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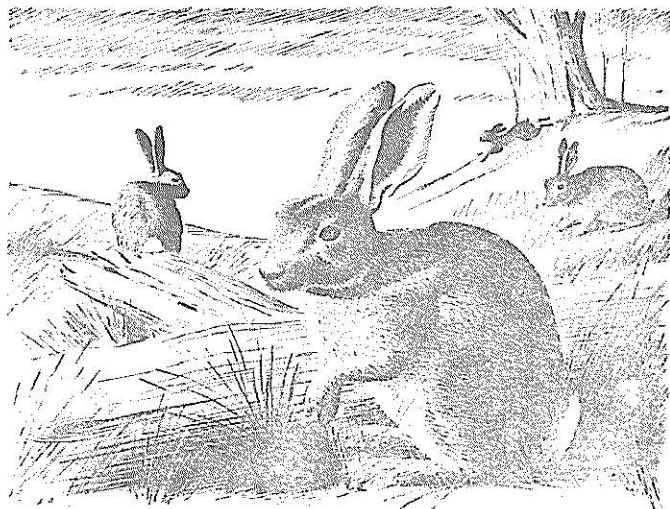
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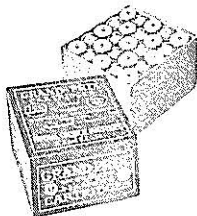




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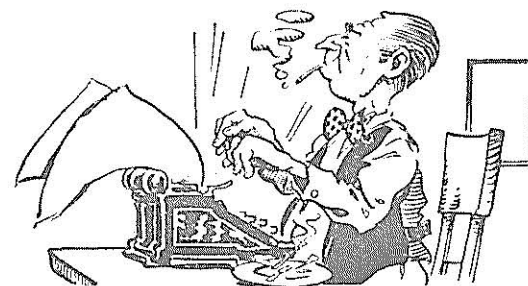
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## THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK



In view of the Association's continued development, the details of the 13th Annual Report are appended for the interest and information of clubs and shooters.

The 13th Annual Report of the Executive Committee, covering the period of operations and activities of the Australian Clay Pigeon Trap Shooting Association, is submitted for consideration and approval by affiliated club delegates attending the 13th Annual Meeting of the Association at Scott's Hotel, Melbourne, on November 2nd, 1949.

The period under review has been one of continued extension and success. One of the principal matters of interest has been Australia's first success in International competition. Australia won the Mackintosh International Trophy, which was shot for the second time in the post-war era during the 1949 season. The Australian team comprised the first 20 highest scorers in the Champion of Champions Cup—Australian National Championship. The team of 20 men (first 15 scores to count) gained a meritorious win with England (pre-

## *Special Notice to Clubs and Advertisers*



December Issue of the "News" will be published on or about December 12. The following issue will appear on February 1. Intending advertisers for January Shoots and early February should ensure inclusion in the December issue. (Copy not later than November 30.)

vious holders of the International award) in second place, Scotland third, Wales fourth, and Ireland fifth. Australia won by 38 points. The selection method adopted by the Association for the composition of the Australian team has proved to be most satisfactory, in that it gives every shooter an opportunity of winning his way to International honours. Australia's high-gun honour in the International series went to R. Redpath, of the Hobart Club (Tasmania), and congratulations are extended to this shooter on his splendid performance in recording 97/100 for the event.

The Commonwealth single-barrel championship was decided under the efficient supervision of the Townsville Club (Queensland). The winner was Keith Cameron, of Roma (Qld.). The premier Commonwealth title (double-barrel) has, at period of preparation of this report, not been decided. It is due for decision at the East Burwood grounds of the Australian Club (V.), on November 5.

The Champion of Champions Cup (Australian National Championship) was won for the third time by A. F. Burns (Footscray, V.). This event was shot at 60 birds per man for the first time, and produced the all-time record entry of 152.

The break of 97 straight compiled by Vic. Eather, of the Boggabri Club (N.S.W.), has been officially recognised as the Australian record. This was compiled on the grounds of the Roma Gun Club (Qld.).

Congratulations are extended to the winners of all championships, Commonwealth, State and District.

The list of Life-Registered Shooters has been added to during the season. The list now comprises Messrs. Edmund Collins, John M. Wilson, H. G. James, J. R. Schutt, W. E. H. Rainbird, G. H. Watts, J. Bryant, E. C. Etches, A. G. L. Bragg, Aubrey F. Johnson, J. O. Cox, John Cox, V. L. Fankhauser, K. F. Cameron, C. Campbell and L. E. Tewksbury.

Affiliated and registered shooters have increased in number since last annual meeting. Affiliated clubs affiliated since the nominal resump-

tion of competitive shooting, about 1946, have totalled 92, of which 80 clubs are classified as affiliated for the review period. The total of registered shooters has increased to approximately 1,800.

The very large numbers of appreciative letters and comments received by the Association leave no doubt whatever that the sponsoring of the "News" — the Association monthly publication of review, club matters and advertising—has, and is, providing a service which the great majority of shooters approve of fully.

Due to the increasing registration and affiliation figures the Association finances continue to become more and more stabilised. The Association's three accounts, namely, General Account, Competition Account and Journal Account, all show satisfactory credit balances.

Appreciative thanks are again tendered to the many business houses and sportsmen throughout the Commonwealth who have so generously supported the Association and its work in sponsoring clay pigeon shooting on a Commonwealth-wide basis with International affiliations.

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## DECEMBER 10TH, 1949

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## U.S.A. SHOOTING

A few U.S.A. shooters are nibbling at the idea of paying us a visit, particularly for the Association big events. Discussing our best shooters in a recent letter, our generous correspondent, Mr. Rex Miles, mentions: "There is no reason in the world why your shooters should not be as good as ours, but when you select one man, he would have to be good to beat a bunch at one of our shoots. Another thing, when making comparisons, I note that your good shooter won your big event in March with 97/100, which is a good score. But, if he had to use his second barrel five times, it makes a difference. Bill Meyerhoff, President of our Spokane Club, missed four in 400 single barrel shooting, as you know we just shoot once at a target here. However, Bill is 'tops' and there are few shooters in the world to-day his equal!"

Some months ago this scribe forwarded a couple of model koala bears (mother and cub) to the Hiyu Indian Trapshooting Association for competition among "squaw" members at the annual Hayden Lake (Idaho) meet of the "Hiyu Tribe." These trophies duly arrived and created quite some interest among our U.S.A. friends. Rex Miles has forwarded the result of the shoot for the bears. The winner was Miss Evelyn Stoddard, of Yakima, Wash. It appears that a tie shoot resulted when Miss Stoddard and Miss Joyce Vanairsdale each stopped 47/50 from 19 yards. Both girls had previously shot at 150 targets for the week-end and were a bit "flattened," so they tossed to decide the destination of the bears. Miss Stoddard called correctly. Bill Meyerhoff shot "only" 95 out of 100 at Hayden Lake.

## ENGLISH SKEET TITLE

A special air-mail report from Mr. Harry Rogers, secretary of the English Clay Pigeon Shooting Association, gives details of the recent English Skeet Shooting Championship. Mr. Rogers says: "The Skeet Clay Pigeon Shooting Championship of England was shot at the grounds at Northolt, Greenford, Middlesex, on 23rd and 24th September. Conditions were four full skeet rounds of 29 birds (14 singles and 3 doubles), two rounds to be fired from each of two layouts. Total, 80 birds. The five highest scores, and those who tie for fifth place over the 80 birds, will shoot a further full skeet round (making a total of 100 birds) to decide the winners of the skeet shooting prizes. The weather was dull, and with slight occasional rain. 80 entrants. Result of the 100 birds—1, J. Wheater (Yorks), 96; 2, W. Harris (Kent), 91; 3, F. T. Moore (Middlesex), 88; 4, L. T. Field (Yorks), 87, D. H. Neilsen (Essex), 86. The birds were difficult, but Wheater shot splendidly, and his five rounds counted 19, 19, 19, 19, 20 for the final—the only 'skeet' twenty (medal awarded) for the event. Pools completed a well-supported programme."

