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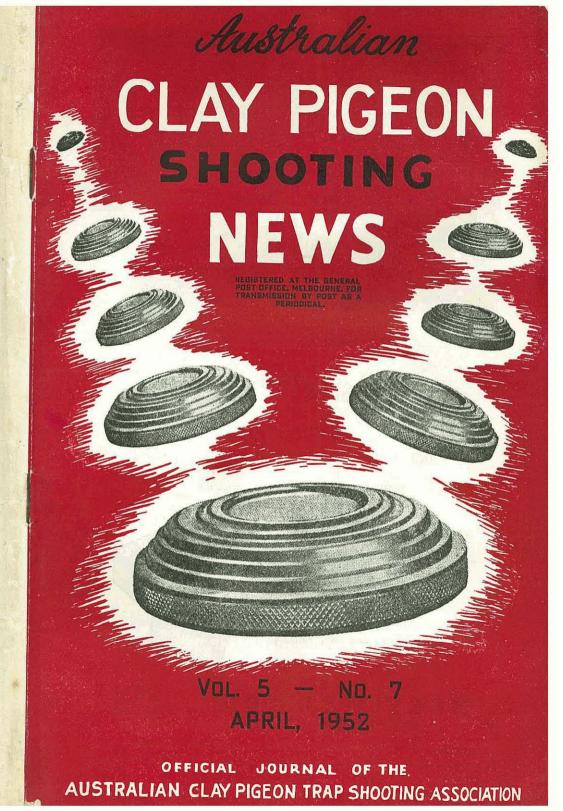
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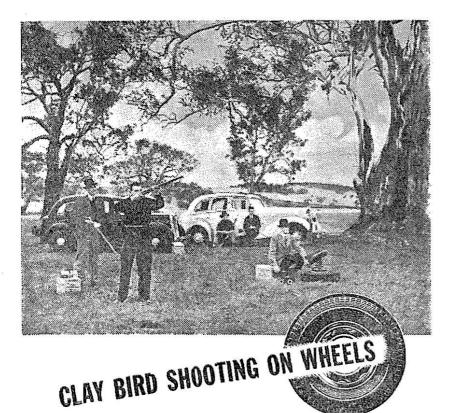


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THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

With the passing of the month of March, another Association National and International series goes into history. The fixture, over March 8 to 11, was a complete success. In the Champion of Champions (National Championship) no fewer than 221 guns faced up to the mark —43 guns more than in 1951. Entries gener-ally were in excess of 1951 by about the same number throughout the series. De-

tails appear in another section of this issue.

Congratulations are extended to Fred Burns for his splendid shooting and fourth success in the Champion of Champions event. He won previously in 1939, 1940 and 1949. He was the only competitor in the 1952 event to produce a clean score of 60 straight. Runner-up was T. R. Dancey of Hay (N.S.W.), and third placing went to the young Victorian, John Bryant Junr. The latter is due for special mention in view of his brilliant shooting to high-gun Australian 1952 International Team. Bryant, who recently turned 21, produced the remarkable score of 97 out of 100 under single-barrel conditions - truly a world-class performance.

The single - barrel International event produced some very interesting scores, details of which have been sealed until end of June, when the Home Country teams will have completed their section of the match.

By a recent mail an anonymous letter was received. The post-mark carried a suburban postal mark, whilst the address given in the letter was a far removed country centre, altogether an absurd attempt to veil the writer's origin. The contents of the letter referred to rules under recent discussion. As already indicated, the letter was unsigned and it has found the eventual destination of all such rubbish-the waste-paper basket.



During March a shooter, outside Victoria, visited another club in his own State and advised the club he was a 13 yarder. After moderate success he was informed that he had been brought back two yards for the remaining events on the programme. The shooter lodged a complaint with the Association, outlining his success and non-success, and further stating that his registration card had been altered according to the handicap mentioned and signed by the secretary of the club which he visited. A review of the position by the Association revealed almost a comedy of errors. In the first place the shooter concerned was quite entitled to be placed on 16 yards by the club whom he was visiting—because a check of the Association handicap list showed him with no handicap against his name. To start with, his own club had neglected its duty both to the shooter and any club where the shooter may visit. As already stated, the shooter had no "comeback" if he had been placed on 16 vards. The club where he competed accepted his version of the story that he was a 13 varder. A two vards handicap appeared to be somewhat severe, but that is of little moment. The club holding the shoot had no entitlement to summarily alter the visiting shooter's card without first advising the Association and ensuring that the recommendation appeared in "News" before any such amendment was made. Amendments to registration cards can only be

signed by the shooter's "home club secretary." This information was outlined in this publication some months back.

