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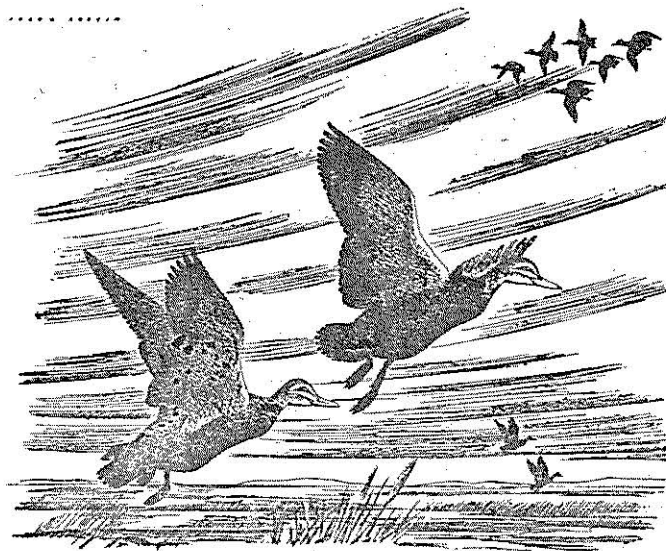
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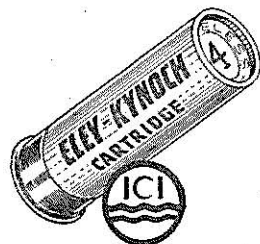
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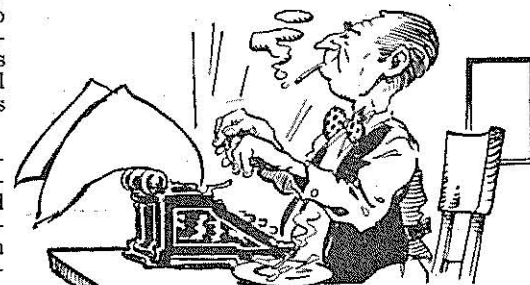
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THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

The question of trophy value awarded by clubs to winners of State and Commonwealth championships has been raised on several occasions to the Association's Executive Committee.

In this regard, the governing Committee is not desirous of laying down hard and fast rules, but is rather inclined to issue a direction on the point only when requested. At the same time, it should be pointed out that, where major State and Commonwealth titles are concerned, a winning trophy worthy of the occasion is expected to be awarded. A recent instance of an indifferent award is reported. It appears that the first trophy was "presented" by a club patron — its real value turned out to be under 30/-. The club concerned gave the donor due appreciation of his interest, and therefore did not feel disposed to alter the award or



add thereto. This outlook is bordering on the parochial, especially when a State championship is the vital event concerned.

On occasions, it has been noticed that some clubs endeavour to rather overdo the trophy value to winners, at the same time displaying rapid drop in trophy value to place-getters. This situation is equally undesirable. A reasonable trophy value all round

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- 5 Pairs Deauville-Doubles. Entry, 4/- Trophies Winning Pair.

JUNE 25th, 1949

- 3 Pairs Double-Rise. Entry, 5/-.
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- 5 Birds Double-Barrel. Entry, 4/- 1st and 2nd Trophies.

JULY 9th, 1949

- 5 Bird Double-Barrel Sweepstake. Entry, 4/-.
- Club Mixed Birds Championship.
- 5 Bird Double-Barrel.



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is the happy medium, and clubs should strive to retain a fair balance throughout. A few instances have been reported of clubs, particularly young or newly-formed clubs, (possibly in a herculean effort to create a favourable impression "first-up") of straining their financial resources to bring about a state of affairs where their all is invested in expensive trophies. Whilst this may have some points for commendation, it should also be remembered that a bumper attendance must be ensured to secure a satisfactory return, and this is not always certain.

With the rapid development in the sport of clay pigeon shooting and the consequent increasing interest in championship allocations, it is important to remember that the natural reaction to the awarding of poor class trophies for title contest winners will mean that clubs offending in this direction will be liable to jeopardise their prospects of receiving favourable consideration for future major title allotment.



The Association

The Association's final shoot for the current season will be staged at the Australian Clay Target Club's grounds at East Burwood (V.) on King's Birthday holiday, Monday, June 13th, 1949. The ground is provided by courtesy of that club. Shooting will commence at 9.30 a.m. sharp — earlier if possible. The two big attractions are the A.C.P.T.S.A. Intermediate Championship at 20 clay pigeons from 16 yards, restricted to shooters whose Association handicap does not exceed 16 yards on 13th June, 1949. A splendid trophy list has been provided, down to fifth position. The winner will receive a trophy valued at £12/10/-, plus championship sash.

On the completion of this event, the First Grand Australian Handicap is listed. This will be contested at 45

birds from Association handicaps, double-barrel, points scoring, two points for first barrel "kill" and one point for second barrel "kill." Trophies will be allotted down to 6th position. The winner's allocation is a trophy valued at £24, plus the First Grand Australian sash. Nomination is 45/-, with 10/- and 5/- optional sweepstakes. Full details appear in the double-spread centre advertising pages of this issue.

The following special instructions to club officials and referees is hereby promulgated, by direction of the Executive Committee of the Association. The Association recommends and requests that in all Deauville Double and Double-rise events (championships or otherwise) that an "Associate" referee be appointed to assist the official referee. The object is to eliminate the possibility of incorrect decisions — several of which have been reported to the Association in recent weeks. The "Associate" referee should "cover" one section (either right or left side birds, to be agreed upon), and report his decision to the official referee before the latter issues his final "dead" or "lost" decree. This direction should be treated as important and acted upon forthwith by all clubs.

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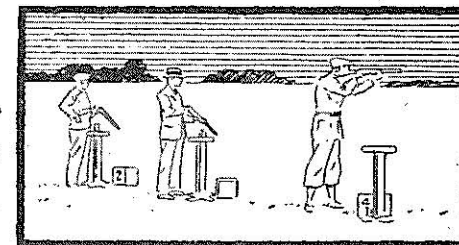
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AROUND THE CLUBS AND MEETINGS...



ECHUCA (V.). — Secretary Albert Rickards reports a small initial opening shoot, which to some extent was marred by bad weather. Results were: No. 1, 5 Birds: A. Rickards 5/5, No. 2 (same): G. McDonald 5/5, No. 3 (same): A. Rickards 5/5, No. 4 (same): F. Fitzpatrick 5/5, No. 5 (same), Div.: W. Cakebread and A. Rickards 5/5, No. 6, Div.: G. McDonald and F. Fitzpatrick 5/5, No. 7: G. McDonald 9/9, W. Cakebread 8/9.

YARRAM (V.). — No. 1, 5 Bird: W. Albert 10/10, P. Barlow 9/10, No. 2 (same): R. Barlow, P. Barlow, A. J. Morris, F. L. Dempsey 11/11, No. 3, 3 Pairs, Double Rise, Div.: F. Graham, E. C. English, H. Nicol 2/3 pairs, No. 4, 10 Birds: E. C. English 16/16 (after tie shoot), Don. Barlow 15/16, No. 5, 5 Birds, Div.: F. Graham and R. T. Barlow 5/5.