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EVENT No. 3.—

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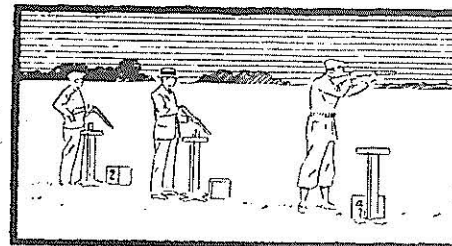
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## AROUND THE CLUBS AND MEETINGS...



**AUSTRALIAN (East Burwood, V.).**  
—Sixty-seven shooters turned out for the club's fixture on October 8 as a compliment to the club's newly appointed president, Jim Bienvenu. The day was classified as "President and Committee Day," and that group certainly did the shooters well. Entertainment and hospitality were lavished upon competitors and visitors, and this aided by first-class weather made for a great day. Among the visitors was Harold Nasser of Atherton Club (Qld.)—he shot well, just outside the prize awards. The club's retiring President, Dave Watson, was moved to "verse" and is the author of the following:—

Here's to our President,  
Brand spanking new;  
Drink to his happiness,  
Jimmy Bienvenu.

Dave followed this neat arrangement with still another effort, which read:—

I've led to the right,  
I've led to the left,  
I've shot underneath and above  
them.

The more I shoot,  
The more do I miss,

Which goes to show how much I  
love them.

Shoot results were:—No. 1, 5 birds, 18 possibilities, div. C. Bromfield. L. L. Schilling, A. E. Goodear, K. Jenkin, D. K. Dobson and "Drongo" 10/10; No. 2, 20 birds, won outright by Frank Tuck 20/20; tie shoot for places, A. H. Brenk 29/30 (2), Wing-Commander T. S. Ingledew 28/30; 12 yarder, A. Lawton (Gippsland); 13/14 yarder, W.

Hurlstone 21/23. On October 22 68 shooters attended. The main event, a 20 birder, was won outright by J. Bryant, Jun., 20/20, Ray Cummins 21/22 defeating Frank Tuck, 20/22, for the second placing. Fred Byers, the club's Assistant-Secretary, a former Nobel Secretary, won the 13/14 yarders award, 24/26, after a six round tie shoot. The 12 yarders event went to F. Cronk. Only one other event, a 10 birder, was possible owing to the big muster of shooters. This produced 8 possibles, and the tie shoot resulted J. H. Headland 19/19, L. Small 18/19, "Peters" 15/16; the 12 yarder prize went to A. Male 9/10; and the 13/14 yard prize to D. K. Dobson, 12/13.

**CAMBERWELL (V.).**—October 1: No. 1, 5 birds, P. Willis 5/5; No. 2, 5 birds D.B., div. Keith Davies, L. Byrne and K. Jenkins 7/7; No. 2, 10 birds, skeet, — Marshall 18/18, J. Gressele 17/18, G. Crocker 13/14; No. 4, 3 pairs crossing, points, P. Willis 9/9 points; No. 5, 5 birds S.B., G. Russell 5/5; No. 6, 5 birds D.B., L. Byrne 5/5. October 15: No. 1, 5 birds, div. J. Headland and John Bryant 6/6; No. 2, 10 birds, points scoring, Keith Venables 39/39; P. Willis 36/39, F. Skate 27/30; No. 3, 5 birds S.B., A. Male 11/11; No. 4 miss-out, "Ogle" 6/6; off fence, No. 1, G. Crocker 2/2; No. 2, John Bryant 4/4.

The club's monster Charity Shoot on October 29 was the first occasion night shooting has been conducted in Melbourne since 1937. A number of charity groups benefited from the series. Noticed among the winners of

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divisions were: Dr. H. H. Martin, of Yarram; "Dick," and E. Brinsmead (Yallourn), and E. Daw (Yarram), P. Willis, Bert Goodear, "Doch-an-Doris," and Taylor. The "Night Flier" Championship attracted no fewer than 78 starters, and victory went to the young Coburg shooter, W. F. Williams, who outstayed Jack Bryant in a tie shoot. Williams shot 44/44 to Bryant's 43/44. G. Russell 39/40 was fourth and L. Kennedy 23/24 fifth. "Nyla" won the special Ladies' Trophy 7/8. The sweepstake attached to the title event was cut by the two Bryants, "Dubbs" and Kennedy. Dr. H. H. Martin won the special 20 birder, 19/20, from E. Brinsmead 24/26, and B. Taylor 23/26. 13/14 yard trophy went to Peter Garrone, and 12 yarder to Commander Graham.

MOE (V.). — The club's opening shoot was held on October — . Results were: No. 1, 10 bird (open) handicap, A. Harrison 10/10; No. 2, 5 birds, div. H. Hare, G. and A. Harrison 5/5; No. 3, miss-out, div. A. Harrison, H. Hare 7/7; No. 4, junior 10 birds, E. Webb 6/10; No. 5, 5

birds, div. Beck and E. Webb 4/4; No. 6, miss-out, E. Webb 5/5.

FOOTSCRAY (V.).—The McCraith Shield contest attracted a big field of shooters and visitors to the club's ground on October 8. The shield given by Jack McCraith some years back was held by Coburg originally, but has gone to Footscray in 1948 and 1949. Conditions of this contest are, 10 men a side from Association handicaps. Footscray's winning score was 163/200 to Coburg's 159/200. The individual scores were — Footscray team: J. D. Byrne 20 (high-gun for series), K. Veall 18, W. R. Johns 17, B. Kelly 17, A. F. Burns 16, E. G. Biggs 15, "Double-H" 15, "Pampas" 15, J. Bryant 15, John Bryant 15. Coburg: H. Eldridge 18, T. Connor 17, A. C. Tie 17, A. Hendrickson 17, W. Wager 16, W. F. Williams 16, "Peters" 15, J. A. McCraith 15, A. Eldridge 14, J. Hyett 14. The Coburg team carried numbers and were thus easily distinguished. Minor events on the same day resulted—No. 1, 5 birds D.B., div. P. Sheridan, "Oigle," C. Cole, A. Hendrickson, W. F. Williams,

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MORNING: EASTERN RIVERINA D.B. CHAMPIONSHIP

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Colac Gun Club D.B. Championship:—1st, E. Ball, 25/25; 2nd, J. Ross, 24/25; and 3rd, W. Arnold, 38/40; and H. E. Eldridge, 41/43. 12/13-yarder, E. Gaylard, 14/20. Left to right: W. Arnold, H. E. Eldridge, E. Ball, E. Gaylard, J. Ross.

## COLAC GUN CLUB

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**Saturday, December 3rd, 1949**

Commencing at 12 Noon Sharp.

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**XMAS SHOOT — DECEMBER 17th.**

"Pampas," T. Connor, W. Wager, Les. Evans and A. C. Tie 5/5; No. 2, 10 birds S.B., J. Sydenham 13/13, A. F. Burns 12/13, W. R. Johns 14/16. The shoot on October 22 was again well attended. The main event was the Metropolitan Walk-up Championship, and this was won outright by the Ascot Vale shooter, Peter Sheridan, 15/25. J. Hyett 14/25 was second, and Frank Cautero 13/20 third. "Double-H." was fourth, 12/20. A ten birder went to a division by Cliff. Bound and A. Douglas 10/10, and a miss-out was won by Fred. Burns on the 9th round.

**PIRRON YALLOCK (V.).** — The club was officially opened by J. M. (Jock) Wilson, President of the A.C.P.T.S.A. Nearly 200 shooters and spectators attended. The average of about 50 shooters competed in each event. A series of attractive trophies were much admired. Results were—Main event, 10 birds, possibles by Eric Ball, H. Eldridge, J. Ross and N. Vagg. Ross won shoot-off, 13/13, from H. Eldridge, 12/13, and N. Vagg, 11/13. S. Harding gained the front-marker award, 9/10. J. McCarthy, George Simpson, A. McCorkell, E. Gaylard and A. Eldridge shot on for the 13/14 yard trophy, Gaylard winning on 7th round. Other events resulted—No. 1, Don Corstorphan 21/21,

R. Ridgway 20/21, F. Shelton 13/14. S. Harding again won the front-marker award. The final event resulted in a division between Cr. McGrath, Don Corstorphan, A. Eldridge, W. Roache, T. Inglis, W. Arnold and C. Romeo 5/5.

