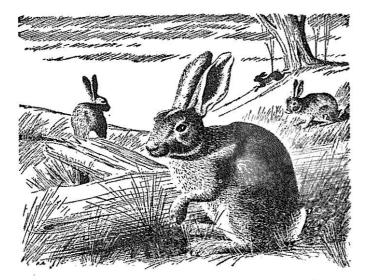
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The outstanding interest of the immediate future is undoubtedly the prospect of the forthcoming 1951 A.C.P.T.S.A. Jubilee Champion of Champions Cup (Australian National Championship), Intermediate Championship, Fifth International Match, Grand Australian Handicap and other minor events, which are listed for decision over the period March 9 to 13 inclusive. Intending competi-

tors are again reminded that the full details and conditions governing these contests are as published in the advertising sections of this publication in the months of December, 1950, and February, 1951. The conditions as published will be rigidly adhered to.

Shooting will open on March 9 with the Champion of Champions Cup (Australian National Championship), which will be shot at 50 releases from 16 yards. A point which should be closely noted is that entries for this event will close not later than 1.30 p.m. on March 9. It is hoped to have sufficient entries in hand to commence shooting at 12 noon, as published. Each competitor will require to shoot at 20 targets on Friday, March 9, and at 40 targets on Saturday, March 10. Shooting will commence at 9.30 a.m. on March 10. Competitors who are not on the It. Competitors who are not on the ground ready to resume in their allocated squads on March 10 will forfeit all further right to continue in the competition — "shooting-up" will not be allowed except by per-mission of the A.C.P.T.S.A. Execu-tive Committee, and then only if it is concidered that gread and sufficient is considered that good and sufficient reason for non-appearance at required time has been established. It is further pointed out that only direct individual entries will be accepted. Entries lodged by persons other than the actual shooter cannot be entertained. The Australian Teams Championship, shot in conjunction with the Champion of Champions event, is restricted to teams of four men who are required to enter as a club team - entries



purporting to represent a "State" will not be accepted.

The Annual Association dinner will follow the close of shooting on March 10. This is restricted to male entrants only (together with donors) and will take place in the usual venue, Vic. Fankhauser's spacious packing shed, adjacent to the shooting ground. On this occasion a professional caterer will take charge of the complete dinner arrangements. On previous occasions the Fankhauser family have generously carried out this work, but the success of the function has made it more and more arduous and the Association Executive considers it fitting that this very helpful family should not be again laden with the task.

The 1951 Annual Meeting of the A.C.P.T.S.A. will be held on the evening of "International Day", March 12, at the usual venue, Scott's Hotel, 444 Collins Street, Melbourne, C.1. Commencing time will be 7.45 p.m. The annual election of officebearers will take place at this meeting, and affiliated clubs are reminded that each club (providing its affiliation for the year, plus registration of shooters, has been completed) is entitled to one delegate to represent its interests at the meeting. Mere payment of affiliation fee for the club will not entitle a club to representation. As this is the first occasion that the Annual Meeting has been held during the Association's competition period, the Executive Committee feels the vast majority of clubs affiliated will have at least one shooter competing in the big events and also available to represent it as delegate. The appoint-

ment of proxy delegates is permitted, but is not favoured unless the club concerned is unable to be represented by one of its own members and is far distant from Association headquarters. Experience has proved that proxy delegates very frequently do not reflect the true opinion of the club they represent, but merely voice personal opinions. It is hoped the new date for the Annual Meeting will considerably remedy this posi-tion. An important departure, which will be a recommendation to the Annual Meeting from the Executive Committee and will be the first business, is a proposed change in the representation of Executive members. The Executive Committee has approved of the following change in order to allow for the inclusion of more members representative of States outside Victoria. The proposal is, "That the Executive Committee of the Association comprise four N.S.W. members, four Victorian, two Queenslanders and one Tasmanian, based on one representative per State for every 12 or part of 12 clubs affiliated with the Association. The Association to pay return plane fares, plus £2/2/- per day for three days' accommodation for interstate Executive Committee members for up to three meetings per year." It was approved that "The office of President be open to all States and that same be an additional office to that of Executive Committee members." Only delegates representing clubs in each respective State would be permitted to vote during Executive Committee election. It was also agreed that no State could have representation on the Executive Committee unless six or more clubs (with shooters registered) were affiliated.

The foregoing representation is based on the number of affiliated clubs as at 31st December, 1950 should the number of affiliated clubs not come up to the figures of December last, when the Annual Meeting takes place, the number of Executive Committee members may be smaller than indicated. It should be noted as most important that only clubs with all fees and registrations paid will be permitted delegate representation at the Annual Meeting. A slight change in the "scores to count" condition of the International Match has been notified following the International Conference in Dublin early this year. For the 1951 contest "scores to count" will be the first 15 of the 20-men team, the lowest five will be counted out. Last year the first 18 scores were counted in and the bottom two counted out.

A suggestion that the Association provide mass transport to the East Burwood shooting grounds during the March shoot was not accepted by the Executive Committee. A previous effort in this direction received little support. It is recommended to shooters intending to travel without their own cars, secure a small party, take a taxi direct to the grounds, and the cost over-all will only be a few shillings. The most direct route for shooters not conversant with the ground location is to travel south along St. Kilda Road from the city, to Toorak Road, here turn left and follow Toorak Road (which runs into Burwood Road) right to the grounds. The ground entrance is on the right-hand side of Burwood Road and is situated about the 13-mile post.

The Association dinner, as already pointed out, is reserved for male competitors and donors exclusively. Should any competitor desire to include a friend, permission must be obtained from the A.C.P.T.S.A. secretary and an admission fee of 20/paid. Entry to the dinner will be by ticket, obtainable only from the A.C.P.T.S.A. secretary.

Despite the intimation which appeared in this section of the December, 1950 issue, information has been received that some clubs are continuing to shoot open championships (that is District, State and Commonwealth), double and singlebarrel, under the single-track system. These events are now required to be shot under the "SQUAD SYSTEM". Competitors and referees should note this direction.

Club affiliation fees $(\pounds 1/1/-)$ and shooters' registration fees (20/-) are due for payment — they became due and payable on 1st January. Prompt 5

Camberwell District Clay Target Club

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PROGRAMME TO 23rd JUNE 1951

14-4-51----

28-4-51---

12-5-51---

26-5-51-

9-6-51-

20 Birds

5 Pair Double Rise

10 Pairs Deauville Doubles

(Own Partners) 1st, 2nd Trophies.

1st Sash, 2nd, 3rd Trophies.

10 Pairs Single Barrel

10 Pairs Double Barrel

Deauville Doubles Club

5 Bird Single Barrel

1st, 2nd, 3rd.

10 Bird Silent Rise

(Drawn Partners)

1st Sash, 2nd Trophy.

Championship

Championship

Sweepstake

Club Mixed Birds

17-2-51-

5 Bird Single Barrel 5 Pair Double Rise 10 Bird Double Barrel 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

3-3-51-

5 Bird Single Barrel Club Single Barrel Championship 1st, Sash, 2nd, 3rd trophies, 12 - 14 yards.

17-3-51---

5 Bird Double Barrel 20 Bird Double Barrel 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 12-14 yards.

31-3-51---

Auto and Driven Club Championship

10 Pairs 16 yards 1st Sash, 2nd, 3rd Trophies.

23-6-51-

Club Walk-up Championship 1st Sash, 2nd, 3rd Trophies.

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payment of these fees greatly expedites the administrative work of the Association. Due to heavy costs, the Executive Committee does not intend to "carry" shooters on the mailing list of "News" whose dues remain unpaid.

Affiliated clubs are again reminded that dates for open shoots must be approved by the Association before these are advertised. This direction applies to open championship and handicaps, where over £25 is distributed in prize money. Also it should be particularly noted that the Association controls "all" holiday dates and the same direction applies.

A growing misunderstanding appears to exist among some clubs, i.e., that it is an optional matter whether a shooter registers with the A.C.P.T.S.A. For the information of all, both club officials and shooters, it is pointed out that the question of registration is obligatory and to comply with the A.C.P.T.S.A. rules, every shooter, whether competing in club events or open matches, must register with the A.C.P.T.S.A. Registration fee, 20/-, is due on 1st January each year, and this entitles the shooter to receive his copy of monthly "News" posted free, new Association badge, have open handicap allotted and also have his name published in the officials registered list for Australia. It is also obligatory for club officials to ensure that all shooters are registered.

Shooters intending to take out Life Registration are informed that the fee for Life Registration is now $\pounds 12/12/$. Whether those who have paid the old figure of $\pounds 8/8/$ - since January 1 will be called upon for the additional amount, will be decided upon at the next Annual Meeting.

All registered shooters are finally reminded that any shooter may nominate for Executive office in the A.C.P.T.S.A. providing his registration fees are paid, and he is a member of an affiliated member club. All nomination forms must be signed by the President or Secretary of an affiliated member club.

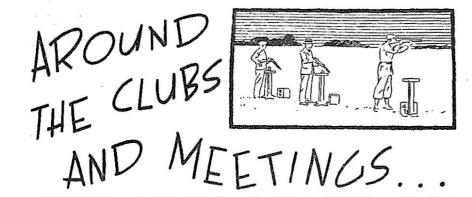
SPECIAL NOTICE

Affiliated clubs are officially informed that the 15th Annual Meeting of the Australian Clay Pigeon Trap Shooting Association will be held in the Board Room, Scott's Hotel, 444 Collins Street, Melbourne, C.1, on Monday, March 12th, 1951, commencing at 7.45 p.m.

Every affiliated club with all shooters registered with the Association is entitled to one delegate to represent its interests at this meeting. Clubs who have merely paid the affiliation for the club and have not completed registration of shooters will not be granted delegate representation.

Nominations for the offices of President and Executive Committee of the Association will close not later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6th, 1951, and nominations must be lodged addressed to the Secretary A.C.P.T.S.A., Box 2038 S, G.P.O., Melbourne, C.1. Nominations addressed anywhere but to the above stated address will not be accepted.

Names of delegates representing affiliated clubs must be forwarded to the Secretary A.C.P.T.S.A., Box 2038 S, G.P.O., Melbourne, C.1, at least seven clear days prior to the annual meeting.



SALE (V.). - Results Saturday, December 2, 1950: 1st Event, £10 Cash Handicap, 15 birds, Assn. han-dicaps: 1st, Ray Missen, 15/15; equal 2nd and 3rd, H. E. Martin and S. Gasson, 14/15 each. 2nd Event, 3 pairs D/Rise: div. Lou Bourbaud and A. Morris, 3/3 each. 3rd Event, Gippsland D/Rise Championship, 12 prs. from 16 yds.: 1st, Allan Brinsmead, 10/12 pairs; 2nd, L. Byrne, 9/12 pairs; 3rd, L. Bourbaud, 8/12 pairs. 4th Event, 10 birds Single Barrel: 1st. won by L. Byrne, 10/10; 2nd and 3rd, div. L. Bourbaud, I. Gleson, C. Budge and E. Brinsmead, 9/10 each. 5th Event, 10 birds Points Decision: 1st. L. Byrne, 42 points out of 42; 2nd, S. Gasson, 39 points out of 42: 3rd, R. Jennings, 32 points out of 42. Final Event, another 10 birds Points Decision: div. R. Johns, 30/30; L. Bourbaud, 30/30; C. Budge, 30/30.

Results all-cash shoot on 6/1/51: No. 1, 5-bird Gun Warmer, divided by 9 shooters: R. Jennings, G. Harthorpe, J. Bindt, H. E. Martin, Jim Neilson, T. Gleson, H. Guyatt, Dr. Martin, N. McGubbin, 5/5 each. No. 2. £20 Handicap, 20 birds D.B.: Lou Bourbaud and Jim Bindt div. 1st and 2nd money, both shooting 20/20 straight each; W. Harthorpe, R. Missen, H. Hare, H. Guyatt and H. E. Martin div. 3rd money with 19/20 each. No. 3, £25 Handicap, 20 birds S.B.: T. Gleson, 1st, 20/20; Ron Glover and R. Missen div. 2nd and 3rd money with 18/20 each. No. 4, £20 Handicap. Points Decision, 20 birds: 1st, Ray Missen, 59 points out of 60; 2nd, Len Schlinalius, 58 points out of 60; 3rd, Dr. Martin and H. Guyatt div. 3rd, 57/60. No. 5, 10-bird Cash Handicap, D.B.: div. Lou Bourbaud, T. Gleson, Jim Bindt and Eric Brinsmead, 10/10 each. Events off the fence to finish.

(L. J. Robinson, Hon. Sec.)

BATHURST (N.S.W.

(25/11/50). — Members enjoyed a mixed grill of squad, D.R., W.U. and D. Doubles. Treasurer Chas. Camphell was in great form to secure 2 divisions down the line, win the Double Rise and Walk-up events outright with full scores and secure a division in No. 1 Deauville. Not out of place, for Chas. has had a run of outs lately.

No. 1, 3-bird D.B.: R. Campbell, S. Bressington, L. Lupp, L. Healey, J. Barker and J. Fenton, 3/3. No. 2, 5-bird D.B.: J. N. Brazier, Jim Ryan, R. Campbell, C. Campbell, S. Bressington, L. Lupp. Jim Howard, L. Healey and M. Wotton, 5/5. No. 3, 5-bird D.B.: J. N. Brazier, Jim Ryan, C. Campbell and J. Barker, 5/5. No. 4. 5 pairs Deauville Doubles; R. Campbell - M. Burrows, M. Wotton -J. Barker, V. Howard - S. Bressing-ton, J. N. Brazier - C. Campbell, 5/5. No. 5. 3 pairs Double Rise: C. Camphell. 3/3. No. 6. 5 pairs Deauville Doubles: K. McEwen - Jim Howard, 5/5. No. 7, 3-bird W.U.: C. Campbell, 3/3. Alderman Ed. Williams was so delighted with his first trial of the sport that he donated a magnificent shield for inter-club shoots.

Results Dec. 9, 1950. The main event, the Club Deauville Doubles Championship of 12 pairs, from 16 yds., attracted a field of 12 pairs. Secretary Vic Howard and partner, Jim Ryan, recorded a possible 12/12 to win narrowly from Harry Jaques and Stan Bressington, 14/15, and Lou Lupp and Larry Healey, 15/18. The win was popular, as neither had been in form lately.

No. 1, 3 pairs Deauville Doubles: Jaques and Bressington, Campbell and Campbell, Ryan and Howard, Healey and L. Lupp, Brazier and Haynes, Byers and Morris, Ovens and Burrows, 3/3 pairs. No. 2, Club Deauville Doubles Championship, 12 pairs: J. Ryan and V. Howard, 12/12; H. Jaques and S. Bressington, 14/15; L. Lupp and L. Healey, 15/18. No. 3, 5-bird D.B.; H. Aiken, L. Barker, R. Campbell, W. Byers, J. Fenton, H. Jaques, J. Valentine, W. Haynes, Jim Howard and E. Suttor. No. 4, 5-bird D.B. Point Score: Jim Howard and L. Lupp, 10/10 points.

Results of Xmas shoot, 16/12/50: A field of 23 contested the all-trophy events at the Club Xmas shoot 16/12/50. No one man could win more than one trophy except high gun, which was a ham. However, all contested sweepstakes which were cut at 5 birds and the tronhy shot out. No. 1 went to Ted Suttor, a new shooter. 13/13, from Larry Healev, 12/13. Eleven others shot off. No. 2 went to Arthur Morris, 7/7, from four others. No. 3 was a two in one event. The boys were shooting for a trophy for themselves and also a ladies' lucky dip selection of a shooter's name. Jim Howard, new to the sport. gained a very nonular win for himself, while Ted Suttor won the ladies' event for Mrs. W. Haynes. Second was won for Mrs. H. Jaques by Arthur Morris. Treasurer Chas. Campbell won No. 4, 7/7, from four others. No. 5, a miss-out from 23 vards in the dark. was won by H. Jaques, 7/8, from W. Byers, 6/8.

High-gun trophy went to President S. Bressington after a tie shoot with L. Healey, both having scores of 19/20 over four events. Others close no were Jim Howard, 18/20: C. Campbell, 16/20: V. Howard, 18/20; J. Barker, 16/20; H. Jaques, 17/20; H. Lupp, 16/20; F. Suttor, 17/20; F. Rean, 17/20: W. Byers, 16/20; A. Morris, 16/20.

