl (Charters Towers) . . . | 3664 MacKenzie, R. A. (Mitchell) . . . |
| 3614 Barwick, G. (Hobart) . . . | 3611 Madden, R. K. (Hobart) . . . |
| 3695 Bell, R. Rockhampton) . . . | 3655 Mason, R. R. (Tambo Valley) . . . |
| 3626 Bennett, F. (Hobart) . . . | 3673 Matthew, John (St. James) |
| 3635 Birmingham, M. (Yallourn) . . . | 3693 Mayes, A. G. (Rockhampton) . . . |
| 3686 Borthwick, M. P. (Mitchell) . . . | 3621 Mayne, H. (Hobart) . . . |
| 3642 Botten, G., Jr. (Yallourn) . . . | 3687 Missen, W. (Sale) . . . |
| 1722 Boyes, H. (Hobart) . . . | 3627 Mitchell, Dr. D. (Yallourn) |
| 3663 Bremner, A. A. (Eltham) . . . | 3685 Moore, Hector (Mitchell) |
| 3633 Brinsmead, A. (Yallourn) . . . | 3634 Morrison, B. (Yallourn) . . . |
| 3631 Brinsmead, E. (Yallourn) . . . | 3644 Morrison, K. (Yallourn) . . . |
| 3649 Cahill, V. (Finley) . . . | 1966 Munnings, M. (Hobart) . . . |
| 3694 Conaghan, K. (Rockhampton) . . . | 3619 Murtagh, D. (Hobart) . . . |
| 3640 Crawford, M. (Tasmanian) | 3646 Murphy, L. J. (Finley) . . . |
| 3629 Curtin, V. (Yallourn) . . . | 3666 Nation, C. A. (Mitchell) |
| 3688 Daniels, D. (Rockhampton) | 3679 Nelson, G. (Charters Towers) . . . |
| 3638 Davies, C. (Yallourn) . . . | 3670 Noon, Jim (Mitchell) . . . |
| 3676 Dempsey, J. (Albury) . . . | 3672 Parker, Alf. (St. James) . . . |
| 3650 Dempsey, P. (Yarram) . . . | 3591 Parsons, R. (Stoneyford) |
| 3675 Deveney, Stan (Albury) . . . | 3658 Picker, N. (Bathurst) . . . |
| 3667 Douglas, A. F. (Mitchell) | 3625 Rainbird, L. J. (Hobart) . . . |
| 3652 Dunlop, A. (Yarram) . . . | 3612 Ransome, D. (Hobart) . . . |
| 3648 Eddy, W. M. (Finley) . . . | 3671 Salway, Morton (Mitchell) |
| 3682 Fardell, R. (Bathurst) . . . | 3691 Sams, F. (Rockhampton) . . . |
| 1278 Freeman, C. (Hobart) . . . | 167 Savige, L. (Yallourn) . . . |
| 3681 Frith, H. (Pirron Yallock) | 3641 Savige, L. J. (Yallourn) . . . |
| 3696 Fysh, S. W. (Rockhampton) . . . | 3639 Small, A. H. (Bathurst) . . . |
| 3474 Ginty, John (Gileandra) . . . | 3656 Smith, B. (Tasmanian) . . . |
| 3613 Glover, W. (Hobart) . . . | 3684 Smith, B. C. (Colac) . . . |
| 3647 Goulding, G. (Finley) . . . | 3617 Smith, G. W. (Hobart) . . . |
| 3608 Graham, Lt. Cdr. K. A. . . . | 3692 Smith, T. H. (Rockhampton) . . . |
| 3645 Gude, S. (Yallourn) . . . | 3654 Stares, J. (Yarram) . . . |
| 3616 Hall, G. A. (Hobart) . . . | 3665 Sweet, L. B. (Mitchell) . . . |
| 3668 Harris, Lorrie (Mitchell) . . . | 3637 Taylor, N. (Finley) . . . |
| 3683 Healey, L. (Bathurst) . . . | 3651 Thomas, Ken (Yarram) . . . |
| 3690 Howden, O. (Rockhampton) . . . | 3628 Vary, C. (Yallourn) . . . |
| 3573 Hett, W. R. (Alvie) . . . | 3636 Vary, R. (Yallourn) . . . |
| 3669 Keable, Arthur (Mitchell) | 3678 Walker, Clem (Charters Towers) . . . |
| 3857 Kerr, T. (Tasmanian) . . . | 3615 Westcombe, A. (Hobart) . . . |
| 3689 Kerrisk, R. (Rockhampton) | 3630 Williams, B. (Yallourn) . . . |
| 3653 Livingstone, S. R. (Yarram) . . . | 3643 Wilson, R. G. (Yallourn) |
| 3618 Lowe, A. (Hobart) . . . | 3662 Winchester, L. E. (Lithgow) . . . |
| 3624 Lowe, Byron (Hobart) . . . | 1781 Woolford, C. E. (Hobart) |
| 3620 Lowe, C. J. (Hobart) . . . | 3680 Young, L. (Charters Towers) . . . |
| 3622 Lowe, L. (Hobart) . . . | |
| 3623 McCrabb, A. K. (Aust.) . . . | |

