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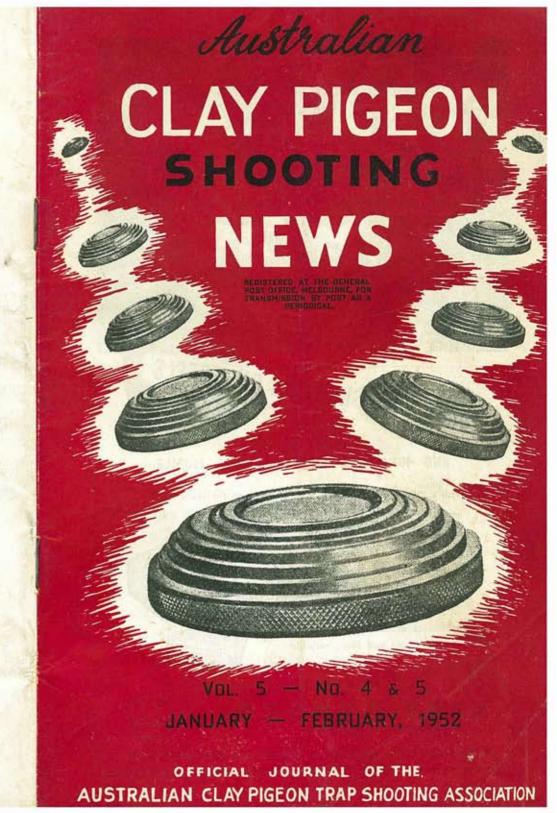
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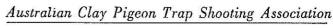
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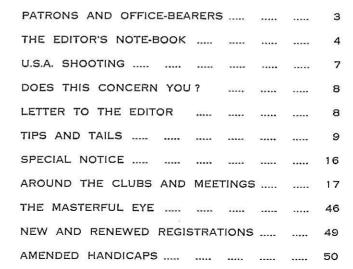
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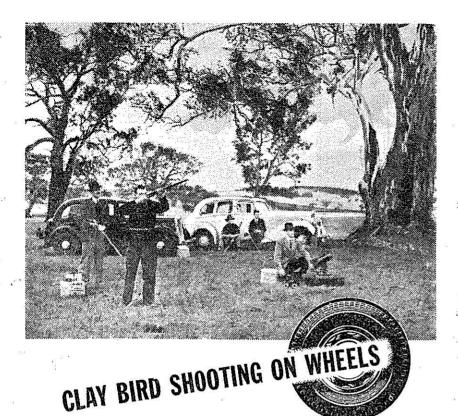
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NEWS

THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

The big Association fixtures listed for March 8 to 11 are engaging the interest and attention of shooters from all parts of the Commonwealth. The series promises to be equal to the best held by the governing body of the sport. The opening day, March 8, will be fully occupied with the deciding of the Champion of Champions Cup (Australian National Championship) at 60 birds from 16 yards rise.

No championship qualification is necessary to enter this event. The leading scorers in this event will automatically become Australia's 1952 International Team to shoot for Australia against England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and New Zealand on Monday, March 10, at 100 birds from 16 yards, single-barrel. The Champion of Champions Cup event will open at 8.30 a.m. on March 8, and no entries will be accepted after 9.30 a.m. No draw will take place on this occasion and shooters will be squadded as they enter. The International Team complement will be national Team complement will be 25 on this occasion, with the best 18 scores to count. The Intermediate Championship will also be shot on Monday, March 10, commencing at 9.30 a.m., to be followed by a £100 open handicap at 11 a.m. Members of the International Team will not be clirible to compete in any other be eligible to compete in any other event on Monday, March 10, until after the conclusion of the International Match. Birds and entry are free into the International team. If conditions permit and time is available, it is likely that a special singlebarrel handicap at 10 or 20 birds will be staged after the conclusion of the Champion of Champions Cup on Saturday, March 8. This will apply only if conditions permit, and it should not be taken by competitors as a definite arrangement at present. The Grand Australian Handicap (single-barrel) and Farewell Handicap (probably at £50 or £100) will comprise the main events for decision



on the final day. March 11. At conclusion of shooting on the opening day the Association will provide limited refreshment at the shooting grounds.

The 16th Annual Meeting of the A.C.P.T.S.A. will be held at Scott's Hotel, 444 Collins Street, Melhourne. C.1, on the evening of Monday, March 10, commencing at 7.45 p.m. The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year will take place at the meeting. The present set-up of the Executive Committee comprises four New South Wales representatives, four Victorian, two Queensland and one Tasmanian. Nominations for all office-beavers must be in the hands of the Secretary, A.C.P.T.S.A., Box 2038 S, G.P.O., Melbourne, C.1, not later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 1952. Nominations posted or delivered other than to the address mentioned will not be accepted.

Each affiliated club, with members registered, is entitled to one delegate to represent its interest at the Annual Meeting. The name and full address of all delegates must be in the hands of the Secretary, A.C.P.T.S.A., at least seven clear days prior to the meeting, and in writing. Mere payment of affiliation on behalf of a club does not entitle a club to delegate representation. It is particularly important that clubs should note this point - on some previous occasions attempts have been made to appoint delegates to

represent clubs who had paid only the guinea affiliation fee. Such clubs have no entitlement in delegate representation. Clubs far distant from the Association headquarters who desire delegation representation, and are not in a position to make a direct appointment, should make application to the Association Secretary, who will endeavour to assist in this direction.

Nominations received for N.S.W. representatives after the 1951 Annual Meeting are required to be renewed for 1952, otherwise same will not be included in the ballot.

It is again pointed out that club affiliation fees (£1/1/-) and shooters registration fees are due and payable to the Association secretary on January 1. Payments should be made without delay. The Executive Committee has directed that shooters whose fees remain unpaid at March 1 will be removed from the registration list and will also be deleted from the mailing list of Association "News". Quite a number of shooters who pay direct to the Association have forwarded the amount of £2/1/for registration. This is incorrect. Apparently they have mistaken the direction regarding payment to include the £1/1/- which is a club due only. Shooters intending to forward fees should keep in mind that their only obligation to the Association, financially, is 20/- per annum.

Under a circular received from the English Association, dated December 6, that body advises all affiliated units to "co-operate in the adoption and enforcement of new rules." The decisions referred to are:

- (a) adoption of single barrel shooting and loading for downthe-line;
- (b) adoption of a form of modified skeet dispensing with the use of Stands one and seven;
- (c) the banning of the use of barrel attachments when fitted with recoil eliminators.

The circular also advises of the passing of the following resolutions:

"All down-the-line championships and competitions held by, or run under the auspices of the C.P.S.A. shall, for 1952, be shot under singlebarrel shooting rules and that in such meetings competitors shall only be allowed to load one cartridge in their guns at a time."

Doubtless these matters will be discussed by the Australian Association later.

Deauville Doubles. A number of enquiries have been received from interstate clubs regarding the rules of Deauville Doubles shooting. The rule is therefore quoted in full so that all interested may be fully acquainted with its operation.

"Deauville Doubles - is a competition where two competitors shoot together, combination shooting. The competitors shall stand on tracks two and four, 20 feet apart. The competitors can arrange between themselves which track they will take and who shall call for the release of the clay pigeons. In the event of false call by either competitor, they shall abide by the result. Either shooter can help his partner after he has broken his clay pigeons. In the event of misfire by either gun, another clay pigeon or pigeons will not be given and the pair shall abide by the result. Only pairs shall count and count as one point. Each pair of targets shall be thrown as per A.C.P.T.S.A. Rule 16 (Section 2)."

New South Wales clubs are again reminded that applications to conduct the first Interstate Teams' Challenge Match, to be held over the holiday week-end, October 4 and 6, 1952, are



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L. J. ROBINSON, Hon. Sec. 172 Raymond Street, Sale, Vic. Phone 177. required to be in the hands of the Secretary, A.C.P.T.S.A., Box 2038 S, G.P.O., Melbourne, C.1, not later than February 28. Details of this contest are outlined in the November, 1951, edition of this publication, in the Editor's Notebook section.

On many occasions conditions under which breaks recorded by individual shooters are recognised dividual shooters are recognised have been published. Despite the promulgation of this information, quite a number of applications have been received in recent weeks seeking recognition of breaks made under conditions other than those stipulated. As an instance, three applications during the past few weeks where the breaks concerned have been made under Deauville Doubles, mixed birds and double-rise conditions have come to hand. Club mixed birds and double-rise conditions have come to hand. Club officials and others interested are therefore again advised that the A.C.P.T.S.A. can only recognise breaks made under double and single-barrel conditions and providing these recordings have been registered in competition. Exhibitions are not accepted. Breaks may carry on from one day to another, also providing no practice or shooting in any other form of competition has taken place. Original or certified copies of the score sheets are required to be forwarded to the Association headquarters for checking purposes.

U.S.A. Shooting . . .

(From Rex Miles)

Thanks for magazines - always interesting.

Notice the scores of the British the "parade". I checked on the 15 high men on the combined scores of all the British Teams, and this is how it looked to me:

W. J. Grant (Scotland), 98; T. Mc-Lellan (Scotland), 97; Enoch Jenkins (Wales), 97; P. Stansbury (England), 96; R. D. Browning (Eng-

land), 96; E. C. Ledger (England), 96; F. M. McFarland (England), 96; W. T. Jones (Wales), 95; F. G. Maran (Ireland), 95; D. Kelly (Ireland), 95; T. H. Hughes (Wales), 94; T. Sim (Scotland), 94; P. Cotterall (England), 94; S. Bamber (England), 94.—Total, 1432 x 1500. S. T. Rimmer (England), 94; C. Lucas (England), 94. Your Team, 1443 x 1500; Eng., Scot., Ire., Wales, 1432 x 1500. Australia by 11 Targets.

Hearty congratulations.

Many people have read millions of words written by representatives of the press on trap shooting, but never before has an article appeared written by a trap shooter on ability of the members of the press in a clay target game.

Fritz Howell of the Associated Press in the Columbus, Ohio, district, broke 19 x 25 to win the Press Clay Target Championship of the World at the Grand American Handicap Championship held in Vandalia, Ohio. Harold Valentine, of the Associated Harold Valentine, of the Associated Press, was runner-up with 16. There were a goodly number of entries, among them being Ken Kraker (AP), Tom Carroll (Dayton News), Joe Burns (Layton Daily News), Bob Doty (Dayton Herald), and Jim Nichols. There were several others from various other publications; also the photographers were allowed to compete. Decision as to who is to compete is left to Fritz Howell, former winner of this Championship. Fritz, with his best manners, bars all those who have a chance to beat him, and in my opinion the only one who can beat him is Jimmie Robinson, who won the original Championship in 1940 with 49 x 50. Jimmie, who is a duck hunter and who is who is a duck hunter and who is Trap Shooting Editor of Sports Afield, is too good for the rest of the boys, so Fritz promptly bars him each year.

This is an unusual spectacle. The writers all have a pencil behind their ear and the photographers have their cameras at their feet, and it is said that Fritz generally carries a typewriter so that he will not lose any time from his regular duties. In this Championshiip it is not unusual for some of the entrants to miss every target. Although I have never known

DOES THIS CONCERN YOU?

Shooters are reminded that Association registration fees (20/- per shooter) fell due on 1st January last. Fees should be remitted direct to the Secretary, A.C.P.T.S.A., Box 2038 S, G.P.O., Melbourne, C.1. Due to heavy administration costs, those whose fees are outstanding are informed that they will be removed from the mailing list of Association "News" after the next issue unless remittance is forwarded.

a trap shooter to be much of a writer, I have never seen one yet that could not write one word. If it were possible to broadcast the various metaphors, phrases, and expressions used by these contestants, I am sure that the variety would be used in the records of the history of trap shooting.

Letter to the Editor . .

Mr. McCullough, Dear Sir, Regarding "Walk-up Shooting."

As a shooter of considerable "vintage", I feel compelled to take up this matter in support of your unnamed correspondent in December issue of News.

According to the present wording of the rule governing this event, a competitor is quite within his rights when he walks with the gun at his shoulder, but the wording of the rule leaves a great deal to be desired.

Firstly — A walk-up event was originally designed to give as near

"Field shooting conditions" as possible over traps, and I have never yet seen a shooter approach a game set in the field with his gun at his shoulder, nor would this be tolerated among shooters worthy of the name of sportsman.

Secondly—To my mind, there is a certain element of danger incurred should a shooter stumble, therefore it cannot be considered "Consistent with safety," as the present ruling requires.

Thirdly—A shooter using this method of approach, if not "shuffling," as alleged, gives the impression of suffering from worn universal joints or some other "mechanical" displacement, and I am sure his movements would inspire "Walt Disney" to fresh heights.

Fourthly — The result of the last Commonwealth Walk-up would almost make one think there was some advantage gained from this method of attack, therefore those shooters who, through any cause, cannot adopt this method, are placed at a decided disadvantage and the event becomes inequitable from the start.

Trusting you will find space to publish this letter and also that the Executive will decide the matter.

Yours faithfully,

D. WATSON ("Deoch-an-Doris)

P.S.—If present conditions are to remain, may I suggest renaming the event "Pointing the Bone," to keep alive an old aboriginal custom.

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The Commonwealth single-barrel championship will be decided on the Hobart Club grounds at Brighton (Tas.) on Saturday, Feb. 23. The holding of the event prior to the opening of the big Association shoot in

March will allow potential International Team members to secure important practice for the big 100 birder at single-barrel, the 1952 International. A £50 handicap is listed on the same programme, advertised this month.

Writing from the Burdekin Club in Queensland, club secretary, L. J. Ashworth, comments, "The article by Mal. Fuller in the November 'News' created a lot of interest here. American scores and conditions have always had us wondering, but much is now explained. When one takes into account the fact that, owing to the shortage of clays early in the year and ammunition later, local club members by attending every shoot were only able to shoot at 240 birds each for the year, then we feel that our scores are not so bad. We hope for better supplies next year." (Quite an interesting commentary on the difficulties distant clubs experience in securing supplies.—Ed.)

John Tyquin, President of the Hobart Club (Tas.), where the 1952 Commonwealth single-barrel title is listed for February 23, mentions in a recent note that he would like "News" to convey congratulations to Mal. Fuller (Sydney) for "his very interesting comments on overseas shooting. I would like to hear more news of the American trap shots." (It's up to you, Mal.—Ed.)