**WALPEUP (V.).** — The North-Western Mallee Championship shot on October 1 was marred greatly by very unpleasant weather. The fixture was nevertheless quite successful. The championship went to George Stone, of Torrita, 19/20, from Art Hinneberg, also of Torrita, 16/20. The club intends making the meeting a regular annual championship day.

**ELTHAM (V.).** — The club's grounds, despite heavy rain, looked an artistic picture on October 15, when quite a good attendance is reported—allowing for the bad day. The club's new arrangement whereby it has partitioned portion off its well laid-out clubhouse for the use of the caterers was found most effective. It also saves the club the expense of having to erect a caterer's marquee every shoot. Results on October 15 were—No. 1, 5 birds, five possibles, tie shoot, div. Frank Tuck and Fred Byers, 8/8; No. 2, 15 birds D.B., R. J. Squire, 15/15 (1), "Glaxo" 14/15 (2), C. Fisher 17/20; front-mark trophy, Les

## LEETON GUN CLUB (N.S.W.)

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

**Saturday, Dec. 31st, 1949**

### Commonwealth Skeet Championship

Handicap and other events.

Watch for full details next month.

All enquiries

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**DEC. 3rd, 1.30 p.m. Sharp.**

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5 BIRD SWEEPSTAKE. Nomination, 5/-.

EVENT No. 2.—

NORTHERN DISTRICT D.B. CHAMPIONSHIP

EVENT No. 3.—

J. M. TYQUIN TROPHY, and 5/- opt. Sweep.

**DEC. 26th, 1.30 p.m. Sharp.**

EVENT No. 1.—

DOUBLE RISE, 3 PAIRS. Nomination, 5/-.

EVENT No. 2.—

NORTHERN DISTRICT MIXED BIRD CHAMPIONSHIP

EVENT No. 3.—

5 BIRD TROPHY SHOOT. Trophy presented by Mr. R. Rockliffe, Sassafras, valued at £3/3/-.

**DEC. 27th, All Day Shoot, Commencing 10 a.m.**

EVENT No. 1.—

5 BIRD SWEEPSTAKE. Nomination, 10/-.

EVENT No. 2.—

£50 HANDICAP & TROPHY 20 Birds. Nomination, 40/-.  
60, 20, and 10 per cent. Prize Money and 10 per cent. Best 12/13 Yard Shoot not in First Three.

EVENT No. 3.—

TEAMS SHOOT, 5 SHOOTERS. 10 Birds. Each Club may enter one or more teams.  
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Gray 15/18; No. 3, 3 pairs double-rise, Frank Tuck 3/3 pairs.

COBURG (V.).—October 1: No. 1, 5 birds D.B., div. "Doch-an-Doris," P. Dally, F. Burns, "Double-H," "Ingi," L. Dryden (Kerang), S. Thompson and W. Wager, 8/8; No. 2, club double-barrel championship, Fred. Burns 19/20, W. Wager 18/20, "Peters" 34/35; 14 yarder, R. Hering 24/25; No. 3, 10 birds D.B., R. Sydenham 13/13, L. Small 12/13. October 15 was set aside for a three main event programme, all ten birder, with the idea of allowing plenty of practice for the club's cup fixtures. Results were: No. 1, 10 birds, div. "Dubbs" and C. Mudford 14/14; No. 2 (same), C. Wilson 15/15, C. Mudford 14/15, B. Kelly 13/14; 14 yarder, R. Hering 11/12; No. 3 (same), A. C. Tie 13/13; "Ingi" 12/13, D. K. Dobson 15/16.

The club's opening day of its two-day Cup shoot on October 29 was well supported, and the main event — the Victorian double-barrel championship, at 25 birds — proved to

be one of the highlights of the Melbourne shooting season. Fifty-one shooters faced up to the mark. Possible scores by George Biggs, Norman Guy, J. A. McCraith and Fred. Burns were splendid efforts, especially taking into account the fact that a strong side wind was blowing throughout. The tie shoot promised sensations, and these were not long in forthcoming. Biggs, shooting first in the shoot-off, broke all five; Guy repeated this; McCraith missed his first and fifth; and Burns his first. Biggs failed again on the ninth, and Guy, stopping the lot, won well, 35/35, from Biggs 34/35, Burns 29/30 (3), and McCraith 28/30. It was notable that every bird stopped in the shoot-off was shot with the first barrel, with the exception of those missed. Scores of 24/25 were returned by Alf. Poxon (Launceston, Tas.), and "Ingi," 23/25's by Roy Johns, Frank Cautero, Bob Wray, Harold Nasser (Atherton, Q.), and "Duxbac"; 22/25 by "Peters"; 21/25's by K. Jenkins, "Pampas," W. Finnigan and Jack Headland; 20/25 by J. Hyett and Tom Connor. A £50 handicap on the same

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programme was cut by "Bruino" and Rowley Pitt of Hobart (Tas.) 19/20. N. Guy, T. Connor and B. Casey 23/25 div. third. Minor events resulted: No. 1, 10 birds, "Peters" 16/16, E. G. Biggs 15/16, G. Lansell 13/14. No. 2 (same), div. Frank Brown, R. Hering and T. J. Sandy (Tambo Valley) 10/10.

**TOWNSVILLE (Qld.).**—Shoot on 8th October. Following the closing of the open season for wild duck, as from the first of the month, members of the Townsville Gun Club have reverted to clay pigeon shooting, and held the first shoot on Saturday, 8th October. Five events were shot off and, although weather conditions were good, the scoring generally speaking was below average.

The principal event on the programme was the third stage of a series of five shoots for a canteen of cutlery presented to the club by the late Walter Jones. This trophy is being keenly contested for and the final result is still very open.

The following are the results:

Second 5 bird single barrel sweepstakes: D. Becke, E. McKimmin, F. Hose, Colin Melville and O. Crouther divided after eliminating J. Carrington, R. White, J. Doyle, F. Blackman and J. Pratt in a shoot off. In this event no possibles were scored, each of the above having tied with 4/5.

Opening 5 bird single barrel sweepstakes: J. Carrington and F. Hose divided with a possible 5/5.

Third round late Walter Jones trophy, 10 birds: Points shooting: J. Smith 27/30 points, 1; Rus. McKimmin, 26/30, 2; J. Melville, 34/39, 3; D. Casey, 33/39, 4. Melville and Casey tied for third place, and shot off to decide the minor placings. A sweepstakes shot in conjunction with the trophy event was divided by J. Smith and T. Vandersee, R. McKimmin filling third place.

Third 5 bird double barrel sweepstakes: J. Gerber, F. Blackman, J. Doyle, J. Carrington and W. Hanran divided each with 5/5 possibles.

The final event, a double rise sweepstakes at 3 pairs, was won outright

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by J. Smith, J. Gerber and J. Melville divided second money after eliminating W. Hanran, R. Winn and V. Madson in a shoot off for second placing.

The Townsville Gun Club will now be holding regular clay pigeon shoots and advise that nominations are not restricted to club members, and anyone interested will be made welcome at any of the coming shoots.—(Fred. Blackman, Hon. Sec.)

**JERILDERIE (N.S.W.).**—The Riverina ace referee, Jack Lord, of Deniliquin (N.S.W.) was in charge of the shoot on October 8 at Jerilderie, when the Riverina Double Rise title was the main attraction, with a £25 handicap. Shooters from Finley, Deniliquin, Hay, Griffith, Barellan, Narrandera and Jerilderie confines took part. A cross wind made conditions unfavourable to the gun.

Results of the different events were as follows:—

**Riverina D.R. Championship** — W. Robertson (Deniliquin), 7-12 prs.; L. Collier (Jerilderie), 6-12 prs.; L. Trembath (Barellan), 4-12 prs. Twenty-four shooters.

**£25 Handicap.**—Divided by E. P. Cox (Hay), H. Kairl (Deniliquin) and R. McNamara (Griffith), each 9-10. Twenty-six shooters.