WONGABRI (Bowral, N.S.W.). (April 23). — Good roll up of shooters, plus a beautiful day. Good birds and efficient trap made for a good day's shooting. No. 1, Club Trophy: A. L. Ray 20/20, C. Medway 19/20, No. 2, 2nd Round of 12 Yards' Trophy: P. Davidson and S. Downs (the latter is still leading at end of 2nd round). No. 3, Main Event Silent Rise, Gun Down: B. Hill, N. Thomas, and W. McCloy, N. 4, Ex-service-men's Event: B. Hill 14/15, N. Thomas 13/15, No. 5, Sweepstake, Div.: N. Thomas, B. Hill, Mal. Fuller and W. Rutty (Wollongong) 9/10.

DENILQUIN (N.S.W.). — The big Easter meeting at Deniliquin attracted first-class competition and

good fields on both days. The Riverina Mixed Birds title was won outright by E. G. Biggs 17/20, from John Bryant, Jun. 16/20, "Dubbs" third, 15/20. The front-marker trophy went to V. Ryan, of Yabba North, a newcomer to the sport, with 15/20. W. F. Robertson, a former president of the club, won first money in the £50 handicap, with a score of 20/20, E. H. Brenk 19/20 being runner-up. E. A. Borley and M. Crowe (Deniliquin) were equal third, 18/20. The Commonwealth Deauville Doubles title resulted in an outright win for E. G. Biggs, J. A. McCraith 24/25, after tie shooting, with L. L. Schilling-F. Tuck 23/25. Cliff Bound-Lionel Byrne were third, 18/20. Then followed: Leo. Ridge-E. Daly and J. H. Headland-Phil. Power, each 17/20.

COLAC (V.). — Saturday, April 30, was set aside for the staging of the Western District double-barrel title and a £50 Handicap. The title match went to George Biggs 33/35, after a tie shoot (each 20/20), with W. Arnold (Colac) second, 32/35, and Geo. Crosse 20/21. Front-marker trophy went to B. Ridgeway 20/25. The £50 Handicap saw another triumph for Eddie Brenk 15/15 (1st). Second and third were divided by C. Romeo, G. Crosse, W. Arnold and Ridgeway (all of Colac), 14/15 each. The usual hospitality was available to visitors throughout and after the shoot, and Theo. Norman and Don. Corstorphane did their best, with other officials, to ensure the maximum of enjoyment was provided.

HOLBROOK (N.S.W.). — The Holbrook Gun Club conducted a clay bird

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shoot on Saturday, 23rd April. Results:—No. 1, 5 Bird D.B., Div.: Tony Fairbairn and Ted Matthews 5/5. No. 2, 5 Bird D.B., Div.: Geoff. Bragg and Bill O'Brien 12/12. No. 3, £25 Handicap, 15 Birds, D.B.: Norm. Plunkett and Ted Matthews 14/15, divided 1st and 2nd. Lox. Creasy, Allan Gray and Ray Hall divided 3rd and 4th, 13/15. No. 4, 5 Bird, D.B., 12/13 Yarders: Won outright by "Seagull" 5/5. No. 5, 3 Pairs, Double Rise: Won outright by Lox. Creasy, 7 points. No. 6, 5 Pairs, Deauville Doubles: Bill O'Brien and Stan Finemore tied with Geoff. Bragg and J. Pampa, 5/5. No. 7, 5 Bird, D.B., Div.: Lox. Creasy, Norm. Plunkett and Tony Fairbairn, 5/5. No. 8, Miss-out: Won outright by Lox. Creasy, on 6th bird.

—ALBURY F.S. CLUB (N.S.W.), (Late March).—No. 1, 5 Birds, D.B. Div.: E. J. Matthews (Bowna, N.S.W.), J. H. Lodge (Benalla), and Allan Manser (Albury), 8/8. No. 2 (same), (after tie shoot): J. Pampa (Culcairn, N.S.W.) 10/10, Manser and Adams 9/10. No. 3 (same): "Tiger" (Howlong, N.S.W.) 6/6, Manser and Lodge 5/6. No. 4: 10 Birds, S.B., two trophies (tie shoot): J. Pampa 18/20, Gibbons 14/17. No. 5, 5 Birds, D.B.: Pampa 10/10. 12/13 Yarder: "Ray" Matthews (Bowna, N.S.W.) 8/8. No. 6, 5 Bird, S.B.: "Icil" (Jack Reis) 8/8, A. Manser 7/8.

—WANGARATTA (V.).—Shooters from Albury, Finley, Burrumbuttock, Glenrowan, Mansfield, Benalla, St. James, Yabba North and Wangaratta districts attended the Wangaratta Club's meeting early in April. A novice event attracted 30 competitors, and was won by a local shooter in R. Nippress, with 11/11, from D. Rae, of Gapsted 10/11. Other events resulted:—No. 1, 5 Birds, Div.: P. Pettit, R. Thorne (St. James), J. McMasters (Burrumbuttock), V. Ryan (Yabba North), C. Dean and K. Ward (Wangaratta), and O. Holmes (Carboor), each 8/8 (45 entries). No. 2, £15 Handicap, 10 Birds, Div.: A. Manser (Albury), P. Pettit, A. Roberts (St. James), E. Etches (Mansfield), M. Huggins (Springhurst), W. Wise (Peechelba East), and J. Duell (Eldorado), 12/12 (34 entries). No. 3, Double-rise, Div.: M. Huggins, C.

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Dean, R. English and G. Walker (Wangaratta), each 3/3 pairs (37 noms.). No. 4, D'ville Doubles, Div.: A. Manser-J. McMasters, R. Thorne-V. Ryan, each 6/6 pairs (32 noms.). A special welcome was extended to members of the newly-formed Glenrowan Club, which was represented by its president, vice-presidents and several members.

—IRREWILLIPE (V.).—The local club held its first shoot for some months at the Tomahawk Creek rendezvous on April 9. The day dawned rough, with a biting wind and some rain. Masters of improvisation, and assisted by some of the Colac visitors, the club officials decided to move the entire set-up, trap and all, to a position behind a spacious haystack. This position was found to keep out the wind and some of the rain. All voted the arrangements first class. Results—No. 1, 5 Birds, Div.: W. Arnold, A. Eldridge, S. Black, A. McCorkell, F. Stanford, F. Shelton and R. Ridgeway. No. 2 (same), (tie shoot): W. Arnold 12/12, A. Eldridge 11/12, R. Sharp 7/8, R. Ridgeway 6/7. The above four, with F. Eldridge, divided the attached sweepstake. No. 3, 5 Birds, Div.: J. Parsons, W. Arnold, F. Eldridge, sen., A. McCorkell, J. Hunt, H. Eldridge, and G. Simpson 5/5. No. 4, 5 Birds,

Single-barrel: S. Black 6/6, T. Shelton 6/7, H. Eldridge 5/7. No. 5, Div.: F. Eldridge, sen., W. Arnold, M. McGrath, F. Stanford and F. Shelton 5/5. No. 6, Div.: H. Frith, L. Black, T. Shelton and J. Hunt 5/5. No. 7, Div.: F. Eldridge, J. Hunt and Les. Black 5/5.