The correct procedure in such a case is for the club concerned (i.e., the club the shooter visits) to immediately advise the Association that it considered the shooter under reference was on the wrong mark at 13 vards and he had been re-handicapped at 15 yards - at the same time stating the reasons for such rehandicap. If this new mark was acceptable by the Association, then the particulars of the re-handicap would appear in the following issue of "News" and the shooter should then present his card to his home club secretary for the necessary amendment. On first observation this may appear a somewhat "roundabout" way of arriving at the amended handicap card, but it should be at times remembered that the interests of every shooter have to be taken into account and if any or all club officials were permitted to alter the handicap of any particular shooter and record the variation on the registration card, the whole system would soon be in chaos. It is up to club secretaries to watch handicap variations in "News" and adjust the marks as they are published.

On behalf of Association officials, sincere thanks is extended to all staff and those who assisted during the conduct of the recent Association annual shooting series and attendant festivities. Much was handled and accomplished over the three days of the carnival and it is only by the co-operation of those referred to in this paragraph that the fixture was so successful.

A New South Wales club is very concerned regarding the fact that its club championships are usually won by back-markers. The club considers that the great advantage backmarkers have in these events is no incentive to attract 12 and 14 yarders to take part. The club suggests restricting entries by making back-markers declare which is their "home club". Whatever is finally decided upon by the club, it should be an

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improvement on a recent performance in the State north of the Murray, where a club held its championship under "handicap conditions". It would seem that 12 to 14 yarders could be well catered for by the introduction of an Intermediate Championship, restricted to shooters whose handicap does not exceed a certain mark. The Association gives the lead during its annual shooting carnival and experience has proved that the Intermediate title is a very popular event. Affiliated clubs could well follow this line of competition.

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That things may go smoothly. So much they do that's not on view But taken as "of course," That's just the reason I and you Should bless the willing horse! They give their help so generously And have as their reward, The tacit thanks of you and me And which I here record!

(J.H.M.)

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(From Rex Miles)

Your "News" to hand again, it is a really tip-top publication, due to your sterling efforts, and, as I have said before, it has and is without doubt the main reason why your shooters are so enthusiastic and making winning scores in the International contests.

Well, here is hoping and wishing that the Australian boys will retain the International title.

I have just received 500,000 dollars, 50,000 dollars each from ten gun clubs, these to be awarded as perpetual purses at our State Championship shoot at Walla Walla in June. These purses are added on to the two handicaps, the preliminary and the State handicap, 50,000 dollars on each 25 targets and 50,000 dollars on each of the totals on each 100 targets. Once these purses get a start the money will really accumulate, then a repeat winner usually I have just received 500,000 dollars, late, then a repeat winner usually gets 100,000 dollars or more, you see how it works. The way Reigger has been breaking them from 25 yards is terrific. At the Mid-winter shoot, first day he tied for 2nd with 97, won the shoot-off; second day he won the handicap with 98, the third day he tied with another shooter on 99, then broke 25 straight in the shootoff to win.

My son Keith was home for the week-end. As you know, he has not shot at a target since the Grand Pacific in Portland last July. Sunday (24/2/52) he took his old double out to the club and shot a string; he missed his third bird and finished with 24/25. He took both his Remington Repeater and his double L. C. Smith and a case of shells (500) back with him, so I suppose he will do a with him, so 1 suppose he will do a little shooting in Seattle. He has shot a lot with the boys over there. His average was .9050 on 400 targets last year; this is the lowest and fewest targets for him since he commenced shooting in 1947. In 1947 he was in 15th place over 12,000 shooters in the Nation, and that on over 1000 targets. I have a daughter that 1000 targets. I have a daughter that is pestering me to get her started

shooting: she has a Winchester Repeater.