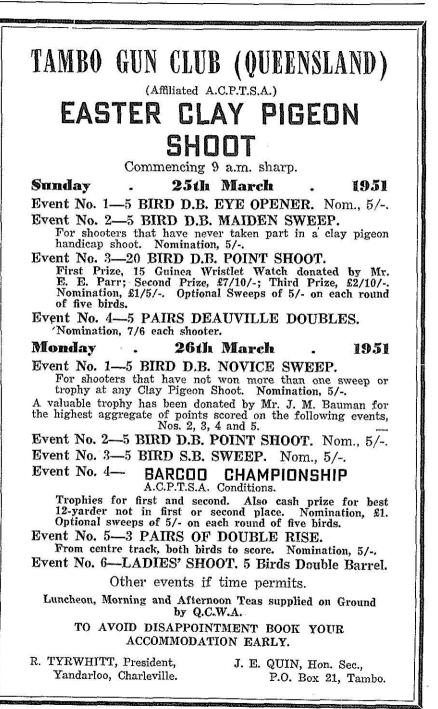
BATHURST. Boxing Day, 26/12/50 — Club Double Rise Championship and President's Trophy. A field of 20 contested the Club Double Rise Championship, several being unlucky

not to record higher scores. This applies to the winner and secondplace men, the second bird being heavily dusted on several occasions. The ultimate winner, Lou Lupp, shot excellently to record 8/12 over the original course to tie with Arthur Morris. In the tie shoot, Lou broke all three pairs, while Arthur broke 23, the last bird being dusted. Club secretary, Vic Howard, was third, 6/12. Results: L. Lupp, 11/15, first; A. Morris, 10/15, second; V. Howard, 6/12, third.

A field of 26 contested the next event, the President's Trophy, of 20 birds from Association marks. The shooting was excellent all through, young Bob Campbell recording the neat 20, all first barrels. President S. Bressington also broke 20, but. of course, ceded the victory to Bob. The lad was in deadly form, each being really busted. He carried on to record 29/30, missing his last release. Others close up were Frank Bean, Jim Ryan, Merv. Burrows, H. Jaques and R. Bland (first attempt), 19/20: Lou Lupp, E. Suttor, L. Barker, V. Howard and W. Byers, 18/ 20; C. Campbell, L. Healey, A. Morris, 17/20; H. Aiken and A. Ovens, 16/20; H. Lupp and W. Haynes, 15/20.

Dick Bland, of racing-car fame, put up a unique record. At his first attempt he broke 19/20 and finished the day 28/30. Some sighs were heard from experienced shots. He is a natural shot and incredibly calm. Four sweepstakes of five birds each were conducted over the course of the match, and also two more 5-bird events.

Results, all of 5 birds: No. 1: E. Suttor, F. Bean, J. Ryan, M. Burrows, V. Howard, L. Healey, H. Jaques, L. Barker, A. Ovens, S. Bressington, K. Bean, R. Campbell and R. Bland. No. 2: H. Lupp, L. Lupp, H. Aiken, F. Bean, J. Ryan, M. Burrows, R. Bland, V. Howard, L. Healey, S. Bressington, W. Byers, R. Cambbell. No. 3: L. Lupp, E. Suttor, F. Bean, J. Ryan, V. Howard, H. Jaques, A. Morris, S. Bressington and R. Cambbell. No. 4: M. Burrows, C. Campbell, H. Jaques, L. Barker, A. Morris, S. Bressington, W. Byers, R. Campbell and R. Bland. No. 5: H. Lupp, L. Lupp, W. Haynes, H. Aiken, F. Bean, V. Howard, C. Camp



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bell, H. Jaques, J. Barker, A. Morris, S. Bressington, W. Byers, K. Aiken, R. Campbell, No. 6: H. Lupp, E. Suttor, F. Bean, V. Howard, C. Campbell, A. Ovens, S. Bressington, J. N. Brazier, K. Aiken, R. Bland.

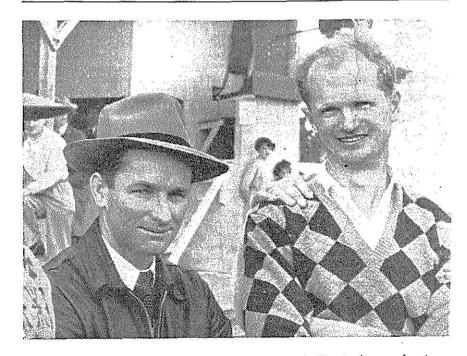
Best scores at down the line came from S. Bressington, 30/30; R. Campbell and F. Bean, 29/30; V. Howard and R. Bland, 28/30; M. Burrows, 23/25; E. Suttor, C. Campbell and H. Jaques, 27/30; L. Lupp and W. Byers, 26/30; H. Lupp, A. Ovens, A. Morris, 25/30; J. Ryan, 22/25; L. Barker, 21/25; H. Aiken and L. Healey, 23/30; K. Bean, 22/30; and W. Haynes, 19/25.

Results shoot January 6: No. 1: 3-bird D.B.: Jim Ryan, A. Ovens and C. Campbell. No. 2, 5-bird D.B.: Jim Ryan, A. Ovens and W. Haynes. No. 3, 5-bird D.B.: C. Campbell, V. Howard and M. Burrows. No. 4, 5-bird D.B.: W. Haynes, C. Campbell, V. Howard, W. Byers and A. Morris. No. 5, 5-bird D.B.: Jim Ryan, A. Ovens, C. Campbell, J. N. Brazier, A. Morris and M. Burrows. No. 6, 5-bird D.B.: W. Haynes and M. Burrows. No. 7, 5-bird, 23 yds.: V. Howard and A. Morris.

(Vic Howard, Hon. Sec.)

ECHUCA (V.).—The Echuca Gun Club held its annual Christmas shoot on Saturday morning, 23/12/50, when 40 shooters competed; conditions were very bad.

Results: No. 1, 5 birds: 1st, R. Adams (Kyabram); 2nd, A. Quinton; 3rd, H. Gray; 4th, A. Rickards. No. 2, 5 birds: R. Stagg (Tongala), K. Koch divided 1st and 2nd prizes; 3rd, F. Robertson (Deniliquin); 4th, R. Fuller (Kyabram); 5th, R. Stagg; 6th, R. McHale. No. 3, 5 birds: 1st, R. Stagg; 2nd, R. Fuller; 3rd, G. McDonald; 4th, R. McHale; 5th, L. Gibson; 6th, E. McHale. No. 4, 5 birds: 1st, G. McDonald; 2nd, A. Rickards; 3rd, G. Carmody; 4th, J.



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FIRST DAY - FRIDAY, 9TH MARCH 1951 - COMMENCING AT 12 NOON SHARP SECOND DAY - SATURDAY, 10TH MARCH 1951 COMMENCING AT 9.30 A.M. THE A.C.P.T.S.A.

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The event is open to any shooter registered with the Australian Clay Pigeon Trap Shooting Association who is a member of an affiliated club in any part of the Commonwealth of Australia. No championship qualification is necessary.

PRIZE LIST - CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS CUP (AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP)

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Trophies will be awarded to the next highest scorers, down to tenth position. Four special trophies will be awarded to competitors registering the best performance whose Association handicaps come under the follow-ing categories: 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 yards and over. Also a Ladies' Trophy. (A competitor finishing anywhere in the first ten will not be eligible for the sectional trophies.)

Three Interstate competitors (resident outside Victoria), (one to each State of Queensland, New South Wales and Tasmania) registering the best performance in the Champion of Champions Cup (Australian National Championship) and not winning any other award, will be allotted special trophies.

A special trophy will also be awarded to the best Victorian Country performer (resident over 50 miles from Melbourne) not winning any other trophy.

A special trophy will be presented to the lady drawing the winning shooter.

ENTRANCE FEE.—Entrance fee for the Champion of Champions Cup (Australian National Champion-ship) will be 60/- (birds free). Optional sweepstakes of 20/- and 10/- will be conducted in conjunction with the Champion of Champions Cup (Australian National Championship). In addition an optional 5/- sweepstake, restricted to shooters whose Association handicap does not exceed 15 yards, will also be available. All sweep-stakes above will be divided (without deductions), First 60 per cent., Second 30 per cent., Third 10 per cent.

Australian Teams' Cleampionskip

(To be shot concurrently with the Champion of Champions Cup (Australian National Championship)

Teams of four men. The first thirty birds released to each competitor in the Champion of Champions Cup (Australian National Championship) will be counted as scores for the Australian Teams' Championship. The winning team will hold the Hartley Perpetual Australian Teams' Championship Shield for 12 months (or until the next competition) and will also receive a special Hartley Pennant for Team Club House and each member of the winning team will receive a Trophy valued at not less than £5/5/-, donated by Messrs. Hartleys Sports Stores, of Melbourne. Entrance fee, 20/- per team. Entries must be lodged prior to commencement of Champion of Champions Cup (Australian National Championship). No entry will be accepted as a "State Team". No practice birds will be available.

MONDAY, 12TH MARCH, 1951 Commencing 9.30 a.m.

A.C.P.T.S.A. Intermediate Championship

20 CLAY PIGEONS FROM 16 YDS .- DOUBLE-BARREL -- BOTH BARRELS EQUAL VALUE.

(Restricted to Shooters whose Association Handicap does not exceed 16 yards on March 12th, 1951) Nomination (including Birds): 20/--10/- optional Sweepstake, divided 60 per cent., 30 per cent., 10 per cent. without deductions.

Winner to receive Trophy, valued £12/10/- and Championship Sash. pophy valued £7/10/-. Fourth, Trophy valued £3. Fifth, Trophy valued £2. Second, Trophy valued £7/10/-. Third, Trophy valued £5.

SPECIAL OPEN HANDICAP AND OTHER EVENTS, TIME PERMITTING.

During the shooting of this Event, Sweepstakes will be available for Back-markers.

(Members of International Team are not eligible to shoot in this Event.)

AND

AUSTRALIA'S FIFTH INTERNATIONAL TEAMS' MATCH

Competing Teams - England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Australia, for the DONALD MACKINTOSH INTERNATIONAL TROPHY, Valued at 100 Guineas. (Results by cable).

The Australian Team of 20 men for the International Match will comprise the 20 highest scorers in the Champion of Champions Cup (Australian National Championship) event, 1951. In the event of any selected shooter being unable to take his place in the team, his place will be filled by another shooter agreed upon by the Executive Committee.

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CONDITIONS:

100 birds per member from 16 yards, five track shooting system, in four stages of 25 each. Automatic angle trap, double-barrel, "kills" only to count. $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch cartridges loaded with not more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of shot, No. 6 English size.

Best 15 scores will count in the competition. Two lowest scores will be counted out.

PRIZE LIST - INTERNATIONAL MATCH

Highest scorer in the Australian Team will hold the special Hartley International High-Gun Cup (pre-sented by Hartleys Ltd., Melbourne), valued at ± 20 , for 12 months (or until the next International Match) and will be awarded a special trophy valued at $\pm 5/5/$ - (also presented by Hartleys Ltd.) and the International High-Gun sash. Second and third trophies will be awarded to members of the team registering the next scores to high-gun. In the event of ties, to be shot off in batches of ten clay pigeons until finality.

Every member of the Australian Team will receive the special "International 1951" Badge.

ENTRANCE FEES .- There will be no entrance fee for members of the team. Birds will be free. Optional sweepstake of 10/- will be conducted in conjunction. Sweepstake money divided 60, 30, and 10 per cent. without deductions.

PRACTICE BIRDS .- Members of the International Team will be permitted ten practice birds before the competition, in accordance with the International conditions.

FOURTH DAY TUESDAY, 13TH MARCH, Commencing 9.30 a.m. 1951 Australian Handicap

40 CLAY PIGEONS from Association Handicaps, Single-Barrel. Winner to receive Trophy valued at £24 and Sash. Second, Trophy valued £12. Third, Trophy valued £8. Fourth, Trophy valued £5. Fifth, Trophy valued £3. Sixth, Trophy valued £2/10/-. Seventh, $\pounds 2/10/-$.

Nomination (including Birds), 40/-, with 10/- and 5/- optional Sweepstakes, divided 60 per cent., 30 per cent., 10 per cent. (without deductions).

Followed by SPECIAL FAREWELL HANDICAP

Conditions to be announced on Ground.

OTHER EVENTS, TIME PERMITTING.

CARTRIDGES.—Special cartridges will be available to competitors only, at current rates. Only these cartridges may be used. This rule will apply throughout each day. All competitors' cartridges will be subject to examination by Association officials at any time. PROTESTS.—In the event of any protests, 20/- accompanying each protest, which are required to be written in ink, must be lodged with the Secretary A.C.P.T.S.A. during or at the conclusion of the round concerned. The Executive Committee's decision shall be final.

REFRESHMENTS .- Refreshments and light luncheon will be available on the ground throughout each day.

NO LIABILITY.—The organisers, whilst taking every precaution, do not accept responsibility for any accidental damage to any person or property on the ground, or for safe custody of guns, ammunition, clothing, etc., deposited in the pavilion or elsewhere.

DINNER TO DONORS AND COMPETITORS .- A dinner to donors and competitors will be tendered by the Association on Saturday evening, March 10.

Clay Pigeons, Champion of Champions Cup and International Match, presented by Imperial Chemical Industries Australia and New Zealand Ltd. (also cartridges for International shoot).

Should circumstances warrant, the Executive Committee reserves the right to vary conditions of any event. ACCOMMODATION .- Intending competitors should make immediate arrangements for accommodation. The A.C.P.T.S.A. cannot undertake to assist in securing accommodation.

ENJOY THE BIGGEST AND MOST INTERESTING WEEK-END OF SHOOTING IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE.

President:

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Oliver; 5th, L. Scrivens; 6th, L. Gibson.

(A. Rickards, Hon. Sec.)

HORNSBY (N.S.W.). - Hornsby held their Xmas shoot on 23/12/50. All and sundry received a very nice Xmas present. J. Berry and Ralph Sonter tied with 18/20 for the main prize. Mat Fuller and Arthur Spehr tied in the next event with 5/5, and Miss Val. Sargent, runner-up, with 4/5. The skeet ended in a win for Barney Edwards, with 10/10. Four hams, 2 shoulders of bacon and 12 well-chosen Xmas hampers were amongst the presents.

Jock Berry, with enough trophies to start a shop, won his first ham. His wife told him if he failed to win a ham, he needn't come home, so Jock was in top form. After a very enjoyable day's shooting and afternoon tea, they all wished each other a Merry Xmas and left for home with all their Xmas goods.

Hornsby held their usual shoot at Stonehenge grounds on 20/1/51. A very pleasant afternoon's shooting took place, despite the heavy took place, despite the heavy weather. Winners of the respective events were: Max Gibson, from Hay, 10/10, 5/5; R. Sonter, 5/5, and W. Haney, 5/5. A very fine perform-ance was put up by Max Gibson's 14-year-old boy, who shot 5/5, 9/10, 4/5, and looks to be one of the coming champions, cool and calm, and handles his birds from all angles like the champions. This lad's future should be worth watch-ing. ing.

(Chas. S. Horne, Hon. Sec.)

STONEHENGE (N.S.W.) .- Stonehenge held their Xmas shoot on the 16/12/50, and some very fine shoot-ing was indulged in. The High Gun of the day was R. C. Blackwell, a new member of the club and a petty officer in the Navy, who shot 23/23; Lyell Morrell, 22/23; J. Thomas, 19/23; R. Sonter, 20/23; J. Berry, 20/23; H. Knight, 19/23, in the main events. Four hams, 6 fowls, 1 case of fruit, 1 suitcase filled with fruit and parcels of prawns were among the trophies. R. Blackwell, Jock Berry, Luke Hughes, Jack Thomas, Ralph Sonter, Mat Fuller, H. Knight and Lyell Morrell all participated in Xmas trophies. The unlucky shooter of the day was Lyell Morrell, who henge held their Xmas shoot on the

shot 10/10 twice and was beaten in the shoot-off. Trophies were divided 12 yarders and up to 16 yards and over 16 yards, so every grade shooter had the opportunity of win-ning a prize. A twelve-year-old lad, the son of Ralph Sonter, shot three out of five, and on the day every-body enjoyed some good shooting, a five aftermore the good shooting, a fine afternoon tea and soft drinks being provided for about 24 shooters and a number of visitors.

(Chas. S. Horne, Hon. Sec.)