Roy Johns, the Malvern (V.) shooter, has forwarded the following communication with a request for its inclusion in this issue. He states: "Thanks to the Tasmanian Clay Bird

shooters and friends, my wife and I, having just had a fortnight's holiday in your 'fair Isle,' do wish to thank all those who helped and gave us such a wonderful time throughout our visit. We specially thank Messrs. W. Rainbird, Neil Frith, Jack Blake, Tom Kerr and Rex Powell. You gentlemen really excelled yourselves. We enjoyed the car trips and saw many places of interest much more than we had really hoped for. I also must say how I admired both the Cressy and Launceston Gun Club grounds and congratulate both clubs on the capable and efficient manner many shoots were conducted. Your lavish hospitality was most acceptable and generous. I also had the pleasure of inspecting the Hobart Club grounds; theirs is also a fine set-up—2 traps and tower, with a nice pavilion. I hope to again have the pleasure of meeting all you fine 'sports' and your many fine and capable shooters in the near future.

Thanking you all once again for a grand time."

The Frankston and Peninsula Gun Club (V.) has affiliated with the A.C.P.T.S.A. Club secretary is Mr. B. J. Hall, of Box 25, Frankston.

A number of clubs in the North Queensland area are "getting together" to form something in the nature of a "District Council." The main idea behind the scheme is to ensure that local shoot dates do not clash. The proposal is a good one and nothing but benefit should be the outcome. Delegates of the clubs concerned will meet in Townsville early in 1952 and arrange shooting dates. Open shoot dates will, of course, require the approval of the A.C.P.T.S.A. A similar scheme has been in operation for years in the Gippsland district of Victoria, and it has worked very well, both from local club viewpoint and also the Association. Such schemes, providing they are handled in a co-operation spirit, are welcomed by the Association.

Allen G. Jakins, of 13 Frome St., Moree (N.S.W.) has taken over the secretaryship of the Moree Gun Club.

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Alexandra Gun Club, in the not far distant hills section of Victoria, intends holding a "First Birthday Shoot" on February 23, on the club grounds. The programme includes three five birders and a 10 birder, with first-class trophies. Two good trophies will be presented for the two best scores registered by visiting shooters. A restricted club championship will be shot in conjunction with the 10 birder, with an attached optional sweepstake. The club's genial President, Luke Doyle, has extended a special invitation to "all friends and their friends" around the Melbourne clubs. Luke promises a special effort in the hospitality section of the shoot—he reckons it will be some return for the similar provision always extended to Alexandra club shooters on their visits to Melbourne. Alexandra is ideally situated for a nice run from Melbourne, being only 83 miles distant. Noms. for the entire programme will not exceed 25/- for four events. (Note—We learn on best authority that the Alexandra President expects his "Scotch friends" from Melbourne clubs to be among the first to arrive.—Ed.)

Messrs. L. W. Haseler (Augathella, Qld.), G. L. Simm (Tullibigeal, N.S.W.) and Murray Gardiner (Essendon, V.) are additional names added to the list of Life Registered shooters with the A.C.P.T.S.A.

The Hay Club, N.S.W.) will conduct a special Easter Carnival ex-

tending over Easter Saturday, April 12, to and including Easter Monday, April 14. Shooting will start on the opening day at 1 p.m. with a 10 birder, followed by a £50 handicap. This in turn will be followed in the evening with the Commonwealth Night D.B. championship. Commencing at 9.30 a.m. on Easter Monday, main events are a 10 birder, the N.S.W. Single-barrel championship, and a £50 handicap. Other events will be listed on both days if time permits. Enquiries should be directed to Jack Houston, club secretary, at Lachlan Street, Hay. Full details are as advertised.

Tambo Club in South Queensland will shoot on Saturday, April 12, and Sunday, April 13. The Milray Perpetual Cup event for teams is one of the big attractions for the opening day, together with a 20-bird D.B. handicap. The Barcoo Championship, 20 birds single-barrel, will be shot on the second day. All enquiries should be directed to J. E. Quin, Box 21, Tambo. The lastnamed recently joined the list of Life Registered shooters with the A.C.P.T.S.A.

K. Boyd, of Ouida Downs, Morven, Qld., is also a Life Registered shooter with the Association.

Tamworth Club (N.S.W.) is a recent affiliation with the A.C.P.T.S.A. Club secretary is Rea. Moore, of 421 Peel Street, Tamworth.

At the annual meeting of the South Coast Gun Club on Thursday,

10/1/52, the election of officers for 1952 resulted as follows: Patron, Mr. E. L. Gaven, M.L.A.; President, Mr. E. G. Ryland; Vice-President and Vice Captain, Mr. R. Thorsborne; Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. G. Sturgess; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. G. F. Bailey; Club Captain, Mr. C. Whitney; Club Armourer, Mr. N. Gorrie; Committee (5): Mr. A. R. Anderson, Mr. T. Primrose, Mr. E. Hodge, Mr. G. S. Martin, Mr. D. Hoffman. Mr. Primrose was also appointed publicity officer. A. G. Sturgess, Hon. Sec.

Harry (H.P.L.) O'Shea, the Ballarat (V.) veteran, always one of the "first out the barrier" when it comes to remitting registration fees, is again mentioned among the leading division for the present year. Just prior to the Christmas vacation Harry forwarded his 1952 fees and added "The A.C.P. Shooting News is a most interesting production and reflects greatest credit on all responsible for its production. I always look forward to the arrival of each issue." Harry does not get to Melbourne often these times, but he

promises himself a shoot "in the metropolitan area in the New Year." Continuing, Harry concludes with "Wishing you and A.C.P.T.S.A. shooters a Merry Xmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year—May Peace Prevail." (Thanks, H.P.L.—all will agree with your sentiments, Ed.)

The new club at Derrinallum in Victoria's Western District has formed up and is now an affiliated unit of the A.C.P.T.S.A. Ivor S. Wilson at Box 15, Derrinallum, is club secretary. N. Dalgleish is club president and R. Wellman treasurer. The club expects to build up into a first-class organization with a sizeable membership.

The Sale Club in Eastern Victoria suffered a severe loss through the accidental death of Jim Atkinson, a member of the club's committee. The accident occurred on Christmas Day about 1½ miles on the Orbost side of Sale. Atkinson was driving his car when taking a bend—a bend which is not considered dangerous—the car ran off the road with fatal

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March 1 —

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5 BIRDS, S.B. SWEEPSTAKE.

March 15 —

5 BIRDS, D.B. SWEEPSTAKE. 10 BIRDS, D.B. SWEEPSTAKE, 3 Trophies. MISS-OUT.

T.R. WIGHTMAN, President. R. W. DELANEY, Hon. Sec., 370 Toorak Rd., Burwood, E.13. Phone WM 2266. results. Few committee members at Sale have been more enthusiastic clubmen than Jim and his passing is a grievous loss both to Sale Club and the sport generally. Although not in the top flight among shooters over traps, Jim was a first-class duck shot and usually gained his full share of the bags obtained on the Gippsland Lakes during the season. Sincere sympathy is extended to his relatives.

J. L. Finney, of Mosman (Sydney) writes, "I am pleased to learn that the 'International' will be single barrel. I think the principle of one barrel for one bird is a good one and will lead to better scores within two or three years, although immediate result will probably be low scoring. For the chaps who like to use their second barrels, there should be double-rise events. Why not a few pairs of double rise in the 'International'?"

Tommy Hughes, the Welsh International shot, in a recent note, mentions, "Many thanks for your 'News' which I read from cover to cover. As you are aware, it is single-barrel shooting for the International in 1952. We old ones did not relish the idea, but we must consider what is best for the sport. Anyhow, we are

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looking forward to seeing who it will affect most and get some fun and surprises out of it. Also the teams have been increased to 25 with 18 to count, which will let more young shooters into the teams. It will give them experience and time to get over 'team nerves' which seem to affect some more than others. I have known shooters who shoot about 90 per cent, in individual competitions, but as soon as you put them in a team they begin to try too hard and their score drops down to 75 per cent. or 80 per cent. One has to find all that out. On the other hand, there is the 75 per cent, shot when you put him in a team shoot, he feels he has some responsibility and he goes up to 85 per cent or 90 per cent. Enoch Jenkins is captain for Wales in 1952, and we hope he will pull the team together, as we do not wish to be the tail-end. Now your boys must get down to single-barrel at once, because you will miss that 2nd about March. We have a little more time, until June, than you. The new condition is going to knock the 100 straight out of the International. Kindly tell Mal. Fuller I have received his Xmas Greetings and all here wish your clay busters the best for 1952 and straight powder in the one barrel."

The following is a report on the annual meeting of the Atherton Club (Nth. Qld.), received from President, John Page:-

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted: Patron, Mr. G. F. Turner; President, Mr. J. Page G. F. Turner; President, Mr. J. Page (re-elected unanimously); Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Doug. Nasser, H. Armstrong, G. Cornish, A. K. Westcott, Noel Cumming, Phil Jue Sue, T. Merrin, A. J. Long and J. Izatt; secretary, Mr. S. Kilpatrick; asst. secretary, Mr. Harold Nasser; treasurer, Mr. Alex Moses; armourer, Mr. H. Nasser; asst. armourer, Mr. G. Kleinhaus; storeman, Mr. D. Nasser; general committee. Messrs. Nasser; general committee, Messrs. Len Emerson, D. de Lai, P. Mazzer and three shooters from Ravenshoe (to be elected by Ravenshoe shooters), together with the club's officials to be appointed; handicapper and referee, Mr. J. Page; asst. handicapper and referee, Mr. D. Nasser.

A number of South Queensland shooters are intending to make the

long trip down to Melbourne for the big Association shoots over March 8 to 11. The party is anxious to get in "as many shoots as possible on the way down," hence all are anxious to ascertain just where shoots will take place in the few weeks preceding the Melbourne fixtures. Clubs intending to hold shoots about the period mentioned are invited to contact J. W. (Joe) Raleigh, of Warrah, Morven, Qld., advising dates and possible programmes.

An interesting means of providing additional funds for specific purposes such as "club buildings funds" and the like, comes to hand from an English group. It appears that within the clubs concerned there is a section known as the "Moose Club." To become a member one has to nominate a certain target, and then shoot 14 in succession (from his handicap) without loss, the 14 representing the number of points on the moose's antlers. A small entry fee is paid for the privilege of entering and this goes to the "Pavilion Fund." The initiation ceremony usually provides great amusement to onlookers and fellow club members and, occasionally, some slight discomfiture to the newly-elected members of the "Moose" section.

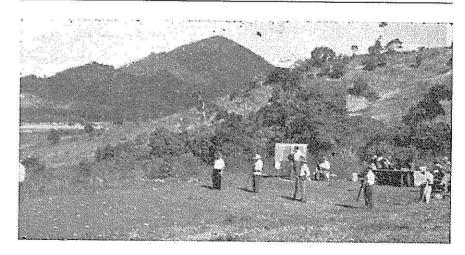
The former Shortland Gun Club in New South Wales has now changed

its name to Newcastle Gun Club. The move is a most proper one and is also certain to give the club additional status. Although previously named Shortland, the club was nearer Newcastle than Shortland area. The newly named club will conduct the Newcastle single-barrel championship and a £50 Handicap on Saturday, April 26, with minor events; the following day the similar double-barrel title and another £50 handicap is listed. The full details are as advertised. Intending competitors are advised to contact the club secretary, F. Hodges, 88 Jersey Avenue, Argenton, N.S.W.

The Commonwealth Night single-barrel championship will be con-ducted by the Australian Club on the East Burwood grounds on Thursday night, March 6. The club will also hold its usual pre-Champion of Champions Cup shoot on Friday. Programmes are advertised.

A recent report from New South Wales gives the information that automatic guns have been barred at a prominent gun club in that State. An unusual ruling, if ever there was one, particularly in view of the popularity of this type of gun and its more or less increasing use during the post-war era.

Several shooters have written to the Association asking if "handicap



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championships are permitted." A handicap championship is not a championship at all; it is merely another handicap event. A championship is just what its name implies and if it is a championship, it cannot be a handicap, hence "handicap championship" is a non-existent affair.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Affiliated clubs are officially informed that the 16th 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 10th, 1952, 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 4th, 1952, 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.

AROUND THE CLUBS THE TINGS...

SOUTH COAST (Q.).—Our Xmas shoot, held on Saturday, 22nd Dec., was largely attended. The Xmas hampers were in great demand and the boys really tried hard to bring home the bacon. Results were as follows: 5-bird D.B. Handicap (Club Handicap): N. West (Clara Creek), 8/8 (1). 5-bird Walk-up D.B.: D. Sturgess, 4/6 (1). 10-bird S.B. Handicap (Club Handicap): D. Mackey, 13/14 (1). 5-bird Strange Gun S.B. Handicap (Club Handicap): W. Chandler, 4/5. Trophy for shooter with best aggregate for the day went to N. West, of Clara Creek.

New Year Shoot, held on 31/12/51. It was unfortunate that the State Govt. of Queensland would not grant a holiday on this particular day and, due to this fact, quite a number of the local shooters had to work all day. However, the shooting was keen and the attendance good. Results were as follows: 5-bird D.B. Eye Opener Sweepstakes (Club Handicap): D. Squire, 13/15 (1); E. N. Tooth, 12/15 (2). 3-pair Silent Rise (Sweepstakes): R. Moore and D. Squire, div. 3/3. 5-pair Deauville Doubles: C. Whitney and B. Mackey, 7/7. 3-pair Double Rise from 12 yds. Mark: C. Whitney, 4/4.

(A. G. Sturgess, Hon. Sec.)

CASING (N.S.W.). — We are pleased to be able to report that we had a very successful shoot on New Year's Day. Good support came from Southern Queensland, Coffs Harbour and many other places. The largest entry in any one event was 43. The winner of the Championship was "Pee-Wee" (J. C. Thompson), from Moree. He was the only one

to score the possible of 20. Jim York, of Quirindi, and D. Devine (Boggabri) each scored 19 and finished in that order in the shoot-off for places. Thirty-three contested the championship. "Pee-Wee" made the best break of the day with 245. He and Clarrie Lee made an excellent job of umpiring during the day, and their advice and help was much appreciated.