**Other events.**—Five Bird Sweep: L. Trembath (Barellan). No. 2 Five Bird Sweep: "Dinky" (Hay). Miss-out Sweep: E. Willard (Finley). No. 2 Miss-out Sweep: W. Gibbs (Griffith) and R. McNamara (Griffith) divided.

**WANGARATTA (V.).**—October 1: Victorian Deauville doubles championship, 20 pairs from 18 yards, three possibles, shoot off, E. G. Biggs-Frank Tuck 60/60 pairs (1), "Bruino"-W. Finnegan 55/56 (2), G. Walker-S. Cordy (Wangaratta) 34/35 (3). 19/20's by G. Cook-A. Burns and 18/20 by H. L. McMasters and G. Catling. Other events resulted—No. 1, miss-out, div. H. L. McMasters, P. Pettit, A. Roberts, "Dick," J. E. Scott, "Bruino," G. Walker, J. A. McCraith and R. Johns 5/5; No. 2 (same), div. Johns, "Bruino," Biggs, McMasters 10th round; No. 4, 5 birds S.B., div. J. H. Lodge, R. Thorne, J. Reith, G. Twamley (Glenrowan), L. McKoy, H. L. McMasters, J. and W. Wise 5/5.

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# November 19th, 2 p.m.

7 Bird Skeet — Club Skeet Championship, 21 Rounds.

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**LATROBE (Tas.).**—North-Western Districts, Tasmania, Single Barrel Championship, decided on Latrobe Gun Club Ground on Saturday, October 15, attracted shooters from Hobart, Launceston, Cressy and many coastal centres. Rain during early stages of the event tended to low scoring, but when this cleared some excellent shooting was witnessed by the large gathering of on-lookers. After dividing optional sweepstake, five shooters who had returned scores of 17/20 shot on for championship honor. At the end of first round in the shoot-off the veteran shooter, E. Casey, of Cressy, and R. Redpath, of Hobart, were equal with 22/25, followed by T. Cannon, Hobart, A. Poxon, Launceston, and A. Barnes, Burnie, with 21/25. Casey and Redpath then shot on for the championship, which went to the latter with 27/30, from Casey, 24/30. In the shoot-off for third placing A. E. Barnes returned 26/30 from A. Poxon, 24/30, and T. Cannon, 22/27. Other good scores were: L. J. Freeman, C. Poxon, R. Rockcliff, D. Forsyth, and L. Fisher, 16/20; H. R. Downward, D. A. Brett, N. Frith, and W. Bennett, 15/20; 21 others.

£25 Double Barrel Handicap of 10 birds was also keenly contested by 34 shooters, eight of whom finished with

full score and divided the prize money. They were L. E. Johnson, A. E. Poxon, J. Morse, R. Mitchell, C. Young, W. R. Hay, R. Powell and W. Bennett, followed by H. R. Downward, D. Brett, A. E. Butler, R. Redpath, E. N. Sharman, L. J. Freeman, T. Cannon, L. Fisher, T. Kerr, C. Poxon, A. Barnes, N. Frith, 9/10; 14 others.

One other event decided was a 5 Bird S.B. Sweepstake which was also divided. C. Poxon, A. Barnes, N. Frith and E. Casey returned full scores of 5/5, followed by E. N. Sharman, L. Freeman, G. T. Clarke, G. Grieves, A. Poxon, C. Young, J. Barnes, and R. Redpath, 4/5; 26 others.

Next fixture to be held by Latrobe Gun Club will be during December, when the "Advocate" Cup will be decided.

Front marker trophy, which was donated by Mr. Jack Cruse for the championship event went to D. Forsyth, of Launceston, from T. Cannon, of Hobart, with scores of 20/25 and 17/23 respectively. — (M. M. Johnstone, Hon. Sec.)

**COLAC (V.).**—Shooting at Colac on October 8, Alan McCorkell registered 50 straight, and became the first member of the Colac Club to qualify for the 50 "Break Badge" presented by Hartley's Ltd., of Melbourne. Don. Corstorphane, Colac's secretary, says that "Allan's shooting can only be described as superb, and in addition to being congratulated on winning a trophy in the main event he was loudly cheered by his clubmates when he broke his 50th." Results — Best scores: A. McCorkell 50/50, Les O'Bryan (Geelong) 34/35, J. Lane 40/43, D. Corstorphane 48/50, C. Grist 29/30, C. Romeo 29/31, W. Arnold and J. McCarthy 31/34, E. Gaylard 23/26, B. Hickey 32/35, W. Roache 26/29.

**Event 1.**—5-bird D.B. (7 possibles): Divided by L. O'Bryan, W. Arnold, R. Felton, A. McCorkell, J. Lane and D. Corstorphane all 10/10.

**Event 2.**—5-bird D.B. (13 possibles): Divided by C. Romeo, L. O'Bryan, C. Grist, J. Ross, R. Ridgeway, A. Mc-

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**17th December (All Day)**

Commencing 10.30 a.m.

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Nomination, £2.

EVENTS 4, 5 and 6.—

**XMAS EVENTS      ASSOCIATION HANDICAP**

Luncheon on Ground.

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D. BRIDGES,  
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## TASMANIAN GUN CLUB

GROUND: ST. LEONARD'S, Near Launceston.

**24th December (All Day)**

Commencing 10 a.m.

EVENT 1.—

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Entry, 5/- 16 Yard Rise.

EVENT 2.—

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**Event 3.**—10-bird D.B. (12/14 yard section): Possibles by C. Romeo, J. Lane, B. Hickey, A. McCorkell, W. Roache, T. Shelton and J. Ross. Shoot-off resulted: A. McCorkell 25/25 first; B. Hickey 24/25, second; then followed T. Shelton 19/20, J. Lane 18/19. 15-yard and over section won outright by C. Grist, 10/10. Tie shoot for second place, W. Arnold 13/14, D. Corstorphan 12/14.

**Event 4.**—5-bird D.B. (8 possibles): Divided on sixth round by E. Gaylard, C. Romeo, L. O'Bryan, C. Grist, A. McCorkell, W. Roache, D. Corstorphan, T. Shelton. Miss-out events from 22 yards were won by E. Ball and D. Corstorphan.

**YARRAM (V.).** — The club shoot on 1st October was well attended. Results were:—No. 1, 5 birds, div. T. Barlow and Len Robinson (Sale), 5/5; No. 2 (same), div. Ted English, F. Daw, D. Young and R. Glover, 5/5; No. 3 was the Club double-barrel championship, 15 birds. This was won

outright by A. J. Morris, 14/15 (missed 10th bird). E. Daw, M. Atkinson (Sale), Dr. H. H. Martin (Yarram) tied for the placings. Atkinson registered 3/5 in the shoot-off, whilst Daw and Dr. Martin again tied after a further ten rounds, and divided second and third. No. 4 was a novice five-birder, and this went to J. Bland, 5/5; No. 5, 5 birds, div. H. Nicol, Dr. Martin and Len. Robinson, 11/11; No. 6, 5 birds, div. E. Daw and J. Parkinson, 7/7; No. 7, 5 birds, points scoring, div. M. Atkinson, E. Daw and Jim Stares, 12/15 points; No. 8, miss-out, div. 4th round by H. Nicol and W. Stevenson.

**CHARLEVILLE (Qld.).** — Recent shoot results (winners) — No. 1, 5 birds, S. B., S. Parry, 4/5; No. 2 (same), K. West, 5/5; No. 3 (same), H. J. Carter, 5/5; No. 4, S.B. miss-out, div. Ossie W. Smith and G. Akers, 4th; No. 5, novice event, D. Smith, 3/5; No. 6, D.B., points, J. W. Raleigh (Morven), 5/5; No. 7, walk-up D.B., J. W. Raleigh, 9/10; No. 8, D.B. walk-up, J. Shooley, 5/5.