TOWNSVILLE (Q.). - "Favoured with excellent weather and almost Townsville Gun Club held its Xmas Clay Pigeon Shoot on Saturday afternoon, December 16th, and a pro-gramme of 5 events each at 5 birds Single Barrel was shot off. All events were keenly contested, and as there were excellent seasonable prizes right down to eighth place in cach event, competition was keen. In every event ties for the main

and minor placings right down the scale necessitated shoot-offs, and these resulted in some very keen tussels.

tussels. The following are the detailed results: 1st Event: 1st, J. Melville; 2nd, K. Russel; 3rd, W. Hanran; 4th, F. Hose; 5th, W. Stockham; 6th, D. Peberdy; 7th, F. Jensen; 8th, J. Bray. 2nd Event: 1st, F. Melville; 2nd, D. Peberdy; 3rd, C. Sinclair; 4th, K. Misken; 5th, K. Russel; 6th, W. Stockham; 7th, G. Timms; 8th, G. Goodman. 3rd Event: 1st, R. Winn; 2nd, J. Melville; 3rd, C. Sinclair; 4th, D. Peberdy; 5th, E. Hansen; 6th, D. Peiniger; 7th, G. Jaques; 8th, J. Bray. 4th Event: 1st, W. Stockham; 2nd, D. Peiniger; 3rd, G. Jaques; 4th, J. Bray; 5th, D. Pe-berdy; 6th, K. Misken; 7th, G. Good-man; 8th, C. Sinclair. Consolation Handicap: 1st, R. McKimmin; 2nd, J. Gerber; 3rd, J. Carrington; 4th, P. Hartwell; 5th, W. James; 6th, E. Hansen; 7th, G. Goodman; 8th, D. Casey. D. Casey.

(Fred Blackman, Hon, Sec.)

RAND (N.S.W.). - Our District Walk-up Championship duly took place on 25th November in rather warm weather. About 30 shooters attended and a happy day was enjoyed. Harry Watts, our genial friend from Shepparton, very kindly

came along, and we are deeply grateful to him for the assistance and advice given, and the job he did as Referee.

Due to the humid conditions, an occasional sojourn to the 19th hole to ease dry throats. A pleasing feature to us was the success of our youngest shooter, Jack Edwards, in winning the £50 Handicap and Tro-phy. This young fellow has only been shooting a few months, and then in the field only, and had never shot in competition. Good luck, Jack, He was followed by our good sportsman and mentor, Gordon Hallam, to whom we are indebted for our excellent grounds, with 2nd and Trophy. The catering arrangements were most capably carried out by members' wives, and to them we say "Thank You, Ladies," for a good job well done.

Following are the results: 1st Event, 5-bird Sweepstakes: div. McElroy, Helwig and Les Hanel. 2nd Event, Walk-up Championship: A. McLeod (Shepparton), 1st and Trophy, 17/20; J. McMaster (Bur-rumbuttock), 15/20; C. Nolan (Al-

bury), 16/25. 3rd Event, £50 Handicap: J. Edwards (Rand), 1st and Trophy, 20/21; G. Hallam (Rand), 2nd and Trophy, 19/21; Reg Cook (Corowa), 3rd and Trophy, 18/20.

(A. L. Godde, Hon. Sec.)

HOLBROOK (N.S.W.). — Results Boxing Day shoot, 26/12/50. The N.S.W. Double-barrel Championship of 20 birds from 18 yards was won of 20 birds from 18 yards was won by Ray Matthews, of Bowna, with a score of 18/20. Second place went to G. Bell (Young) and third to Les Hanel (Albury). Best front-marker trophy went to P. Gibbons (Gan-main). The £50 Handicap of 20 birds Double-barrel resulted: J. Mc-Mattare (Ruwumbuttack) and G Masters (Burrumbuttock) and G. Bell (Young) divided fist and second money, with a score of 20/20. Third money, with a score of 20/20. Third money was taken by Les Hanel with a score of 19/20. Front-markers' money was divided by Lynch Creasy (Mangoplah) and Stan Finnemore (Mangoplah) with a score of 18/20. Highlight of the day was the mag-nificent performance of George Bell (Young), who qualified for the Hart-ley Badge with an unfinished break of 50 kills.

FOOTSCRAY GUN CLUB (Affiliated A.C.P.T.S.A.) No. 2 Ground: TOTTENHAM, VICTORIA. FEBRUARY 10-**11 Bird Skeet 5 prs Double Rise**

FEBRUARY 24-

Club Skeet Championship

MARCH 10-No Shoot.

R. G. WRAY, President.

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Other results: Five-bird D.B.: D. Gittings (Albury), Roy Johns (Melbourne), J. Kelly (Ganmain), div. 5/5. Five-bird D.B.: N. Plunkett (Holbrook), L. Hanel (Albury), G. Bond (Tumut), G. Bell (Young), John Cox (Mangoplah), A. Helwig (Henty), J. McMasters (Burrumbuttock), div. 5/5. Five-bird D.B.: S. Finnemore (Mangoplah), G. Bell (Young), J. O. Cox (Mangoplah), div. 6/6. Five-bird D.B.: J. McMasters, R. Hering (Melbourne), N. Plunkett, div. 6/6.

(Harry Burge, Hon. Sec.)

GRIFFITH (N.S.W.).—The Griffith Gun Club's initial shoot for the year 1951 took place on Monday, January 1, in the presence of about 250 spectators and shooters, but in rather gusty wind conditions for high scoring. The presence of about 70 competitors for each event assured the Club of a most successful day. The main event, the N.S.W. Single-barrel Championship, went to that brilliant sportsman, Newton Thomas, of Sydney. He had an outright win with 19/20.

The £100 Handicap at 20 birds saw six possibles recorded, the winner and the third placing coming from the Gidginbung Club, a newly formed club near Temora. Great interest centred around the shoot-off for third and fourth placing between Geo. Bell, of Young (18 yards) and A. Pellow, a 12-yarder from Gidginbung. This went to the 53rd round for a decision in favour of A. Pellow.

The club's first competitive night shoot saw 66 shooters face the traps — many for the first time under artificial light — but a very strong prevailing wind again prevented high scoring. A feature of the day was the even flight of the birds from the three traps, the small percentage of broken birds being thrown and the speed and smoothness which accompanied each event; the former being a great credit to the attention of committeeman Don Muir. All shooters, both visitors and local, were unanimous in their remarks and praise in this regard. The referee's duties were very ably controlled and carried out by the Association's Referees, Messrs. Geo. Biggs and Harry (Nimrod) Roberts, both of Victoria.

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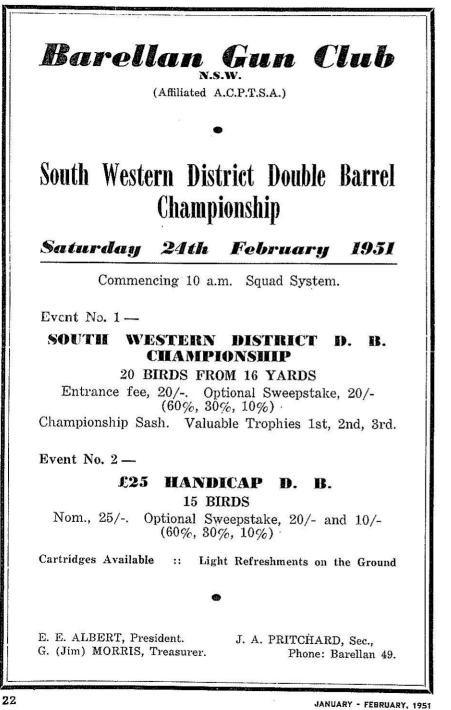
During the presentation of the trophies by the President, Mr. J. C. Carnell, Mr. Newton Thomas took the opportunity of congratulating the committee and the club on having one of the best lay-outs in the Commonwealth, together with sharing the honour of being one of the clubs in N.S.W. with a threetrap set-up, Luncheon, afternoon tea and buffet supper were provided on the ground, and the committee take this opportunity of thanking all those ladies and others who were responsible for a most successful day.

Results were as follows: N.S.W. Single - barrel Championship, 20 birds: 1st, Newton Thomas, 19/20; 2nd, Garry Daly (Deniliquin), 24/ 30; 3rd, Geo. Bell (Young), 23/30. £100 Handicap and Irene Draper Trophy, 20 birds, D.B.: 1st, R. Forbutt (Gidginbung), 26/26; 2nd, Roy Johns (Coburg, Vic.), 25/26; 3rd, A. Pellow (Gidginbung), 52/53; 4th, Geo. Bell (Young), 51/53; 5th, Phil Stott (Griffith), 28/30; Frontmarker: L. Meek (Ganmain), 19/20. £25 Handicap, 15 birds, Doublebarrel: 1st, div. J. McMasters (Wangaratta), Geo. Bell (Young), M. Crowe (Deniliquin), J. Semmler (Barellan), all with 15/15. 10-bird Single-barrel Night Shoot: 1st, A. Pellow (Gidginbung), 12/13; 2nd, W. McNamara (Griffith), 10/13; 3rd, R. Forbutt (Gidginbung), 11/13.

(Phil Stott, Hon. Sec.)

BOTHWELL (Tas.).—Results December 2, 1950. Thirty shooters contested in main event, £40 Handicap, and after keen competition it was divided between S. Marshall, B. Morgan, J. Reynolds, R. Powell, 24/ 25, and J. McKenzie, 22/25. Novice event resulted in a win for K. Reid, 4/6. Main 5-bird D.B. Sweepstake was again divided, this time between S. Marshall, J. Brent, J. McKenzie and E. McRae, scoring possible 5/5. Five shooters divided in J.B. S.B. Sweepstake. Those scoring possible were M. Bale, 5/5; B. Morgan, P. Marshall, W. Bennet and J. Hayden. Max Bale shot consistently to win outright two other 5-bird events.

Club hopes early in New Year to instal an automatic trap, which should prove a great asset and pro-



vide some good shooting for the shooters who attend the club.

(Ian K. Campbell, Hon. Sec.)

FOOTSCRAY (V.). — The Foot-scray Club conducted the Common-wealth Walk-up Championship on December 2. The event was won outright by Bill Wager, of Carlton, with a score of 22/25 from F. Burns, 19/25, and George Biggs, 23/30. Biggs tied with J. Bryant, W. Fin-negan, P. Sheridan, C. Wilson, each 18/25, and then won the shoot-off. The 14-yarder trophy went to Clive Wilson, 22/30. Wilson, 22/30.

The club had a very big attendance of competitors at its Christmas shoot on December 16. The winner of the main event was Peter Sheridan, 20/20, from Cliff Bound, 31/32; Fred Burns, 30/32; Joe Hyett, 29/ 32; J. Bardin, 29/32. A five-birder was cut by J. T. Johnson and C. Wilson. Another good attendance was present on Saturday, January 13, when the club opened its 1951 13, when the club opened its 1951 season. Results were: No. 1, 10 birds, D.B.: div. Clive Wilson and Jim O'Brien, 10/10. No. 2, 11 rounds Skeet: div. L. Tewksbury and J. O'Brien, 9/11. No. 3 (same): C. H. Bell, 10/11. No. 4, Miss-out: J. O'Brien, 10/10.

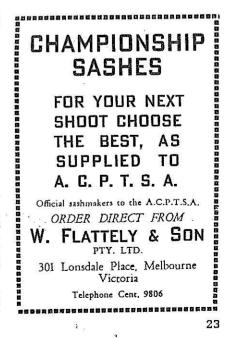
Hot weather was experienced for the club shoot on January 27. The result of the main event was: 20 birds. D.B.: won outright by W. Squires, 20/20, from J. Johnson, 19/ 20, and E. T. Watson, 18/20; 12/13 yarder, L. Murphy, 16/20.

COBURG (V.) .- The club's Christmas shoot was attended by just on 80 shooters on December 9. All competitors received a trophy, which ranged from hams to crayfish. The usual convivial spirit was present throughout the proceedings, and all enjoyed a real Christmas treat. Main enjoyed a real christmas treat. Main results were: No. 1, 10 birds, Single-barrel: won outright by Cliff Bound, 10/10, from H. S. Godfrey, 14/15; "Blackie", 14/16, and 14 yarder, C. Thorne, 13/16. The main event was a 20 birder, and this was again won utility C. Madard, actuming the a 20 birder, and this was again won outright, C. Mudford returning the only possible. Then followed Brown, Wall and N. Guy, 19/20; 18/20's by "Nyla", W. Wager, A. Male, "Dux-bac", Ted Parow and A. J. Russell. The club resumed shooting for the start of its 1951 season on January

6-the attendance was surprisingly 6 — the attendance was surprisingly good, including a number of Inter-state shooters. Results were: No. 1, 10 birds, S.B.: div. Bill Finnegan, J. Paul, H. McAllister, R. Johns, 10/10. No. 2, 11-bird Skeet: "Dinky" (Hay, N.S.W.), 10/11; "Bruino" and "Ingi" div. second, 9/11. No. 3, 10 birds, D.B.: "Bruino", 24/24; "Din-ky", 23/24; Clive Wilson, 15/16; 14 yarder, Jim Bourke, 13/14.

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Results of shoot on January 20:
No. 1, 5 birds: div. J. Hyett, G. Anderson, J. Bryant, G. Biggs and F. Burns, 6/6. No. 2, Club Skeet Championship: F. Burns, 19/20; John Bryant, 31/33; P. Sheridan, 26/33; 12 yards, R. Balshaw, 15/20. No. 3, 10 birds, points scoring: G. Stone, 30/30 points; R. Balshaw, 62/66; F. Burns, 61/66; 12 yarder, Dave Ryan, 40/45 40/45.

AUSTRALIA (V.). - The club opened its December fixtures in brilliant sunshine weather which brilliant sunshine weather which attracted a big field of competitors on 2/12/50. Many visitors attended, including Ed. Metcalf, secretary of the Perth, W.A., club. Results were: No. 1, 10 birds, 8 possibles: div. Bert Goodear, Bill Lees, Bob Mee-han, Frank Brown, R. W. (Fatty) Lamb and K. Turner, 12/12. No. 2,



10 birds, Single-barrel, no possibles: won outright by "Drongo", 18/19, from "Doncaster", 17/19; H. Phillips. 16/18; 13/14 yarder, D. Platt, 15/17; 15/16 yarder, R. Didier, 11/ 13; 12 yarder, E. Quinton, 8/10. No. 3, 10 birds, Points: H. Phillips, 30/30 points; W. Fisher (Merbein), 43/45 points; "Doech-an-Doris", 41/45; 13/ 14 yarder, H. S. Godfrey, 38/42; 12 yarder, J. Whincup, 23/30.

One hundred and ten shooters attended on December 16 for the club's Christmas shoot, including many interstate and oversea visitors. Results were: No. 1, 15 birds, 7 possibles: div. Harry Roberts Junr., Les L. Schilling, W. R. Johns, "Murray", 19/19; then Dr. Marshall, 18/ 19; R. Hering, 17/18; L. Small, 15/16. No. 2. 5 birds, 26 possibles: div. A. Smith. L. Small, C. Fankhauser, Dave Ryan, A. Goodear, F. Olver, R. Jorgenson, T. R. Brown, Les Gray, Cdr. Graham, Pattinson and Allan Mansell, 9/9.

A muster almost up to the threefigure mark appeared for the club shoot on January 13. The club single-barrel championship went to E. G. Biggs, 19/20, from "Doncaster", 18/20; T. R. Brown, third; 15/16 yarders, "Dubbs" and W. Finnegan tied; 13/14 yarder, L. Davies, and 12 yarder, K. Wischart (Bainbow).

The club held its first night shooting championship on Wednesday evening, January 17. The popularity of this type of shooting is undoubtedly finding favour with a vast section of shooters — no less than 72 entries were received. The winner was Fred Burns, 25/25. from F. Olver. 24/25, and John Bryant, 29/ 30. The 15/16 yard award went to R. G. Wrav, 27/31; 13 yarder, K. Wischart (Rainbow), 19/22, and 12 varder, L. Wall, 13/20. A minor five birder resulted (10 possibles): N. Davies, L. Davies. F. Burns, R. Johns, K. Jenkins and J. Sydenham, 6/6.