Results: 1st Event, 5-bird Sweepstake: div. on the 6th round by "Pee-Wee", Flood, C. Whitney, Richardson, and R. Seccombe. 2nd Event, 5-bird Sweepstake: div. on 9th round by "Pee-Wee", J. Wickham, T. C. Seccombe. 3rd Event, North Coast D.B. Championship: J. C. Thompson ("Pee-Wee") (Moree), 1st (20); Jim York (Quirindi), 2nd (19); D. Devine (Boggabri), 3rd (19). 4th Event, Trophy and Optional Sweepstake, 5 birds Sweepstake: div. on 8th round by D. Powell (Casino), A. Anderson (South Coast), J. Paddon, J. York (Quirindi). In the shoot-off for the trophy, D. Powell won with a further 5 hits. 5th Event, Miss-out Sweepstake: div. on 5th round by E. Ryland (South Coast), D. Powell (Casino), N. Gorrie (South Coast), W. York (Casino), J. Baxter (Dubbo). 6th Event, 3-pair Double Rise, Trophy and Sweepstake: J. Wickham (Casino), 1st (3 pairs); N. Gorrie (S. Coast), 2nd; Hodge, 3rd. 7th Event, Single Barrel Sweepstake, 5-bird: C. Whitney (S. Coast) and J. Wickham (Casino), div. 5 birds each. 8th Event, Box Sweep, Missout: div. on 6th round by T. C. Seccombe (Coffs Harbour), J. Wickham (Casino), R. Moore.

NEWCASTLE GUN CLUB

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Anzac Week-end

Friday, 25th April, 1952

First Event, 12.30 a.m.

No. 1-4 BIRD S.B. HANDICAP SWEEPSTAKE No. 2 —

Newcastle District Single Barrel Championship

20 Birds, 16 yds., A.C.P.T.S.A. Rules. 1st, Trophy and Sash; 2nd, 3rd, Best 12/13 and 14/15 yd. Trophies. Nomination, 25/-. Optional Sweepstakes.

No. 3 —

£50 Handicap - 10 Bird Single Barrel

Nomination, 50/-. Divided 60%, 30%, 10%.

Other Events, Time permitting.

Saturday, 26th April, 1952

First Event, 10.30 a.m.

No. 1-4 BIRD D.B. HANDICAP SWEEPSTAKE No. 2 -

Newcastle District Double Barrel Championship

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F. HODGES, Secretary, 88 Jersey Ave., Argenton. Phone: Boolaroo 42.

Casino Club wishes to thank all the shooters who took part in the shoot (many came long distances). Their support has helped to establish Clay Pigeon shooting on a sound footing on the North Coast.

(W. Richardson, Hon. Sec.)

SHEPPARTON (V.). — Results Christmas Shoot, 8/12/51. No. 1, 5-bird D.B.: div. A. Kriss, K. New-5-bird D.B.: div. A. Kriss, K. Newham, Leo Doyle (Alexandra), G. McLeod, 10/10. No. 2, 10-bird D.B.: 1st, G. McLeod, 33/34; 2nd, J. Cooper, 32/34, 3rd; A. Kriss, 15/16. No. 3, 10-bird S.B.: 1st, T. Spall, 10/10; 2nd, J. Cooper, 9/10; 3rd, A. Kriss, 8/10. No. 4, 5-bird D.B.: 1st, J. Hamilton-Smith, 12/12; 2nd, Leo Doyle, 11/12; 3rd, J. Minchin, 10/11. No. 5, 5-bird D.B.: 1st, J. Callaghan, 15/15; 2nd, M. Young, 14/15; 3rd, W. Gribben, 8/9.

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Results of New Year Shoot held 29/12/1951. No. 1, 5-bird D.B.: div. R. McHale, C. B. Matheson, Luke Doyle, W. McGregor, R. Reynolds, M. Young, H. Hare, 5/5. No. 2, 10-bird D.B., Trophy Event: 1st, R. Reynolds, 15/15; 2nd, G. Coombs, 13/15; 3rd, E. McLaughlan, 14/15; F.M., C. B. Matheson, 9/10. No. 3, 10-bird S.B., Trophy Event: 1st, C. B. Matheson, 9/10; 2nd, R. Reynolds, 13/15; 3rd, K. Newnham, 12/15; F.M., Barry Doyle, 9/12. No. 4, 5-bird D.B.: div. Ron Reynolds, C. B. Matheson, K. Newnham, 8/8. No. 5, 5-bird D.B.: div. R. Williamson, R. Reynolds, J. Hudson, 5/5. Reynolds, J. Hudson, 5/5.

(M. J. Young, Hon. Sec.)

ECHUCA (V.) .- Echuca Gun Club held its Xmas shoot at clay birds. when 40 shooters attended, with conditions bad. Highest break went to R. McHale (Tongala), with 31 straight, while A. Rickards and L. Gibson recorded 23 straight. Results: No. 1 Event: L. Gibson, 1st; A. Rickards, 2nd; R. McHale, 3rd. No. 2: R. McHale, 1st; F. Bradley, 2nd; S. Holschier, 3rd. No. 3, F. Dobson, 1st; P. Fitzpatrick, 2nd; S. Holschier, 3rd. No. 4: 1st and 2nd div. G. McDonald and H. Gray, R. Mc-Neill, 3rd.

(A. R. Rickards, Hon. Sec.)

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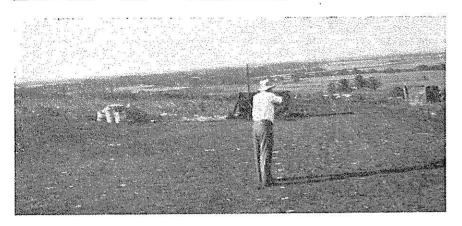
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--- It was well worth while waiting for, as mighty good shooting was the order of the day,

Shooters from Townsville, Home Hill, Ayr, Richmond and Charters Towers lined up at 10 a.m. on the morning of the 26th December, 1951. As the scores indicate, the end of four rounds left the final result still in great doubt, with G. Nelson, E. Landsberg, S. Ball, R. Knuth and C. Archer all in the picture. The fifth round left C. Archer with 21/25; S. Ball and R. Knuth, each 22/25. In the shoot-off between Sam and Roy, the first round of 5 ended 5 all. Sam, shooting first at the second round of 5, was quite unperturbed and killed all 5 first barrel. Roy's nerves were not so good and he dropped the first of his 5, to leave Sam Ball Commonwealth Tower Champion for 1951, with Roy Knuth second and C. Archer third.

Other events during the day, with their results, are as follows: No. 1, their results, are as follows: No. 1, 5-bird D.B. Tower: F. Cook, C. Archer, R. Knuth. No. 2, 5-bird S.B.: G. Archer, S. Finlay, E. Landsberg, S. Ball. No. 3, 5-bird S.B.: S. Horwood, M. Mitchell, C. Archer, W. Carrington, J. Treveton, S. Ball. No. 4, 5-bird S.B. Tower, J. Treveton. No. 5, 5-bird S.B. Tower: S. Hor-



Shooting background at Cairns, Nth. Qld.

wood. No. 6 J. Treveton, S. Ball, R. Knuth, H. Peace. No. 7, Deauville Doubles: R. Knuth and H. Peace.

(F. R. Donaghy, Hon. Sec.)

GRIFFITH (N.S.W.). — Results shoot held December 1. 5-bird Double Barrel from Club Handicaps: 5/5 to Ray Thompson, Phil Stott, Eric Evans, Ian Evans, Lloyd Bowditch, Chris Paspalas, Bruce Kook, Bill Gibbs, Claude Carnell. 20-bird Double Barrel for "The Area News" Trophies from Club Handicaps: 1st Trophy, Jack Bowsher, 20/20 (outright win); 2nd Trophy, Reg McNamara, 35/36; 3rd Trophy, Des Coughlan, 34/36; 19/20 were scored by Phil Stott, Watts McNamara, Ian Evans, Lloyd Bowditch, Reg McNamara, Bill Gibbs and Des Coughlan, to shoot-off for 2nd and 3rd places. 10 pairs Deauville Doubles from 18 yards: An outright win was taken by partners Bill Gibbs and Reg McNamara, with 10/10; partners with 9/10 were Eric Evans and Ian Evans, Don Muir and Ray Thompson. 10-bird D.B. (18 yards): div. Bob Bushby (Narrandera), Bill Gibbs, Reg McNamara, C. Carnell and Don Muir. 5-bird S.B. (18 yards): div. W. McNamara and J. Bowsher.

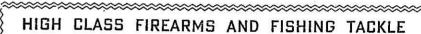
Results 12/1/52. 5 birds Double Barrel Handicap: div. Ray Thompson, Ian Evans, Bob Bushby, Harold Anstee, Eric Evans, Bill Gibbs, Watts McNamara, Ron Gow and Ernie Clark; Neville Anstee made 5 kills for this event. 20-bird Double Barrel Handicap for the Mrs. Alec Beaumont Trophies: 1st Trophy to Digger Gibbs with 25/25; 2nd Trophy to Reg McNamara with 24/25; 3rd Trophy to Bill Gibbs with 24/25 after a shoot-off with Watts McNamara, 23/25. At the conclusion of the 20 birds the scoring stood at 20 kills to Digger Gibbs and Reg McNamara. 10-bird Single Barrel from 18 yards: This event was taken outright with the only possible to Reg McNamara. 5-bird Double Barrel from 24 yards: This event was taken outright with the only possible by Ray Thompson. 5-bird Double Barrel Handicap: This event was div. Paspalas, Watts McNamara, Eric Evans, Bob Bushby, Ron Gow, Bill Gibbs. 5-bird Double Barrel Handicap: This event was div. Claude Carnell, Ray Thompson, Reg McNamara, Eric Evans, Digger Gibbs, Chris Paspalas and Bill Gibbs.

Results Christmas Shoot, Dec. 15. 5-bird Double Barrel from Club Handicaps: div. Reg McNamara, John James, Jack Coughlan, Jack Semmler, Ray Thompson, Wally Gritten, Ian Evans, Emil Albert, Dr. J. Sertori, Digger Gibbs, Ron Gow and Watts McNamara. 20-bird Double Barrel for the Members' Trophies: 12 yds: 1st, Chris Paspalas, 16/20;

2nd, Len Bowditch, 17/22; Ben Clarke, 16/22; 13 yds.: 1st, Jack Coughlan, 19/20; 2nd, Digger Gibbs, 17/20; Ted Patten, 16/20; 14 yds.: 1st, Alf Patten, 17/20; 2nd, Gerard Sertori, 16/20; 3rd, Jim Theodore, 15/20; 15 yds.: 1st, Wally Gritten, 20/22; 2nd, Watts McNamara, 19/22; 16 yds.: 1st, Ian Evans; 2nd, Ted Fromholtz, 18/20; 17 yds. and over: 1st, Reg McNamara, 20/20; 2nd, Bob Bushby, 19/20. Thirty-six shooters contested this event and scores were better than average for the prevailing conditions. 5-bird Double Barrel from 18 yards: div. Eric Evans, Watts McNamara, Dr. J. Sertori, Harold Anstee, Jack Scott and Ben Clarke. Shooters to register 45 were: Ray Thompson, Ian Evans, Ted Patten, Bill Gibbs, Reg McNamara, Des Coughlan, and Jack Little. 10-Bird Double Barrel from 18 yds.: div. Reg McNamara and John James with 10/10; shooters with 8/10 were Bob Bushby, Watts McNamara, Eric Evans, Phil Stott and Dr. J. Sertori; 7/10 kills went to Digger Gibbs, Chris Paspalas, Jack Coughlan, Emil Albert and Jack Scott. 5-bird Double

Barrel from 18 yards: div. Des Coughlan, John James and Reg Mc-Namara, 5/5; shooters to score 4/5 were, Jack Bowsher, Watts McNamara, and Phil Stott.

The club conducted two major events on New Year's Day, the N.S.W. Deauville Doubles and the N.S.W. Double Barrel Night Championships. Other events competed for were a 30-bird Single Barrel, and a 10-bird Double Barrel. The fore-runner to the New Year was conducted on Monday, 31st December with the following events: A 5-bird Double Barrel, a 30-bird Double Barrel, a 10-bird Double Barrel and a half round of Night Skeet. As many as 98 shooters competed for events, these represented clubs from N.S.W., Victoria and Tasmania. Visiting shooters were loud in their praise of the Griffith Club set-up, the manner in which the programme was conducted, the increased prize money of the £50 Handicaps, the refreshments made available throughout the two days and for the manner in which the Ladies' Committee satisfied their requirements, their



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NIGHT:

Commonwealth D.B. (Night) Championship

25 Birds. Nomination, £1/10/-. 1st. 2nd and 3rd Trophies and Sash.

Sunday, 13th April (Free).

Easter Monday, 14th April, commencing at 9.30 a.m.: 10 BIRD SINGLE BARREL OPENER. Nom., £1.

New South Wales Single Barrel Championship

20 Birds. Nomination, £1/5/-.

£50 Handican - Double Barrel

(Association Handicap Marks) 15 Birds. Nomination, £2/10/-.

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Results of events in order of shooting, Monday, 31st December, 1951.

All Association Handicaps: 5-bird Double Barrel, 69 competitors: Possibles by D. Simpson, W. Spiers, B. Martin, H. Anderson, D. Osborne, F. Singleton, N. Singleton, L. Stoll, R. McNamara, H. Vickers, L. Baker, Lox Creasy, R. Browning, "Red", G. Paterson, G. Bell, G. Biggs, L. Bowditch, Barbara Biggs, G. Daly, C. Duchatel, C. Carnell, I. Evans, "Dick", J. Theodore, R. Wightman. £50 Handicap of 30 birds Double Barrel, Prize money increased to £80, 67 competitors. Full scores: 29/30's to D. Osborne, J. Bryant, G. Bell, H. Anderson, A. Martin, H. Vickers, R. Powell, G. Biggs, G. Paterson, John Duchatel, M. Crowe; 28/30's to Newton Thomas, E. Brenk, L. Hanel, I. Evans. 10-bird Double Barrel, 65 competitors: Possibles, I. Evans, Newton Thomas, J. Bryant, R. Powell, B. Martin, D. Simpson, H. Anderson, W. Bidley, S. Finemer, D. Ochorne Newton Thomas, J. Bryant, R. Powell, B. Martin, D. Simpson, H. Anderson, W. Ridley, S. Finemore, D. Osborne, C. Paspalas, K. Styles, R. McNamara, C. Duchatel, E. Willard, P. Pettit, H. Anstee, R. Back, M. Webb, 10/10 div. A half-round of Night Skeet (10 Skeet), with 42 competitors, no possible: Shooters with 9/10, C. Burgess, Newton Thomas, L. Baker, div.