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**HOLBROOK (N.S.W.).**—The Holbrook Gun Club conducted a clay bird shoot on Saturday, October 15. A strong wind and showers made conditions very unpleasant. Results—1, 5 bird D.B., divided L. Creasey and J. Masters, 5/5; 2, 5 bird D.B., divided Bill O'Brien, J. O. Cox and Norm. Plunkett, 5/5; 3, 10 bird D.B., won outright by L. Creasey, 10/10; 4, 5 bird S.B. divided Norm. Plunkett and Ted Matthews, 5/5; 5, 10 bird, points score, divided L. Creasey, Norm. Plunkett and J. O. Cox, 17/20; 6, 5 bird, D.B., divided Norm. Plunkett and Ted Matthews, 5/5; 7, 5 bird S.B., divided J. O. Cox and L. Creasey, 4/5; 8, miss-out, won outright by L. Creasey on 6th bird.—(H. Burge, sec.)

**FINLEY (N.S.W.).** — The main event on October 22 was the New South Wales double-rise championship. The title went to the Melbourne competitor in Roy Johns, winner of the Commonwealth title at Griffith a few years ago. Johns score was moderate, with 6/12 pairs. Les. Baker was runner-up, "Red" (Deniliquin) third, and the 12/13 yard trophy went to A. Quick. Other events resulted: No. 1, 5 bird D.B., div. L. Baker, A. Quick and L. Collier 4/5. No. 2, 3 pairs, D. Rise, div. "Glaxo" (Eltham) and R. Johns (Malvern), 3/3 pairs. No. 3, 5 birds, div. "Red", A. Quick and L. Baker 4/5. No. 4 (same), div. Quick, "Red" and Johns 5/5. No. 5, 5 birds, D.B., div. A. Quick and G. Daly 10/10. No. 7, div. Baker, Johns and Robertson 5/5. No. 5, 5 birds, D.B., div. "Red" and Baker 5/5. No. 9, 15 birds, D.B., div. Quick, Baker and G. Daly 15/15. No. 10, 5 birds, div. Quick, Baker and Daly 13/13. No. 11, 5 birds, D.B., div. L. Baker and G. Daly 10/10.

**DUBBO (N.S.W.).**—Ken. H. Taylor, President of the Dubbo Club, forwards the following commentary on his club's opening shoot early last month. Mr. Naylor writes:—

Results from the opening shoot of the newly formed Dubbo Gun Club at Terramungamine Homestead on October 9 and 10.

Weather conditions did not favour shooters on the first day, as it was

showery, with a very strong southerly wind blowing. However, the shoot was well attended, with 65 shooters arriving. Many local club members did not shoot on, so as to allow the club to complete its programme. Although shooters were not on the target during the day, they quickly adapted themselves to conditions at the buffet dinner, and refreshments provided during the evening prior to the drawing of the Calcutta sweep. The lucky drawer of the winner was Dubbo Club's Vice-President, Dr. Paddy McCormack.

With the sun shining brightly, and still a strong breeze blowing, the second day was much better and more shooters arrived, including the Elliott family, of Peak Hill. The father, Fred Elliott, shot very well to divide the £50 handicap with B. Bacigalupo, of Coonamble, and son C. Elliott giving a very promising display with 9/15, including one patch of five first barrels in the main event. The lad was rewarded with a £2/2/- gift from the club.

The High Gun Trophy was won by Lithgow President, Jack Winchester, with an average of 79 per cent., being closely pressed by four other shooters with 76 1/3 per cent., namely, W. McPhee (Dubbo), E. Frecklington (Wellington), B. Bacigalupo (Coonamble), E. Lesberg (Brisbane).

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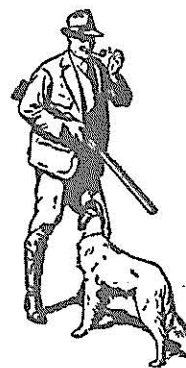
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## "Tips" and "Tails"



Advance publicity is included in this issue, covering the Association's big Champion of Champions Cup (National Championship) and International Match, which are listed for decision on March 11 and 13. The trophy lists have

been materially increased for next year, and values will again be lifted. In the sectional awards, special trophies will be given for the best shooter on Association handicap (not winning any other award), who fails to gain inclusion in the main prizes. This means that a prize will be given for best 12 yarders, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 yards and over, not winning any other trophies. The top list has been extended down to ten, whilst the other interstate, country and special awards have been retained. The Association will endeavour to assist visiting shooters with accommodation, but those intending to compete should arrange for their accommodation without delay, and thereby ensure satisfaction. Late enquiries, under the present short supply in accommodation, make it almost impossible to guarantee assistance.

During a quick plane trip to Sydney last month, it was a pleasant interlude to meet in with Hon. Association Vice-President, Luke Hughes, and a lot of the boys attached to the staff of the Sydney office of I.C.I.A.N.Z. Ltd. Sydney was bright and everyone seemed to be talking about the Melbourne Cup — in fact, the conversation seemed to centre, with Sydneyites, more about the premier Victorian Cup than most other things. On the way to Sydney via Canberra, per "Skymaster," it was indeed enjoyable, also, to meet in with Association patron, General Bill Bridgeford. The General and this scribe think we have picked out all the good "duck" country between Canberra and Mascot — but there is no

guarantee given that information will be supplied "ad lib."

Women shooters are gradually coming into their own in the field of clay pigeon shooting. Another newcomer to the sport is the young Griffith (N.S.W.) sportswoman, Miss Cecilie Duchatel, a sister of the several bright young sportsmen of the same club who, as a combination, always seem to wear the happiest of smiles. Miss Duchatel, using her brother, Phil's, automatic, was one of seven who tied for second place in the Griffith Club championship recently. The event was won by Ron. Gow. With a little more practice, Miss Duchatel appears certain to be a top-notch at "downing the discs" in the not far distant future. The young sportswoman is the Griffith representative for the 1949 Miss Australia quest. The contest will close on November 25, and finalists will meet in Melbourne on December 12 to choose "Miss Australia." As far as we can ascertain, this is the first occasion that an Association registered shooter has appeared in the quest for "Miss Australia." Naturally, shooting men of the A.C.P.T.S.A. will wish the Griffith aspirant all the good luck possible. Should she win the honour of "Miss Australia," the Commonwealth's clay pigeon shooting fraternity will have a first-class ambassadress in Miss Duchatel. "Frommie" (the Griffith secretary), and many others have worked hard to ensure success.

At Charleville (Q.), Ossie Smith, of Gowrie Station, Charleville, who is the club's president, reports that the trustees of the Charleville Showground and Racecourse Reserve have agreed to the laying out of a new shooting ground within the racecourse area. All gun club members are looking forward to the completion of this ground, and intend making the opening shoot (as Ossie puts it) "the best ever."

Tasmanian shooters and mainlanders, too, are reminded to take particular note of the big programmes listed for decision during December

on the grounds of four clubs as advertised in the double-spread centre pages of this issue. The Cascade Brewery Company has generously donated a splendid first trophy for the Commonwealth Tower Title at Hobart on December 17. F. X. De Bavay, of the Cascade Company, still retains his Association interest, and also his interest in the sport in Tasmania, although pressure of business and health somewhat restrain his fullest interest. It is worthy of mention that Mr. De Bavay's father was one of Victoria's best field shooters back in the 70's; he excelled at small birds, chiefly quail. Another Commonwealth title, at double rise, will be decided at Launceston on December 24.

Wangaratta Club (V.) is making preparations for a big shoot when it stages its special £100 handicap on January 30. The series will be the best of 25 birds from Association handicaps. Stan. Cordy, secretary (phone, 513) will supply all information in advance.

Bob Ferris, at Jerilderie, reports a good shoot when the club shot the Riverina Double-Rise Championship last month. His protege, Lester Collier, shot well and was close up to the winner, Fred. Robertson, of Deniliquin. The Northern Districts of Tasmania D.B. Championship will be shot at Cressy (Tas.) on December 3. The club has an automatic trap, and Ted Casey, the veteran champion, will welcome all visitors with his usual heartiness in his capacity as President.

Victoria's oldest town, Portland, now boasts of the formation of a clay pigeon shooting club.

Skeet shooting will be the order of the day at Footscray Club on November 19. The shooting will open with 7 rounds of skeet, to be followed by the Club Skeet Championship at 21 rounds.

Roma Club (Qld.) will shoot the 1949 Southern Queensland D.B. Championship on November 19, plus minor events. On November 20 a £25 handicap and several first-class trophy matches are listed. Full details are advertised in this issue.