COBURG (V.), (2nd). — No. 1, 5 Birds, S.B. Div.: Ben Cook and L. A. Small 6/6. No. 2, 20 Birds, D.B.: E. J. Parow 19/20, W. F. Williams 23/26, "Dubbs" 22/26. 14 Yarder: J. H. Headland 19/22. No. 3: 10 Birds, D.B., 4 Possibles, tie shoot: "Santa" 16/16, J. A. McCraith 15/16. Notwithstanding that many shooters were absent on holidays and many others had journeyed to take part in Riverina district shoots, the club had a good muster on Easter Saturday. Nearly 40 shooters competed. Results were:—No. 1, 10 Birds, Double-barrel: L. Small 13/14, H. Watts 12/14, A. C. Tie 9/11. No. 2 (same), Div.: F. Sydenham and "Santa" 12/13. No. 3 (same), Div.: J. Hyett and J.

Thompson 10/10. No. 4, 5 Birds, Single-barrel: K. W. Steedman 6/6, "Bendigo" 5/6.

(30th). — In a heavy side wind, single-barrel shooting conditions could hardly have been more difficult than those experienced at this meeting. Results were: No. 1, 5 Birds: Brian Kelly 9/9, B. Wager 8/9. No. 2, Club Single-barrel Championship, 15 Birds from 16 yards, tie shoot: J. Bryant 19/20, J. O'Brien 17/20, B. Wager 22/25 (3), C. Bound 20/25 (4th and front-marker). No. 3, 5 Birds, D.B.: Brian Kelly 10/10, B. Wager 11/12.

TAMBO VALLEY (V.).—Shooting at Ensay (V.) on April 16, the Tambo Valley Club provided first-class evidence of its rapid development in that a record attendance was present. It was the largest shoot Ensay has yet witnessed. Results were:—No. 1, D.B. Miss-out: Won by A. Anderson 5/5. No. 2, 10 Birds, S.B.: T. McLarty 9/10, M. Humphries 7/10, E. Lee 6/10. No. 3, 5 Birds, S.B.: E. Lee 9/9, B. Healy 8/9, T. McLarty 8/10. No. 4,

Walk-up, D.B.: G. Bock 4/4. No. 5, Miss-out (18 yards): B. Healy 6/6.

ELTHAM (V.), (2nd).—No. 1, 5 Birds, Div.: N. Guy, "Pampas," "Double-H," and A. Smith 5/5. No. 10 Birds, 7 Possibles, Tie Shoot: J. Bryant 20/20, E. A. Borley 19/20, N. Guy 16/17, front-marker, C. T. Martin, 7/10. No. 3, 5 Birds: A. H. Brenk 18/18, F. Skate 19/20, "Nimrod" 18/20, front-marker, A. W. Simpson 7/8. No. 4, Miss-out, Div.: Brenk and "Glaxo" (C. Bode) 5/5. The club's move in putting on a first-class programme on Easter Monday (18th) was rewarded with a good attendance, both of spectators and competitors. The main event for a 15 guinea silver salver went to Percy Willis, of Pascoe Vale, who shot 25 straight to win, after a tie with A. J. Russell (Warrandyte) 24/25. Clem Mudford was third, 19/20. 13-Yarders' trophy went to F. Cronk, 18/20. 13-14-Yarders' award to W. Squire, 27/29, from A. Smith, 26/29. A 5-Birder brought forth 13 possibles, and a division by Dave Haddow, C. Mudford, V. Dudley, A. J. Russell, "Santa," Ben Taylor (club secretary), and "Blackie," 10/10.

(30th). — No. 1, 5 Birds, Sweep-stake, Div.: F. V. Squire, C. Thorne, J. Bardin and R. Collins 10/10. No. 2, 10 Birds: D.B.: J. Bardin 12/12, A. Smith 11/12, H. Douglas 12/13, 13/14 yarder, W. Squire, 12 yarder, A. Bremner 8/10. No. 3, 5 Birds: R. J. Squire 19/19. No. 4, Miss-out, Div.:

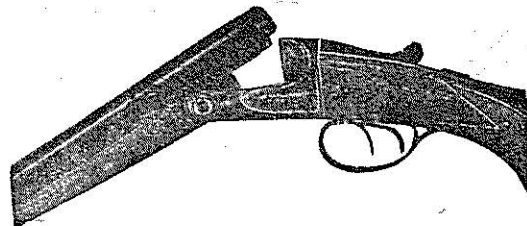
R. J. Squire, J. Bardin, C. Thorne, C. Martin 14/14. No. 5 (same), Div.: C. Martin and R. J. Squire 12/12.

FOOTSCRAY (V.), (9th).—No. 1, 5 Birds, Div.: K. Loveridge, "Ingi," "Pampas" and P. Daws (Hay, N.S.W.), 6/6. No. 2, 10 Birds, D.B.: A. F. Burns (only possible), 10/10, N. Guy 19/20, "Blackie" 18/20. No. 3 (same): F. Sydenham 13/13, N. Guy, "Pampas" (3). Nearly 50 shooters attended the fixture on April 23rd, and, as a result, only three events were completed. These went to—No. 1, 5 Birds, D.B., Div.: J. Sydenham, Percy Willis, Norman Guy and "Glaxo" 10/10. No. 2, 10 Birds, D.B.: J. H. Headland 17/17, Tom Connor 16/17, W. Squire 13/14. No. 3, 10 Birds, D.B.: C. Wilson 16/16, F. Sydenham 15/16, R. Sydenham 12/13. The club will shoot the Metropolitan Double-barrel Championship on May 21. Excellent trophies have been arranged.

ROMA (Qld.). — The Roma Club opened its new grounds and layout in mid-April. The day was a great success, including the attendance of a vast number of spectators. The standard of shooting was high — unless a competitor was equal to a possible in any event, he was "just not in the race." Keith Cameron, the recent visitor to the south, averaged 92 per cent. "kills" for the day, whilst his brother, Murray, held to an average of 97.5 per cent. "kills." Many others averaged well into the 80's. Douglas M. Pack, one of Roma's legal fraternity, was recently appointed as Association referee, and he was in charge of the big day, carrying out his duties with his usual efficiency. The club's new automatic traps functioned well, and, with a few minor adjustments, should soon reach perfection in operation. Results were:—No. 1, 5 Bird, D.B., Points Scoring: J. C. Page (Clara Creek, Q.) 10/10 pts., K. Cameron (Roma) 9/10, J. Allen (Clara Creek) 10/12, J. W. Raleigh (Morven) 10/12. No. 2, 5 Bird, D.B.: Murray Cameron 5/5, K. Rothwell 5/5, K. Cameron 5/5, div. No. 3, 10 Bird, D.B., 12-13-Yarders: D. Fletcher, J. Page, D. Webster, and W. Carne tied, each 9/10. Carne won tie shoot 14/15. A 5/- attached sweep-stake to other shooters resulted in

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5 BIRDS DOUBLE BARREL SWEEPSTAKE.

EVENT No. 2:

CLUB DOUBLE-BARREL CHAMPIONSHIP

15 Birds off 16 yards.

1st, 2nd, 3rd and Trophies for Best 13/14 yd.

EVENT No. 3:

10 BIRD D.B. HANDICAP

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 13/14 yds. and 12 yds. Trophies.

Ladies' Trophy on Championship Event.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4th, at 2 p.m.

EVENT No. 1:

5 BIRDS DOUBLE BARREL. Trophies donated by K. Cameron, Roma, Queensland.

EVENT No. 2:

CLUB DEAUVILLE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

12 Pair Birds, off 16 yds.

Trophies 1st, 2nd and 3rd pairs.