Billy Scott. who shoots under the title of "Bruino", continued the excellent form he has shown over past months and won the main singlebarrel event on the 36th round at the club's well-attended shoot on January 27. Details were: No. 1, 10 birds, D.B., 6 possibles: div, A. H. Brenk, G. Biggs, A. Johnson, G. Anderson, S. Thompson, 12/12. No. 2, 10 birds, S.B.: won outright by "Drongo", 10/10, from Dave Ryan, 10/11; "Nimrod", 10/12: 15/16 yarder, H. Phillips, 9/12; 12/14 varder, H. Biddle, 24/27; 12 yarder, K. McDiarmid, 8/10. No. 3, 10 birds, points scoring: won by "Bruino", 34/36, after tie shoot with F. Olver, 32/36 (both scored 28/30 originally). Then followed H. Biddle, 27/30; Les Turner, 26/30, 25/30; W. Fallshaw, W. Jones. T. R. Brown and Darcy Watson, 25/30. TONGALA (V) — Tongala Curp

TONGALA (V.). — Tongala Gun Club held a successful shoot on Saturday, 18th November. Shooters were present from Echuca, Kyabram, Bamawn, Shepparton and Moe. Results: No. 1 Event, 5-bird D.B.: div. F. Dobson and J. Garrett, 5/5. No. 2 Event, 5-bird S.B.: div. J. Garrett and G. McDonald, 5/5. No. 3 Event, 10-bird Trophy Event. with 5/- and 10/- Sweep: div. H. Gray, J. Simpson. J. Garrett, J. Hudson (Moe), F. Dobson, 9/10. Shoot-off for trophy resulted in a win for J. Hudson, 17/18. Front Markers' Trophy won by J. Oliver, 11/13. No. 4 Event, 5-bird D.B.: div. J. Hudson and F. Grinter, 5/5. No. 5 Event, Miss-out: div. A. McHale, A. Rickard and H. Gray. High Gun went to a visitor from Moe, J. Hudson, 22 straight.

(E. J. McHale, Hon. Sec.)

TOWNSVILLE (Q.). — The 1950 Queensland Double-barrel Clay Pigeon Championship and also the 1950 North Queensland Mixed Birds Championship attracted a good field of visiting shooters on December 2 and 3. Shooting conditions were very changeable right throughout, being excellent at times and very bad at intervals, the rapid changes being brought about by rain squalls and heavy wind which blew throughout the shoot.

Sam Ball, of Charters Towers, was successful in winning the major title, the Queensland Double-barrel Championship with a perfect score of 20/20, all his kills being scored with the first barrel. J. Melville (Townsville) and J. Smith (Home Hill). were runners-up, each with 19/20. Melville defeated Smith in the tie shoot and filled second place.

Jack Gerber (Home Hill) scored an outright win in the North Queens-Mixed Birds Championship with a good score of 17/20. G. Jaques (Townsville) and J. Smith (Home Hill) were runners-up with 15/20. Jaques was successful in the shootoff for second place. Despite the unfavourable weather conditions, the shooting generally was good.

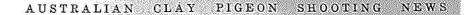
The principal 15-bird Handicap event, shot under single-barrel conditions, was divided by R. Winn (Home Hill) and C. Walker (Charters Towers), each scoring 14/15. E. McKimmin, W. Adcock, F. Clausen, J. Bray and J. Smith tied for and divided third and fourth placings. A supporting 10 birds Singlebarrel Handicap was divided by D. Casey, J. Bray and J. Carrington, all of Townsville; S. Ball, R. Byers, G. Jaques and J. Melville divided fourth place.

Supporting sweepstakes events resulted as follows: No. 1 sweepstakes was divided by J. Melville, W. Carrington, F. Blackman, G. Jaques, G. Archer, S. Horwood, W. Hanran, F. Jensen, E. McKimmin, G. Goodman and W. Stockham. No. 2 sweepstake was divided by R. Byers, J. Bray, D. Peberdy, S. Horwood and

J. Gerber. No. 3 sweepstake was divided by F. Jensen, W. Adcock, R. McKimmin, S. Horwood and J. Gerber. No. 4 sweepstake was divided by S. Ball, R. Winn, R. Mc-Kimmin, G. Goodman, H. Haller, B. Rubiolo, W. Adcock, F. Claussen, T. Clay, K. Russell and J. Melville. In No. 5 sweepstake D. Peberdy and J. Melville divided first and second, K. Russell, G. Goodman, R. Knuth, F. Blackman, E. McKimmin, B. Rubioli, J. Smith and H. Haller all tied for third.

An open clay pigeon shoot was held at the Townsville Gun Club's grounds on Saturday afternoon, January 20, and the club was fortunate to strike fine weather. Shooting conditions right throughout the afternoon were good, and as a result some very good scores were recorded. D. Peberdy struck top form and was the most outstanding shot on the day. He shot very consistently to figure in wins and divisions of first money in five out of the seven open events shot off. F. Blackman, V. Herlihy and J. Longworth also shot well to each figure in first money







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divisions in three events. J. Bray, O. Crouther, K. Misken and J. Melville, with divisions of first place in two events each, were also prominent.

A special sweepstakes for shooters who had not won outright at any time at clays was won by V. Herlihy, time at clays was won by V. Herliny, with D. Peiniger runner-up. Two Deauville Double events resulted in an outright win in the first for the J. Carrington - O. Crouther com-bination, and the second was won by E. Vandersee and D. Peberdy after a keen shoot-off. Others to share in first placings were D. Casey and S. Horwood.

The following are the detailed results: Five birds, single barrel: div. K. Miskin, F. Blackman, J. Melville and O. Crouther. Five birds, single barrel: div. D. Peberdy, D. Casey, J. Longworth, S. Horwood, F. Blackman and V. Herlihy. Five birds, single barrel: div. D. Peberdy, F. Blackman, J. Bray, J. Longworth and V. Herlihy. Five birds, single barrel: div. D. Peberdy, K. Miskin, J. Melville, J. Longworth, O. Crou-ther, J. Bray and V. Herlihy, Special stakes (restricted nomina-tions): D. Peiniger, 1st; V. Herlihy, 2nd. Deauville Double Sweepstakes: J. Carrington and O. Crouther, 1st; E. McKimmin and J. Melville, 2nd. Deauville Double Sweepstakes: E. Vandersee and D. Peberdy, 1st; W. Hanran and E. McKimmin, 2nd. Final first Miss-out Sweepstakes: D. Peberdy, 1st; J. Bray, 2nd. birds, single barrel: div. D. Peberdy,

(Fred Blackman, Hon, Sec.)

DARR RIVER (Qld.).-The Darr River Gun Club held its first shoot on the new grounds on the 18th November. It was the first time most of the shooters have used tracks, but the squads soon moved smoothly and everyone had quite a lot of shooting and in the afternoon. We enjoyed a visit by a good number of the Kelly Creek Gun Club members. Twenty shooters faced the trap, and there were twice that number of spectators who came to watch and enjoy the picnic tea after the shooting. Three visitors motored 110 miles to be present.

The day was perfect for shooting, but at such a social gathering many shooters found it difficult to concen-trate on the clay birds. The results were: Event No. 1, 5-bird D.B.: N. the flight of the targets. Newt.

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Lock, 5/5. Event No. 2, 5-bird D.B.: J. Gibson, 5/6, winning on the shoot-off with D. Mackay. Event No. 3, 10-bird D.B.: R. B. Banks, 9/10. Event No. 4, 5-bird D.B.: H. Owens, 5/5. Event No. 5, 5-bird Walk-up, points: C. McClymont, 13/14, after shooting off with B. Kayapareh, 11/14 shooting off with R. Kavanagh, 11/14.

(K. Woolford, Secretary.)

COLAC (V.). - Perfect weather favoured shooters on Dec. 16, when the Colac Gun Club held its Christmas shoot at clay birds. Shooters took full advantage of the conditions and provided keen competition as they strove for possession of the succulent hams, attractive hampers, wines, ales and Christmas cakes provided by the club. The clubhouse was gaily decorated with streamers, geenery, etc., and provided a welcome sanctuary from the unexpectedly warm conditions outside. Thirty shooters attended from Camperdown, Terang, Foster and Colac district.

Eric Gaylard was the outstanding competitor. He gained three trophies and put up a fine break of 59, thus qualifying for a Hartley break badge for 50 straight. Eric's shooting was qualitying for a Hartley break badge
for 50 straight. Eric's shooting was
remarkably accurate, his full score
for the day being 69/71. Other good
scores were: H. Mills, 40/43; Phil
Hayes (Birregura), 43/49; W. Arnold, 47/50; N. Westwood, 29/34; J.
McCarthy, 30/33; H. T. Smith (Terang), 30/33; D. Corstorphan, 48/51. The special trophy given by
the club to the highest scoring competitor over four selected shoots was
won by Jack McCarthy, 38/40. Main
results: Event 1, 5-bird D.B.: W.
Arnold, 16/16, 1st; H. T. Smith, 15/
16, 2nd; H. Mills, 14/15, 3rd. Event
2 (ditto): E. Gaylard, 16/16, 1st;
J. O'Donnell (Camperdown), 15/16,
2nd; N. Vagg, 13/14, 3rd. Event 3,
10 birds D.B.: div. on 23rd round by
E. Gaylard, J. McCarthy and D. Corstorphan. Event 4, 5 birds D.B.: div.
on 12th round by H. Mills, R. Hinchcliffe, W. Arnold and E. Gaylard,
Event 5, Miss-out S.B.: won by D.
Corstorphan, 9/9. Corstorphan, 9/9.

Shooters spent a pleasant after-noon at the Colac Gun Club on Saturday, 13/1/51, when clay bird events were decided. Conditions generally were good, an incoming wind from the right quarter adding variety to

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Westwood won the main event after a long shoot-off against W. Arnold. Cash events were fairly evenly distributed over the field.

Main results: Event 1, 5-bird: div. "Apex", C. Romeo, H. Eldridge and Les O'Bryan, all 5/5. Event 2 (ditto): div. N. Westwood, E. Gaylard, R. Ridgeway, A. Eldridge, all 5/5. Event 3, 10 birds: N. Westwood, 20/22, 1st; W. Arnold, 19/22, 2nd. Event 4, 5 birds: div. H. Eldridge, J. Hunt and R. Ridgeway, 11/11. Event 5, 5-bird Single-barrel: div. C. Romeo, Les O'Bryan and A. Eldridge, 11/11. Miss-out events from 22 yards were won by E. Ball, A. Eldridge, D. Corstorphan and W. Arnold.

(Don Corstorphan, Hon. Sec.)

HARGRAVE PARK (N.S.W.).— Thirty-eight shooters lined up for the Sydney Deauville Doubles Championship on December 2 at the Seven Hills grounds. The title went to Luke Hughes - Newton Thomas, 30/ 30 pairs, from Ted Ginty - E. Nash, 29/30. Others just outside the placegetters were: D. Wright - Bruce Hill, 19/20, and E. Bullen - G. Boehm, 19/20. A stiff breeze made the "right"-hand bird very difficult to break. A trophy event following the championship went to young Bathurst shooter, R. Campbell, 10/10, after a shoot-off with J. Thomas (Hornsby), J. Manning (Cootamundra) and C. Campbell (father of the winner). The final 5 birder was divided by Mal Fuller (Bellevue Hill) and J. Manning (Cootamundra).

(B. E. Brazenall, for Sec.)

WANGARATTA (V.) (December) --Successful Wangaratta shooters, George Walker and Stan Cordy, received 21-piece English tea-sets from their president, Mr. J. C. Bell, at the big gun club shoot on Saturday. Walker and Cordy won the N.E. Deauville Doubles Championship. Wangaratta, Benalla, Albury, Springhurst, Peechelba East, Goorambat, Glenrowan and St. James were represented.

Details: No. 1, 5-bird event: div. L. Hanel (Albury), C. Dean, C. Kneebone, B. Keir, G. Walker (Wangaratta), 5/5. No. 2, 5-bird: div. L. Hanel (Albury), J. J. Cooper (Goorambat), G. Cook, C. Dean (Wangaratta), J. Wise (Peechelba East),



5/5. No. 3, 5-bird: div. C. Kneebone, C. Dean (Wangaratta), 5/5. No. 4, 3 pair Double Rise: J. Lodge (Benalla), C. Dean (Wangaratta), 3 pair. No. 5, 3 pair Double Rise: J. Lodge No. 5, 3 pair Double Rise: J. Lodge (Benalla), L. Hanel (Albury), G. Walker (Wangaratta), 3 pair. No. 6, 3 pair Double Rise: S. Cordy (Wan-garatta), J. Wise (Peechelba East), 3 pair. No. 7, North-Eastern Deau-ville Doubles Championship, 20 pair from 16 yards: won by G. Walker and S. Cordy (Wangaratta), 20/20 pair; L. Hanel and D. Gittings (Al-bury), 2nd 19/20 pair: B. Consemen bury), 2nd, 19/20 pair; R. Grossman and R. James (Springhurst), 18/20, 3rd. No. 8, Trophy event, 5 bird with optional sweep possible: G. Walker, R. Grossman (Wangaratta), L. Hanel (Albury), J. J. Cooper (Goorambat); shoot for trophies: 1st, L. Hanel, 17/17; 2nd, R. Grossman, 16/17. No. 9, Trophy event, 5 bird, 9 possible shoot for trophies resulted in a win for D. Gittings (Albury), 14/ 14; J. J. Cooper (Goorambat), 13/14, 2nd. No. 10, 5-bird Walk-up: div. G. Walker (Wangaratta), W. Wise (Peechelba East), 5/5. No. 11, 10bird event: div. R. Bailey (Glenrowan), C. Dean, G. Walker (Wangaratta), 10/10. Trophies were presented by Mr. J. C. Bell (President). (Newspaper report extract.)

YALLOURN - MORWELL (V.).— The Yallourn and Morwell Gun Club conducted the Central Gippsland Double-barrel Championship for 1950 on 25/11/50, and an excellent field of 40 shooters competed. Competitors came from Yarram, Sale, Maffra, Traralgon, Morwell, Yallourn, Moe and Melbourne, and competition was keen, with many young shooters putting up very good scores and some getting into the shoot-off for the places. Weather conditions were good, the visibility good, but the wind at times was very strong and gusty, and gave a wide variation in the flight of the clay targets. Some dipped and banked sufficiently to make them impossible targets.

In the championship, at the end of 20 rounds the best score to gain first place was by L. Bourbaud (Sale), Oldham, 14; L. Bourbaud, 13; H. E. well), L. Robinson (Sale), R. Hering (Melbourne), and W. McCubbin (Traralgon), with 18/20, to shoot-off second and third places. Second place went to E. Brinsmead with 32/35, and L. Robinson gained third place with 27/31. W. McCubbin gained first in the best 12/14 yard shooter with 18/20, and R. James, second with 22/25 after a shoot-off with A. Oldham, 20/25. Best breaks were: L. Schlipalius and J. Harrison, 17; T. Gleson, L. Robinson, 15; S. Oldham, 14; L. Bourbaud, 13; H. E. Martin, 12; M. Beck, 11; R. James, R. Glover, 10.

Considering the wind conditions, shooting was of a very good standard, and the afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by all competitors. The club president, Mr. Gude, welcomed all visiting shooters, and made the presentation of trophies. Visiting shooters congratulated the club on the very fine afternoon's sport, also on the conduct of the day's shooting.

Results: No. 1 Sweep: div. L. Robinson, J. Harrison, G. Harrison, F. Jenkins, H. Guyatt, S. Oldham, C. Budge, G. Botten Jr., H. Duff, K. Hudson and H. E. Martin, with 5/5. Championship: L. Bourbaud, 1st, championship sash and case of cutlery; E. Brinsmead, 2nd, stainless tray; L. Robinson, 3rd, set of fruit spoons. Best 12/14 yard shooter: W. McCubbin, 1st, bedroom clock; R. James, 2nd, fruit set—first money

going to L. Bourbaud; 2nd and 3rd div. E. Brinsmead, L. Robinson, R. Hering and W. McCubbin. No. 3 Sweep: div. C. Budge, T. Gleson, L. Schlipalius, J. Harrison, H. Duff, W. McCubbin and F. Graham. No. 4 Sweep: div. T. Gleson, E. Pentland, L. Schlipalius and J. Harrison.

SEYMOUR (V.). — Seymour Gun Club held its December shoot on Saturday, 2nd. A hot day with a northerly wind made conditions trying, but some good shooting was witnessed. Visitors from Shepparton and Alexandra were present. The main event was the Jock Wilson Trophy. Pat Reid secured a leg-in for this, with Jim Broughton in second place. The Smith Cup was also competed for, Tom Cherry winning a leg-in from the local lad, A. Whitechurch. The club wound up a successful year with an Xmas shoot on Dec. 16th: No. 1, 5-bird D.B.: J. Broughton, L. Gribben, div. 5/5. No. 2, Jock Wilson Trophy (to be won twice): 1st, Pat Reid, 11/11; 2nd, Jim Broughton, 10/11. No. 3, W. A. B. Smith Cup (to be won 3 times): 1st, Tom Cherry, 5/5; 2nd, A. Whitechurch, 9/10. No. 4, 5-bird D.B.: 1st, L. Drummond, 5/5; 2nd, C. Shaw, 12/13. No. 5, 5-bird D.B.: P. Reid, J. Broughton, W. Drummond, 5/5 div.