Keith Cameron is President of the club and would appreciate a visit from a few Southerners.

Wangaratta Club Secretary, Stan. Cordy, put on a splendid shoot for competing shooters on October 1, when the Victorian Deauville Doubles title was the main attraction. Stan. holds a first-class reputation as a club secretary and his noted efficiency was well in evidence on the day mentioned. Association President Jock Wilson, when presenting the trophies at Wangaratta, complimented the club and added that he liked the club's background. All eyes turned towards the shooting background, but "Jock" quickly intimated that it was the rear background he was referring to. The "rear background" was none other than the Vine Hotel!

Fred. Burns won the Coburg Club's premier championship on October 1. Fred. has won so many title events that he has almost lost count.

The Frank Tuck-George Biggs combination is assuming formidable proportions in title events under Deauville Doubles conditions. At Wangaratta the pair, who have grown to appreciate each other's style and mannerisms, looked the winners from the start. They shot all 20 straight, and then went on to outstay Bill Finnegan—"Bruino" (Bill Scott) and Geo. Walker-Stan. Cordy (Wangaratta). The runners-up dropped out on the 56th round, 55/56, whilst the Wanga-

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ratta pair (Walker-Cordy) filled third place, 34/35. Local combinations in G. Cook-A. Burns, 19/20, and H. L. McMasters-G. Catling (Albury), 18/20, were next. Tuck and Biggs have shot together on four occasions and have won three times. They were the holders of the Victorian title won at Colac in 1948. They are already preparing for next year—for three Victorian titles in a row, in successive years.

Moe club (V.) held its inaugural shoot on October 1. G. and A. Harrison and H. Hare were the most successful shooters.

The Tasmanian Gun Club at Launceston—shooting ground at St. Leonards—will shoot the Tasmanian Skeet Championship on November 26, and the Commonwealth Double - Rise Championship on December 24. Full details will be advertised in the November issue of this publication.

Howzat? George Duckworth, the English cricketer used to yell on the Melbourne ground when keeping wic-

kets for an English team here some years ago—we say How's this? and read what follows. Reputedly authentic, two trapshooters were having a convivial glass plus the usual effort at seeing who could pull the long bow the farther. Suddenly the host was called over and requested to adjudicate for a 20/- bet. The basis of the bet was whether either could recite the Lord's Prayer. Stakes were duly handed over and one started off, "For what we are about to receive the Lord makes us—" here the second party interposed and said, "Pay him — I thought the cow didn't know it."

The crop of rising young shooters has been added to recently by the addition of the young Elwood shooter, Keith Davies. The young sportsman who looks fit to ride the "stable elect" in the Melbourne Cup, was under notice last month with divisions and an outright win on the 7th round at Camberwell and Australian. He is a son of the Camberwell committee member and archery expert of the same name.

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Don. Corstorphane, Colac's up-to-date Secretary, writes: "Thanks for the good job you are doing for all clay-busters in keeping up the standard of our 'News.' We look forward eagerly to its arrival each month." (That's just the reaction the Association likes, Don.—Ed.).

The Burdekin Gun Club at Ayr (North Queensland) will shortly be functioning, although the shortage of clay targets is likely to be its main hazard for a few months.

Townsville Club has sent appreciative thanks for the publicity provided during the club's supervision of the Commonwealth Single-barrel title.

Jim Bienvenu, who shoots under the name of "Doncaster," won warm applause when he was elected unopposed as President of the Australian Clay Target Club at its annual meeting recently. Jim has long been one of the hardest workers in the club and the reward of the presidential chair is well merited. Jim adopted the nom-de-plume of

"Doncaster" when he first took up the sport in pre-war years—Doncaster is his home district. Prior to the war Jim spent a year or two in New Zealand.

Dave Watson retired as President of the Australian Club, and members unanimously elected him a Life-Member in recognition of his valuable service to the club. Other office-bearers elected for the ensuing year were—Vice-Presidents: Harry Ball, J. ("Kim") Sans, Vic ("Dubbs") Fankhauser; Committee: Eddie Brenk, Bill Lees, Ron Didier, Keith Venables, Cyril Fankhauser. The office of secretary was automatic, Aubrey Johnson taking the honours again. Aub. is also an executive member of the A.C.P.T.S.A., one of the best workers and most popular sportsmen the game has known. Fred. Byers, former Nobel Secretary, is assistant secretary.

It was revealed at the Australian Club's annual meeting that loans of £100 by "Kim" Sans and £300 by

"Dubbs" (Vic. Fankhauser) were provided by these sportsmen without interest when the club transferred to its present site at East Burwood, in order to assist in quick establishment. These facts may not be generally known—but it is fitting that such generosity should be at the knowledge of those who follow the sport of clay pigeon shooting.

Des. McCormick, who trains Carbon Copy, and has led in many good winners in recent years in the main races in Australia, went to school in Wangaratta. Des., who has trained a galloper or two for "Jock" Wilson, Association President, is gradually being tutored to have a go at the clays by "Jock" when opportunity presents itself. This story, coming from Wangaratta, must therefore be right. It appears Des. was once asked by his teacher what he would like to do when he grew up. Des. replied, "Lead a stallion." How this has worked out needs no description here.

The "President and Committee Day" on October 8 was a most successful meeting and the amenities provided for all brought forth many congratulations to new President Jim Bienvenu and his Committee. Dave Watson's moving "verse" prepared for the occasion appears in the "Around the Clubs and Meetings" section. Harold Nasser, the Atherton (Nth. Queensland) shooter who visited the club for the first time, created a splendid impression both for his sportsmanship and good shooting. The loss of two birds at a vital stage put him out of the running for the major event. He later visited Tasmania. Frank Tuck, the winner of the major contest, enjoyed his first outright win for many a day. He had run so many seconds that he was threatened with the possibility of being known as "Drongo II." He reckons he has now escaped.

Footscray Club retained its hold on the McCraith shield for 1949 with another good win on October 8. The shield, which was presented by Coburg President Jack McCraith for perpetual competition, has now been won on the last two occasions by Footscray. The event, 10 men a side

from Association marks, was remarkable for the low scoring by recognised first-class shots, particularly those who have reached international standard. Australia's chances of retaining premier international honours in 1950 do not look too rosy if the scores in the series referred to can be taken as a criterion. Standard cartridges were used. The heavier load cartridges may have had a detrimental effect on the timing of some.

Tasmanian clubs intend staging a big shooting series over the latter weeks of the present year. Cressy Club will shoot the Tasmanian Mixed Birds title on November 5, and will shoot again on December 3 with the Northern Districts of Tasmania D.B. title as main attraction, then again on December 26 with the Northern Districts of Tasmania Mixed Birds, and on December 27 when a £50 handicap, plus other events, is listed. Hobart Club will shoot the Tasmanian Tower Championship in December, followed by the Commonwealth Tower title on December 17, plus £50 handicap. The Tasmanian Skeet title will be shot at Launceston on November 26. The Commonwealth Double-Rise title will be at St. Leonards (Launceston) by the Tasmanian Gun Club on December 24. All series are advertised in this month's issue of the Journal.

An appropriate welcome home is planned for the return of the Mackintosh International Trophy when it arrives in Melbourne from Scotland on the "Athenic" on or about November 10. The trophy, as is well known, was regained by the Australian team when it compiled the winning score at East Burwood on March 14 last. Australia will defend its International honours on March 13, 1950, at the same venue.

Harry Ball, of Kew (V.), has a touch of the "four's." In every recent shoot over the past couple of months he has been equal to 4/5 or 9/10, but never 5/5 or 10/10. He assures us he is not "looking in the direction of the handicappers." His one under the possible has been so consistent that Harry has prepared to take odds.

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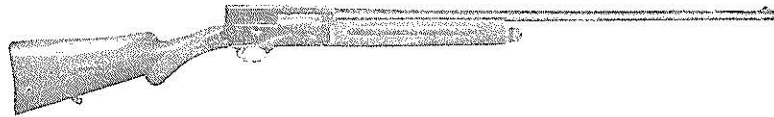
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Two-year-old David Poxon sat "up" in his pyjamas and bed socks to wait for his father, Mr. C. Poxon, to return from the gun club's meeting. His father is showing David the sash he won for shooting 22 out of 25 clay pigeons to win the Tasmanian Single Barrel Championship.