Results of New Year's Day Programme, 1952: £50 Handicap of 30 birds Single Barrel, Prize money increased to £90, 90 competitors, no possible: The only shooter to score 29 was J. Nader; 28/30, D. Osborne, G. Paterson, W. Ridley; 27/30, H. Anderson, A. Martin, H. Vickers, "Dinky", W. McCloy, R. Kiley, R. McNamara, M. Webb. N.S.W. Deauville Doubles, 20 pairs from 18 yards, 49 partners competed: 1st Sash and Trophy to George Biggs and Newton Thomas, with 65 pairs straight; 2nd Trophy to Len Baker and Ern Wil-Trophy to Len Baker and Ern Willard, with 60/61. Other partners to contest the shoot-off were, V. Cox and "Dinky", J. Nader and J. Kiley. 10-bird Double Barrel, 93 competi-tors: J. Theodore, F. Singleton, N. Singleton, G. Bell, G. Paterson, J. McMaster, J. Bryant, John Duchatel, P. Duchatel, Lox Creasy, S. Finemore, H. Vickers, W. Ridley, L. Tyack, D. Gibbs, J. Semmler, G. Daly, "Red", V. Cox, I. Evans, C.

Paspalas, M. Webb, L. Baker, L. Hanel, div. N.S.W. Double Barrel Night Championship, 20 birds from 18 yards, 85 competitors: 1st Sash and Trophy, Gary Daly, only possible; 2nd Trophy to Newton Thomas; 3rd place with Trophy to J. Bryant; 12/14 yard Trophy, E. Willard.

("John James")

CRESSY (Tas.) .-- After the shootoff had been carried to the 50th on had been carried to the soun round, N. Frith (Launceston) defeated P. Marshall (Hobart) in the Northern District Double Barrel Championship at the Cressy Gun Cluub's two-day carnival in December. The standard of shooting at the ber. The standard of shooting at the carnival was probably the best seen in Tasmania. Frith and Marshall each exceeded 50 straight "kills", and thus gained the Hartley Badge. The William Blake Memorial Trophy shoot was won by Rex Powell, of Cressy, after a shoot-off, and the £75 Handicap went to S. Marshall. Trophies were presented by Mr. G. Duthie, M.H.R., and Mr. L. A. Small, president of the Coburg (V.) Gun Club. Details:

Club. Details:

First Day. Five-bird Double Barrel Shoot: div. J. Blake, S. J. Bailey, J. Taylor, S. Marshall, P. Marshall, R. Sharman, 5/5. Northern District Double Barrel Championship: N. Frith, 50/50; P. Marshall, 49/50; Rex Powell, 25/25; R. A. E. Poxon, 19/20; L. A. Small, S. Marshall, C. Poxon, E. N. Sharman, 18/20; E. Casey Sen., J. Blake, F. Oliver, 17/20; S. J. Bailey, J. R. Tubb, 16/20; J. Taylor, Trevor Oliver, W. Bennett, 15/20. £40 Handicap: Jack Blake (Cressy), 24/24; Paul Marshall, 23/24; J. Tyquin, 20/21; E. Poxon. Tenbird Single Barrel Trophy Shoot: Paul Marshall, 10/10; Rex Powell, 9/10; N. Frith, 10/12; Front Markers' Trophy, W. Tubb.

Second Day. Five-bird S.B. Sweep-

Second Day. Five-bird S.B. Sweep-stake: div. J. McKenzie, P. Marshall, L. A. Small, 5/5. Tasmanian D.B. Jubilee Championship: S. Marshall, 24/25; N. Frith, 23/25; Rex Powell, 28/30; P. Marshall, 27/30. £75 Handicap: S. Marshall (Hobart), 20/20; L. A. Small (V.), 19/20; C. Allwood, C. Poxon, W. Rainbird, W. R. Johns, F. Oliver, 18/20 (div. third). William Blake Memorial Trophy Shoot (10 birds): Rex Powell (Cressy), 14/14; J. Denney (Bothwell), 13/14; Neil

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for 1952

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Event 1-10 BIRD SINGLE BARREL HANDICAP SWEEPSTAKE (5 Birds each Trap)

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Event 4-10 BIRD TOWER SHOOT

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FURTHER HANDICAPS OR OFF THE FENCE EVENTS.

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If practical, Championship to commence at 1 p.m.

J. M. TYQUIN, President.

D. BRIDGES,

Hon. Secretary.

Frith (Launceston), 21/22; Fred Blake (Cressy), W. Bennett, A. Poxon, J. Blake, E. Casey, P. Marshall, S. Marshall. Team Shoot: Hobart (1), Tasmanian (2), Bothwell

(Rex Powell, Hon. Sec.)

YALLOURN-MORWELL (V.). — Club held last shoot on Nov. 24th at Moe owing to breaking our new trap on the first event. A feature of the shoot was Lou Bourbaud, of Sale, shooting 80 unfinished, and I believe he carried it on to 106 at Sale, and Les Mitchell, of Moe, shooting 64 straight, so qualifying for his 50 break. No. 1 Event, 5-bird D.B.: H. Sawyer, D. MacCubbin, L. Bourbaud, R. Glover, C. Budge, H. Hampton, div. No. 2 Event, Central Gippsland D.B. Championship: 1st, L. Bourbaud, 64/64; 2nd, L. Mitchell, 63/64; 3rd, Len Robinson, 24/25; 12 and 13 yds.: H. Sawyer. No. 3 Event, £15 Single Barrel: Len Robinson, L. Mitchell, H. Duff, div. No. 4 Event, Miss-out, 21 yds.: W. MacCubbin, 18/18. Moe owing to breaking our new trap Cubbin, 18/18.

(Wal. MacCubbin, Hon. Sec.)

CUNNAMULLA (Qld.).—The Cunnamulla and District Diggers' Gun Club held a successful meeting on 18th November. Twenty competitors shot in a twelve-event programme from Club Handicaps, and in view of the current shortage of cartridges, single-barrel events were the order of the day. Five attractive trophies were donated for the meeting, four being for open competition and the fifth restricted to novice shooters.

Results of main events were: No. 1, 5-bird Sweepstake: B. Moody, 5/5. No. 2, 5-bird Novice Trophy: T. Richardson, 5/5. No. 3, Double Rise: R. Gardiner, 3/5. No. 4, 5-bird Sweepstake: div. K. Newsham and R. W. Barden, 5/5; won by K. Newsham in shoot-off. No. 5, Open Trophy: div. N. Sherwin, T. Hays, C. phy: div. N. Snerwin, 1. Hays, C. Macdonald, all 4/5; won by N. Sherwin in shoot-off. No. 6, Open Trophy D.B., 10 birds: G. H. Schmidt, 9/10. No. 7, Open Trophy D.B., 15 birds: T. Richardson, 14/15, 1st; R. Heinemann and N. Norris, div. 2nd, 2021. each 12/15. No. 8, Deauville Doubles: T. Hays and N. Sherwin,

(T. J. Abbiss, Hon. Sec.)

PORTARLINGTON (V.). — The club conducted a shoot on December club conducted a shoot on December 1. Results were: No. 1, Bellarine Peninsula Mixed Birds Championship: R. Jorgenson, 18/20; G. Crosse, 16/20; "Apex", 14/20. No. 2, Club Deauville Doubles Championship: won by G. Crosse-"Apex" (Colac), 15/15 prs.; R. Jorgenson-L. Davies, 14/15 (3); S. Renfrey-O. Bamford (Portarlington), 13/15 (3). No. 3, 5 birds: div. "Apex", G. Crosse and R. Jorgenson R. Jorgenson.

R. Jorgenson.

Portarlington Grand Prix on 29/12/51. Shooters attended from Broken Hill, Seymour, Alexandra, Melbourne and other centres. Shot at 20 birds, points scoring, R. Jorgenson won 54 points from L. Davies, 53/60, with S. Renfrey (Portarlington), 51/60 (3); Front-marker, S. Sampson, 62/75. No. 2, Walk-up Championship, 10 birds: Peter Wray, 9/10 (1); R. Krentzlen (Geelong), 15/19; L. Davies, 13/19 (3). No. 3, 5 birds, S.B.: K. Foster, 8/8. No. 4, 5 birds, D.B.: div. "Santa", A. F. Johnson, "Stuart", Bib. Wray and Peter Wray, 5/5. Peter Wray, 5/5.

Results January 12 shoot: No. 1, 5 birds: div. B. Doyle, McGrath, J. Downey and Davies, 5/5. No. 2, Bellarine Peninsula D.B. Championship: J. Pett, 22/25 (1); L. Davies, 24/30 (2); S. Sampson, 23/30 (3). No. 3, 10 birds, D.B.: R. Jorgenson, 10/10. No. 4 (same): R. Jorgenson, 10/10. No. 5, 5 birds: div. S. Renfrey, 28/30 points. No. 6: S. Renfrey, 15/15. No. 7, 5 birds, D.B.: R. Jorgenson, 28/30 points.

(R. Jorgenson, Hon. Sec.)

GERALDTON (W.A.). — Results shoot held on November 25. Keen shoot held on November 25. Keen competitive shooting and a galaxy of trophies provided a fitting climax to a most successful season and reflected creditably on the club's enterprise in introducing and actively maintaining yet another field of sport to the town and district. Light showers of rain and squally wind conditions were not conducive to good shooting. However, marksmen were alert and few "clays" slipped through the barrages of chilled shot.

Preceded by a five-bird barrel warmer, the principal event of the afternoon was the Club Champion-ship, 20 birds shot from 16 yards and in a series of four five-bird rises.

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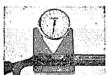


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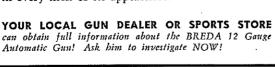
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CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOTS

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No. 2-£50 HANDICAP 20 Birds. Div. 60%, 30%, 10%.

No. 3 -

CENTRAL N.S.W. DEAUVILLE DOUBLES C'SHIP 20 Pairs from 16 yds. Trophy, 1st, 2nd and 3rd and Sashes.

No. 4 - Trophi's and Sweeps to follow.

2nd March. 1952:

No. 1- 5 BIRD EYE OPENER. Comp. Div.

No. 2-£50 HANDICAP 20 Birds. Div. 60%, 30%, 10%.

No. 3 - CENTRAL N.S.W. DOUBLE-BARREL C'SHIP

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Bert Teakle showed early skill when he registered a "possible" in the first detail. Roy Skinner rose to the occasion in the second, and both Noel occasion in the second, and both Noel Mellows and Stan Gratte, shooting consistently, recorded "possibles" in the third round, at the end of which N. Mellows and R. Skinner, with 12/15, led from W. Mellows, S. Gratte and R. B. Gratte, 11/15, and W. Elliott, N. Glass and H. W. Teakle, 10/15. The coveted championship sash was, therefore, anybody's "pigeon" and, although Bert Teakle registered another "possible" in the fourth and final round, Noel Mellows continued resolutely to win with 16/ 20. Bert Teakle finished second with 15/20 plus 5/5, and W. Mellows third with 15/20, plus 7/8.

The third shoot of the day (the Mills Goldsmith's Hall Trophy event of 10 birds, single barrel) was won in fine style by Stan Gratte, 9/10, with Tony Grant, 8/10, next. The sash and trophies were presented to the place-getters in the championship event by the wife (Mrs. R.

Skinner) of the president, and in addition trophies were handed to W. Elliott as top-scorer in the 15-yd. group, with 14/20, and to Stan Gratte, 15/20, as "high gun" in the 12 to 14 yards series.

(N. J. Glass, Hon. Sec.)

RAINBOW (V.).—The Rainbow Gun Club conducted a successful shoot on New Year's Day. Shooters attended from Wentworth (N.S.W.), Walpeup, Patchewollock, Balmoral, Horsham, Jeparit, Donald and Bir-chip. A new automatic trap worked cnip. A new automatic trap worked very well and the concrete tracks which had just been put down by the President, Mr. J. Allan, brought favourable comments from all.

Results. No. 1 Event, 5-bird D.B.: div. Woodfield, R. Stirrat, B. Mark, div. Woodheld, R. Stirrat, B. Mark, L. Potter, B. Crittendon and Mc-Vicar, 5/5. No. 2, 10 birds D.B.: L. Perry (Balmoral) and J. Clarke (Rainbow) shot 10/10 each. Clarke, scoring a further 5/5, won from Perry, 4/5. No. 3, 15 birds D.B.: Five shooters divided this event, each scoring 14/15—B. Mark, L.

Nitschke, W. Binns, J. Blythman, B. Cavanagh. No. 4, 10 birds D.B.: won outright by A. Hinneberg, of Walpeup, with 10 first barrels straight. John Clarke, Rainbow's youngest shooter, 17 (looks like going on to world class), was high gun with 41/45.

AUSTRALIAN CLAY

(J. Wishart Junr., Hon. Sec.)

CHARTERS TOWERS (Qld.). --Shoot held November 24. Only a moderate attendance resulted at the championship shoot on November 24. This was mainly due to the fact that another nearby club held a club championship shoot on the same week-end. This appears to be a regrettable circumstance, as it is impossible in sparsely populated North Queensland for two clubs to shoot successfully in the same week-end. Clashes could be avoided if clubs get closer together and arranged shoots to suit local conditions. The weather was splendid.

In the Single Barrel Championship, 20 birds from 16 yards, R. Knuth and S. Ball each shot 19, and had to shoot off. This proved almost an endurance test, as three rounds of 5 birds were needed to clinch the result, when Mr. Ball, with 15 kills, conquered Roy Knuth, with 14 kills. Bill Carrington, with 18 kills, ran third. The Central Qld. Deauville Doubles Championship was fought out by W. Carrington and C. Archer, paired against G. Nelson and S. Ball, each pair having 19 out of 20 kills. In the shoot-off the former pair came out the winners.

Shooting continued on Sunday, 25th November, and other results were as follows: 5-bird S.B.: div. F. Cook, W. Archer, R. Knuth, G. Archer, C. Walker. 5-bird S.B.: div. S. Ball, C. Archer, C. Walker, S. Horwood, R. Knuth. 5-bird S.B. Tower: div. C. Walker, G. Nelson. 5-bird S.B.: S. Horwood, W. Archer, R. Knuth, G. Archer, C. Archer, S. Ball. 5-bird S.B.: F. Cook, S. Horwood, A. J. Anthony, C. Archer, S. Ball. 5-bird S.B.: F. Cook, W. J. Baxter, R. Knuth. 3-bird Double Rise: R. Knuth, C. Archer. 5-bird S.B.: S. Horwood, C. Archer, S. Ball. 10-bird S.B.: W. J. Baxter.

(F. R. Donaghy, Hon. Sec.)

HORNSBY (N.S.W.). - Hornsby held their Xmas shoot at Stonehenge grounds on 22nd Dec. A pair of dressed fowls were presented to every member of the club, and some very fine sport was the order of the day. During afternoon tea a general meeting was held and the following officers were elected for 1952: Jock Berry, pres.; A. Everingham and A. Spiter, vice-pres.; C. Horne, sec.; J. Thomas, treas.; committee to assist the executive: Don Hughes, Jack Finney, Mick Smith.