A bunch of Spokane shooters went to Portland last Sunday for the Annual "Crying Towel" Match—they brought it back with them. Portland gave them a bad beating. And so the boys had something to wipe the tears away. In fairness to Spokane, a lot of one boys best shooters did not make of our best shooters did not make

Bill, I can hardly express my feelings about the King's passing; I was driving along alone one morning when I thought that I would turn on the radio in the car and get the news; in came the King is dead, then I wondered and waited for the details; of course, it knocked me cold. I know that all decent people throughout the world were affected by this sad news. Now they will sing the National Anthem as I did, "God save the Queen," and I say may God bless, guide, protect and comfort the Sweetest Little Lady in all of her great responsibilities. What a load she has to carry.

Did vou know that I shot game close to Sandringham, the King's Estate. One season I was invited to shoot at a place called Tittleshall, Swaffham, Norfolk, there were lots of birds, ducks and hares; we had good shooting. Guess that Mrs. Grosvenor lives around there some

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place. Mrs. Grosvenor has probably forgotten me; Mr. Grosvenor corresponded with me years ago. He was quite an enthusiastic follower of trapshooting.

We are getting out from under the snow now; it has been terrible; it reminds me of a little poem, "A message from Santa":

The "New Deal" has taken my Reindeer and Sleigh, And so I will have to use my

Donkey, they Say, So if you think that my delivery is Slow,

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Desert-bred game birds from four Middle East countries will be introduced into the United States to restock areas where game birds have been depleted, the U.S. Department of Interior reports. The non-migratory birds will be kept under scientific control for a number of years. If they can survive and reproduce, the areas eventually will be opened to hunters.

The game birds will be trapped in Turkey, Syria, Iraq, and possibly Iran by Dr. Gardiner Bump, foreign game-bird specialist of the U.S. Government agency. He will seek chukar partridge in Turkey and Syria; oriental sand grouse in Turkey; sand partridge, or seesee, in northern Iraq; and the black partridge, or francolin, also in Iraq.

Dr. Bump plans to spend six to eight months trapping from 200 to 500 of each species. During 1950 he spent six months in the Middle East deserts and mountains studying and collecting species not destructive to crops or other birds.

The birds will be sent to the United States by plane. They will be freed in areas with topography, climate, and food supply similar to that in their homelands.

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Affiliated clubs in North Queensland recently held a conference at Townsville and decided to form what is virtually a North Queensland Council of the A.C.P.T.S.A. The move is a good one and should do much to assist the Association and

also bring about a uniformity of shooting dates and other activities in the area. W. J. (Willo) Hanran, the Townsville president and Association Hon. Vice President, was elected Chairman and the Townsville Club secretary, Fred Blackman, Hon. Secretary. Delegates from Burdekin, Charters Towers, Cairns, Giru, Ather-ton and Townsville were in attendance. Each club was allowed one vote, with a casting vote for the Chairman. It was agreed that the conference should be an annual one. The day following the conference, delegates and Townsville club members were entertained by the Townsville Club at a special shoot on the club's grounds. Details of this appear in the "Around the Clubs and Meetings" section of this issue. The conference, subject to approval by the Association, agreed upon the following dates to open fixtures in the Nth. Queensland area: (The dates have already been agreed upon by the A.C.P.T.S.A.). Townsville — Commonwealth Mixed Birds and Queensland Skeet, May 17th and 18th; Queensland Double Barrel and Nth. Qld. Deauville Doubles, Nov. 22nd and 23rd. Atherton — Queensland Single Barrel, Dec. 6th and 7th; Nth. Queensland Walk-up, June 7th and 8th. Burdekin — Queensland Mixed Birds, April 5th and 6th; Nth. Qld. Double Rise, Dec. 13th and 14th. Charters Towers-Queensland Tower and Nth. Qld. Tower, Oct. 18th and 19th: North Queensland Double Barrel, June 14th and 15th. Cairns -North Queensland Single Barrel, May

3rd and 4th; North Queensland Mixed Birds, Nov. 8th and 9th. Giru — Northern District Double Barrel, May 5th; Northern District Double Rise, Dec. 26th.

Bathurst Club (N.S.W.) will hold a two-day shoot on Sunday, April 20, and Monday, April 21. Two £50 handicaps and the N.S.W. Central Western Districts double-barrel championship are among the main events listed for decision. The programme is advertised this month. All enquiries should be directed to S. Bressington, Peel Road, Kelso, the club's hon, secretary.