(A. H. Jones, Hon. Sec.)

TUMUT (N.S.W.). — Results of shoot held by Tumut Gun Club on Sunday, 7th January, 1951, at W. C. Butler's Gilmore Property, Gilmore, via Tumut. Event No. 1, 5-bird Sweep: B. G. Williams (Cootamundra). Event No. 2, 5-bird Sweep: G. D. Baker, 10/10, after shoot-off between A. J. Baker and M. Downing (Tumut). Event No. 3, 5-bird Sweep: Lynch Creasy (Holbrook) and G. D. Baker (Tumut), div. 7/7 after shoot-off with W. C. Butler and M. S. Downing (Tumut), F. Leonard, P. Ryan, B. G. Williams, L. Ronning and A. J. Baker (Tumut), who each scored 5/5 in first round. Event No. 4, 5-bird Sweep: K. Ronning and B. Williams (Cootamundra) div. 12/12 after shoot-off with R. Forbett (Gidginbung), P. Ronning, P. Ryan, W. Manning (Cootamundra) and D. Lowther (Tumut). Event No. 5, £25 Handicap: J. Manning (Cootamundra) and G. D. Baker (Tumut), div. 1st and 2nd; Cliff

GLAY AUSTRALIAN TARGET GLUB (Incorporating Blackburn and Nobel Clubs) EAST BURWOOD **PROGRAMMES:** NIGHT SHOOTS WEDNESDAY 14тн FEBRUARY • • at 8 p.m. Event No. 1-10 BIRDS DOUBLE BARREL CASH SWEEPSTAKE. Entry, 12/-. Event No. 2-10 BIRDS DOUBLE BARREL. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 13/14 yd. and 12 yd. Trophies. WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY at 8 p.m. CLUB BARKEL 20 BIRDS OFF 16 YARDS. Entry, 20/-. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 13/14 yd. and 12 yd. Trophies. Preceded by 5 BIRD SINGLE SWEEPSTAKE. Entry, 6/-. Our National Championship Attraction THURSDAY MARCH 8TH at 1.30 p.m. **Opening the Association Carnival with** 30 Birds Double Barrel Event ASSOCIATION HANDICAPS. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 13/14 and 12 yd. Trophies. Followed by Afternoon Tea on the grounds. **CHAMPIONSHIP** COMMONWEALTH 20 BIRDS OFF 20 YARDS 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 15/16 yd., 13/14 yd. and 12 yd. Trophies. Entry, 25/-. Optional sweeps, 10/- and 5/-. SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10тн at 2 p.m. Event No. 1-5 BIRD SINGLE BARREL SWEEPSTAKE. Entry, 4/-. t No. 2 — **30 Birds Double Barrel** Trophies 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th. Entry, 25/-. Also 15/16 yd., 13/14 yd. 12 yd. and Ladies' Trophies. Event No. 2-SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY at 2 p.m. VICTORIAN DOUBLE BAKKEL UHAMPIU 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 15/16 yd., 13/14 yd. and 12 yd. Trophies. Also Championship Sash for winners. 20 BIRDS OFF 18 YARDS. Entry, 20/-, with optional Sweeps 10/- and 5/-. J. W. BIENVENU, Esq., A. F. JOHNSON, Hon. Secretary, 69 Victoria St., Melbourne, C.1. Phone: FJ 2760. President.

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COBURG GUN CLUB

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

GROUND LOCATION: MATHIESON ST., NTH. COBURG.

FEBRUARY 17-

7 Bird Skeet. Cash. Entry, 6/-.

Commonwealth Skeet Championship 20 BIRDS

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 12 yds. Trophies. Sash to winner. Entry, £1.
- 10 Bird D.B. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 12 yds. Trophies. Entry, 8/-.

MARCH 3-

5 Bird S.B.

Champion of Champions Trial

20 Bird D.B., all off 16 yards. Six Trophies. 5 Bird D.B. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 12 yds.

MARCH 17-

10 Bird D.B. 10 Bird S.B. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 12 yds. 10 Bird D.B. 1st. 2nd. 3rd. 4th and 12 vds.

J. A. McCRAITH, President

C. J. COLLEDGE, Hon. Sec, 12 Adler Grove Merlyston, N.14 Angel (The Rock), 3rd, and Front-marker to K. Ronning (Cootamun-dra). Event No. 6, 5-bird Single-barrel: W. Manning (Cootamundra), 5/5. Event No. 7, Ladies Sweep: Mrs. Forbett, 3/6. Event No. 8, Deauville Doubles, 3 pair: A. J. Baker and M. S. Downing (Tumut), 3/3. Event No. 9, 10 birds Trophy B.S.A. 15-shot Repeating Rifle: win-ner, P. Ryan (Cootamundra), 18/19, after shoot-off with J. Manning, P. Ronning, K. Ronning, J. Ryan (Cootamundra), and G. D. Baker, D. Lowther and M. S. Downing, who each scored 9/10. Event No. 10, Miss-out Box Sweep: G. D. Baker, 3/3. No. 11, Double Rise: W. Man-ning (Cootamundra), 2 pairs out of 3. Scores in £25 Handicap: J. Man-ning and G. Baker, 14/15, 1st and 2nd; C. Angel (The Rock), 20/22, 3rd; K. Ronning (Cootamundra), 19/ 22, Front-marker. Shooters present K. Ronning (Cootamundra), 19/22, Front-marker. Shooters present from Cootamundra, Gidginbung, The Rock and Holbrook as well as locals. (G. D. Baker, Hon. Sec.)

TASMANIAN G.C. (Launceston). - Thirty-five shooters faced the - Inrev-nve shooters laced the traps for the Commonwealth Skeet Championship at the club's St. Leonards ground under perfect con-ditions. W. Rainbird, president of the club, won the title after a shoot-off, with remarkable score of 29/31. The £100 Handicap at 30 birds saw welcome return to form of C. A. Poxon, who won the title outright, 30/30. After the first four squads had finished in the skeet, S. Marshall led the field with 18/20 and looked set for a win, but W. Rainbird also turned in an 18/20, thus making a shoot-off necessary. The scores after the shoot-off for first placing read: W. Rainbird, 11111122 - 11/11; S. Marshall, 01101110011 - 7/11. The shoot-off for third place saw R. Powell, 24/31, defeat Wally Mac-namara, 20/31. Results: W. Rainbird, 29/31, first; traps for the Commonwealth Skeet

Results: W. Rainbird, 29/31, first; S. Marshall, 25/31, second; R. Powell, 24/31, third; 32 others. £100 Handi-cap: C. A. Poxon, 30/30, first; E. Sharmum, R. Morgan, 29/30, div. second and third. Sectional prizes

(G. D. Baker, Hon. Sec.)

The Tragedy

I've always heard that rum and milk Is one of life's exilers, But Queensland boys had me convinced

That rum and rum's the mixture.

They came down here from Atherton, From Townsville and from Roma, With bottles full of "Bundaberg" Which keeps one in a coma.

I joined that merry band of boys And did my best to follow, Thinking only of present joys, Forgetting the repentant tomorrow.

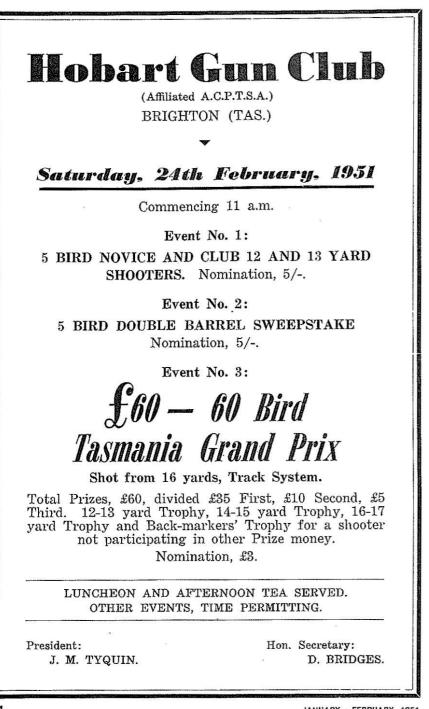
But "woe is me" that I should drink Such stuff, to Scotchmen foreign I'm once more back on Scottish brew Hail, friend! "John Barleycorn."

Now they have all gone North again, Where "Blackies" sing their chorus, And when they come back here in March,

We'll hae a "Doech an Doris."

"The Tragedy" is published as submitted, and it would appear that its author reveals himself very defi-nitely in the last line of the versing. nitely in the last line of the versing. The author, in an accompanying few lines, says, "The Tragedy" (the only name I could give it) is entirely due to the demand by the "Northern Butterfly shooter," for the annual effort. He reckoned the Northern "Brew" would stir the greatest dul-lard to the greatest depths, hence "The Tragedy". (Ed.)

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were won by: H. Saunders, N. Rey-nolds, L. Johnson, div., E. McRae, S. Marshall, J. Blake, P. Marshall and N. Frith; 31 shooters.

Christmas shoots followed these events and Christmas cheer was con-sumed by all and sundry. Alderman B. Thornley presented the trophies during the afternoon before a large crowd of shooters and onlookers. Interstate visitors to the shoot were: E. Metcalfe, of Western Australia, and R. and N. Macnamara, of Grif-fith, N.S.W. The ladies' committee did a splendid job with the luncheon and afternoon tea, and the thanks of all shooters goes to them for their splendid efforts.

The Tasmanian Skeet Championship was held in good weather and a large field was nominated for this event. Skeet is becoming a popular shoot with Tasmanians, especially to those who follow the field shooting. J. Neenan, of the Tasmanian Gun Club, won the title after two extra rounds had been shot in the ties. Results: J. Neenon (L'ton), 26/42, first; R. Powell (Cressy), 25/42, second; C. J. Lowe (Hobart), 23/42, third; 25 shooters. 5-bird Single-barrel: J. Blake, T. Kerr, F. Fair, 5/5 div.; 23 shooters. £40 Handicap: C. J. Lowe, S. Marshall, 25/25, div. first and second; N. Frith, F. Blake, 24/25, div. third. ship was held in good weather and

(Tom Kerr, Publicity Officer.)

TUMUT (N.S.W.). — Results of shoot conducted by Tumut Gun Club 21/1/51. Event No. 1, 5-bird Sweep: div. G. Patterson, R. McNamara, G. Baker (Tumut), M. Phillips and W. C. Butler (Tumut), 10/10. Event No. 2, 5-bird Sweep: G. Patterson, D. Marina (Young), W. Jones (Gundagai) and J. McMaster (Burrumbuttock), 6/6 div. Event No. 3, 5-bird Sweep: D. Marina and G. Patterson, W. Manning and Stan Finnemore, div. 8/8. Event No. 4, 5-bird S.B. Sweep: G. Patterson and M. Phillips, Ray Hall, G. Baker and W. Manning, div. 6/6. Event No. 5, £25 Handicap shoot, 15 birds: M. Downing and M. Phillips, div. 1st and 2nd, 15/15; G. Patterson, 3rd, 22/24; G. Baker, Front-marker, 22/24. Event No. 6, 5-bird Sweep: D. Marina and G. Patterson, Stan Finnemore and R. Blake, div. 14/14. Event No. 7, Trophy Shoot, 3 walk-JANUARY - FEBRUARY, 1951

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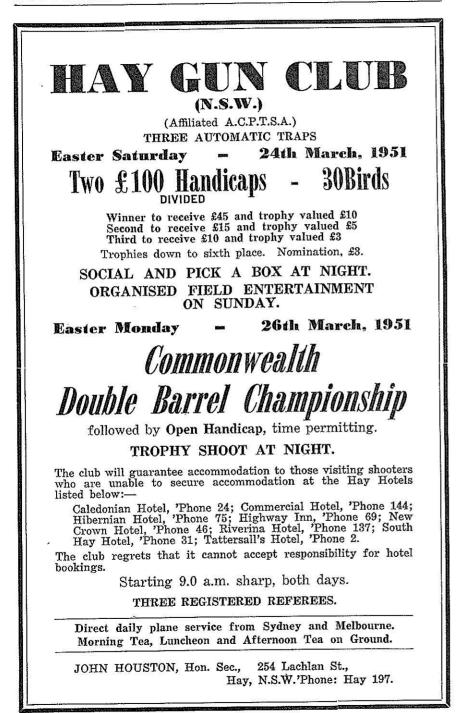
up, 3 double-barrel and 3 double rise: won by G. Patterson, 13/15. Event No. 8, 3 pair Deauville Doubles: div. D. Marina and G. Patterson, and R. Blake and M. Phillips, 21/21 points. Event No. 9, Box Sweep: div. D. Marina, M. Phillips and G. Patterson, 4/4. Event No. 10, Box Sweep: won by A. J. Baker, 2/2. Shooters present from Young, Cootamundra, Yass, Holbrook, Man-goplah, Wagga, Burrumbuttock, Gundagai and Griffith. won by G. Patterson, 13/15. Event

(Graeme Baker, Hon. Sec.)

CRESSY (Tas.) .- The Cressy Gun Club conducted its annual two days' Shooting Carnival on December 26th and 27th, when the Tasmanian Deau-ville Doubles Championship was the main attraction. This event was sup-ported by a £50 Handicap of 20 birds and a £100 Handicap shot at 30 birds. The Championship was won by the popular Presidents of the Tasmanian and Hobart Gun Clubs, A. E. Poxon and J. Tyquin, who stopped 25 pairs. The £50 Handicap was won outright by Reg McNamara, a visitor from Griffith Club, who was the only shooter to return the pos-Shooting Carnival on December 26th a visitor from Griffith Club, who was the only shooter to return the pos-sible 20 kills. Neil Frith, E. N. Shar-man and S. Marshall divided the £100 handicap. The Club President, Mr. E. (Ted) Casey, presented the trophies to the various winners and called on Mesdames R. and W. Mc-Numeron to place the Champion the Namara to place the Championship sashes on the winners.

At the conclusion of the carnival, Xmas Cheer was mixed with the usual complimentary speeches, which are always present, where shooters tell the story of that HARD LEFT swinger, or straight away bird that gets away. (The local secretary was heard describing one such bird, whilst trying to lower the cask a hoop or two). Cordials and afternoon tea were served on both days by Mesdames F. and J. Blake and their willing helpers, and a good time was had by all.

26/12/50. Results: Event 1, 3 prs. Deauville Doubles Sweepstake: div. Deauville Doubles Sweepstake: div. W. McNamara and R. McNamara, A. Poxon and J. Tyquin, Ivo. Hallam and R. Redpath, N. Frith and A. Barnes, 4 pairs. Event 2, Tasmanian Deauville Doubles Championship: 1st, A. E. Poxon and J. M. Tyquin, 25/25 pairs; 2nd, C. J. Lowe and P. Lowe, 24/25 pairs; 3rd, C.



Poxon and J. Neenan, 23/25 pairs; others, N. Frith and A. Barnes, T. Cannon and R. Powell, 19/20 pairs; F. Pulford and K. Pul-ford, 18/20 pairs; J. Blake and E. Casey, 17/20 pairs; W. Bennett and C. Churchill, R. Rockliffe and T. Kerr, 16/20 pairs; W. McNamara and R. McNamara, H. Munnings and M. Munnings, 15/20 pairs; I. Hallam and R. Redpath, 14/20 pairs. Event 3, 450 Handicap, 20 birds: R. McNa-mara, 20/20; C. Allwood, N. Frith, C. Poxon, 24/25; C. J. Lowe, E. Casey, 23/25; J. Blake, W. Bennett, 22/25; A. Barnes, I. Hallam, T. Cannon, R. Rockliffe, 18/20; K. Pul-ford, A. Poxon, R. Redpath, W. Mc-Poxon and J. Neenan, 23/25 Gambin, R. Robert, W. Mc-ford, A. Poxon, R. Redpath, W. Mc-Master, C. Churchill, H. Munnings, F. Blake, M. Munnings, 17/20; W. Master, C. Churchill, H. Munnings,
F. Blake, M. Munnings, 17/20; W.
McNamara, H. Saunders, 16/20; P.
Lowe, F. Pulford, R. Powell, M.
Blake, T. Kerr, 15/20; 6 others.
27/12/50. Results: Event 1, 5-bird
S.B. Sweepstake: div. J. Tyquin,
R. McNamara, R. Powell, W. McNamara, W. Bennett, P. Lowe, F. Pulford, T. Cannon, J. McKenzie, P.
Marshall, F. Blake, 5/5; A. Poxon,
E. Casey, L. Johnstone, N. Frith, J.
Blake, C. J. Lowe, E. Marshall, S.
Marshall, E. Sharman, 4/5; C. Poxon,
T. Kerr, W. Rainbird, K. Pulford,
E. McRae, 3/5; 10 others. Event 2, \$100 Handicap, 30 birds: div. N.
Frith, E. N. Sharman, S. Marshall,
29/30; J. Tyquin, J. McKenzie, 33/35; R. Powell, 32/35; P. Lowe, E. J.
Lowe, 30/35: E. McRae, 28/35; R.
McNamara, W. Rainbird, C. Allwood,
27/30; C. Churchill, E. Marshall,
26/30; K. Pulford, 25/30; F. Blake,
24/30; A. Poxon, C. Poxon, T. Kerr,
E. Pulford, E. Casey, W. Bennett,
W. McMaster, F. Pulford, T. Cannon, 23/30; P. Marshall, 22/30: L.
Johnstone, 17/30; K. Walker, 15/30.
Event 3, 10-bird S.B. Trophy Shoot:
E. McRae, 10/10; L. Johnstone, 12/15; T. Cannon, 11/15; W. McNamara, E. McRae, 10/10; L. Johnstone, 12/ 15; T. Cannon, 11/15; W. McNamara, 10/14; N. Frith, 9/14; E. Casey, R. McNamara, R. Powell, P. Lowe, C. Lowe, E. Marshall, F. Blake, 7/10; J. Tyquin, C. Poxon, E. Pulford, W. Rainbird, K. Pulford, C. Allwood, J. McKenzie, S. Marshall, P. Mar-shall, R. McCarthy, 6/10; 8 others.