"Gunsmoke"

An Excerpt from One of Lionel Bibby's Radio Talks from Station 2GB, Sydney, in 1937

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When those who occupy high State or social positions in this world of ours take up any particular variety of sport they are only too often credited with a degree of skill entirely unsupported by any real foundation in fact. If the popular Duke of "Somewhere or Other" favours big game hunting in Africa, an admiring public and an enthusiastic press seize upon the most slender rumour of some chance shot of his and before long his Grace is known the world over as a superb marksman who never fails to place his bullet cleanly between the eyes of a charging lion. Or, if the youthful young Lord "So-and-So," who is equally popular, plays tennis, his game is almost, if not quite, up to Davis Cup standard.

An exception to this rule is exemplified in our late, and deeply loved, King George the V. Amongst well-informed shooting men it is common knowledge that the father of our present King was not merely a keen and skilful shot—he actually was one of the best all-round field shots in England and ample evidence to support this statement is to be found not only in English but also in authoritative American shooting literature.

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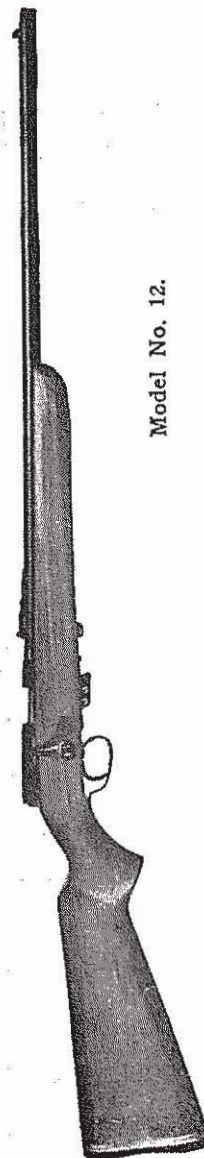
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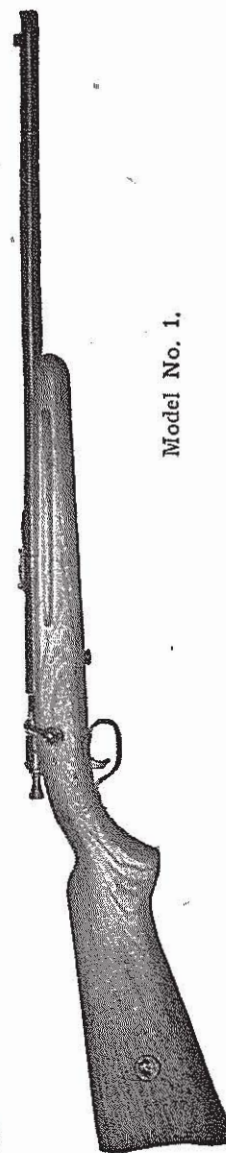
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