EVENT No. 3:

15 BIRDS DOUBLE BARREL HANDICAP

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 13/14 and 12 yd. Trophies.

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Dick Redpath (Hobart) congratulated by J. A. McCraith (Essendon, V.) after his brilliant "high-gun" effort in the 1949 International. (McCraith was 1948 "high-gun.")

Murray and Keith Cameron dividing 10/10. No. 4, 10 Bird, D.B., 14-15-Yarders: C. R. Fletcher won trophy, 14/15, after tie shoot with M. Cameron and Dr. W. W. Feather. The 5/- attached sweepstake was divided by C. S. Mitchell, J. D. Bassett and K. Cameron, each 10/10. No. 5, 5 Birds, D.B. Points, Div.: N. Bassett and J. Allen each 13/13, K. Bassett 12/13 (3). No. 6, Single-barrel Miss-out, Div.: J. W. Raleigh and N. Bassett 9/9, C. P. Lloyd 8/9 (3). No. 7, Single-barrel Miss-out, from 20 yds.: K. Bassett 4/4, M. Cameron 4/4, and K. Cameron 4/4 divided.

TOWNSVILLE (Q.). — The fixture on the 9th April was marred by indifferent weather. Early the weather was fine. Later, drizzling rain settled in, and this had an upsetting effect on many scores. The attendance was good. Results:—No. 1, 5 Bird, S.B., Div.: J. Carrington, H. Somer and R. Winn 5/5. No. 2 (same): Outright win by R. White, with only possible. After a prolonged shoot-off, R. Winn gained second place and J. Gerber third. No. 3 Open Handicap at 10 Birds, S.B., Liv. first and second: R. Winn and J. Carrington, each 9/10. B. Colless (Charters Towers) was third, and J. Gerber fourth, after tie shoot. No. 4, 5 Birds, S.B., Div.: D. Peberdy, J. Carrington and T. Clay, each 5/5. No. 5, 5 Pairs D'ville Doubles: J. Gerber-R. White

combination won 13/13 pairs, after shoot-off, with Fred. Blackman-T. Clay in second place, 12/13. Five possibles were scored over the original course. The final event, also under Deauville doubles conditions, resulted in J. Winn-J. Christensen gaining the honours.

CAMBERWELL (V.), (2nd).—No. 1, 5 Birds: Won outright by Perc. Willis 5/5. No. 2, 10 Birds, Points Scoring, 3 and 1: S. Burford 28/33, "Eskdale" 26/33, L. L. Schilling 25/33, 13/14-yarder, "Boswell" (V. Heily) 23/30; Novice Spoon, A. Metcalfe (W.A.), 13/30. No. 3, 5 Birds, S.B.: "Dick" 6/6, D. Haddow 5/6. No. 4, Miss-out, Single-barrel: "Boswell" and C. Wignell, div. 3/3. No. 5, 5 Birds, D.B., Div.: C. S. Bromfield, P. Willis and S. Burford 6/6. No. 6, Miss-out, D.B., Div.: Metcalfe (W.A.): "Eskdale" and A. J. Russell 5/5, off fence. No. 1, Metcalfe; No. 2, div., A. J. Russell and Metcalfe. Easter Saturday shoot (16th) was well supported, the main event (10 Birds, Single-barrel) going to "Eskdale" (Bill Robinson), of Benthleigh, one-time member of old Nobel Club, and holder of the A.C.P.T.S.A. Intermediate title won in 1948. He returned a score of 10/12. Bert Goodear 9/12 was runner-up, and F. Cronk 8/12 third. 13-14-yarder, V. Dudley, 7/11, and novice prize to C. Rimmer, 7/10. Other events resulted:—No. 1, 5 Birds, D.B., Div.: A. Smith, "Eskdale," Jenkins and C. S. Bromfield 7/7. No. 2 (same): V. Dudley 13/13, "Jack" (Jack Robinson, son of the main event winner) 12/13. No. 3 (same), Div.: Cronk, Bromfield and Burford 15/15. No. 4 (same), Div.: Smith, Cyril Fankhauser, Bill Delaney 5/5. No. 5 (same), Div.: Burford and V. Dudley 5/5.

(30th). — The attendance of 47 competitors in the club's 1949 premier double-barrel title event was greater than expected, and darkness was fast approaching before the meeting ended. The winner of the title event was Melbourne architect, Verner Fick. No. 1, 5 Birds, Div.: "Jack," P. Cronk, Vern. Dudley, A. F. Johns and Dave Haddow 7/7. No. 2, Club D.B. Championship, 20 Birds, from 16 Yards (no possibles), four 19/20's, tie shoot: V. Fick 33/35, John Bryant 31/35, "Gippsland" (V. Fra-

ser) 23/25, 12/14 yarder, C. S. Bromfield 18/20, 15/16 yarder, "Jack" (Jack Robinson) 22/25.

AUSTRALIAN C.T.C. (V.), (9th).
— No. 1, 5 Birds, 11 Possibles, Tie Shoot: A. J. Russell (Warrandyte) 13/13, "Peters" 12/13, "Doch-and-Doris" and A. Brenk equal third 10/11. No. 2, 10 Pairs, D'ville Doubles, 3 10/10 Pairs, Tie Shoot: L. L. Schilling-A. J. Russell 19/19, John-Bryant-L. Small 18/19, "Dick-Fred Byers" 14/15. No. 3, 10 Birds, 5 Possibles, Tie Shoot: "Peters" 16/16, A. H. Brenk 18/19, L. Small 17/19, 13-14-yarder A. J. Russell, 12/13-yarder C. T. Martin (Eltham). No. 4, 5 Birds, 9 Possibles, Div.: L. Schilling, A. Brenk, W. Finnigan and Cyril Fankhauser 8/8. The shoot on April 23 brought back to winning brackets the popular sportsman, "Dick" (T. R. Wightman), for a long period during the war chairman of the A.C.P.T.S.A. Executive Committee. The main event was the Club Intermediate Championship, restricted to those whose club handicap did not exceed

16 yards. No possibles were recorded. "Dick" and Joe Kirkham (Dandenong) returned scores of 19/20. In the tie shoot, "Dick" was the steadier, winning 12/11, 24/25 to Kirkham's 0/100 (he did not shoot at the last bird), 20/24. Third place went to Roy Longmore 23/25, after a tie shoot with four others. Minor events on the same day resulted:—No. 1, 5 birds, 13 Possibles, Div.: Fred Skate, E. Brenk, F. Tuck, "Ingi," Jim McInnes and "Doncaster" 11/11. No. 2, 10 Birds, 17/20-yarders only: Outright to Frank Brown 10/10. No. 3, 5 Birds, Single-barrel: "Nimrod" (Harry Roberts) 5/5, "Nyla" (Miss Nyla Fankhauser), also 5/5. Miss Fankhauser had entered "birds only," but, in view of her excellent performance, it was decided to award the second trophy to her.

WONGABRI (Bowral, N.S.W. — Only a small gathering of shooters attended the monthly shoot at Wongabri. Weather to blame—it rained continually throughout the day. Although weather bad, the shooting

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OVERSEAS ITEMS

Great Britain

Shooting in England and the other Great Britain countries is about to be resumed, following the cold months of winter. The Home Counties International series will be shot at Dundee, in Scotland, early in July. When this is finalised, our Australian scores will be made available. In a London letter from the Clay Pigeon Shooting Association, the matter of the substitution of a member of the Australian team, and the acceptance of his score, was referred to. The question raised has been sent on to the International Committee for official decision. This will be made known immediately that body gives its ruling.