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Striving for a "50 Straight" badge, the Brighton shooter, Frank Tuck, gathered 43 in a row last month, and then fell by the wayside at Eltham. Incidentally, this shooter has discovered a new and effective method of "quietening the nerves." It is a very "hush-hush" arrangement for the present, so enquiries are not certain of being answered.

"Dubbs" (Vic. Fankhauser) is not frequently seen in the winning roles

these days—chiefly, it is said, because he works so hard in the interests of the sport and his club. He secured a cut at Coburg meeting on October 15. "Dubbs," when in form, has what few others can claim in the shooting world, that is, although not a generally recognised fast shooter, he can without apparent effort stop a clay with his second barrel when most would be pulling the gun down from the shoulder. One "kill" at Coburg on the day mentioned was certainly not more than 3 feet from the ground.

Keith Venables, a former Secretary of the Camberwell Club and one who did much of the preliminary survey work at East Burwood, gained a popular win in a points scoring event (he registered 39/39 points) at Camberwell's North Balwyn fixture. Keith is an official of the Victorian Lands Department and is a one-time fellow officer of one who knows a "lot about information."

An interesting visitor at the Eltham fixture on October — was Mr. W. R. Banks, of Longreach (Qld.) The sporting visitor is a station owner out of Longreach and, like so many others in those regions, he has plus trap installed on his property. The visit to Eltham, with its good appointments, was an eye-opener to him, and we feel fairly certain that a good club will develop within the confines of Longreach as a result of his visit. This calls to mind that a club was in the making at Longreach just prior to the outbreak of war. A local wireless station official was arranging publicity and the like, but the advent of the hostilities flattened the enterprise.

The famous "Lord Birdwood Cup," which is now a major trophy event at the Australian Club's fixtures at East Burwood, having been a worthwhile legacy from the Nobel Club days, is again under notice in an effort by club officials to ascertain names of previous winners. Some winners' names are available, but during the war years many of the old Nobel Club records went astray. Therefore, this appeal for the "winners to declare themselves" is made through this Journal in order to



The president of the Tasmanian Gun Club (Mr. W. Reinbir) lines up a clay pigeon in his sights at the club's State title meeting at St. L. contra's last month.

ensure that every winner's name will carry a shield on the plinth of the cup bearing his name. So "winners get busy." You can advise either A. F. Johnson, 69 Victoria Street, Melbourne, C.1, or write to this publication.

Officials at Roma Club (Qld.) are delighted that the break of 97 straight compiled by Vic. Eather, of Boggabri, at Roma in August has been recognised by the Association as the Australian record break. The Roma Club is staging another two-day meeting on November 19 and 20. On the first day the main event will be the Southern Queensland Double-Barrel title; on second day the special W. M. Robertson Trophy event, sweepstakes and a £25 handicap are listed. Full details are advertised in this issue. At the Roma Club's annual meeting on September 24 Keith Cameron was re-elected club President, Vice-Presidents are Dr. W. W. Feather, W. M. Robertson, and N. Bassett; Treasurer, C. Mitchell; Secretary, C. R. Fletcher; Committee: Messrs. K. Bassett, H. Rothwell, Murray Cameron, G. D. Bassett, R.

Thomas; Referee, D. M. Pack; Armourer, D. Alexander; Scorer, Mrs. D. Fletcher; Patron, Mr. G. Ferrier. Roma boys are very confident of "shaking the lives" out of the Southerners at the next Champion of Champions and International meeting at East Burwood on March 11 and 13 next. The club intends to have its own team competing in the Australian Teams Championship. If they are all round about Keith Cameron's class some of the Southern States shooters will certainly be needing a few mechanical and optical aids to "hang on."

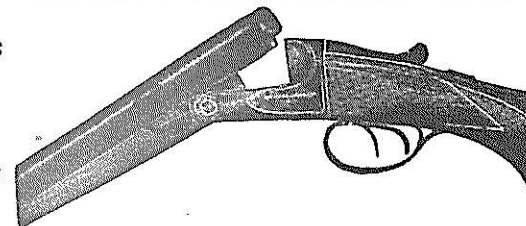
As predicted in a previous issue, Jack Headland was again to the fore with a splendid win against 68 opponents at the Australian Club's fixture on October 22. He shot 19/19 to win. Jack, in addition to knowing a lot about present-day whole milk supplies, claims past fame as one of our pioneer aviators, having the unusual distinction of being for some time one of the early co-pilots on the Bass Strait crossing to Western Junction—when the old time "crates" used to "rattle a bit."

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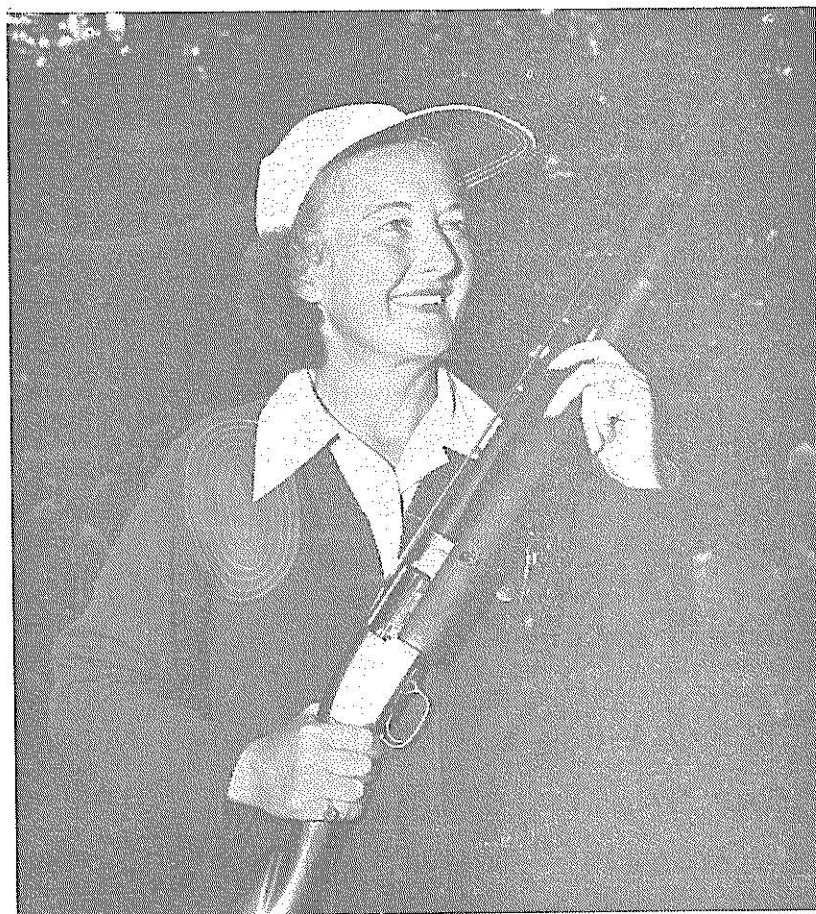
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Dave Frank, President of the California Golden State Trapshooting Association, mentioned in a recent letter that he and his wife, Mrs. Lela Hall-Frank, are visiting Portugal next year on a shooting trip, and are considering including Australia in the itinerary. Our American friends would be very welcome in this country.

Using a 20-gauge gun, Miss Nyla Fankhauser broke 10 straight at East Burwood on October 22—her first run of 10 in a row. The Australian Club made her the recipient of a special trophy in recognition. (They were nylons.) We think if "Nyla" used a 12-gauge weapon she would be better still!

Alec Weir, well known in Melbourne's motor world, is a recent recruit to clay pigeon shooting. Unlike so many others, he won a 12 yard trophy on his initial appearance — since then he reckons "I haven't been within feet of them, and don't know why." Alec is the proud parent of the brilliant schoolboy athlete, Dick Weir, who, it is claimed, is the best (or at least one of the best) all-rounders to pass through Ivanhoe Grammar School (V.).