The immediate future programmes of the Coburg Club are as advertised. The club will shoot on April 26, May 10, May 24 and June 7. On the last date mentioned a special 25-bird event for cash awards will be held.

The Hobart Club (Tas.) has issued a printed annual report and statement of funds. The club is well established and in a strong financial position. Special congratulations are extended to winners of major events and also reference is made to the two members who were members of the successful 1951 International Team, Messrs. S. Marshall and W. R. Morgan. The Marshall brothers, S. and P., also come in for mention by their success in the Commonwealth Deauville Doubles title at Launceston. The club also records its appreciation of the assistance provided by the A.C.P.T.S.A.

The Cobar Club, in the far West of New South Wales, will hold a two-day meeting over the dates May 24 and 25. The main event on the opening day is a £50 handicap, with minor events included. Another £50 handicap and the Far Western Districts of N.S.W. single-barrel championship are the chief attractions for the final day. Full details are as advertised in this issue. All enquiries for accommodation should be through (phone) Cobar 111. W. K. Osborne, Box 129, Cobar, is club secretary.

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The Grenfell Club (N.S.W.) will shoot on May 17 and 18. A \$50 handicap and the Central Districts of N.S.W. Single-barrel championship will be main events on the first day. On the second day another \$50 handicap, plus the Central Districts of N.S.W. Mixed Birds championship, are chief interests. Minor events are also included. Details are advertised this issue. All enquiries should be directed to Grenfell club secretary, H. Anderson, of Young Road, Grenfell (phone 405).

Hargrave Gun Club, shooting on the grounds at Pearce's Estate, "Bella Vista", Old Windsor Road, Seven Hills (near Parramatta), N.S.W., will shoot on May 10 with the Sydney Deauville Doubles Championship and other events time permitting. On June 21 the same club will shoot with the Sydney single-barrel title as principal event. Full programmes are advertised this month. E. Brazenall, 84 Renown Ave., Punchbowl, is club secretary.

R. Andrews, of Queenstown, on Tasmania's far west coast, mentions in a recent letter that he likes to retain his copies of this publication "without a break, as I find them very interesting and, in fact, indispensable in keeping up with the latest clay pigeon shooting news."

The Bothwell Club (Tas.) will shoot the Southern Districts Singlebarrel title and a £50 handicap on May 17. Other shooting fixtures approved for the club will be held on July 19, September 20 and November 15. The latter date being reserved



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Cressy Club (Tas.) advertises its May 3 programme. The main events will be the Northern Districts of Tasmania single-barrel championship, followed by a £40 handicap, with other events, time permitting. All enquiries re accommodation, etc., should be directed to club secretary, Rex Powell, at the Cressy Hotel, Cressy, Tas.

The Victorian Skeet championship, returned to the Association by the Coburg Club for reasons beyond the control of that body, has now been allotted to the Footscray Club at Tottenham. The Footscray Club will select a date for approval later in the year. The latter organization will hold shoots on April 19, a 15 birder main event; May 3, Club D.B. Championship at 15 birds, and May 17, 20 birder under single-barrel conditions, as per advertising this month.

Victorian shooters extend sincere sympathy to Harry Ball, of Kew, on the recent passing of his wife. Harry was for many years a member of the committee of the Australian Club at East Burwood and has been a frequent contributor on behalf of that club to this journal. The A.C.P.T.S.A. adds its condolence.

Ivor Wilson, of Derrinallum (V.), in a recent note extends his thanks to the Association for "the enjoyment of the big shoot recently." Ivor is a comparative newcomer to major events and his performance in the National title was particularly good—he finished right up amongst the top-liners.

George Walker, the Northern Districts back-marker, his home club is Wangaratta, recently had the misfortune to lose the sight of his right eye. As he was a right shoulder shooter, the loss is severe. The Wangaratta Club appealed to the Association for a special review of Walker's handicap, as he now has to start again and learn to shoot from the left side. The Association readily agreed to Wangaratta's request and Walker is now forward a

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few yards from the mark he has so long held. Walker was a member of the International team a year or two ago.