PIGEON

(C. S. Horne)

ALEXANDRA (V.) (Dec. 15). -The December shoot was well attended and a very successful day was had. Visitors were present from Shepparton, Seymour and Woodfield, and our American friends from Eildon were on the job, Lloyd Goff winning the 12-yd. trophy and sweep outright, 9/10. Prize donated by Gordon Cumming for High Gun was won by Ray Long of Shepparton, 43/45. Nice shooting, Ray.

Results. Event 1, 5 birds D.B., 10 possibles: div. Leo Doyle, L. Cumming, A. Long (Shepparton), I. Cumming, G. Courtney, S. Goldhoorn, R. Williamson, 7/7. Event 2, 5 birds S.B.: Open section to R. Long outright, 5/5; 12 yds. section, div. R. Simmons, S. Goldhoorn, L. Goff (Eildon), 4/5. Event 3, 10 birds D.B., Trophy and Sweep for open section, Trophy and Sweep for 12 yd. section. Tie shoot: Leo Doyle, Ray Long, R. Williamson, 10/10, div. Sweep. Shoot-off resulted: Open Trophy to Leo Doyle, 17/17; 12 yd. Trophy and Sweep to L. Goff (Eildon), 9/10. Event 4, 5 birds D.B.: div. R. Long, L. Goff, I. Cumming, G. Cookson, 6/6; R. Simmons, R. Williamson. Event 5, 5 birds Silent Rise, gun down: div. R. Porth Silent Rise, gun down: div. R. Porth (Eildon), R. Long, R. Nicholson, R. Williamson, 5/5. Event 6, 5 birds D.B.: div. L. Cumming, I. Cumming, G. Cumming, W. Gribben (Shepparton), 5/5. Event 7, 3 birds D.B. from 20 yds.: R. Williamson, 8/8, 1st; W. Gribben, 7/8, 2nd. High Gun, Ray Long, 43/45, from R. Williamson, 42/45.

Secretary Ron Williamson deserves special mention for efficient work in the office and concentration on the tracks. The President welcomed

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C. J. COLLEDGE, Hon Sec. 12 Adler Grove Merlyston, N.14 visitors and thanked all for cooperation in making a very happy

The January shoot brought along 26 shooters in almost gale force wind. Scores were quite good in the various events and Secretary Ron Williamson and brother Bruce were under notice in a good shoot-off for the Club Trophy.

the Club Trophy.

Event 1, 5 birds D.B., 8 possibles: div. C. Cumming, G. Cookson, G. Courtney, Luke Doyle, R. Williamson, 8/8. Event 2, 5 birds S.B.: div. C. Cumming, S. Goldhoorn, 5/5. Event 3, 10 birds D.B., Trophy and 12 yd. Trophy: possibles to B. Williamson, R. Nicholson, G. Courtney, Luke Doyle, R. Williamson, 15/16; 12 yd. Trophy to B. Williamson, 15/16; 12 yd. Trophy to B. Williamson, 14/16. Final of Lin Cumming Cup for new shooters was won by American shooter, Lloyd Goff (Eildon), 8/10. Event 4, 5 birds D.B.: div. C. King, J. Squires, G. Cookson, F. Byers (Melb.), Luke Doyle, 5/5. Event 5, 5 birds D.B.: div. R. Williamson, L. Matheson, 5/5. Event 6, 3 birds D.B. from back mark: div. I. Cumming, C. Cumming, C. Hellar (Melb.), R. Williamson, 3/3.

(Luke Doyle, Correspondent.)

STONEHENGE (N.S.W.).—Xmas shoot at their grounds at Thornleigh on 15/12/51. The main prizes, consisting of hams, were won by G. Henkell, 12/13 yds.; A. Everingham, 14/15 yds.; N. McKay, 16 yds., and Jack Thomas won the Back Markers. The hams were divided to give every section a chance. Every other shooter was the recipient of a parcel of Xmas cake, plum pudding and a bottle of wine; all hands got a prize. No. 2 was a 13-bird round of Skeet, in which Miss V. Sargent, Mr. Faunt, W. Read and Jack Thomas divided the sweepstake with 10/13. No. 3 was a 5-bird event for two boxes of cartridges. Mal Fuller and Jack Thomas dividing after a good shootoff with H. Knight and Mr. Faunt. The lads demanded another round of Skeet, which is very popular among the shooters, and finished up almost in the dark. Our only lady member, Miss V. Sargent, of Woolahra, is creating quite a name for herself, as at another Sydney club on the previous Saturday she shot 23/25.

Altogether a fine afternoon's sport was indulged in. The Xmas spirit in more ways than one was quite apparent. An interesting team's match took place during the afternoon, A. Spiter and A. Everingham choosing sides and creating quite a lot of fun.

(Chas. S. Horne)

TOWNSVILLE (Qld.).-Club members gathered in force at the Townsville Gun Club's grounds on Saturday afternoon, 22/12/51, at the club's special Christmas clay pigeon shoot. The afternoon's shooting comprised five events each at 5 birds Single Barrel, and good seasonal prizes were given in each event down to were given in each event down to eighth place. A very strong wind, which blew with varying intensity throughout the afternoon, made shooting conditions very difficult and as a result the scoring generally was well below average. Nevertheless competition was very keen and shoot-offs were necessary at the conclusion offs were necessary at the conclusion of each event to decide the placings.

The following are the detailed results: No. 1 Event: J. Melville and E. Hanson, each 5/5 possibles. Result of shoot-off: J. Melville, 1st; E. Hanson, 2nd: G. Jaques, 3rd; T. Marron Snr., 4th; S. Horwood, 5th; D. Casey, 6th; R. Sim, 7th; F. Blackman, 8th. No. 2 Event: J. Smith, E. McKimmin, C. Ray and Spenser Short, each 5/5 possibles. Result of Short, each 5/5 possibles. Result of shoot-off: Spenser Short, 1st; E. Mc-Kimmin, 2nd; C. Ray, 3rd; J. Smith, 4th; R. McKimmin, 5th; A. Edwards, 6th; D. Peiniger, 7th; J. Melville, 8th. No. 3 Event: R. MacPherson outright winner, 5/5. Result of shoot-off: M. Weiller, 8/5. Result of shoot-off: M. Weiller, 8/5. outright winner, 5/5. Result of shootoff: M. Neilsen, 2nd; J. Gerber, 3rd;
J. Smith, 4th; K. Misken, 5th; S.
Horton, 6th; K. Russel, 7th; A.
Wicks, 8th. No. 4 Event: J. Gerber,
R. Winn, F. Blackman, E. McKimmin, D. Casey, C. James, J. Bray,
W. Hanran and C. Ray, top scorers,
each 4/5. Result of shoot-off: W.
Hanran, 1st; E. McKimmin, 2nd; R.
Winn, 2rd: D. Casey, 4th; J. Gerber, Hanran, 1st; E. McKimmin, 2nd; R. Winn, 3rd; D. Casey, 4th; J. Gerber, 5th; F. Blackman, 6th; C. Ray, 7th; J. Bray, 8th. No. 5 Event: D. Peiniger and C. Melville, each 5/5. Result of shoot-off: C. Melville, 1st; D. Peiniger, 2nd; A. Wicks, 3rd; W. Stockham, 4th; O. Crowther, 5th; R. McLennan, 6th; Gavin Blackman, 7th; J. Maguire, 8th.

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Two North Queensland clay pigeon championships were shot on 9/12/51 at the Townsville Gun Club's grounds. A variable breeze made conditions difficult at times, but in the main, apart from glare, shooting conditions were good. There was a good attendance of visiting shooters and all events were keenly contested. The North Queensland Single Barrel Championship was won by the young Cromarty shot, Tom Marron Jnr., and the North Queensland Mixed Birds title went to Jim Smith, of Home Hill. R. Winn (Home Hill) won the main handicap event. A canteen of cutlery for a four-shoot aggregate was won by D. Peberdy (Mackay).

The following are detailed results of the various main and supporting events: No. 1, 5-bird Single Barrel Sweepstakes: div. J. Bray, R. McKimmin and A. Smith (Giru). No. 2. 5-bird Single Barrel Sweepstakes: div. K. Russell, S. Horwood, L. Rennie, F. Claussen and T. Marron. 1951 North Queensland Single Barrel Championship: T. Marron Jnr., 17/ 20, 1st; J. Smith, 26/30, 2nd; D. Peberdy, 29/35, 3rd. D. Casey and S. Ball were eliminated in a tie shoot by Smith and Peberdy for the minor placings. 10-bird Point Shooting Handicap: R. Winn, 30 points, 1st; J. Bray, 29/30, 2nd; K. Russel and R. McKimmin, 28/30, 3rd. Aggregate Trophy Event: D. Peberdy, 105 pts., 1st; M. Russel, 104, 2nd. 1951 North Queensland Mixed Birds Championship: J. Smith, 17/20, 1st; L. Rennie, 15/20, 2nd; S. Ball, 25/36, 3rd. D. Casey and J. Gerber were eliminated in a tie shoot for third placing. Deauville Double Sweepstakes: K. Russel - Spenser Short, 1st; F. Claussen - S. Ball, K. Misken - D. Casey and M. Neilsen - L. Rennie, 2nd.

(F. Blackman, Hon. Sec.)

KELLY'S CREEK (Qld.).—The above club conducted a most enjoyable Trophy Shoot at "Baratria" station on Xmas Eve. Sixteen shooters contested, and although some squads struck patches of gusty wind, the conditions were good. D. A. Parry-Okeden revealed excellent form. His aggregate was 31/33, including the two "Miss and Out" events, when his final kills were made from 21 and 23 yards respectively.

Detailed results: Event 1, 5-bird D.B. Trophy: G. Taylor, 5/5. Event 2, 5-bird D.B. Trophy: R. Kavanagh, 5/5. Event 3, 10-bird D.B. Trophy: 1st, D. A. Parry-Okeden, 9/10; 2nd, S. Barton, P. Clemisha, G. Taylor, 7/10. Event 4, 5 pairs Deauville Doubles: R. Kavanagh and G. Magoffin, 5/5. Event 5, Miss-and-Out Trophy (sliding handicap): 1st, D. A. Parry-Okeden, 6/6; 2nd, S. Barton, J. Gibson, 5/6. Event 6, Miss-and-Out Trophy (sliding handicap): 1st, D. A. Parry-Okeden, 9/10; 2nd, J. Gibson, 8/10. Event 7, 5-bird D.B. Sweepstake: 1st, D. A. Parry-Okeden, 7/7; 2nd, J. Horrobin, 6/7.

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

BURDEKIN (Qld.). — At the recent one-day shoot, eight events were run off, including a 20-bird Walk-up Championship. This speaks well for the efficiency of the executive officers, as there is a terrific amount of work at such a shoot as this. Conditions were good, as was the shooting. In one event 31 shooters took part and 15 possibles were scored. The 20-bird North Queensland Walk-up Championship was won by Frank Claussen, the President of the Club. The win was as meritorious as it was popular. Meritorious because there were champion shooters competing such as Jim Smith, Jack Gerber, Reg Winn, Bob Byers Jnr., of Ayr, and F. Blackman, R. and E. McKimmon and Jack Carrington, of Townsville. Frank is the hardest worker in the club and does not spare himself or expense for its welfare. He has also been very consistent and has knocked on the door more than once in big events. Second place went to Jim Smith, who holds his own in any company in Australia. Joe Caselegno shot particularly well to gain third place. Joe is a new shooter, and it is pleasing to see him do so well in such good company. The £25 Handicap was won outright by Bob Byers Jnr. Bob put up an excellent effort to score the only possible in this event. R. McKimmon, K. Miskin and J. Gerber divided second place. C. Muller was awarded a prize for the best 12 varder. Two lads, Frank Claussen Jnr. and Bobby Cox, again demonstrated their outstanding ability with the gun. The refreshments were very capably handled by the Women's Auxiliary

of the R.S.S.A.I.L.A., and the club sincerely thanks them for a fine effort.

Scores: 3-bird Walk-up: J. Gerber, J. Smith, J. Carrington, each 3/3. 5-bird Double Barrel Sweep: S. Horton, R. Winn, J. Carrington, R. Bawdon, G. Goodman, O. Crowther, W. D. McLaughlin, R. McKimmon, K. Miskin, D. Becke, F. Claussen, F. Claussen Jnr., R. Byers, D. Edwards, C. Muller, all 5/5. North Queensland Walk-up Championship: F. Claussen, 17/20; J. Smith, 16/20; J. Caselegno, 14/20. £25 10-bird Single Barrel Handicap: R. Byers, 10/10; R. McKimmon, K. Miskin, J. Gerber, 9/10. 3-bird Deauville Doubles: F. Hose and R. McKimmon, 6/6, 1st. 3-bird Deauville Doubles: K. Russell and F. Claussen Senr., 8/8, 1st. 3-bird Double Rise: F. Blackman, S. Horton, J. Caselegno, L. Ashworth, 2/3, div. 5-bird Single Barrel Sweep: J. Carrington, 5/5, 1st.

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

STONEHENGE (N.S.W.), Dec. 1.
—Stonehenge held their second time up for Mick Smith's (Sports Store. George St., Sydney) Trophy. This magnificent trophy has to be won three times, but the winner of each attempt is presented with a trophy for the occasion. The worst display of shooting seen for a long time was witnessed; the winner, Ralph Sonter, was down 5 in the first 10 birds. Champions like Errol Bullen, W. Hanley, Jack Thomas were not in the first fours. R. Sonter, Jack Finney, Bob Mason and H. Faunt finished with 15/20. Jack Finlayson, Mick Smith, Bob Butt, W. Hanley and the old veteran F. Werner finished with 14/20: second and third, 12 yarder, 14 and 15 yarder and 16 and over went to Bob Mason, Jack Finney and Mr. Faunt. Jack Finlayson won the next event with 10/10. The Deauville Doubles, 10 pairs, was divided between Errol Bullen - N. McKay, who tied with Jack Thomas - Bill Hanley. Skeet Championship at the grounds, Thornleigh, on 8/12/51: The new standard skeet lay-out was in operation and created quite an innovation from the down the line events. A beautiful trophy was donated by good sportsman, Geo. Beohm. Jack Thomas and Ted Ginty tied for first place with 15/20, and

a full round of Skeet was shot to decide the winner, Ted Ginty eventually winning by 2 birds. The next event, 5 birds, ended in a tie between R. Sonter and D. Hughes, which, after a shoot-off, went to R. Sonter. A 10-bird S.B. event was div. Geo. Beohm and Jack Thomas. The boys wanted another round of skeet, which went to Ted Ginty with 19/20. The runners-up were Mick Smith, with 17/20; H. Reed, 17/20; H. Sheens, 17/20, and Jack Thomas, 17/20. The boys liked their skeet and the new regulation skeet lay-out. Afternoon tea was served by Mrs. Ralph Sonter and her daughter Beverley, and do they look forward to afternoon tea at Stonehenge.