The State Teams match, which was shot in conjunction with the £100 Handicap, was won by Hobart's No. 1 team: J. McKenzie, E. McRae, J. M. Tyquin and S. Marshall.

(Rex Powell, Hon. Sec.)

HOBART-

E. G. McRae (Hobart) registered a brilliant 25 "kill"—the possible— to annex the Commonwealth Tower title at Brighton on Saturday, December 15. It was the finest exhibition seen in Tasmania since the in-ception of tower shooting about 12 months ago. McRae's win initiated him into champion class and he well deserved his success, which was the outcome of steady and consistent shooting. His performance portrayed concentration and cool assuredness-necessary attributes in the moulding of a champion shot. Including "prac-tice birds" last week and his 30 "kills" on Saturday in the sweep-stake and championship, McRae's figures of 84/85 was phenomenal shooting. Carrying his "practice break" from Thursday into the championship, he registered 60 straight. tion seen in Tasmania since the in-

With "one down," W. Reynolds, of Sorell, shot superbly to gain second. He missed his second last release, which he dusted with both barrels, the high speed of the bird taking the sting out of a "slow shot." The field included two shooters from Griffith (N.S.W.) — W. and R. Mc-Namara.

Namara.
Results: Championship: E. G. Mc-Rae, 25/25, 1st; W. Reynolds, 24/25, 2nd; H. M. Eddington, 33/35, 3rd; others: W. R. Morgan, 28/31; B. C. Smith, J. M. Tyquin, 22/25; N. Frith, M. T. Hayes, C. J. Lowe, 21/25; T. Cameron, J. Bale, E. L. Marshall, 20/25. Novice: J. Bale, 6/6, 1st; M. T. Hayes, K. Reid, 5/6, 2nd. 5-bird Tower Sweepstake: H. M. Eddington, F. Pulford, R. McNamara, C. Poxon, E. G. McRae, W. R. Morgan, J. McKenzie, K. Reid, L. Fisher, 5/5. 10-bird Double-barrel Handicap: H. M. Eddington, 16/17, 2nd; T. Cannon, 12/13, 3rd. 10-bird Single-barrel Handicap: H. M. Eddington, C. Poxon, 9/10; E. L. Marshall, R. McNamara, E. McRae, A. J. Lowe, T. Cannon, F. Fair, R. Redpath, 8/10. (Mrs. M. Nelson, Club

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gramme was A. E. Poxon Trophy, which was won by R. Rockliff after brilliant shoot-off between winner and R. Mitchell, D. Downward and A. H. Barnes. L. E. Johnson took Front-markers' Trophy from R. R. Morse, of Sheffield. £10 Handicap was won outright by M. Johnstone, with full score from D. Downward. W. Bennett, R. Morse and E. N. Sharman, 9/10. Five-bird Sweep was divided by J. Morse, R. Morse and R. Mitchell, whilst Novice event went to R. Knowles, of Beulah. First Miss-out event for trophy donated by Mrs. D. Downward was won by E. N. Sharman, 11/11.

Results: 5-bird Novice Sweepstake: R. Knowles, 5/5; A. McCarthy, 4/5; J. Gannon, F. McCarthy, G. Fawkner and R. Jones, 3/5; 4 others. 5-bird S.B. Sweepstake: R. R. Morse, J. Morse, R. Mitchell, 5/5; D. Brett, A. H. Barnes, 4/5; D. Downward, K. Walker, G. Dicker, E. N. Sharman, G. T. Clarke, L. E. Johnson, R. Powell and G. Fawkner, 3/5; 5 others. A. E. Poxon Trophy: R. Rockliff, 25/25; R. Mitchell, 24/25; D. Downward, 22/23; A. H. Barnes, 12/13; R. Baldock, S. Meagher, R. Morse, E. N. Sharman, L. Johnson, W. Bennett, 9/10; 7 others. £10 Handicap: M. Johnstone, 10/10; D. Downward, R. Morse, E. N. Sharman, W. Bennett, 9/10; G. Dicker, R. Powell and R. Mitchell, 8/10; 9 others. First Miss-out: E. N. Sharman, 11/11; D. Downward, 10/11; R. Powell, 9/10; R. Rockliff, 8/9; R. Mitchell, 4/5; 14 others.

(M. M. Johnstone, Hon. Sec.)

DUBBO (N.S.W.).—The progressive Dubbo Club held its second interclub meeting on the 14th January last, and their new type of shoots for the Western shooters appears to be extremely popular. Rather a boisterous wind played havoc with the birds, but kills were fairly good, and all visitors voted the day one of the best.

Shooters were in attendance from Boggabri, Peak Hill, Gular, Narromine, Rooraweenah, Gollan, Spicers Creek, Walgett and Canowindra, and the popularity of this club's events is proved by the distance shooters travel.

The inter-club meetings are held with the idea of giving visitors the



opportunity of competing with the Dubbo boys, and in the main event visitors were not good enough for the local, Les Morris, who shot 20 birds straight to win the trophy. Dubbo Club's next Open event will be held on the 25th February next, when a good roll-up of shooters is expected.

Results of the inter-club shoot were as follows: No. 1, 3-bird D.B.: won by "Sleet" (H. G. Cross, Gilgandra), 9/9. No. 2, 5-bird D.B.: "Sleet", L. Morris, 12/13. No. 3 (same): div. E. Brice, C. Pay, "Sleet", 8/8. No. 4 (same): L. Morris, 20/20 (Dubbo); G. Nash, 19/20; "Sleet", 18/19; W. Eather, 13/14. No. 5 (same): E. Brice, 6/6; L. Wilson, 5/6. No. 6 (same): "Sleet", 12/12; G. Nash, 11/12; W. Eather and R. Back, 9/10. No. 7, 3 pairs Double-rise: L. Wilson, 3/4 pairs. No. 8, 5-bird D.B.: R. Back, 5/5. No. 9 (same): R. Back (Narromine), 10/10; C. Pay, 10/10.

(R. N. Morrison, Hon. Sec.)

FOSTER (V.). — Results of shoot on January 29. J. Shellcot found his best form and had a real day out. Results were: No. 1, 5 birds: A. Arnup, 5/5. No. 2 (same): C. Arnup, 5/5. No. 3, 10 birds: J. Shellcot, 10/10. No. 4, 10 birds: J. Shellcot, 13/14 (1); C. Steele, 12/14 (2). No. 5, 5 birds: div. C. Willis, W. Albert, C. Arnup, 4/5. No. 6 (same): div. A. Arnup, J. Shellcot, C. Steele, 4/5. No. 7, 10 birds: J. Shellcot, 10/10; W. Albert, 9/10. No. 8, 5 birds: div. P. Barlow, E. Cripps, J. Shellcot, 3/5. No. 9 (same): C. Arnup, 4/5.

(C. G. Steele, Hon. Sec.)

IRREWILLIPE (V.).—Results of shoot on January 27: Event 1, Sweep: div. L. R. Black and E. Gaylard, 5/5. Event 2, Sweep: div. S. Black, Cr. M. McGrath and R. Hinch-cliffe, 5/5. Event 3, Trophies: L. O'Bryan, 13/13, 1st; W. Roache, 12/13, 2nd; M. Buckle, 7/8, 3rd. Novice Trophy won by G. Cobbledick. Attached Sweep div. C. Grist, W. Roache, M. Buckle and L. O'Bryan, S/9, 1st; R. Hinchcliffe, 8/9, 2nd; F. Shelton, 5/6, 3rd. Novice Trophy won by L. Kelly Snr., 4/5. Attached Sweep div. L. O'Bryan, R. Hinchcliffe, 9/10, 2nd; L. R. Black, 9/10, 3rd. Novice Trophy won by L. Kelly Snr., 4/5. Attached Sweep div. L. O'Bryan, R. Hinchcliffe, 9/10, 2nd; L. R. Black, 9/10, 3rd. Novice Trophy won by Arthur Black, 3/5. Attached Sweep div. R. Hinchcliffe, L. R. Black, E. Gaylard and L. O'Bryan. Event 6, Sweep: div. A. McCorkell, G. Cobbledick and L. O'Bryan.

(Les Black, Hon. Sec.)

NARRANDERA (N.S.W.). — Results December 29, 1950. Five-bird Double-barrel event. Five shooters divided the sweepstakes of this event. They were: D. Taylor and L. Scott, of Narrandera; N. Pellow, of Temora; Newton Thomas, of Townsville, and Harold Anstee, of Griffith. Shooting ceased at eight birds.

Fifteen-bird Double-barrel Handicap for £30: Eight shooters divided the prize money and sweepstakes of this event. All eight shooters killed the possible 15 birds. The eight successful shooters were: D. Taylor, R. Bushby and L. Scott, of Narrandera; Newton Thomas, of Townsville; L. Dow, of Barellan; G. Bell, of Young; E. Evans and W. Gibbs, of Griffith.

Fifteen-bird Double-barrel Trophy shoot (in conjunction with frontmarkers' and ladies' trophies): 1st, Harold Anstee, of Griffith, with 23 kills from 23 birds; 2nd, Jack Semmler, of Barellan, with 22 kills from 23 birds; 3rd, Andrew Mills, of Hay, with 19 kills from 20 birds.

The Front-markers' Trophy was taken by Harry Roberts, of Melbourne, with 22 from 23. The Ladies' Trophy, presented by Mr. Emil Alberts, president of the Barellan Club, was taken by Barbara Biggs, of Melbourne, with 21 kills from 23 birds.

Before concluding the presentations, the president of the Narrandera Club, Mr. Tom Whillans, called upon N. Pellow, of Temora, a 14year-old lad, who had shot exceptionally well during the day, and presented him with £2 on behalf of the Narrandera Gun Club.

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LEETON (N.S.W.). — Three pairs Double-rise Sweepstake: No shooter killed the possible three pairs in the event, and the sweepstake was divided by nine shooters with two from the three pairs.

Riverina Deauville Doubles Championship of 20 pairs from 16 yards: There were 60 nominations for this championship event, and at the close of the 20 pairs of birds, there was only one possible, splendidly shot with only one second barrel. This outright win was taken by Dr. J. Sertori and his son Gerrard, of Griffith.

The killing of the 20th pair of birds was greeted by tumultuous applause from shooters and spectators alike. The win was so popular that the shooters chaired Dr. and Gerrard Sertori from the grounds to the pavilion. Second place was taken by George Biggs and Newton Thomas, with 34 kills from 35 pairs, and third place was taken by "Cordy" and G. Walker, of Wangaratta, with 33 kills. No shooter killed the possible 10 birds in this event, and only three shooters killed 9 from the 10 birds. The prize was divided by George Biggs and daughter Barbara, of Melbourne, and Reg McNamara, of Griffith.

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Owing to shortage of space, the special feature "The Sporting Gun in England" has been omitted and will be concluded in next issue.

TEN YEARS AGO

Of main interest in January, 1941, was the deciding of the Victorian double-barrel championship at Bentleigh grounds. The event went to Dave Watson ("Doech-an-Doris"), and the news of the day described him as "formerly of Scotland." Up to that period Dave Watson had registered 27 placings, including 14 seconds, without winning a major championship event.

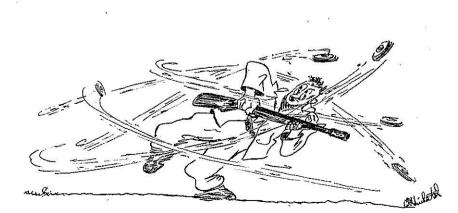
About mid-January, 1941, information came to hand that Corporal Jack Hood had been killed-in-action at Bardia. Hood was a Victorian who spent much of his time in Western Australia, and on his visits to Melbourne shot frequently at Blackburn and Camberwell. Hood was the first active trap-shot to fall in the last war.

During February, 1941, Roy Johns was outstanding with a win in the Duke of Gloucester Cup at the Nobel grounds. Johns returned the only possible, 15/15, and won from H. Ogg (South Yarra), 30/31, and Spencer Reseigh (Donald), 29/31. During February "Calrossie" (J.

W. Sutherland) gathered in his 99th championship.

U.S.A. SHOOTING

Rex Miles, the Australian shooters' good friend in U.S.A., sends his "Good wishes for a very Happy New Year, and we hope that Peace will come soon." Rex is very concerned about the immediate future of trapshooting in America, and mentions that "It looks like a tough time for all sports this year. The clubs around here are sending me their applications for dates for registered shoots. Hope that they will be able to hold them. The boys will shoot as long as their shells last; many clubs have a good stock on hand. but from now on shells are going to be as scarce as 'hens teeth'." Rex also forwarded some cuttings from U.S.A. papers. The correspondent Danny May in the Spokane paper writes, "The current unpleasantness in the Far East may lead to curtailment of shoots, as happened partially in 1918 and wholly in 43-44-45. Trap gun ammunition is at present in somewhat short supply, as far as buying it from dealers at this exact time is concerned. But many clubs have a backlog of shells that may enable them to carry out a complete programme."



A tyro's first impression of Skeet Shooting (by Bill Duchatel, Griffith, N.S.W.) JANUARY - FEBRUARY, 1951 41





inclusion in the December "News". This now appears in "Around the Clubs and Meetings" section of this issue. Ken Woolford is the Darr River secretary, and Ken informs us that the club's shooting ground is that the club's shooting ground is in a very pleasant spot on the banks of the Darr River at Darr River Downs Station. The club had arranged a working bee, but heavy torrential rain upset the brightest ideas arranged for the day, never-theless the opening shoot was not affected. The "shade shed" the boys had intended erecting at the working bee has not yet materialised, but given fine weather and a little encouragement for a "hot day," the shed is bound to appear sooner or later. Meanwhile a few big gums serve the purpose of a pavilion. The serve the purpose of a pavilion. The club has not yet "run to concrete tracks, but has corn sacks sown together with the marks painted on together with the marks painted on them — these we can roll up and store after each shoot." We have heard of many ways of marking out shooting tracks, but corn sacks appear to be the most original up to the present.

Jack Headland and Clem Mudford are two new Life Registrations, as are two new Life Registrations, as from December 9. Soon after "pay-ing up" for the life registration, Clem Mudford straight away re-turned the only possible of 20 straight and won the Coburg Club's main Christmas trophy on the date mentioned.

An American paper says, "As the rabbit is an animal of flight, its ears are large and turned backward, the

'Tips" and "Tails"

The Darr River Downs sportsmen, in the Longreach area of Queensland, have banded together very well and now appear to be appear to be functioning as a good club. The report of their first official shoot late November arrived a few days too late for

better to hear the sounds behind better to hear the sounds behind him." (Apparently the ears of many Goulburn Valley rabbits were well trained, judging by the efforts of a few shooters who were noticed "missing quite a few" during the holiday period.)

The Albury, J. Dempsey (he is not the bloke who one time held the World Heavyweight title) mentions in a short note, "I look forward each month for the 'News', which is a credit to yourself and the Associa-tion." (Thanks, J.D. — them's welcome words.)