The Geelong Club, the city on Corio Bay, is now an affiliated unit of the A.C.P.T.S.A. Some years prior to the war period Geelong Club was affiliated previously and a Corio District championship attracted a field which taxed the prettily situated ground to capacity. Geelong is always an attractive sporting centre and its gun club grounds are no exception. In fact, of the grounds within reasonable distance of Melbourne, none has a better background—Geelong's background is the sky as shooters face to shoot high over Corio Bay. E. Herbel is club secretary and his address is c/o Coriog Hotel, Yarra Street, Geelong.

Writing from Cairns in North Queensland, J. H. (Jock "Taipan") Izzatt reminds that the local club is now a hive of industry, having in mind a first-class programme for the two district championships allotted to the club. Bulldozers are reported to be busy altering the lay-out. Jock adds that "most chaps up here are very thankful for the 'NEWS'. Situated as we are on the top of Australia, the most northerly club in

the Commonwealth, has its disadvantages. We miss the opportunity to witness the major events in clay pigeon shooting. Thank goodness for the 'NEWS', for only from it do we learn the results of big shoots. To illustrate how widely read is your magazine, I received a Xmas Card from an old school mate of mine whom I have not seen for fifteen years or so. He wrote stating that he had seen my name mentioned in 'NEWS' and knowing there was only one Izzatt, took the chance and found me again. I suppose lots of old friendships are renewed by reading our 'NEWS'. We had an interesting event last sheet who Pekert ing event last shoot when Robert Kelly, son of our President, George Kelly, shot in a Deauville Double event with his father. Robert is only 11 years of age and put up a very creditable performance with an old .410. It shows we will not lack members in the years to come. Wally Balzer's son, Chris (aged 9) also shot and registered a break. Give my regards to 'Doch-an-Doris', Jim Bienvenu, Vic Fankhauser and 'Drongo' (I can't think of the latter's

correct name, but he gave me a whirlwind ride to Ascot Vale after a shoot I attended at Burwood). I sincerely hope we can entertain some of the southern shooters this year. There is something in the wind that will interest all who may be thinking of coming north this year. This is about all, Bill, so I shall close, expressing the hope that you and Mrs. McCullough will come north this year to escape the cold." (I have it on very good authority that this will be the coldest year on record. Britisting comment, Jock—a few Southerners will doubtless look north for the winter months.—Ed.)

Abermain Gun Club (N.S.W.) has affiliated and registered shooters with the Association. Club secretary at Abermain is J. H. Johnston, of 12 Dubbo Street, Abermain, N.S.W.

A new club is likely to be formed at Tullamarine, just outside Melbourne, off the Bendigo Road. Sponsors claim that this club will have the best background of all clubs near to Melbourne. W. Macdonald, of the

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The recent drama of the American ship "Flying Enterprize" brings to mind a report culled from an English paper. During the difficult days experienced by Captain Carlsen on the ship, Lt. Commander Sidney Suthers, a naval helicopter pilot, tried unsuccessfully to take Captain Carlsen off. Another side to this pilot's endeavours bring the information that he has been known to hover over an English aerodrome accompanied by a companion armed with a shotgun. On one occasion they bagged nine birds in the grass near the landing strip. They stopped the pastime because they considered it was not sporting. A newspaper reporter differed, he claimed that they were at least "shooting the birds flying".

Townsville Club, North Queensland, will shoot over the dates May 17 and 18. Shooting will commence at 10 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. respectively. The Commonwealth Mixed Birds Championship and a £35 handicap and the Queensland Skeet Championship are the main events on the two-day programme, as advertised. Two automatic traps are installed and the

usual first class amenities always available at Townsville will be in operation. All enquiries to Fred Blackman, club secretary, at Box 415 Townsville, or telephone Townsville 5267.

Charleville Diggers Gun Club in southern Queensland advertises its two-day meeting for June 14 and 15. Shooting commences 9.30 a.m. both days. The J. M. Bauman Trophy at 30 birds is set down for the first with other events and the Charleville £100 Handicap, also at 30 birds, points scoring, with minor competitions, will be decided on the second day. Early booking of accommodation is advised. The meeting will probably fit in as part of the South Queensland carnival with the Commonwealth D.B. title at Roma as a highlight. Enquiries to Reg Akers, Springhill, Charleville, Queensland.