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

PORT CURTIS (Gladstone, Qld.)
—As approved by the Association, the C. Queensland Walk-up Championship was held last Sunday, 2/12/51. It was won by M. Johnston, of Yarwun, with 18; D. Barlow was second with 17, and D. Russell, of Rockhampton, third, with 16. Other competitions and results were as follows: A. Thompson, 15; J. Hayward, 14; R. Barlow, 12; E. Jeffries, 8. (N. E. Byrne, Hon. Sec.)

BATHURST (N.S.W.).—Results 24/11/51. Members contested a preliminary canter for the N.S.W. Mixed Birds Championship, to be decided on Dec. 1. Two small trophy events, followed by S.B., W.U. and D.R. sweeps, completed the day. Secretary Vic Howard was in good form and carried on a break commenced at Grenfell the previous Sunday, to break 61 and win a Hartley Badge. Lance Owens and Hal Cross, of Portland, chased him along.

Results: No. 1, 5-bird D.B.: C. Campbell, R. Campbell, A. Ovens, V. Howard, M. Burrows and W. Haynes, 3/3. No. 2, 5-bird D.B. Trophy and Sweep: V. Howard, M. Burrows, H. Cross, A. Dawes and K. McEwen, 5/5; Trophy, V. Howard, 14/14. No. 3 (same): H. Aiken, V. Howard, A. Ovens and H. Cross, 5/5; Trophy, A. Ovens, 10/10. No. 4, 18 yards S.B.: C. Campbell, V. Howard and M. Burrows, 4/5. No. 4A, Assn. S.B.: A. Dawes, 5/5. No. 5, 5-bird W.U.: V. Howard and A. Dawes, 4/5. No. 6, 5 pairs D.R.: V. Howard, M. Bur-

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9th Cornary, 1952

Three 10-Bird Double Barrel £10 Handicaps

13th February, 1952 (Night Shoot)

Night Shoot—5 BIRD D.B. SWEEPSTAKE Club Double Barrel Night Championship

10 Birds from 16 yards. Entry, 15/-. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Trophies. Sash 1st.

23rd February, 1952

10 BIRD DOUBLE BARREL SWEEPSTAKE
Club Double Barrel Championship

Entry, 25/-.

Sash 1st, 2nd, 3rd Trophy. 15/16 yd., 12/14 yd.

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27th February, 1952 (Night Shoot)

Night Shoot—4 PAIR DEAUVILLE DOUBLES SWEEPSTAKE

Club Deauville Doubles Night Championship 12 pairs at 16 yards. Entry, 15/-.

6th March, 1952 (Night Shoot)

Commonwealth Night Single Barrel Championship

20 Birds at 20 yards. Entry, 25/-.

Sash 1st, 2nd, 3rd Trophies. 15/16 yard, 12/14 yard Trophies.

OPTIONAL SWEEPS

7th March, 1952 (Day Shoot)

Starting at 1 p.m. sharp.

10 BIRD DOUBLE BARREL SWEEPSTAKE

30 BIRDS — £100 HANDICAP

Entry, £5.

50%, 30%, 10% — 10% 12/14 yards.
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rows and S. Bressington, 3/5. No. 7, 5-bird D.B.: A. Ovens. 5/5.

Results, 22/12/51: The Annual Club Xmas shoot was contested by 22 members and some excellent shooting was witnessed. The good fare provided by the ladies, "fluid" and children's gifts from the club, were enjoyed by all present. A most pleasant ceremony was the presenta-tion of small gifts to Mrs. H. Jaques, Mrs. Vic Howard and Mrs. Stan Bressington, in recognition of their efffforts in regard to catering during club shoots. Principal event, a trophy donated by H. G. James, decided over 20 birds from Association marks, was won in fine style by Stan Bressington with a complete score of 20/20. Four other men had 19/20. Stan and Alf Campbell divided the Aggregate trophy, each scoring 29/ 30 in trophy events. Johnny Valentine took out the "B" Grade trophy with an aggregate score of 25/30. Two other trophies decided were won by Bill Burrows and Alf Campbell.

Results: No. 1, 3-bird D.B.: J. N. Brazier, A. Campbell, D. Wotton, M. Burrows, J. Barker, V. Howard, J. Valentine, L. Barker and K. McEwen, 3/3. No. 2, First 10 James Trophy: R. Campbell, S. Bressington, C. Campbell, F. Bean, J. Valentine and L. Lupp, 10/10. No. 3, Second 10 James Trophy: A. Campbell, S. Bressington, M. Burrows and V. Howard, 10/10. James Trophy and Sweep, 20 birds: S. Bressington, 20/20. No. 4, Double Trophy and Sweep: W. Burrows, A. Campbell, K. Bean, S. Bressington, M. Burrows, J. Valentine and L. Lupp, 5/5; Trophy 1, W. Burrows, 14/14; Trophy 2, J. Valentine, 13/14. No. 5, Trophy and Ladies' Trophy: A. Campbell, 15/15; Ladies' Trophy, Mrs. F. Bean. 23 yds. Sweep: L. Lupp, J. N. Brazier and H. Lupp, 4/4. 18 yds. Miss-out: V. Howard, 12/12. "A" Grade Aggregate: S. Bressington and A. Campbell, 29/30. "B" Grade Aggregate: J. Valentine, 25/30.

Relatively small fields contested events at Mt. Panorama on Dec. 1st, 2nd and 3rd, Saturday, Dec. 1st, being the day of decision of the N.S.W. Mixed Birds Championship, local club treasurer, Charles Campbell, recording a very popular win with the good score of 17/20. Chas.

missed the first bird of the match and then had a full score at S.B. and W.U. Usually good for 4/5 at Double Rise, he slipped a notch to record 3/5, which was just good enough to win outright. Mal Fuller, of Bellevue Hill, and Frank Bean, of Lithgow, were close up with 16/20, the tie shoot resulting in Bean being 2nd, 23/28, and Fuller 3rd, 22/28.

Results 1/12/51: No. 1, 5-bird Eye Opener: N. Thomas, V. Howard and G. Rich, div. No. 2, 5-bird Trophy: J. Lindsay (Dubbo), 14/14. No. 3, N.S.W. Mixed Birds Championship: C. Campbell, 17/20, 1st; F. Beam, 23/28, 2nd; M. Fuller, 22/28, 3rd. No. 4, 10-bird Trophy: N. Thomas, 33/33. No. 5, 10-bird Trophy: H. Aiken (Bathurst), 12/12. No. 6, 10-bird Trophy: S. Bressington (Bathurst), 22/22. No. 7, 10-bird Trophy: M. Fuller, 21/21. No. 8, 10-bird Trophy: L. Morris (Dubbo), 30/30. No. 9, 5-bird Trophy: S. Bressington, 19/19.

Results 2/12/51: No. 1, 10-bird Double Trophy, 1st and 2nd: A. Cutmore, 1st, 13/14; H. Anderson, 2nd, 12/14. No. 2 (similar): H. Anderson, 1st, 12/12; D. Wright, 2nd, 11/12. No. 3, 5-bird Trophy: M. Fuller, 29/30. No. 4, £1 Sweepstake: A. Cutmore, L. Lupp, D. Bacigalupo and M. Fuller, div. No. 5 (same): H. Aiken, H. Anderson, A. Cutmore, M. Fuller, div. No. 6, 5-bird Trophy: J. Baxter, 7/7. No. 7 (similar): L. Healey, 19/19. No. 8, 10-bird Trophy: L. Healey, 10/10. No. 9, 10-bird Trophy, H. Anderson, 10/10. No. 10, Sweep: W. Spies, H. Anderson and L. Healey.

Results 3/12/51: No. 1, 5-bird Sweep: H. Anderson, G. Beaumont, G. Bell, H. Jaques, K. McEwen, M. Burrows and L. Lupp, div. No. 2, Double Trophy, 1st and 2nd: L. Lupp, 1st, 17/17; W. Spies, 22/23, 2nd. No. 3, 10-bird Trophy: H. Anderson, 23/23. No. 4, 10-bird Trophy: H. Anderson, 29/29. No. 5, 10-bird Trophy: S. Bressington, 48/48, from L. Healey. No. 6, 10-bird Trophy: S. Bressington, 16/16. No. 7, M. Phillips and W. Spies, 9/10; Trophy to Phillips on coin toss. No. 8, 10-bird Trophy: W. Spies, 14/14. No. 9, 10-bird Double Trophy, 1st and 2nd: J. Nader, 1st, 10/10; G. Bell, 2nd,

21/22. No. 10, Walk-up Miss-out: G. Bell, 6/8.

Feature of the meeting was the good shooting by local men. Chas. Campbell started it with the Championship win and Harry Aiken then recorded a win over Don Bacigalupo. Stan Bressington capped Saturday by annexing two trophies. Larry Healey won two trophies on the Sunday and then on Monday he and Stan staged a ding-dong battle which will long be remembered by all present. Half-time refreshments and a good massage while the guns cooled a little and back at it again. Stan finally prevailed with the fine score of 48/48, and winning the next event, 16/16, he recorded a 65 break to win himself a Hartley Break Badge. John Nader, of Temora, out-classed a good field to win himself a trophy, while Grenfell shooter, Bill Spies, took home a couple.

Finally we have the hard-luck story of Larry Healey. Prior to missing his 48th bird in a tie shoot, he had only one kill in a sequence, leaving him two short of a badge. To all our visitors the club says thank you.

Conditions were of heat-wave variety, 98 deg. in the shade and 200 deg. on the tracks. New shooters, Fonce Ovens and Harry Aiken, shot well and both were unlucky not to secure more divisions. Fonce is to be congratulated upon his nice sequence of 20 kills and 4 divisions in 9 events. Harry had only 2 divisions, but shot well with a very closely choked compensator on the drain pipe. The old Sec. very nearly scooped the pool, securing 8/9 divisions and breaking 40/41 with an unfinished 30 straight. It is rumoured that the Mudgee ale was excellent. (It was, too.)

Results: No. 1, 3-bird D.B.: V. Howard and M. Burrows, 3/3. No. 2, 5-bird D.B.: V. Howard, W. Byers and A. Morris, 5/5. No. 3 (same): D. Wotton and H. Aiken, 5/5. No. 4 (same): V. Howard, A. Ovens and H. Aiken, 5/5. No. 5 (same): V. Howard, A. Ovens and W. Byers, 5/5. No. 6 (same): V. Howard, C. Campbell, A. Ovens and W. Byers, 5/5. No. 7 (same): V. Howard and M. Burrows, 5/5. No. 8 (same): V. Howard, A. Ovens and M. Burrows, 5/5. No. 9, 3-bird 23 yds.:

V. Howard, C. Campbell and A. Morris, 3/3.

The costs as they are, this club has decided to shoot only once a month.

(V. Howard, Hon. Sec.)

HOLBROOK (N.S.W.).—A good day's shooting was enjoyed by all, despite the extremely hot day, on Boxing Day, December 26, 1951. Allan Gray took out the £75 Handicap, 18/20, a very popular win. Young Ray Matthews looked to have it sewn up, but unaccountably failed badly with his last 5 birds. The £25 Handicap went to the ever-green George Bell, 15/15; George always gets into the money at Holbrook. The trophy, a very valuable one (silver tray donated by Allan Gray) went to Stan Finnemore, with an aggregate of 35/40.

Results as follows: No. 1, 5-bird D.B. Sweepstake: div. 5/5, Jennifer Biggs, K. Styles, Johnny Cox, Bruce Hall, K. Shearer, E. Brenk, Barbara Biggs, Ray Matthews and J. Kelly. No. 2, £25 Handicap, 15 birds D.B.: 1st, Geo. Bell (Young), 15/15; 2nd and 3rd money div. Bruce Hall (Wagga) and Ray Matthews (Bowna), 14/15. No. 3, £75 Handicap, 20 birds D.B.: 1st, Allan Gray (Holbrook), 18/20; 2nd and 3rd money div. Ted Matthews (Bowna) and Stan Finnemore (Mangoplah), 17/20. No. 4, 10 birds D.B. Sweepstake: div. G. Biggs, S. Finnemore, E. Brenk, D. Gittings, 9/10. No. 5, 5 pairs Deauville Doubles Sweepstake: div. W. F. Robertson and "Red", G. Bell and L. Hanel, Cliff Angel and S. Finnemore, J. Dempsey and D. Gittings, 5/5. No. 6, 3 pairs Double Rise Sweepstake: div. G. Bell, C. Angel and E. Brenk, 2/3 pairs.

(Harry Burge, Sec.)

SYDNEY (N.S.W.).—The Sydney Gun Club held their Christmas Shoot on 22nd Dec., 1951. There were 39 shooters present, each of whom received a trophy of either hams, ducks, Xmas cakes or wine. The afternoon was most enjoyable, although a gusty wind kept the scores below average. W. Rutty took first place in the 20-bird D.B. Event with 17/20.

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

FOOTSCRAY GUN CLUB

(Affiliated A.C.P.T.S.A.) No. 2 Ground: TOTTENHAM, VICTORIA.

9TH FEBRUARY, 1952 . . .

No. 1 — 3 BIRD SWEEPSTAKE

No. 2-10 BIRD DOUBLE BARREL HANDICAP 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 12/13 yds., also Ladies' Trophy.

No. 3 — 11 BIRD SKEET

1st, 2nd, 3rd Trophies.

23RD FEBRUARY, 1952 CLUB SKEET CHAMPIONSHIP

1st, Trophy and Sash; 2nd, Trophy.

8TH MARCH, 1952

No Shoot.

22ND MARCH, 1952

3 BIRD SINGLE BARREL.

£15 HANDICAP — 10 Birds Double Barrel. Entry, £1.

10 BIRD SINGLE BARREL.

Entry, 10/-. Trophies.

CARTRIDGES AVAILABLE :: AFTERNOON TEA

The Committee Reserves the right to alter any Shoot should the necessity arise.