In keeping with the advancement of more settled times, the English Association has decided to revive publication of its Clay Pigeon Shooting News. This will be a quarterly publication for the time being.

At the English Association's annual meeting on April 8, appreciative reference was made to the generosity of Australian shooters in sending so many parcels to their English kinsmen. The sending of these parcels has done much to alleviate the food shortage in England, according to scores of letters of thanks received by the A.C.P.T.S.A. secretary.

was very good. The best performance was that put up by Bruce Hill, of Sydney. Newton Thomas, as usual, was very consistent. The club had a visitor from Townsville—International, Jim Smith. Unfortunately, he did not strike form. After coming from Townsville, and the weather as it was, he must have been frozen. Gordon Shepherd shot very well; unfortunately missed just that "one" in the shoots-off. A. Shepherd is still to shoot himself in with his new gun. Jack Upton was most pleased with his shooting. Better luck next time, Jack. One can't always knock 39/40 straight, which, incidentally, he did, and is the club record to date (that is, in one single event). Results:—Club Trophy: S. Lamb (name on trophy twice) 18/18, 1st; B. Hill 17/18, 2nd; W. Ruttty and G. Shepherd, 3rd. Mixed Bird Event: B. Hill 12/12, 1st; A. L. Ray 10/12, 2nd; J. Brazenall and A. Shepherd 9/12, 3rd. 12-Yarder Trophy: 1st Round: S. Downs 4/5. £1 Sweep: B. Hill and S. Lamb 10/10, 1st, divided. Bill Hill scored for afternoon, 42/43 kills.

LATROBE (Tas.).—Results, meeting held April 2nd, 1949: — Novice Sweepstake: L. Emery 10/10, V. K. Sheehan 9/10, S. Meagher 5/6, R. Downward 4/5. R. F. Mitchell Trophy: D. Forsyth 11/11, A. Barnes 10/11, R. Downward, L. Freeman 7/8, W. Taylor R. Mitchell, L. Emery 6/7. £5 D.B. Handicap: R. Rockliff 10/10, G. Dicker, A. E. Butler, R. Mitchell 13/14, S. Meagher 13/15, D. Forsyth 12/14. £5 S.B. Handicap: A. Poxon, D. Brett, L. Freeman 10/10,

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"Tips" and "Tails"

An increasing number of women shooters are being attracted to the sport of clay pigeon shooting. One of the latest devotees is Miss Barbara Biggs, daughter of the well-known E. G. ("Beau Geste") Biggs. Miss Biggs is still at school. Competing as a partner with J. M. ("Jock") Wilson, Association president, at East Burwood last month, this young sportswoman broke 9/10 of the targets released to her in a Deauville Double competition. As this was at least two better than her male partner, it was a first-class effort. "Jock" was so impressed with his young partner's performance that he presented her with a special trophy to mark the occasion.

Roma district shooters (Qld.) are very proud of the fact that their club president, Keith Cameron, created such an impression down south, both by his shooting ability and his sportsmanship, and also by the fact that he was a member of the winning team in the Australian Teams' title, and was successful in winning a place in the 1949 International team which shot for Australia at East Burwood on March 14 last. The locals at Roma feel that Keith's stature in the shooting world is now so great that he will require a concrete block back on the 25 yard mark to give untravelling members a chance!

Jack Page, at Atherton (N. Qld.), one of the Atherton Club's founders, in a letter recently stated that his district "has had yards of rain, about 60 inches since 1st January." He added that he hoped it would "clear for Easter, so that we can have a shoot." The club now has a concrete lay-out, and is looking forward to some first-class meetings when supplies become more definite.

Roma secretary, C. R. Fletcher, writing last month, mentioned that, "The News" is very popular out here; all the chaps eagerly await its arrival each month, and, as a matter of fact, it's the first thing I open on the mail day it arrives." (Praise, indeed! We trust "News" will continue to provide gun shooting interest to all the sportsmen up north.—Ed.)

Roma's official club referee, D. M. Pack, was recently appointed an Association official in the same capacity. He is one of the best in the north, and one of those with whom it is waste of time to differ, because "he knows the rules." Pack is a Roma solicitor, and a District Commissioner with the Boy Scout Movement. He attended the recent Scout Jamboree at Wonga Park (V.).

The Australian Teams' Championship Pennant, won by the Roma-Townsville combination at East Burwood on March 12, was handed over to the Townsville Gun Club and unfurled on the local grounds on April 9. Jim Smith was the carrier of the imposing flag, and presented it for unfurling on the day mentioned. Naturally Townsville Club is very pleased that its members, aided by the one Roma inclusion (Keith Cameron) should "wipe the eye" of the southerners and take the coveted pennant up to the far north. It seems that Roma Club will necessarily have to be satisfied with a picture of the winning team, although its representative was actually top-scorer with 29/30. Mention of Keith Cameron recalls that he is entitled to a Hartley Break Badge, for his break of 60 straight in the International Match, the best break of the event.

D. D. Mackay, one of the Townsville members of the winning Australian teams' combination, who now lives at Cooranbong, N.S.W., wrote recently, advising that he and fellow clubman, International (1948) Jim Smith (Home Hill) intend visiting Great Britain, arriving in June. Mr. Mackay adds, "I would like to thank you and your Association for the very

fine welcome you gave us visitors to your championship shoots in March, and the efficiency of your organisation was a pleasure to behold. "Lang may your Lum Reek." (We will leave the latter part for our Scotch brethren to interpret.—Ed.)

Mrs. M. J. Duchatel, of Griffith, (N.S.W.), together with Roy W. Johns (V.), have both written eulogistic letters of the great time provided for shooters and visitors by Deniliquin when that club staged its big two-day meeting over the Easter vacation period. Mrs. Duchatel mentions, "Probably the most successful shoot ever held, from a visitor's point of view, was the Deniliquin Club's Easter meeting. I say, from a visitor's point of view, because everything that could be done to make the week-end an enjoyable one had been carefully thought out and put into operation. The really delightful morning and afternoon teas were appreciated by we women, while the men seemed to enjoy those refreshments as much as that provided at the other side of the pavilion, and the happy thought of

providing luncheon on the grounds made it possible for shooters to carry on without the worry of starving wives and families. Most unexpected and therefore doubly appreciated, was the banquet evening, to which visitors, their wives and families, were invited and catered for, even to the cordials for small ones. It was a lovely party, and I'm sure that all members' wives agree with me that we want our husbands and sons to go to Deniliquin whenever there is a meeting there. Thank you very much, Deniliquin."

"I wish to congratulate and thank the Deniliquin G.C. (N.S.W.) for their very fine thought and hospitality. The dinner, supper and fine evening's entertainment that followed the Easter Saturday shoot was a credit to any club. The visiting shooters and ladies all expressed their appreciation, and straight away voiced their intention to visit Deniliquin again at first opportunity.—Yours, W. R. JOHNS."

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Mr. Lionel Bibby is confined to his bed in Concord Repatriation Hospital, Sydney, and is likely to be absent from active duty for some time. The Association and all shooters extend their sympathy to Lionel, who has long been a good supporter of the Association and the sport. Accordingly, "1949 Reflections," by Lionel Bibby (promised for this month) will not be available for a month or two.