This is a "fair dinkum tip," and not a "Tail" or "Tail." Watch out for a big announcement very soon (possibly in December issue) regarding a large-scale sponsorship of the Australian Teams Championship. This event is shot in conjunction with the Champion of Champions Cup (Australian National Championship) over the first 30 birds of that event.

Peter Sheridan, of Ascot Vale, is not often in winning brackets in championship events. However he came to hand very well in the Metropolitan Walk-up Championship at Footscray (V.) on October 22, shooting 15/25 to win outright. The score was not big, but the day was a severe trial — a half-gale following wind made the targets dip with amazing rapidity. Another coming clay pigeon shot in Joe Hyett, of Sunshine, was runner-up, 14/25.

Sale Club will shoot the Gippsland Single-barrel Championship on December 10. The full programme is as advertised in this issue and the club intends introducing the Christmas fare into the series, and a goodly quantity of hams have been arranged as trophies. Len Robinson, phone 177, will answer all enquiries.

Lionel Bibby is very "wrapped up" in the potentialities of his worthy Scots College boy son, James. In a brief note the other day Lionel describes how Master James, shooting with Lionel's Winchester ventilated rib repeater, broke his first bird perfectly. "Apparently unaware that the targets weren't standing still, he missed the next four — just as perfectly." Later the young sportsman broke 3/5 and 4/5, and, as Lionel adds,

"His timing was excellent, and as the clays can be pretty tough up on the windy hills at Hargrave Park, he did pretty well for a beginner." Describing the young shooter's prowess with the rifle, Lionel concludes, "He (Jim) shot for the fourth successive year in Scots' First Rifle Team in the G.P.S. matches recently. I just arrived on the range in time to see the finish of the shoot and just in time to see him go on the mound for the 'snap' at 300 yards. Don't know that it did Dad's heart any good because I mentally fired every shot with him. He turned in a possible eight out of eight."

The "youngsters" look like holding the floor before long in clay pigeon shooting. Another interesting registration recently was that of young Don. Turner, son of Les., of Evans & Balfour. Don. is 15 and holds a gun "just like a good shot."

Mention of Les. Turner and his firm of Evans & Balfour recalls that the firm through Les. is sponsoring the entire shoot for the Australian Club at East Burwood on November 19 in order to assist the club's ground maintenance fund. A most worthy object, particularly in view of the heavy cost the club is under to keep the large area in good order. Les. has mentioned that he has extended an invitation to all shooters, new or otherwise. The new will be given the No. 3 trap for exclusive use in order to encourage their confidence. Trophies will be provided by the firm for the whole day.

Yallourn-Morwell Club has applied for November 26 to conduct the Central Gippsland D.B. Championship. As this is a district title it has been approved.

The Coburg Club will shoot the Victorian Tower Championship at North Coburg on November 26, and the Tasmanian Skeet Championship will be decided at St. Leonards, Launceston (Tasmanian G.C.), also on November 26. Deniliquin Club, as will be noted from ad. appearing in this issue, is most anxious to secure another automatic trap, either new or second-hand. Any club or interested party should contact Leo Ridge at Deniliquin.



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Holbrook Club (N.S.W.) advertises its holiday vacation series in this issue. On Boxing Day, December 26, the club will shoot all day, commencing with a round of skeet, a £50 handicap will follow. The winner will receive £30. On Tuesday, December 27, an Eastern Riverina Championship (D.B.) will be decided in the morning and another of the popular £50 handicaps in the afternoon. Harry Burge (secretary), who can be contacted at Post Office, Holbrook (phone 99) urges early application for accommodation. First-class accommodation is guaranteed providing requests are made without delay.

Colin Fletcher, at Roma (Qld.) mentioned that he read about some really good clay shooting in the October issue of "News" — apparently having in mind the long tie shoot between George Biggs and W. Wager at Eltham. Not to be outdone, the Roma correspondent adds, "Well, the Eather-Cameron duel in the J. M. Bauman Cup at our last shoot is definitely worthy of mention. It went to the 55th bird before Keith missed, and it was a really fine performance by both men — and there were no chips off the edge, all the clays were smashed into little pieces or powdered. As a matter of fact we were wondering just when it was going to stop; they looked set for the century. We are all very pleased indeed to hear that Vic. Eather's break has been established as an Australian record and are pleased, of course, that it was done on our club grounds." (Roma will certainly be kept on the map with a correspondent like Colin Fletcher.—Ed.).

On December 3 the Colac Club will complete its Clay Pigeon Championships programme with the deciding of the Victorian Double-Rise Championship (12 pairs from 16 yards), plus the Western District of Victoria Single-Barrel Championship (Cliff Bound won it in 1948 at Colac). The club has a new Black Diamond trap, and the usual Colac hospitality is assured.

Des O'Callaghan, the Brighton (V.) sportsman, did not seek re-election to the Executive Committee of the A.C.P.T.S.A. owing to pressure of business and the possibility of his going abroad during 1950. Des., who served right through the recent war, attained the rank of Colonel.

Bathurst Club (N.S.W.) will shoot the Commonwealth Mixed Birds Championship on its spacious grounds at Mt. Panorama (Bathurst) on December 3.

Ted Fromholtz, whom we have frequently described as being "Griffith's rotund and energetic secretary," now adds to his nom-de-plume by signing himself "Edwin the Fuhrer." Whether that is appropriate or not we do not know, but we do know that Ted certainly enjoys giving himself that title. Getting down to publicising his club, Ted mentions that his club intends putting on one of its now famed New Year's Day shoots on the holiday (January 2 this time). His arranged programme includes a title event and handicap, plus whatever there is time for. "We will most likely have an influx of foreigners from over the border and we would like something good to offer them." Ted adds that Griffith Club now has a Publicity Officer and big things are expected in that line shortly. Two traps have been installed and the club considers itself capable of handling "shooters in any quantity." The Griffith Club is also anxious to buy a Black Diamond Trap, either new or second-hand. Accommodation is always "tight" in Griffith during the New Year shoot period, so Ted recommends intending visitors to book now, or at least with the minimum of delay.

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440 Raleigh, J. W. (Clara	13
Creek) ..	15
3718 Reith, I. (Wangaratta) .	19
3563 Ridley, L. (Goulburn) .	15
3723 Roache, W. (Pirron Yal-	12
lock) ..	16
2873 Roberts, A. (St. James)	14
2744 Robertson, L. W. F.,	15

**The Ten Commandments  
of Safety**

**Ten Years Ago..**

Although trapshooting contests in centres outside Victoria during November, 1939, had dwindled considerably, due to war activities, contests in Victoria continued with unexpected vigour. Turning back the pages of records, we find that at a charity shoot to aid the Adult Deaf & Dumb organisation at Blackburn, no less than 110 possibles were recorded in the day's shooting. The Blackburn Club raised £70/5/5 at this shoot for the charity referred to. Eric Ball, of Colac, was the main high-gun with two complete wins. He gained six possibles during the day. The possibles were recorded as follows — Event No. 1, 4; No. 2, 13; No. 3, 13; No. 4, 14; No. 5, 27; No. 6, 9; No. 7, 15, and No. 8, 15. At Camberwell during the same month, Des. O'Callaghan won the club's premier title with 20 straight, all first barrels. "Woofers" Tilley registered a break of 33 straight at the same meeting. Noticed among the winners on that occasion was M. ("Mocha") James, who later fell in action whilst on service in the Middle East.

1. Treat every gun with the respect due a loaded gun. This is the cardinal rule of gun safety.
2. Carry only empty guns. taken down or with the action open, into your car, camp and home.
3. Always be sure that the barrel and action are clear of obstructions.
4. Always carry your gun so that you can control the direction of the muzzle, even if you stumble.
5. Be sure of your target before you pull the trigger.
6. Never point a gun at anything you do not want to shoot.
7. Never leave your gun unattended unless you unload it first.
8. Never climb a tree or a fence with a loaded gun.
9. Never shoot at a flat, hard surface, or the surface of water.
10. Do not mix gun powder and alcohol.

(A reminder issued by the Sporting Arms Institute, New York, U.S.A., in the interest of keeping shooting a safe sport.)