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AUSTRALIAN (V.). — Results shoot held December 1: Metropolitan Double Rise Championship: Hugh Phillips, 11/12; E. G. Biggs, 13/15; A. H. Brenk, 10/13; 12/14 yarder, A. F. Johnson, 5/13. No. 2. Duke of Gloucester Cup: Hugh Phillips, 20/21; Eric Fankhauser, 19/21; W. Finnegan, 18/20; 12/14 yarder, S. Mc-Cleary (Walpeup), 17/20. No. 3, 10 birds: div. W. Jones and A. F. Johnson, 10/10. Results Christmas Shoot held on December 15, 70 shooters: One 30-bird event only, no possibles: 29/30's by R. Johns, "Pcters", E. Quinton, 28/30 by A. J. Russell; 27/30 by "Nyla", W. Finnegan, W. Wager, L. Davies; 26/30's by H. Phillips, T. R. Brown, A. F. Johnson, L. Byrne, R. Didier and F. C. Johnson. The final shoot for the year 1951 attracted a surprisingly good muster of shooters shoot held December 1: Metropolitan ingly good muster of shooters— taking into account the large number taking into account the large number of metropolitan shooters who were absent attending country fixtures. I results were: No. 1, 10 birds, 4 possibles: div. Harry Roberts Junr., A. C. Tie, Brian Mark and Les Murphy, 10/10. No. 2 (same), 4 possibles: div. Ray Hering, A. C. Tie, Fred Byers, Les Murphy, 10/10. No. 3 (same): div. Brian Mark, Fred Byers and C. Sanderson, 13/14.

Results shoot January 12: No. 1, 10 birds, D.B.: div. R. Hering, W. Lees, H. Phillips, R. Fallshaw, 10/10. No. 2, 20 birds, D.B.: R. Johns, 20/20; G. Anderson, 27/28; J. Headon, 26/28.

26/28.

Results shoot held January 26:
No. 1, 10 birds: div. Ray Hering,
"Doncaster", W. Wager and Max
Brown (Croydon), 10/10. No. 2, 10
birds: div. Hering, H. Roberts June.,
L. Small, Kneebone (Croydon), 10/
10. No. 3 (same): div. G. Anderson, L. Small & H. Bronk, W. son, L. Small, A. H. Brenk, W. Wager, A. C. Tie, 10/10. No. 4, 5 birds: R. Hering, 14/14; Max Brown, 13/14; A. C. Tie, 10/11.

FOOTSCRAY (V.). - Shoot held December 1: McCraith Shield Match, won by Coburg. No. 1 (L. Small, A. C. Tie, "Peters"; R. Hering and T. Spall), 92/100; high gun to Brian Mark, 26/26, from C. Bound, 25/26; G. Anderson, 24/25; A. C. Tie, 22/23; 12/13 yarder, Dick Wightman Junr., 18/20. Coburg No. 2 (2nd), Camber-well (3rd). G. Anderson finished break of 65 straight. Christmas

Shoot results (held December 15), 53 shooters: No. 1, 20 birds (only event), possibles (15/15) by C. Bound, Percy Bentley, A. Bell, div. three main trophies, then S. Chisholm, 17/18, and 14/15's by "Pamnas", B. Kelly, Peter Sheridan, L. Tewksbury, C. Sydenham, Clive Wilson and Clem Mudford.

Results shoot January 12: No. 1, 10 birds, D.B.: L. Murphy, 13/13; W. Fisher, 13/14; C. Bound, 13/15. No. 2, 10 birds, S.B.: R. Krentzlen, 9/10: P. Sheridan, 10/12: C. Bound, 11/14. No. 3. 3-bird S.B.: div. C. Bell, P. Sheridan, L. Evans, 3/3.

Results shoot held January 26:
No. 1, 3 birds: div. F. Olver, R. Fallshaw, "Peters", C. Sanderson, 3/3.
No. 2, 15 birds, two possibles, tie shoot: C. Bound, 16/16; "Peters", 15/16; Fallshaw (3); 12/14 yarder, Dave Ryan; 15/17 yarder, Quinton.
No. 3, 7 rounds Skeet: R. W. Lamb, 6/7

CAMBERWELL (V.). — Results shoot held December 8: No. 1, 5 birds shoot held December 8: No. 1, 5 birds S.B.: div. J. Stevens, J. R. Summerfield and "Doncaster", 5/5. No. 2, 10 birds, D.B.: J. Stevens, 28/28; A. Mansell, 27/28; L. Davies, 16/17; 13/14 yarder, W. Jones, 14/15. No. 3. 5 birds, S.B.: "Doech-an-Doris" (Dave Watson), 13/13. No. 4, 5 birds, D.B.: div. H. Phillips, J. R. Summerfield, L. Davies, S. Burford, 8/8. No. 5 (same): div. "Dick", Summerfield. "Doncaster" and C. Wignell. 10/10. Wignell, 10/10.

Nearly 80 shooters attended the club's Christmas shoot on December 22. Extensive seasonal decorations made for a splendid show which was also favoured with fine weather. Only one main event was possible. This was shot at 15 birds and returned three possibles from Fred Skate, Eric Fankhauser and Luke Doyle (President of the Alexandra Club (V.); 14/15's were recorded by O. Kurrle, George Fankhauser, R. Jorgenson, Joe Harle, Harry Doyle, L. Davies, T. R. Brown, W. Young and A. J. Russell. Club President, Dick Wightman, recently returned from England, was in energetic form and saw to it that all present received appropriate entertainment. also favoured with fine weather.

The club opened its 1952 season with a very big muster of shooters on January 5. Results were: No. 1, 5 birds, D.B.: div. Brian Mark, A. C. Tie, Cliff Bound, A. H. Brenk, "Dick", "Eskdale", 11/11. No. 2, 5 birds, S.B.: A. H. Brenk, 7/7; J. Headon, 13/14. No. 3, 15 birds: A. H. Mansell, 36/36 (points scoring), A. C. Tie, 33/36 (2), Ray Hering (3). No. 4, 5 birds: Peter Wray, 15/15. A. H. Brenk, 14/15. 15/15; A. H. Brenk, 14/15.

Results shoot held on January 19: No. 1, 5-bird S.B.: Summerfield, 5/5. No. 2, 5-bird D.B.: E. Brenk, 7/7. No. 3, 10-bird (5 S.B., 5 D.B.): Hugh Phillips, 10/10; E. Brenk, 15/17; O. Kurrle, 14/17. No. 4, 5 -bird D.B.: E. Brenk, 13/13.

COBURG (V.). — Results shoot December 8: No. 1, 10 birds, D.B.: div. R. Fallshaw, B. Mark, G. Biggs, R. Johns, R. Garrone, A. H. Brenk, 10/10. No. 2, 20 birds (5 from 12 yards, 5 from 15 yards, 5 from 18 yards and remaining five from handicap); Front-marker, "Santa", 27/29; L. Murphy, 26/29; 15 yards and over, G. Biggs, 20/20; A. C. Tie, 41/42. No. 3, 10 birds, S.B.: div. G. Biggs, W. Wager, J. Headland and R. Hering, 10/10.

Coburg's big Christmas shoot lived up to previous year's entertainment standard. Lance Small (President) was in good voice and distributed a wide variety of trophies and prizes to all present. Cliff Bound concluded a 50 break. Results were: No. 1, 10 birds, D.B.: C. Bound, 24/24; John Bryant, 19/20; 18/20's by W. Finnegan, Peter and Bob Wray, and H. McAllister.

Results shoot January 19: No. 1, 10 birds, D.B.: div. Darcy Watson, K. Hudson (Moe) and K. Styles, 10/10. No. 2, 10 birds, S.B.: L. Murphy, 10/10; J. Headland, 10/12; "Ingi", 10/13; front-marker (12/13 yarder), Darcy Watson, 8/11.

WARREN (N.S.W.). - Under rather adverse weather conditions on November 24, the club shot its first Championship, supported by a £50 Handicap. Bush fires had been raging in the district for some weeks earlier and smoky conditions, coupled with a hot day, did not lend themselves to brilliant shooting. There was a good attendance of shooters, Coonabarrabran, Cobar, Narromine and Dubbo clubs being well represented, with support from Gilgandra, and, naturally, the local club members

were in great force. The local branch of the Red Cross provided an excellent luncheon and afternoon tea, which was much appreciated by the shooters. Congratulations to J. Lindsay, of the Dubbo Club, on his win in the Championship, with 19 out of a possible 20, and to K. Sulout of a possible 20, and to K. Sullivan on his 18 for second place, whilst N. Singleton, of Cobar, was third and J. Noonan brought up the first Honours for the local club by winning the 12-yard Trophy. The £50 Handicap was shared by Messrs. B. Walton, F. Singleton, J. Lindsay and I. McKellar, the latter of the Warren Club, all others being visitors; congrafulations to these shoottors; congratulations to these shooters, and in particular to Ian Mc-Kellar, who again brought the local club to the front. The rest of the programme comprised Sweepstakes, results of which appear below; however, before reprinting same, further congratulations are in order to Neil Singleton, of the Cobar Club, who killed 76 out of 82 birds for the day, and on one occasion had a break of 33 birds, whilst in the same shoot J. Lindsay, of Dubbo, shot 32 straight.

Results were: Eye Opener, 3 birds D.B.: L. Single (Warren), F. Single-D.B.: L. Single (Warren), F. Singleton (Cobar), A. Cutmore (Narromine), H. McKinnon (Cobar), J. Wass (Warren), div. on 5th round. Lower Macquarie S.B. Championship and Sash: J. Lindsay, 19/20 (1), K. Sullivan, 18/20 (2), N. Singleton, 16/20 (3); J. Noonan, best 12 yarder. £50 Handicap, 10 birds: I. McKellar (Warren), B. Walton (Gilgandra), F. Singleton (Cobirds: I. McKellar (Warren), B. Walton (Gilgandra), F. Singleton (Cobar), J. Lindsay, 10/10, div. Trophy, 5-bird D.B.: N. Singleton, 33/33 (1), J. Lindsay, 32/33 (2). Trophy, 3-bird D.B.: N. Singleton, 16/16; E. Morris (Cobar), 15/16. The President, Mr. L. S. Du Vernet, wishes to that all those committee and memthank all those committee and members, together with members of the Red Cross, who by their assistance made this excellent day possible, and also in particular wishes the best of luck to the Club Treasurer, Lin Single, who is to move shortly to Cooma, where no doubt he will be in the thick of any shooting sport that may be offering, the best of luck, Lin, and may they always fly straight for you.

(Young Walker, Hon. Sec.)

TONGALA (V.). — Tongala Gun Club held its Christmas all-clay shoot on Saturday, Dec. 15. Weather conditions were extremely bad. Some excellent shooting was witnessed. Shooters from Kyabram, Echuca and Nannella and local shooters competed. Although all trophies were not decided by the gun, a good day was had by all. High gun honours went to Linee Gibson, 37/38, with R. McHale, 36/37; R. Adams. 27/30; R. Vistarini, 24/27.

No. 1 Event, 5-bird D.B., Handicap Marks: div. L. Gibson, W. R. Stagg and R. McHale. No. 2, 5-bird Sweepstake and Trophies Event: Sweep, div. R. Adams, R. Vistarini, A. Rickard, R. McHale, L. Gibson; No. 1 Trophy, L. Gibson, 1st; R. McHale, 2nd; A. Rickard, 3rd. No. 3, Trophy Event and Sweep: R. Vistarini, A. Trophy Event and Sweep: R. Vistarini, A. Rickard, 3rd. No. 3, Trophy Event and Sweep: R. Vistarini, A. Rickard, 3rd. No. 3, Trophy Event and Sweep: R. Vistarini, A. Rickard, 3rd. No. 3, Trophy Event and Sweep: R. Vistarini, A. Rickard, 3rd. No. 3, Trophy Event and Sweep: R. Vistarini, A. Rickard, 3rd. No. 3, Trophy Event and Sweep: R. Vistarini, A. Rickard, 3rd. No. 3, Trophy Event and Sweep: R. Vistarini, A. Rickard, A. Rickard, 3rd. No. 3, Trophy Event and Sweep: R. Vistarini, A. Rickard, R. Vistarini, A. Rickard, R. Rickard, R McHale, 2nd; A. Rickard, 3rd. No. 3, Trophy Event and Sweep: R. Vistarini, 1st; R. Adams, 2nd; L. Gibson, 3rd; Sweep, div. by these shooters. No. 4, Trophy Event only: L. Gibson, 1st; R. Stagg, 2nd; R. McHale, 3rd. No. 5, 5-bird D.B.: div. E. J. McHale, R. McHale, L. Gibson, R. Stagg and R. Cook. No. 6, 5-bird Walk-up: won outright, E. J. McHale, 4/5.

(R. McHale, Hon. Sec.)

PERTH (W.A.)—With the weather warming up and the Duck opening only days away, Perth Gun Club Committee organised a full-day programme of six events which proved to be a most successful wind-up to the 1951 season's shooting. Attractive trophies for each event were donated, many from Club members; included were novelties for the ladies.

Event No. 1, 5-bird S.B. Handicap: W. Brice, 1st; M. Taylor, 2nd; R. Alexander, 3rd. No. 2, 5-bird S.B. Junior Members: G. Bailey, 1st; B. Sharp, 2nd; P. Colliver, 3rd. No. 3, 3 pair Double Rise: G. Guthrie, 1st; K. Letch, 2nd; T. Blakely, 3rd. No. 4, Novelty Event: K. Letch, 1st; H. Bentley, 2nd; E. Metcalf, 3rd. No. 5, Sandover Trophy, 10-bird S.B., D.T.L.: F. Bailey, 1st; R. Alexander, 2nd; P. Crackel and W. Brice, 3rd. No. 6, Skeet Handicap: A. Wilson, 1st; T. Blakely, 2nd; F. Davies, 3rd.

At the conclusion of the shooting, a brief resume of the Club's progress was covered by President Colin Ferguson, and Trophies were presented. A splendid note to the function was

the handing of a consolation prize to every member present who had not qualified for a place during the day's shooting. The day concluded with a well-organised Barbecue, with all members present looking forward to good shooting in 1952.

(H. Colliver, Publicity)

CLARA CREEK (Qld.).—Results, 2/12/51: No. 1, 5-bird D.B.: O. Smith, T. Akers, L. Haseler, 5/5. No. 2, 5-bird D.B. Point: D. Squire, J. Raleigh, G. Akers, 15/15. No. 3, 5-bird S.B.: G. Akers, O. Smith, 5/5. No. 4, 10-bird S.B. Trophy: D. Squire, 1st, 10/10; L. Haseler, 2nd, 9/10; J. Raleigh, 3rd, 8/10; 12 yd., R. Small, 6/10. No. 5, 5-bird D.B. Point: G. Akers, 1st, 15/15; L. Haseler, 2nd, 14/15. No. 6, D.B. Missout: L. Haseler, J. Allen, 5/5. No. 7, The Ailie Saunders Memorial Cup, 15 birds D.B. Point: L. Haseler, 1st. 15 birds D.B. Point: L. Haseler, 1st, 41/45; D. McKerron, 2nd, 37/45; E. Parry, 3rd, 35/45; S. Crichton, 12 yd. No. 8, 5 pairs Deauville Doubles: G. Akers and G. MacDiarmid, 5/5. No. 9, 3 pairs Double Rise: D. McKerron, W. Chandler, J. Jillett, 2/3. No. 10, 5-bird D.B.: G. MacDiarmid, S. Glures, 5/5. No. 11, D.B. Missout: J. Raleigh, B. Schooley, 5/5. No. 12, 5-bird S.B.: J. Jillett, D. McKerron, S. Glures, 4/5. No. 13, 5-bird D.B. Consolation: Mrs. Reg Akers, 1st, 5/5; K. Boyd, 2nd, 4/5. 15 birds D.B. Point: L. Haseler, 1st.