George Biggs (Vic.), manager of Hartley's Gun Department in Melbourne, is now one of the back-markers for Australia, and his form certainly warrants his honoured position. At Colac on April 30, he won the Western District title, making his fifth title win in five weeks.

Ray Hall, the popular Wagga (N.S.W.) shooter, and adviser in Hunter Bros.' Sporting Department, experienced the misfortune, early this year, of losing his home and its contents when the property was destroyed by fire. This is a big loss to Ray, and shooters and the Association express sympathy and regret to Ray and his wife.

Jack Bryant and his son, John, created something of a record on April 30, when the pair were fighting out club championships on separate grounds in the Melbourne metropolitan area. The first-named gave a really good display of single-barrel shooting when he won the Coburg Club's single-barrel title on the North

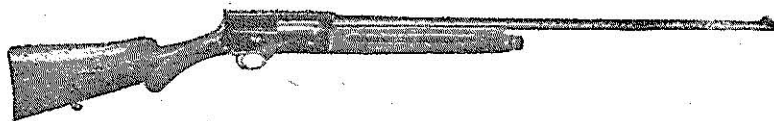
Coburg grounds. An extremely strong side wind prevailed throughout, and Bryant's score of 19/20 was a first-class effort. It was his 50th championship, and he was the recipient of many congratulations on reaching this figure in title matches.

At Camberwell, on the same day, John Bryant (son of the Coburg winner) went to the 35th round before bowing to Melbourne architect, Verner Pick, in the Camberwell Club's premier double-barrel title. The winner is just returning to the sport, after the recess of war years. Now that this popular sportsman has tasted the fruits of victory again, it seems likely that he will be a more frequent visitor to metropolitan shooting tracks. He is a one-time president of the former Blackburn Club, and was one of those who assisted the Association throughout the lean years by maintaining his registration fees continually.

Another coming back in winning brackets is Brian Kelly, of Brighton (V.). Brian won a double at Coburg on April 30. He is a third generation saddler and leather goods business man, both his grandfather and father having previously conducted the business which he now runs.

Former Association Executive committee member, Jack Dawson, swept the boards with his Labradors at the recent Sydney Royal Show. Unfortunately, the pleasure of his successes

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Four who shot well during the recent International at East Burwood. L. to R.: Dick Redpath (Hobart), Alf. Poxon (Launceston), Jack Bryant (Blackburn), and Jack McCraith.

were marred somewhat by Jack having to spend a lot of time in bed during the Sydney visit, due to an illness contracted on duck opening day—the result of getting wet on the first morning.

It is unusual for a shooter's wife to draw her husband in the Ladies' Trophy competition. This, however, was the unusual experience of Dick Wightman and his wife, at a recent fixture of the Australian Club at East Burwood. Dick maintained the ordered sequence by winning the event concerned—the Club Intermediate Championship—on the 25th round. Dick's win was very popular; it was his first success in a major event for a very long time. He was Chairman of the Association Executive Committee for several years during the war period.

Miss Nyla Fankhauser, who uses the shooting name of "Nyla," gained her first trophy on the same day as Dick's success. Entering in the final five-bird, "birds only," she, with "Nimrod" (Harry Roberts) returned the only possibles. The latter was then declared the winner, and shooters decided to allot the second trophy to "Nyla" for her splendid performance.

Apropos to the recent letter on "pulling" by A. E. Haynes, to this publication, Eddie Brenk has been busy, and, with his inventive mind, has constructed a special electric releasing system, which was used for the first time at East Burwood on April 23. Shooting was suspended for everyone to witness the operation. It was most successful. It was found that the shooter had hardly completed the call "pull" before the bird was soaring through the air; and this merely by pressing an electric button. With a few more trials and possible modifications, there is a distinct possibility of the new arrangement becoming a standard installation at East Burwood.

Mac Johnstone, Latrobe Club (Tas.), efficient secretary, advises that the North-West Districts of Tas. D.B. Championship will be shot at Latrobe on May 21. Originally set down for May 7, it was found Hobart Club had already advertised a meeting for that day. Cressy is shooting on May 14. Latrobe looks for some support from both Cressy and Hobart, hence the transfer of the date from May 7 to May 21.

Charlie Wignell, one of Camberwell Club's executive members for many years, and one who has helped the A.C.P.T.S.A. on many occasions, is the original No. 20 of the 1st A.I.F. Only 51 now, it does not take much working out to see just how old Charlie was when he first entered camp in 1914, and also his youthfulness at the Gallipoli landing. He served with the original 5th Battalion through the 1914-18 scrap.

One of the most improved of the "newer" shooters is Vern, Dudley, now a member of the Camberwell Club committee. Shooting only 8 months, Vern is gradually working back on the mark to be among the top-notchers. A good shot and a good club man as well.

In a brief visit to Tasmania, per the medium of "Convair" and "D.C.3" planes, last month, the scribe who "slaps the news together" for this publication enjoyed the experience of renewing friendships with many of the Northern Tasmanian gun members and others well known in the sporting fraternity on the mainland.

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side of Bass Strait. It was indeed a worthwhile trip, with Alf. Poxon, by car, out to the Tasmanian Club's new grounds at St. Leonards. Situated right on the top of a stiff rise, the background is second to none. The club house has been removed from the former shooting ground at King's Meadows, and re-erected on the new site. It holds a commanding position, and can be seen from a distance of a mile or two. The actual shooting ground is completely flat, and, as well as having a first-class five-track layout, now has the added set-up of an excellent skeet ground, complete with high and low trap-houses. The grounds, which form portion of Bill Rainbird's stud property, are bordered by the picturesque North Esk River, and a prettier outlook all round could scarcely be imagined.

George Purcell, who is Victorian born, ensured my passage as an Honorary Member of the exclusive Northern Club during my visit. Bill Rainbird made sure my cigarette supply did not flag, and Alf Poxon's car trips made for a continually growing appetite for this class of entertainment. Ted Egan (of quadruped Britisher fame) was not as successful in our snooker encounters as Britisher was in Melbourne Racing Club's Inauguration Cup. The interest of these fine sportsmen was a highlight of the trip, and again emphasised just how well Tasmanians can look after visitors.

U.S.A. Shooting

Spokane Gun Club (Washington), one of the most prominent and up-to-date in America, recently purchased a new site, 12 miles east of Washington, at Greenacres. The club held its present site in Fort George Wright, on the Spokane River, for 29 years. It will move from the latter quarters late this year. Its present layout includes twelve five-track shooting layouts, plus skeet grounds. The club is under the presidential supervision of W. D. (Bill) Meyerhoff, one of the best shots in U.S.A. Rex Miles, a brother of Welsh International, Major S. C. Miles, has been secretary for more years than he can remember. (Last month, the club honoured this scribe with Honorary Life Membership.—Ed.).

In a recent inter-city contest against Portland, Spokane won a 20-men teams' contest, with a score of 1788/2000, against Portland's 1756/2000. In a description of the match, an American newspaper described "Spokane sending the crying towel trapshot trophy" back to Portland. Two Portland team members held the high guns, each with 98/100.