Don Corstorphan, the Colac club's Don Corstorphan, the Colac club's capable secretary, who annually leads the harmony during the Association's annual dinner, has already arranged for a first-class pianist and spontaneous entertainer to take over (with himself) for the 1951 dinner. The new accompanist will be Cecil Luckman, of Horsham, who knows a lot about tyre service in that Wimmera town. From all accounts the entertainment section accounts the entertainment section for 1951 will be "the best yet."

We have been requested to publicise the fact that Jim McInnes's much mutilated hat has disappeared. The only report giving any credence to its whereabouts is that a mastif to its whereabouts is that a mastif was noticed disappearing into the undergrowth behind the East Bur-wood ground with what appeared to be the "glorious remnants" of the mutilated millinery. Jim has com-pletely lost form ever since the "Stetson" went off, and he would dearly appreciate the interest of shooters in securing its return. We have no information as to whether have no information as to whether a reward is pending the hat's return.

Prominent Dandenong (V.) sportsman, Frank Brown, has joined the fold of Life Registered Shooters with the Association. Frank paid up for 1951 and then decided he "might as well be in it for good," and promptly remitted for the "Lifer's Badge." Mention of Frank recalls that a few days prior to becoming a "Lifer", Frank journeyed to Ballarat for a mid-week race meeting and carried out a commission for a specially

"hush-hush" job. The "job" (that is only one of the names the nag. has been called since) failed to show-up, never flattering the commissioner at any stage. Undaunted, Frank took courage in both hands (one needs this quite a bit when trying to outwit the nabobs who call the odds) and finished up winning after "stabbing" in 12/1 chance out of the blue. The Association seems to have benefited as a result.

Association Vice-President, John Tyquin, of Hobart, also has sent along his fees to cover Life Registration. John was 'unable to attend the January Executive Committee meeting of the Association, so to compensate for his inability in this direction he took out a "Lifer's" Badge.

The success of young Ray Matthews, son of the well known Bowna sportsman, Ted Matthews, in the 1950 N.S.W. Double-barrel championship, was warmly applauded when the event was decided under the supervision of the Holbrook Club on Boxing Day. Young Ray shot well at the previous Boxing Day meeting in 1949; only lack of experience robbed him of good figures then. Apparently he has had con-siderable coaching from Ted since then, with the good result mentioned. Information is to hand that the wide smile of father Ted's face has not worn off vet. and further we understand that it was "on the house" for quite a while at Geo. Ross's, Royal Oak at Mullengandra. Ray and Ted are almost certain to figure in the Champion of Champions meeting in March. At the same fixture Geo. Bell, the Young clubman, held to an unfinished break, 50.

Toowoomba (Q.) shooter, Roy Hirning: "Thanks for the information being passed on to shooters in Clay Pigeon Shooting 'News'; in my opinion there is no better reading for a trap shooter or anyone interested in shooting." Roy continues to outline his first shooting experience, that of grassing a fullgrown fox with a single-barrel which was attacking his father's fowls, and this at the age of 9. Result, a shooter ever since.

Jack Houston, the popular Hay (N.S.W.) club secretary, who always takes a month off at the Melbourne

seaside each year, was a visitor to East Burwood on January 13. Jack, like many others these days, paid up for Life Registration during his visit. Jack is also very enthusiastic about his club's arrangements for the holding of the Commonwealth Double-barrel championship at Hay on Easter Monday. The club will shoot on the Saturday with two £100 handicaps, a special outing among the wild pigs and other game on the following day. It is quite likely that the club will include a night shoot during the programme. Intending competitors at this prominent fixture are advised to book accommodation without delay.

There is a definite prospect of New Zealand coming into the International contest in the near future. Following some personal negotiation, information has been received that all the Great Britain countries competing in this event — England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales — have agreed to the inclusion of New Zealand. It does not seem likely that any objection will be raised in Australia should New Zealand make a formal application for inclusion. It would seem, in fact, that New Zealand's inclusion would add greater interest to an already very popular institution.

Coleraine, mentioned in poetic reference by Adam Lindsay Gordon, is shortly to have a clay pigeon shooting club. This far Western Victorian town has always been a strong sporting centre, and the success of the club would appear to be assured. Chris Wishart is the sponsor.

Prior to leaving for his Roma district property after attending the Cup shoots in Melbourne, Colin Fletcher decided to take out a "Lifer's" Registration with the A.C.P.T.S.A. Colin is one of the best known administrators in Southern Queensland, and he holds the secretarial reins at Roma—the home of so many good shooters. Mention of Roma recalls that Nev. Bassett, who did so well during the Association big meeting in March last, and who is an almost certain starter again in March this year, completed a 58 break on the local grounds a few weeks ago. Reverting again to Colin Fletcher, it would hardly be fair to mention this grand young sportsman without reference to the assistance given him in his secretarial duties by his enthusiastic wife, Mrs. L. Fletcher. The latter does much to lighten the duties of club secretary for Colin. We hope to see them back again during the Association's March fixtures.

Coburg Club (V.) held its club skeet title on January 20, followed by the Metropolitan skeet title on February 3. The skeet season for the club will conclude with the holding of the Commonwealth skeet title on February 17.

Andy Matthews, President of the Cobar Club in the western portion of N.S.W., mentions that his club is going along very well. The club had a visit from Newton Thomas recently, and Andy feels "that the Cobar boys have a lot to learn after watching Newton." The trap house at Nymagee is considered to be one of the best (Nymagee is a new club some 60 miles from Cobar) and similar to the Cobar house — they are made from old steel fittings from the one-time Great Cobar Copper Mine, and .303 bullets are reported to have "merely bounced off them."

Dalton Gun Club (N.S.W.) is a newly affiliated unit of the A.C.P.T.S.A. Hon, secretary at Dalton is L. J. Thorn.

"Dinky" (Bill Catlin, of Hay, N.S.W.), who looms largely, in the physical sense, on all club grounds he attends was a visitor at the Coburg Club's opening 1950 shoot on January 6. "Dinky" took time off to become a Life Registered shooter with the A.C.P.T.S.A., and then followed up this interest by annexing the main skeet event outright and finishing runner-up to "Bruino" (Bill Scott) in the main down-theline contest, which finished on the 24th round. "Dinky" is a real Hay stalwart and has done much to make the Hay Club progress so well in recent years. When he has "time off from shooting," "Dinky" is a prominent Hay district contractor.

Ossie W. Smith, of Gowrie Station, Charleville (Qld.) is another to recently forward life registration fee. Ossie has the reputation of a great sportsman, and he is indeed welcome among the Association's "lifers". His wife is also a registered shooter and some time back his young son Doug, who is a student at the Southport School (aged 13), also became registered. Young Doug has the makings of a good shot, but at present his shooting activities are confined to attendances at district meetings during his school holidays. At Charleville young Doug has been placed on the frontmark which will also be his Association mark for the present — until he bounces out one of these days and startles the locals with a few successes. We hope this date is not far distant.

The Footscray Club (V.) will shoot its club skeet championship at No. 2 ground, Tottenham, on February 24. This will be a prelude to the Victorian Skeet title on March 24.



Harry Roberts, of Caulfield (V.), who shoots under the name of "Nimrod".

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30 BIRD POINT SHOOT

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£28 TROPHY SHOOT. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 12/14 yard Trophies.

ST. GEORGE HANDICAP OF £100

30 BIRD POINT SHOOT.

Prize Money will be increased according to Nominations. £25 TROPHY SHOOT. 10 Birds S.B.

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The Tambo Club (Qld.) reports much interest in club affairs, but restricted shooting due to shortage of supplies and also continual rains. The club will hold its first open championship meeting on March 26, when the "Barcoo District" Single Barrel Championship will be the main attraction. The club will also shoot on March 25, when the J. M. Bauman Trophy will be the highlight. Intending competitors are advised to arrange accommodation early. Club secretary is J. E. Quin, P.O. Box 21, Tambo, Qld. Other officials are: Patron, E. E. Parr; President, R. Tyrwhitt; Vice-President, J. Hamilton; Hon. Treasurer, R. Kent.

Douglas M. Pack, who is the Roma Club's official referee approved by the A.C.P.T.S.A., and is also a leading South Queensland legal attorney, has agreed to officiate during the four days of the Association's big fixtures from 9th to 13th March. He has the reputation of being one of the best referees in Queensland, and the Association is fortunate that his services are available for the series. Competitors will also doubtless agree. Harry Watts intends coming down from Shepparton for the big meeting, and will resume his place as "O.C. Referees" throughout the meeting. This is also good news for competitors. Harry has been greatly missed during recent Association meetings.

Harold Knight, who was long known as a resident of Melbourne's suburb of Carnegie, and who now lives at Cronulla, N.S.W., in a note during the holiday period when forwarding his registration for 1951, mentions that he won a ham at Stonehenge (N.S.W.) and received a grand welcome from all the Sydney shooters competing. Harold sends his regards to "old opponents" in Melbourne.

Veteran Ballarat sportsman, Harry (H. P. L.) O'Shea, who is never far behind the field when it comes to early payment of registration fees, when forwarding his 1951 fees he mentioned that "A.C.P. News is very interesting and informative and reflects great credit on all associated with its production. The new cover is good and distinctive." Harry continues that he intended having a try against some of the Melbourne

shooters in 1950, but illness had him a cot case for four months. He reckons he "passed 72 in September, so cannot expect lightning recovery." (Best wishes to a great sportsman. —Ed.).

Reporting from Bathurst, Vic Howard, the club's hard-working secretary, mentioned that at the Christmas shoot on December 16, among many other attractions was "a mner", but he laments that "he only had time to get a couple for the whole afternoon." Vic sends his regards to all shooters and hopes to see "more of them at Bathurst in 1951."

The former Gippsland shooter, and lately of Daylestord, Keith Morrison, recently moved to Kerang, attached to the State Savings Bank in that centre. He mentions in a brief note "that 'News' is a grand little paper and helps one to keep up to date with all your mates around other clubs."

The Geraldton (W.A.) secretary, Noel Glass, who recently visited the Eastern States, also has a good word for this publication. Noel writes: "The 'News' appeals to me as a most interesting periodical and particularly do I appreciate "Hints to Hits." For the benefit of future recruits to our club, I am arranging to furnish each member with a copy of the late W. P. Grosvenor's 'Hints'. (The late sportsman would enjoy reading Noel's comments.—Ed.).

Sydney clay pigeon shooting fraternity is likely to gain immensely in 1951 by the transfer of Association patron, Major-Géneral W. Bridgeford, to that city. The genial sporting General will take over G.O.C. Eastern Command from Maj-General Berryman, and he is looking forward, when his limited opportunities will offer, to taking part in some of the shooting days round Sydney. It looks long odds on, however, that General Bridgeford will be making his appearance at East Burwood during the Champion of Champions Cup in March. He won a place in the Australian Team for the 1950 International, and was only two or three birds below high-gun for the 100-bird contest.

Jock Izatt, of Cairns—he is a Vice-President of the Cairns Gun Club, which has been recently formed, was

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an interesting competitor during the Australian Club's Christmas shoot on December 16. Jock proved himself quite a fair shot and a decidedly receptive and well-informed sportsman. The Cairns Club, which will be affiliated with the A.C.P.T.S.A. later, has its grounds on the farm of Mr. R. Anderson at Redlynch. The land has been cleared and bulldozed. Many of the local shooters went to Atherton to enjoy their shooting previously, but now they will be able to shoot at the "back-door" and also entertain the Atherton shooters when they venture past the "taipans" and other impedimenta common to the Northern areas. Cairns should have a splendid club - being a winter resort, it would not be surprising to see some big events listed there in the colder months - these would be very tempting to the shivering Southerners round about June-July-August, and even later. Club presi-dent is Mr. G. Kelly. Secretary is R. Mazlin, of Maslin's Emporium.

Coburg Club is co-operating in endeavouring to give shooters competition practice for the Champion of Champions fixture commencing on March 9. The club is sponsoring what is termed a "Champion of Champions Trial," 20 birds off 16 yards for six trophies, as its main attraction on March 3. Three ten birders are listed for March 17.

Narromine Gun Club in N.S.W. is a new affiliation with the Association. Formed early in the new year, the club is fortunate in having enthusiastic administrator, Ronald F. Back, as club secretary.

The Australian Clay Target Club at East Burwood (V.), on whose grounds the big Association shoots are listed for March 9th to 13th inclusive, intends providing visiting shooters with additional practice, with a 30-bird afternoon shoot on March 8th, followed by a night shoot for the Commonwealth Night Shooting Double - barrel championship, which will be shot at 20 birds off 20 yards. Two well-lighted grounds will be in operation for this contest. The Club has also received approval from the A.C.P.T.S.A. to shoot the Victorian double - barrel championship on February 24 and the Jubilee

Handicap, at 50 birds, off Association handicaps, on King's Birthday, June 11.

A slight alteration in the International Match conditions has been decided upon following the International conference in Dublin early in January. This is that the first fifteen highest scores will be counted in the International contest - last year it was the first 18. Therefore, the lowest five scores will be counted out in 1951. This change of condition in scores to count seems to favour Australia. Taking a survey of scores by Australia's International Teams in past years, our scores down to about 12 to 15th man have been reasonably good with a "tail" developing due in most cases to shooters having mishaps or the odd, inexperienced shooter who fails to stay the distance. Teams of 20 will remain as in all post-war contests.

Thanks are extended to the Footscray Gun Club and officials for the generous co-operation to the A.C.P.T.S.A. by the club foregoing its shoot on Saturday, March 10. This date clashes with the A.C.P.T.S.A. Champion of Champions fixture. The club's immediate fixtures are as advertised in this issue. On Saturday, March 24, the Footscray Club will stage its club double-barrel championship. Other major events to follow include the Victorian Skeet title on April 21 and the Victorian Deauville Doubles championship on June 2.

The Hay Club's shoot over March 24 and 26, when £100 handicaps and the 1951 Commonwealth Doublebarrel championship are chief attractions, are as listed in the advertising section of this issue.

Australian Clay Target Club Christmas Shoot at Frog Hollow savoured the real Xmas atmosphere. Seasonable trophies were the order of the day. Artistically arranged in celophane, complete with apples, were two half pigs, a donation to the club by Mr. Lionel Byrne. Hams, poultry, champagne, wines, etc., were there in profusion. Accepting the club's invitation, many clubs were represented, including the Army, Navy and Air Force. Two hundred and fifty souls were there to enjoy the festive shoot, and all with the spirit of Xmas. Even the spirit in President Jim Bienvenu's car, with which he entertained many, seemed to wear that Xmas smile, at least to those who had accepted his hospitality to the full.

Sitting on the steps of the pavilion in deep meditation, surveying the silver stream of the Dandenong Creek, which winds its way through the club's grounds, I observed ex-President Dave Watson. To his left, encased in two blocks of ice, stood the club's hospitality, as pure and unsoiled as the day that it left the Malt House. Being a hot day, with the silent 18 still intact, Dave's poetical instinct was aroused. From this environment, I presume, he received his inspiration, and Dave was moved to verse, for he had chalked on the notice-board another Christmas contribution.

- It's nice to sit and fish and think And think and fish and sit
- And sit and think and fish and wish

That you could get a drink.

The President paused, read the verse, grabbed the mike and announced, "Gentlemen, the trough is now open." Dave is still alive; he was not killed in the rush. At the presentation of trophies those hardworking and efficient hon. secretaries, Mr. Aub. Johnson and Fred Byers, received from the members a Christmas gift of a box of handkerchiefs, and Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Byers a nicely decorated raffia basket. Also included in the list of Xmas honours were Assn. President Jock Wilson and Assn. Secretary Bill McCullough.

Young Harry, teen-age son of "Nimrod", splintered his 15 and carried off a ham. Another teen age to do well was John Bryant. John is fast becoming one of our leading shots, having won his way back; he now takes his place alongside his Dad at 21 yards. Still another teen age whom I saw shooting remarkably well was little David Mansell; David, with his little .410, held his own with his Dad, both scoring the only possibles in their squad. Also at this fixture was Gus Russell, the 101- break holder. Gus had a bad day — could not do the right thing. When I suggested that to-day's champion was often to-morrow's mug, he agreed with me.

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Jan. 13th fixture opened with 2 x 15 birders. The club Single-barrel championship from 16 yards saw George Biggs in form to win from President Jim Bienvenu. In the tie shoot Jim drew two hundingers which rose to the right. Biggs missed a similar bird, but Doncaster's fate was already sealed with two down. These two were the only possibles, "15 birds", out of 87 entrants.

Visitors attending this fixture were John Houston, secretary of Hay Club; J. R. Bayley, from Dubbo, N.S.W.; a party of four from Morwell, C. Budge, J. Budge, M. James and G. James. From Mount Morgan came the Rev. Father Bourke, whom I had the pleasure of meeting on the old Blackburn Ground some eight years ago. (H. H. Ball.)