Results 13/1/52: No. 1, 5-bird D.B.: J. Raleigh, T. Akers, 5/5. No. 2, 5-bird D.B. Point: Reg Akers, T. Akers, W. Chandler, 15/15. No. 3, 5-bird D.B., 12 yarders: M. Martin, S. Crichton, 5/5. No. 4, 5-bird S.B.: Reg Akers, B. Schooley, T. Akers, G. Akers, Ron Akers, J. Raleigh, J. Page, 5/5. Shoot-off: G. Akers, Ron Akers, J. Raleigh, J. Page, 7/7. No. 5, 10-bird S.B.: G. Akers, 10/10; W. Chandler, 9/10. No. 6, D.B. Missout: W. Chandler, 10/10; J. Page, 9/10. No. 7, D.B. Miss-out: B. Schooley, K. Capel, 9/9. No. 8, D.B. Miss-out: G. Akers, 9/9. No. 9, 15-bird D.B. Point: O. Smith, 44/45; W. Chandler, 42/45; K. Capel and G. Akers, 41/45. No. 10, 5-bird D.B.: J. Quinn, John Raleigh, D. Smith, Ron Akers, B. Schooley, J. Raleigh, J. Page, K. Boyd, W. Chandler, 5/5. Shoot-off: J. Quinn, John Raleigh, 10/10. No. 11, 5 pairs Deauville Doubles: K. Boyd and J. Raleigh, O. Smith and S. Schooley, 5/5. No.

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Saturday, 12th April, 1952

Event No. 1 — 5 BIRD D.B. EYE OPENER Nomination, 6/-.

Event No. 2 — 5 BIRD D.B. POINT SHOOT

Event No. 3 —

Nomination, 6/-.

20 Bird D.B. Mandicap Point Shoot

Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, also Trophy for best 12 yarder not in 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. Optional Sweeps of 5/- on each round of 5 birds. NO DEDUCTIONS. Event No. 4 — Nomination, £1/5/-.

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Sunday, 13th April, 1952

Event No. 1 - 5 BIRD D.B. POINT SCORE

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12. 3 pairs Double Rise: D. Smith, J. Quinn, 3/3. No. 13, 5-bird D.B.: T. Åkers, M. Martin, 5/5. No. 14, 5-bird D.B.: G. Akers, S. Schooley, W. Chandler, B. Schooley, 5/5.

(J. Raleigh, President)

BALMORAL GUN CLUB. - The Balmoral Gun Club held its Xmas shoot on Saturday, Dec. 22nd, at clay birds, 27 shooters participating during the day. Generous donations from members allowed each shooter in the main event, a 15-bird D.B., to receive a trophy. V. Coates (Cavendish) and J. Rizzo (Hamilton) both shot 15/15 and divided 1st and 2nd sweep money with 1st and 2nd selection of prizes, C. Duncan gaining 3rd position, 14/15. A special trophy donated by Mr. E. Bertram for high gun over best two of the last three shoots was also won by C. Duncan.

Details: No. 1, 5-bird D.B.: div. C. Duncan, W. Hinchliffe, H. Vaughan, V. Porra, J. Vaughan, O. Mayrield, 5/5. No. 2, 15-bird D.B.: V. Coates, J. Rizzo, 15/15; C. Duncan, 14/15. No. 3, 5-bird D.B.: div. J. Gray, N. Munro, A. McPhee, V. Coates, J. McPhee, L. Carey, K. Coleman, L. Perry, R. Perry, C. Duncan, 5/5. No. 4, 5-bird D.B.: div. N. Munro, V. Coates and N. Hardy, 5/5. Trophies donated to the ladies shot for on Event No. 3 went to Mrs. E. for on Event No. 3 went to Mrs. E. Bertram and Mrs. W. Duncan.

(W. F. Duncan, President)

MAFFRA (V.). — Results shoot held 22/12/51: No. 1, 5 birds, D.B.: div. J. Scheldt, J. Bendt. No. 2, 10 birds: J. Scheldt, 10/10. No. 3, 5 birds: div. R. Jennings and H. Guyatt, 10/10. No. 4, Single Barrel: H. Guyatt, 10/10.

(R. McArthur, Hon. Sec.)

COFFS HARBOUR (N.S.W.). -On 29th December, 1951, this club held a day's shoot and ideal conditions prevailed; shooters came from St. George, Quirindi, Sydney, Dubbo, Kempsey and Goondiwindi. Results: 5-bird D.B. Eye Opener, 5 possibles: V. Eather, J. P. Ryan, G. Jarett, T. C. Seccombe, D. Mulhearn. 10-bird S.B. Trophy, valued at £5, and Sweepstake: 1st, J. P. Ryan, 9; 2nd and 3rd, G. D. T. Seccombe and E. Wedgwood, 8, div. 10-bird D.B. Tro-

phy, valued at £5, and Sweepstake: 1st, J. York, 10; 2nd, J. Baxter; 3rd, B. Siddins. 5 pairs Double Rise Trophy, valued at £5, and Sweep-Trophy, valued at £5, and Sweep-stake: 1st, R. Seccombe, 3 prs.; 2nd, J. Baxter; 3rd, R. Toft and D. Devine, div. Deauville Doubles: No. 1, 1st, G. D. T. Seccombe and R. Edye; 2nd, D. Mulhearn and D. Devine. No. 2, 1st, T. C. Seccombe and B. Siddins; 2nd, J. York and J. Thompson. 10-bird D.B.: 1st, L. Toft; 2nd, T. C. Seccombe; 3rd, R. Seccombe.

Monthly shoot held 12/1/51, very strong wind prevailing; the honours went to R. Seccombe. 5-bird S.B.: 1st, R. Seccombe; 2nd, D. Mulhearn. 20-bird G.D.T. Trophy: 1st, R. Seccombe; 2nd, G. D. T. Seccombe and Mulhearn, div. 2nd and 3rd; 4th, A. Herdigen. 5 prs. Deauville Doubles: No. 1, R. Seccombe and V. Wuillemin; No. 2, D. Mulhearn and R. Johnson. 5-bird S.B. Skeet: No. 1, R. Seccombe and G. D. T. Seccombe, div.; No. 2, R. Seccombe and D. Mulhearn, div. 5-bird D.B.: No. 1, 1st, G. D. T. Seccombe; 2nd, T. C. Seccombe; No. 2, 1st, T. C. Seccombe; 2nd, G. D. T. Seccombe and R. Seccombe, div.; No. 3, 1st, T. C. Seccombe; 2nd, R. Bennett.

Monthly shoots held second Saturday. All visitors welcome.

The Annual Meeting was held 15th Jan., 1952, and the rollowing officebearers were elected for the ensuing year: President, G. D. T. Seccombe; Vice-Presidents, D. Mulhearn and R. Bennett; Secretary, T. C. (Dan) Seccombe, P.O. Box 3, Coffs Harbour; Treasurer, V. Wuillemin; Committee, T. Tiley, R. Edye, G. Garrett, A. Herdigen, L. Tort.

This club intends to hold a D.B. Championship on 3rd October and S.B. Championship on 4th October, 1952, so shooters please keep these dates in mind and watch for particulars in the journal later if the dates are approved by the Association.

(Rex Bennett.)

ATHERTON.

Atherton Club held its final shoot for 1951 in mid-December. The highlight of the day's £90 programme was the hamper shoot which was won by Mr. Sid Barnes, of the Cairns club, with a full card, 30/30. The effort was loudly applauded by both shooters and spectators.

Results were: 5-bird Sweepstake down-the-line: C. Klenhauss and S. Kilpatrick dead heated for first and divided (24 shooters). 7 birds: R. Evans, 7/7; J. N. Geraghty, 7/7; E. Kilpatrick, 7/7; S. Kilpatrick, 7/7, and P. Mazzer, 7/7, div. (23 shooters). 5 birds down-the-line: Evans, Tarzali, 5/5; E. Kilpatrick, 5/5; K. Hutchinson (Cairns), 5/5; J. Leighton, 5/5, and D. Delai, 5/5, div. (21 competitors). Points Shooting, three points first barrel and two points second barrel. Christmas hamper: S. Barnes (Cairns), 30/30; C. Mealing (Ravenshoe), 26/30, 2nd, and H. Nasser, 25/30, 3rd. 7 birds down-

the-line: P. Pazzalato, P. Delai, J. Leighton, G. Klenhauss, F. Gallo and J. Izatt (Cairns), all 7/7, div. (23 competitors). Final Trophy Shoot: C. Mealing (Ravenshoe), 5/5, with J. Leighton, 4/5, and H. Nasser, 4/5, div. (17 shooters).

After the presentation of trophies the president of the club (Mr. J. Page) thanked all the shooters and visitors for their help and co-operation over the year and wished them all a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

(J. Page, President.)

The MASTER EYE

By GUNFITTER

The master eye in shotgun shooting is no new problem. Linked with it is the further question of whether or not to shut one eye when shooting.

The many years of controversy concerning these allied problems have not produced answers acceptable to the whole of the shooting fraternity. There is still division of opinion, and, indeed, many seem to be hazy and undecided about both questions.

Perhaps the subject could be finally settled by an optician who was also a shooting coach and a gunfitter. Unhappily, these qualifications are hardly likely to be found in any one person, and even if they were the technical touch might be rather too heavy.

In this article I make some observations and one or two suggestions from the point of view of the shooting coach, gunfitter and shooting man—non-technical observations on a difficult subject.

As a shooting coach and gunfitter I have often encountered the master eye problem. This problem, I have found, is not confined to those of advancing age and to varying eyesight. It often appears in the beginner stage.

Many men, who have been shooting for years, experience but little success with the bird crossing from left to right. With the bird crossing in the opposite direction, however, they are quite happy. The reason for this is often to be found in "left eyedness," or sighting with the left eye. Left-Eye Command.

If the left eye takes command in pointing the barrels, the aim is high and well to the left of the target, with the result that there is an unwitting increase in the forward allowance. More often than not, the result is a clean kill with the right to left bird, due to the fact that a foot or two more can be given than a sufficient allowance and the bird still be hit.

Unfortunately, the same latitude cannot be found behind the bird. One foot to the rear, especially if the quarry is a fast duck, always results either in a miss, or in what is perhaps worse, a wounded bird.

The man shooting from his right shoulder and left eye will be unknowingly pointing behind the bird going to his right. Hence the difficulty and frequent disappointments experienced with this shot.

As far as the normal right shoulder position is concerned, I have seldom, when gunfitting, come across a good rifle shot who has experienced any trouble from "left eyedness." Many years of applying the right eye to the sights and closing the left one develops a mastery in the sighting eye, which continues to dominate the pointing of the shotgun.

Force of Habit.

Men who have shot a good deal with the rifle often squint, or close the left eye when using a shotgun, but this. I think, is simply force of habit. On a quick snap-shot the left eye is kept open, but plays no part in aligning the barrels.

There are many competent shots who "get on" to their moving quarry with both eyes open, while closing the left a split second before firing to ensure the alignment is correct.

When asked if they close one eye to shoot, a great many shooting men answer that they do not know. Observation, however, convinces me that many of them usually shoot with both eyes open, except when the quarry can be seen well ahead crossing the front, thus giving time to look for the barrels of the gun.

The trouble with this type of shot is that it gives one time to become conscious of the gun. The head is buried down to the stock, and often the left eye is closed, with the result that the shooting is low, and there is loss of swing. In such cases, it is better not to mount the gun too early, but to keep it in the "ready" position until the bird is well within range.

There are a few exceptionally good shots who maintain that they close the left eye on all occasions. In spite of this, I have never yet met a shooting coach who advocated such a practice, except when the left eye was definitely the master, and the shooter would not have the necessary cast-off for such a condition.

There are several popular ways of determining which eye is the master. One is to place the tip of the fore-finger on a distant object with both eyes open, and then to close each eye in turn. It will then be apparent which one has done the sighting. Such a test may be useful, but one would hesitate to pronounce a man left eyed for shooting upon such evidence.

One Satisfactory Test.

There is only one satisfactory test for the master eye. That is snapshooting at a given mark on whitewashed steel plates, with a competent gunfitter at one's elbow. Here the try-gun can be very useful, for with this ingenious weapon any degree of cast-off can be obtained to suit exactly the eyesight of the shooter.

It may be argued that the closing of the left eye instantly eliminates all danger of the eye causing trouble. This is obviously true, but the difficulty arises from the fact that we cannot be sure the eye will always be shut at the critical moment of aligning the barrels. Further, the use of both eyes is much to be commended, and for several reasons. Distance is easier to judge, perspective is correct, and forward allowances or lead are better estimated.

When closing the left eye, the barrels become too prominent and the shotgun is used too much like a rifle. I think it is generally agreed that the shotgun should point where the eyes are looking, without conscious alignment at the top rib. This can only be accomplished by the employment of a gun which fits the shooter, and which has a stock so set with the barrels that, when put to the shoulder, it brings the barrels always in correct alignment with the eye.

This, of course, means proper fitting by means of the try-gun, and it is well worth while. For when the appropriate measurements are transferred to one's own stock, left-eye trouble can be completely forgotten. What is more, if the gun is a perfect fit, the barrels can almost be forgotten as well.

It sometimes happens that a man who is not right-eyed is not left-eyed, either, but takes a sight midway between the two. Such a man naturally keeps both eyes open all the time, and is a smart performer. Obviously, in order to achieve the best of which he is capable, he requires a central vision stock.

Many problems come the way of the gunfitter, but one of the most puzzling, in my experience, was provided by the man who was lefteyed for all shots on his left, and right-eyed for those on his right.

Such troubles often arise as the result of bad gun-mounting, wrong head position, or canting of the barrels.

The left thumb lying along the left barrel will often block the sight of a too assertive left eye, and is well worth trying.

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