An American Professional Trapshot (according to the U.S.A. 1949 Official Trapshooting Rules) is "Any person who receives compensation from any of the ammunition, arms, or target companies, or individuals directly affiliated with these industries, for shooting, or for the display and sale of their merchandise, or has his or her expenses paid in full, or in part, or who receives shells, gunpowder or other shooting paraphernalia free of charge or who is enabled to purchase any of the commodities manufactured by any of these aforesaid companies or individuals used for trapshooting at less than regular wholesale prices, shall be considered a PROFESSIONAL TRAPSHOT, and, as such, shall not be permitted to compete for money or trophies in registered shooting matches or tournaments, except in those events specially provided for professionals."

Hobart Gun Club

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

BRIGHTON (TAS.)



28th MAY, 1949

Commencing at 12 Noon.

EVENT No. 1:

5 BIRD NOVICE SHOOT for Club Trophy. Nomination, 5/-.

EVENT No. 2:

5 BIRD DOUBLE BARREL HANDICAP, SWEEPSTAKE.
Nomination, 5/-.

EVENT No. 3:

£20 Handicap £20

15 BIRD DOUBLE BARREL.

Divided, 60 per cent. First, 20 per cent. Second, 10 per cent.

Third, and 10 per cent. Best 12 Yard Shooter not in

First Three.

Nomination, £1.

EVENT No. 4:

10 BIRD SILENT RISE, First, Second, and Third Trophies.
Nomination, 10/-.

Shoots to Follow — JUNE 25th, JULY 30th.

J. M. TYQUIN,
President.

C. H. JONES,
Hon. Secretary,
144 Collins St., Hobart.

The Grosvenor Corner

(BY THE LATE MR. W. P. GROSVENOR)

Continuing with the extracts from letters by the one-time famous English coach, the late Mr. W. P. Grosvenor, it is interesting to recount the following.

Mr. Grosvenor, some time before he died, provided the Editor of this Journal with a full account of the reasons why clay pigeon shooting was dropped from the Olympic Games, over 20 years ago. This exclusive information will be made available through the columns of "News" at a later date.

In view of Melbourne's allocation of the 1956 Olympic Games, the information is of great interest, and will doubtless be read by many with animated surprise. To quote Mr. Grosvenor on this (extract): "So, as I have already said, what I have written is for your own private information, but, in respect to the lay-outs and general programme conditions, it may help you in something or other later on." (Wonder if this grand sportsman ever visualised the staging of Olympic Games in Melbourne, when he wrote the above?—Ed.)

Mr. Grosvenor then proceeds: "Have met a lot of interesting men in my time, such as Kitchener, Sir Samuel Baker, the great African explorer, and many big game shooters. By the way, my brother-in-law, Jim Vincent, the well-known ornithologist and authority on our rare Norfolk bird visitors, and who, in spite of our beating him at clay birds in the long ago, was known as one of the best game and wild-fowl shots in the Eastern Counties. He was invited by the late King George V to go to Sandringham to tell him and the Queen about the bittern, bearded tits,

etc. The King was most interested, kept him there three days, and took him out with him when shooting every day. Jim told me afterwards how really great a game shot the King was, and this may be news to you. The King always used No. 5 shot, a fact not generally known. This was after his severe operation (the wound never closed up), and he was a deadly shot at all other than direct overhead birds.

"The King used to go to Richmond Watson's Shooting School at Perivale, and get himself into shape for the coming seasons. I knew Watson very well, and used to hear how good the King was on high birds (a true 40 yards) from the tower."



Ten Years Ago..

Shooting at the Camberwell Club's grounds in May, 1939, Reg. Ilett (now referee at the Victorian G.C.), using the shooting name of "Harrison," won the Commonwealth Double-rise Championship outright. His score was 8/12, missing his first, fourth, fifth and seventh pairs. A tie shoot for the places resulted in a triple shoot-off before Walter B. Wilkinson, the Geelong veteran, defeated "Kim" (J. Sans), 11/21 pairs to 10/21 pairs.

Others noticed among the winners during May, 1939: Lt.-Col. C. Carre-Riddell, of Toorak, who defeated a field of 36 at Blackburn on the 14th round of a minor event. Albert Rickards, of Echuca (V.), during one of his periodical visits to the metropolis, won the Victorian C.T. Club's cup on the 23rd round, with 23 straight. The runner-up was "Brown-ing" (J. L. Lowe), 22/23, with "Drongo" (Les. Tibb) in third place, 17/18. The novice cup in the same event was won by Dr. Joyce, then a local Bentleigh resident. (Dr. Joyce lost his life in New Guinea during the war.)

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 TRAP GUN

This is the makers' most powerful of 12 bore guns. It should not have an automatic trigger safety but an independent safety. An auto. safety on this type of gun is the greatest mistake that can be made. (The reason is obvious.)

The shooting required will in some measure be dependent upon the distance the user is generally placed from the trap, it being required to have the largest possible "killing" circle. In the case of clay targets, at the average shooting distance at which the target is fired, with the first barrel and five yards further with the second, both barrels being choke bored.

In no class of gun is uniformity and regularity of shooting more essential than the trap gun.

The weight may be from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. greater than a gun carried for game shooting, but it is important that the

balance be perfect; an ideal trap gun will balance at about three inches from the breech; weight only $7\frac{1}{2}$ lbs., and fire a full charge of shot (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ounces) with the greatest uniformity. Barrels chambered for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cases, and in it a charge of 50 grains of Schultz powder (or its equivalent) may be used without excessive recoil. The gun may have an engine turned flat or half hollow rib. Good shots prefer the gun to shoot high at forty yards, and the pellets thrown well to the centre. An average pattern of 250 in a 30 inch circle at 40 yards is the best a 12 bore will do.

In deciding the amount of choke required, it must be borne in mind that the pattern made at any given distance does not fairly represent the position of the charge at any given moment.

(Amount of choke and position of charge was in previous edition of Association "News.")

Wongabri Gun Club - Bowral N.S.W.

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

(Name changed from Berrima District Gun Club, Bowral)

28th MAY, 1949.

1.30 p.m.

Main Event—

£20 PRIZE MONEY

PRIZE MONEY £20

Double-Barrel Assoc'n Handicap

OTHER EVENTS—

CLUB TROPHY SHOOT

3rd Round, 12-Yarder Trophy. Other Events, Time Permitting.

Automatic Trap.

Afternoon Tea.

NOTE.—All shoots will be held on Fourth Saturday each month, unless otherwise notified.

C. H. METCALFE,
President.

W. A. PALMER, Secty.,
Bowral, N.S.W.

Trigger Pressure.—The usual pull-off for fine Trap (and Game) Guns is 4 lbs. for the Right and 5 lbs. the Left.

For interest, whilst on Trap Guns, the following are performances by expert Clay Pigeon shooters.

In a series of 25 matches at 100 targets, each match between Dr. Carver and Capt. Bogardus:—

Dr. Carver—2,227.
Capt. Bogardus—2,103.

Dr. Carver made two scores of 100 each without a miss, twenty of his scores exceeded 90/100. Captain Bogardus once scored 99/100.

Glass Balls (much easier to hit).—Mr. Scott once smashed 700 consecutively.

Glass Balls match between Dr. Carver and Mr. Scott: .

Dr. Carver—9,737/9750.
Mr. Scott—9,735/9750.

In the last 950, Dr. Carver missed two only; Scott three.