During a recent visit to Sydney it was a pleasant interlude to meet in with Luke Hughes, Newton Thomas, Bill Davies, Geo. Henkel, Loch Finlay (Melbourne) and others who wield considerable influence in the supply of shells and clays. Newton Thomas took me to lunch at the Royal Automobile Club, and in addition to doing the honours at lunch, finished up by giving me a cheque for Life Registration. I.C.I.A.N.Z. Ltd. entertained many of the resellers at Usher's Hotel during my stay. It was my privilege to enjoy similar hospitality at the same function. The entertainment was first class and thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was a strange coincidence that only once previously had a similar dunner been given by I.C.I.A.N.Z. Ltd. in Sydney, and that was following the 150th Anniversary shoot at Pagewood (N.S.W.) in April, 1938, and it was my good fortune to be present on that occasion also. (Ed.)

When each Champion of Chamvions shoot comes round, followed by the Association dinner, it is frequently mentioned that a number of women visitors (usually wives and families of visiting competitors) are at a loss for something to entertain them on the Saturday night during the period Association dinner. For 1951 Mrs. Lionel Byrne has decided to extend an invitation for visiting country and interstate women, who are the wives of competitors in the big shoot, to visit her spacious orchard home at Vermont for the evening of March 10. This generous offer should be availed of by all eligible. The Byrne home is only about one mile from the shooting ground at East Burwood, and those who partake of the hospitality offered by the Byrne family will most certainly enjoy themselves. Those intending to accept this invitation are requested to contact either Mrs. Byrne or Lionel Byrne at WM 0648. Telephoned acceptance will be of material assistance in making arrangements for catering. etc.

In order to give local shooters and those who are able to make a trip to South Queensland during the latter end of April and early May a full week of shooting, the Roma and St. George Clubs have decided to sponsor shooting which will extend from Sunday, April 29, to Saturday, May 5. Roma Club will open proceedings on April 29 with the 1951 Commonwealth Mixed Birds Championship and minor events. The second day, Monday, April 30, The Roma Handicap, \$100, and minor events are listed. The third and final day at Roma will include a £25 trophy shoot, plus a Grand Teams Challenge Match. This will be shot from Association handicaps, teams of 5 men at 25 birds per man. The event is being tried as an experiment, and it should provide a most interesting diversion from the regular handicap events. St. George Club will follow immediately, or at least on Friday, May 4, with the 1951 Commonwealth Single-barrel title and a £25 trophy shoot. Saturday, May 5, will include the St. George £100 handicap and minor events. Intending competitors are advised to contact the club officials, whose names and addresses, plus telephone numbers, appear at the bottom of the double-page ad. in this issue. Additional details will be advertised in the March and April "News".

Due to the fact that some commentary has been made from time to time regarding the supposed. "huge profits" made from Christmas shoots, Aubrey F. Johnson, the secretary of the Australian Club at East Burwood, has specially remested that the following figures should be published. He writes, "A few facts and figures from the Christmas shoot at the Australian Club at East Burwood. Shooters attending. 115. Total entrance money, £128/15/6: total money off wheel, £50/2/-; grand total of rereints, £178/17/6—less cost of trophies. etc., £119; wages, sweepstakes and birds. etc., £55/17/-, making a total deduction of £174/17/-, leaving the club a surplus of £4/19/-. The club hooks are open to all club members at all times."

The Griffith Club held its annual meeting on January 15. Three alterations took place in the Committee complement. Claude Carnell was re-elected President: the Committee compleses Don Muir, Thompson, J. Little. John James, Jim Theodore and Harold Anstee. Phil Stott was re-elected hon. secretary.

The Riverina irrigation area has seldom seen a more popular win than that gained on December 30 at Leeton, when the popular Dr. J. L. Sertori, and his son, Gerrard, won the Riverina Deauville Doubles Championship. It would not be incorrect to say the pair were not among the favourite pairs for the title and their clean score not only astounded the most travelled shooters, but also brought forth the cheers of the entire ground. The winners were chaired off the shooting mark when they stopped the final releases. Dr. Sertori is a former President of the Griffith Club.

The Dubbo Club (N.S.W.) advertises its meeting for February 25 in this issue. Main attraction is a £50 handicap. followed by sweepstakes and trophies. Details of transport plane service is included in the advertisement. Those interested should contact the club's Hon. Sec., R. N. Morrison, Box 76, Dubbo.

It is always pleasing to offer credit when a worth-while suggestion is made for improvements in the snort. Eric Ball, the Colac Club's President. recently suggested that some form of washing should be available for competitors after the Champion of Champions shoot on March 10, so that those attending would be enabled to have a "clean-un" before proceeding to the dinner. The suggestion cancht on immediately with the A.C.P.T.S.A., and arrangements have been made for at least six washing basins and soap to be supnlied in a secluded section of Vic Fankhauser's property for those requiring this service. Towels will not be supplied: therefore, those wishing to really dry themselves without trouble should bring their own. The Australian Club committee-"O.C. Ablutions" and his offered to be "O.C. Ablutions" and his offer has been accepted. Aubrey Johnson is arranging the washing tins.

Luke Doyle, who is President of the recently formed Alexandra Gun Club in Victoria's hill country, recently mentioned in a brief note that he had not been receiving his "News". A check found this "valuable" publication going to Alexandria in N.S.W. instead of the Victorian centre. This has now been adjusted. Luke added that "apart from myself I have three sons who read "News" from cover to cover each month, and it helps to keep their minds turned towards the sport that I hope they will take on and enjoy as I do." (So there are your advertising clients — "News" reader group is obviously a lot bigger than the mere registration list .-- Ed.).

Alexandra Club is holding its official opening on February 24. Visiting shooters would be welcome and the club hopes to secure the redoubtable Association President, "Jock" Wilson. to fire the first official shot. Intending visitors on Feb. 24 should contact Tom Cherry, the club secretary, at Yarck P.O., or Juke Doyle. Box 16, Alexandra, or the Association secretary.

The Finlev (N.S.W.) Club's annual meeting held on January 22. Mrs. N. Rourke, the only woman secretary in the Commonwealth, was again reelected as secretary of Finley Club. A. E. Taylor is President. J. Cowie and Les Raker Vice-Presidents, and W. E. Willard Treasurer.

Townsville Club in North Queonsland, according to secretary, Fred Blackman, has had so much rain on its grounds of late that a wet stretch some 200 vards from the club house is now holding water and a heavy growth of swamp vegetation. amongst which are hundreds of wild duck and wild geese. It is reported that they staved throughout the club shoot on January 20. despite the barrage of a full afternoon's shooting. On one occasion during the day a black duck flew across right over the trans in gun range. This was a tantalising morsel to all on the mark, but the season is closed up North and ducks, which are now breeding, are quite safe at Townsville during the off season, even if they perch on the club-house roof. Townsville Club has a very strict code on the observance of close season, and judging from the foregoing, it appears that the birds are well informed in this regard.

Mac Johnstone at Latrobe (Tas.) advises that there will be at least four from his club competing in the Champion of Champions meeting in March. Latrobe members have come into form in recent weeks, and it would not be surprising to see this bunch well up in the Australian Teams' Championship.

FAULTS IN SHOOTING

(By a Special Contributor)

Two faults in shooting which are far more common than is generally realised — failure to bring the gun up properly and what is known as "rainbowing." But there are other faults which can be quite fatal to success apart from that commonest of all troubles, checking the swing.

One of these is not holding the run with the harrels level, for if the harrels are tilted over to one side the shot will tend to go wide and low to the side to which the barrels are tilted. So this is another point which should be noted during the swinging practice, and the beginner should cultivate the habit of always keeping his barrels dead level, no matter at what angle he is shooting. This tilting of the barrels is exactly the same as tilting, or canting, one's sights when rifle shooting; and anyone with but a smattering of musketry training in his career will understand the importance of my contention, and I hope will be wise enough to try to avoid tilting the barrels of his shotgun.

Faulty Trigger Pressure. But by far the commonest fault of all, common to every form of shooting, is faulty trigger pressure. When anyone talks about shooting, the word "null" is almost invariably used for indicating the releasing of the hammer by pressing the trigger, and the very terms "a heavy trigger pull" or "a light trigger pull" suggest that the trigger is "pulled." As a matter of fact, it probably is more often than not, and it is this very fact which is probably just as prolific in misses as checking the swing. For the trigger should always be pressed and never pulled, as anything in the nature of a pull is almost bound to jerk the gun or rifle in the hands and so change its alignment at the very moment of firing, when the shot will obviously go wide of the mark.

The trigger should be pressed by a quick, yet absolutely smooth, movement of contraction of the trigger finger, and any other form of release is fatal to good shooting. Even the best of rifle shots will at times "pull" a bad shot, while the beginner will more often than not "pull" nine bad shots out of ten. On a target the results of such bad shooting are obvious, and as the marksman becomes more proficient, the number of "pulled" shots diminishes, with a corresponding increase in the score.

But in shotgun work there is nothing to indicate where the shots are going, and it is quite possible for a man to go on "pulling" shot after shot and never suspect the reason for his missing. In fact, so common is this fault of had trigger pressure that I am inclined to believe that more birds are missed each year through this cause than any other single fault, except possibly checking the swing.

Anyone can find out for himself quite easily whether he has a tendency to "pull" his shots. All that he need do is to get a friend to load for him and hand him the gun ready loaded for him to shoot at some fixed mark. Every now and then the friend should load the gun with a dummy cartridge so that the shooter will be taken unawares and snap an empty barrel when he thinks he is going to fire a live round. When this happens, both he and his friend will see the whole gun "bob" when the trigger is pulled, and it should be obvious to both that this "bob" will be more than enough to jerk the gun off its proper alignment.

I fancy that the root cause of "pulling" is instinctive flinching, and for this reason I am sure that it is always a mistake to start a young boy with too large a gun. A .410 is ideal for a boy when he first begins, and when he is fourteen or fifteen he can be promoted to a 28bore, which should last him until he is old enough to take a full-sized gun. I am quite aware that some boys of sixteen shoot with 20-bores. 16-bores and even 12-bores with success. But I also know for a fact that many others have been put off shooting or have developed a habit

of flinching through being overgunned. Many parents seem to forget that a 20-bore can kick in a most unpleasant way, and there can be no more certain method of putting some boys off shooting than by giving them guns which punish them. It is impossible to lay down any hard and fast rule for all boys as to this question of size of gun, but if there is any sort of doubt, it is always better to err on the side of too small a gun than too big a one.

Flinching, I may say, can be detected in the same way as faulty trigger pressure, that is by snapping an empty gun which the shooter believes to be loaded. Probably the best remedy is to shoot with very lightly loaded cartridges, as flinching is the outcome of undue recoil, and this is why I am such a keen advocate of avoiding over-gunning a young boy.

Missing in Front. There used to be a very general belief that birds are never missed in front, although the advent of the Rocket Cartridge has helped dispel this idea, which presumably gained ground because the majority of birds are undoubtedly missed behind. Personally, I have always been extremely doubtful about this "impossible to miss in front" theory, and on several occasions I have had a trained shooting school instructor load for me when covert shooting, when I have been told that a large proportion of the lower birds which I missed were missed in front, although the really high bird was almost invariably missed behind.

Since then tests with the Rocket Cartridge have completely endorsed these comments, which, at the time, were viewed with distinct doubt by some of my friends.

I once questioned one of the best shooting school coaches whom I have ever known, who has now been dead for some time, on this subject, and his reply was to the effect that if anyone can really shoot at all, he will be able to know fairly well where he is missing in the majority of cases. That is, he will know if he is behind or under a crossing bird; or too much to one side of an over head bird; and so on. But if he gets a run of misses which are completely

mystifying, and he is certain he is not checking his swing, then he can bet his last shilling that he is missing in front.

Calling One's Shots. This brings me to the very important matter of "calling one's shots," or being able to say with fair accuracy where the majority of one's misses have gone. No man can be regarded as even a moderately good rifle shot unless he can say whereabouts his shot has struck the target immediately after he has let it off. That is, he should know whether his shot is high, low to the right, or to the left, according to how his sights were aligned at the exact moment of the release of the trigger.

When shooting at flying game with a shotgun, it is admittedly much more difficult to call one's shots than it is when shooting at a fixed target with a rifle. Nevertheless, just as the rifle shot can say what his fault. if any, was, so should the game shot be able generally to tell what he has done wrong in the case of a miss. To be able to detect one's own faults is not really difficult, although it is naturally impossible to sav whether one has missed a bird behind by one yard or two. All that one should be able to say is: "I checked my swing that time and was be-hind"; or "I saw that crossing bird over the top of my muzzle and so was underneath"; or "I could not turn properly on that bird, owing to a bad stance, and so I poked at it and was behind."

It is never possible to do more than generalise, but every shooter should be able to do that.

And in this connection I am sure that rifle shooting can be of the greatest help. I am aware that there is a common belief that rifle shooting completely spoils one for shooting with a shotgun, but, like many other common beliefs, I think this is false. In fact, I hold, as I have stated, exactly the opposite view. I do not suggest for a moment that a long course of target shooting with a rifle is the proper immediate preliminary training for a week at driven grouse or partridges. Rifle shooting may, perhaps, tend to make some men "poke" if they use a shotgun directly afterwards, but an hour's practice at clay targets, or even a couple of half-hours in a room swinging at imaginary birds, will do much to eradicate the "rifle style" and get one back into "shotgun style."

The real help that rifle shooting and by that I mean target shooting, either full range or miniature—gives is that it teaches so much about shooting in general. One makes a certain definite mistake and sees the result on a target. In course of time mistakes become fewer and the percentage of bulls-eyes larger, until one realises that the combination of rifle and ammunition is capable of making bulls-eyes every time if only one will give it a fair chance.

The combination of shotgun and cartridge similarly needs a fair chance, and the mistakes which shooters commonly make, and which prevent this fair chance being given, are in many cases identical with the mistakes made by the rifle shot. In rifle shooting, however, these mistakes are more easily detected, but if the shooter has once learnt to detect them with a rifle, he will find that he can detect them with a shotgun. In other words, he will learn to call his shots. And it must be remembered that it is much easier to correct some recognised fault than one which is unknown.

Tilting the barrels, failure to bed the stock properly to the shoulder, flinching and bad trigger pressure are all equally common to rifle and shotgun shooting, but in the former these faults are far more easily detected by the shooter himself.

Incidentally it may be mentioned that the best test of all for anyone's trigger pressure is shooting with a .22 pistol. These weapons are wonderfully accurate, but owing to their relatively short barrels, they are very sensitive to the slightest suspicion of a jerk during the pressure of the trigger. The man who can place all his shots within a 3-inch circle at 20 yards with a .22 pistol can regard his trigger pressure as being satisfactory, but until he can do this, he should lay no claim to proficiency.

It is impossible to stress the importance of trigger pressure too strongly, as it shares with checking the swing the vast majority of misses made with shotguns every season, and the shooter who could lay claim to immunity from these two faults would find himself in the first flight.

Effects of Swing. And since I have returned to the subject of swing, it may be as well to consider briefly two points which I have sometimes heard discussed.

Some shooters believe that the swing one gives the gun effects the flight of the shot charge and imparts a corresponding "swing" to the shot, like water out of a hose, or a string of bullets from a machine-gun. But this theory is quite erroneous. When water comes out of a hose, or when a string of shots is fired from a machine-gun, the water and bullets continue to leave the nozzle of the hose and the muzzle of the gun while that nozzle and muzzle are constantly changing the direction in which they are pointing. Consequently the water and bullets are distributed over a wider area than would be the case were the hose or machine-gun stationary.

But in a shotgun the column of shot is only about one inch long when it leaves the muzzle, and the average velocity of exit is about 1,300 f.s. So the time which elapses between the departures of the head and tail of the shot column from the muzzle is appreciably less than one ten-thousandth part of a second, the average time being between 0.00006 and 0.00007 of a second.

In this small period of time the barrels of the gun would not have changed their direction to any appreciable degree, no matter how vigorously the shooter made his swing, and consequently the "water from the hose" effect could not possibly be produced.

So it can be assumed with confidence that swing has no effect on the regularity or density of the pattern by causing elongation.

Nor is there any truth in the theory that swing throws the shot forward to any practical extent. It is true that the actual velocity of the shot charge is the resultant of two velocities which act at right angles to one another; namely, the

the powder which is imparted in the direction of the bore, and the velocity imparted by the swing which acts in a direction at right angles to the bore of the gun. The former

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