New and Renewed Registrations received since last Issue

3700 Arthur, I. (Roma) . . .
2914 Breen, J. (Bowral) . . .
3716 Brook, R. (Wangaratta) . . 12
3737 Cakebread, W. A. (Echuca) 15
3702 Campbell, R. C. (Deniliquin) . . .
3697 Carne, W. H. (Roma) . . .
3736 Cherry, T. (Echuca) . . . 12
3711 Correll, H. (Eltham) . . .
206 Delaney, R. W. (Camberwell) . . . 16
3741 Dempsey, F. L. (Yarram)
3699 Dillon, H. N. (Roma) . . .
3722 Duell, J. (Wangaratta) . . 13
3737 Exner, T. F. (Coburg) . . 12
3744 Falkiner, F. (Deniliquin) .
3698 Ferrier, M. (Roma) . . .
3715 Fisher, C. (Eltham) . . .
3739 Fitzpatrick, F. (Echuca) . . 13
3720 Foster, H. (Wangaratta) . . 12
3745 Gardiner, J. (Casterton) .
3727 Halbisch, A. D. (Ganmain)
3728 Halbisch, A. J. (Ganmain)
3714 Harrison, W. S. (Eltham)
3735 Haysmith, L. (Tambo Valley) . . .
215 Hill, R. (Cressy) . . .
3719 Holmes, O. (Wangaratta) 12
3738 Hosford, B. E. (Echuca) 13
3708 Jelbart, R. (Eltham) . . .
3725 Kelly, L. E. (Irrewillipe) .

3742 Light, Alf. (Yarram) . . .
3705 Mace, W. W. (St. George)
3743 Maw, B. (Deniliquin) . . .
3701 Maw, W. (Deniliquin) . . .
3733 Miller, R. F. (Tasmanian)
3734 Morris, P. (Tasmanian) . .
3721 Nippres, R. (Wangaratta) 13
3717 O'Brien, D. A. (Wangaratta) . . 12
3724 Osborn, E. D. (Colac) . .
2072 Pierce, E. (Rockhampton)
3718 Reith, I. (Wangaratta) . . 12
3723 Roache, W. (Pirron Yallock) . . .
3702 Robertson, Jack H. (Albury) . . .
3710 Smith, A. (Eltham) . . .
3709 Smith, C. L. (Eltham) . . .
3713 Squire, J. (Eltham) . . .
3712 Stevenson, J. (Eltham) . .
3704 Stewart, C. (St. George) . .
3740 Stuckey, H. (Yarram) . . .
3730 Warren, John (Ganmain) . .
3732 Weder, W. J. (Rockhampton) . . .
3726 Wilson, J. (Irrewillipe) . .
3729 Yaupong, Geo. (Ganmain)
3706 Ziebarth, L. W. (Barellan)
3707 Ziebarth, W. L. (Barellan)

Handicap Adjustments since last Issue

3415 Archer, W. (C. Towers) . . . 13	3277 Freeman, L. J. (Latrobe) 14
3289 Arnold, W. (Colac) . . . 17	396 Ingbritsen, C. H., ("Ingi" (Coburg) 18
3677 Baker, Earl (C. Towers) . . 13	613 Johnstone, M. M. (Latrobe) 13
3329 Bode, C. H., "Glaxo" (Eltham) 14	3166 Kelly, B. (Coburg) . . . 16
2478 Bott, N. C. (Benalla) . . . 16	3465 Mackey, H. (Latrobe) . . 12
3010 Brenk, A. H. (Aust.) . . . 17	1096 Manser, A. P. (Albury) . . 13
3467 Brett, H. E. (Latrobe) . . . 12	3466 Meagher, S. F. (Latrobe) . 12
2807 Brice, E. W. (Canowindra) 15	3679 Nelson, G. (C. Towers) . . 12
1643 Cameron, K. F. (Roma) . . . 17	1219 Rickards, A. (Echuca) . . 15
1644 Cameron, M. F. (Roma) . . . 15	1947 Robertson, W. F. (D'quin) 16
2957 Colless, V. H. (C. Towers) 15	3194 Russell, A. J. (C'well) . . 16
3091 Cox, E. V. (Hay) 15	3464 Sheehan, G. (Latrobe) . . 12
2967 Crago, N. (C. Towers) . . . 14	3267 Thorn, R. B. (St. James) 13
2641 Cross, H. G. (Gulgandra) 13	3678 Walker, Clem (C. Towers) 12
3447 Crowe, M. (D'quin) 14	3612 Willis, J. P. (Camberwell) 15
3027 Dudley, V. (Camberwell) . 14	3680 Young, L. (C. Towers) . . 12
2661 Etches, C. E., "Script" (Wang.) 14	

FOOTSCRAY GUN CLUB

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

No. 2 Ground: TOTTENHAM, VICTORIA.

MAY, 21st

Commencing 1.30 p.m.

FIRST EVENT:

5 BIRD D.B. SWEEPSTAKE, Entry.

SECOND EVENT:

METROPOLITAN DOUBLE-BARREL CHAMPIONSHIP

(A.C.P.T.S.A. Conditions) 20 Birds from 16 Yards. Entry, 15/-.
1st, Trophy valued £10, and Sash; 2nd, Trophy, £5; 3rd, Trophy, valued £2. Also Novice Trophy, valued £1.

Other Events, time permitting.

JUNE, 4th

FIRST EVENT:

5 BIRD S.B. Entry, 4/-.

SECOND EVENT:

15 BIRD D.B. HANDICAP. Nomination, 15/-.
1st, 2nd, 3rd and Front Marker Trophy.

THIRD EVENT:

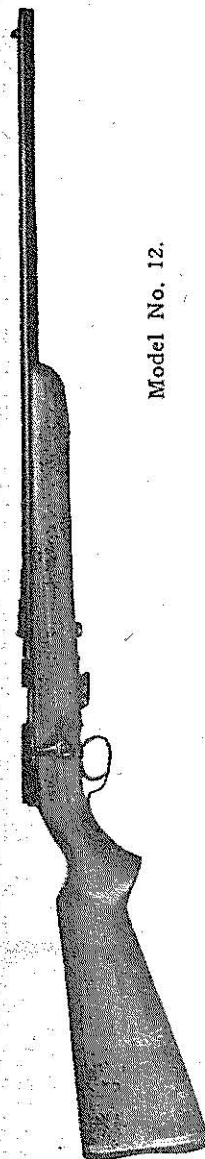
3 PAIRS DOUBLE RISE. Entry, 5/-.

C. B. JOHNSON, President

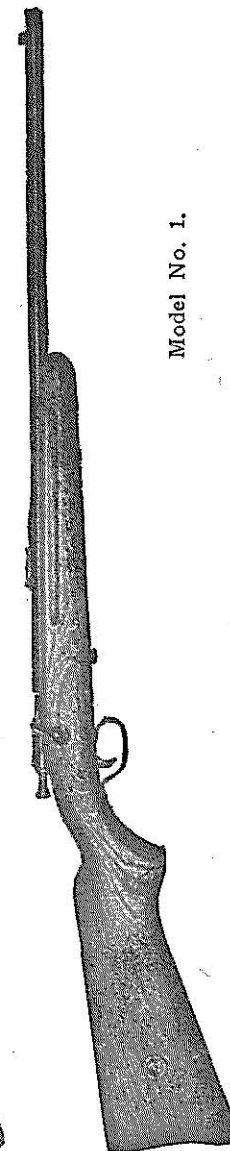
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