Malvern shooter, Roy Johns, writes the following note following a recent visit to the newly formed Derrinallum Club in Western Victoria.

"Being in the Western District on March 29th, I called in to the Derrinallum Club's clay bird shoot and was agreeably surprised at the nice spot they had for a shooting ground situated about two miles north of the town on Mr. Wilson's fine property.

They have a very energetic, progressive committee and contemplate in the very near future putting in an automatic trap, and promised me they will have a second to none club and ground.

Their trophies were very fine and valuable and the hospitality was generous and gratefully partaken of by all. All officials performed their many duties with marked efficiency throughout the day. A splendid future is forecast by all for this young club. I enjoyed my sojourn amongst their many fine sports and hope to visit them again soon."

J. Simpson has taken over the secretaryship of the Werrimull Club from R. Tonkin, who is now handicapper. The latter reckons he "still has a big job on hand."

The Biloela Club in Queensland has affiliated with the A.C.P.T.S.A. The club secretary is Ronald E. Winsor, Biloela.

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The Rainbow Club in Victoria's far Western District will conduct the Southern Mallee Championship on Saturday, April 26. Shooting will start at 10 a.m. Programme is advertised.

Camberwell Club's programmes for April 26, May 1, May 24 and June 7 are listed in the advertising section of this issue. The events listed include a tyro championship and club intermediate title on April 26, with the Metropolitan Double - barrel Championship on May 24.

Dubbo Club (N.S.W.) will shoot the Central Western District Single-barrel championship on May 11, with a £50 handicap to follow. A £100 handicap is the main event on the second day of the two-day series. Full programme is advertised this month. The club is also holding a one-day shoot on April 20, with a £50 handicap as chief interest. Shooting will start at 10 a.m.

The Geelong Gun Club intends holding its grand opening fixture at clays on Saturday, May 3, with a £50 handicap as the main attraction. A 5-bird eye-opener will precede the main event. Club secretary is E. Herbel, of Corio Hotel, Yarra Street, Geelong.

The veteran Victorian trapshoot and Association patron, Frank Hockey, does not get into the winning brackets very often these days. It was pleasing to see him as the winner of the auto and driven pairs at Camberwell Club fixture on March 29. He only dropped one point for the match.

There were a few red faces at Sale during the shooting of the Victorian double-barrel championship on March 29, when an unknown front-marker stopped his first five straight to be level with the top-notchers up to that stage. He faded later, but Fred Burns, the ultimate winner, was noted changing his stool a few times!



Party of Queenslanders at Association championship fixtures in March.

Bathurst Gun Club N.S.W.

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

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Sunday, 20th April, 1952

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BOTHWELL (Tas.).—Results of shoot held March 22. No. 1, 5-bird D.B. Sweepstake: B. Bailey, 5/5; E. Pulford, 5/5; J. Denny, 5/5; M. Bale, 5/5. No. 2 (a) 10-bird £1 Sweepstake: J. Denny, J. Taylor, R. Powell, 10/10. (b) 10-bird £1 Sweepstake: E. Nelson, 10/10; M. Bale, S. Marshall, S. Bailey, 9/10. No. 3, 15-bird £15 Handicap: S. Bailey, 14/15; J. Denny, 13/15; J. Taylor, 19/22, eliminating M. Bale, B. Bailey, P. Marshall. No. 4, 5-bird S.B. Sweepstake: P. Marshall, 5/5; M. Munnings, 5/5. No. 5, 6-bird Double-Rise: J. Denny, 3/4; M. Bale, 2/4; R. Powell, 2/4. No. 6, 6-bird Deauville Doubles: R. Powell - W. Bennett, 10/10; P. - S. Marshall, 9/10.

(I. K. Campbell, Hon. Sec.)

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KELLY'S CREEK (Qld.). - There was only a small attendance at the shoot conducted by the club on Saturday, 15th March. Twelve shooters contested and a steady wind from the right made the left-hand birds interesting. One of our more distant members, R. Macintosh, arrived by plane during the afternoon and, as a safety measure, shooting was sus-pended while he made a few preliminary runs over the trap-house. K. Woolford, of Darr River, was the most consistent performer of the afternoon, with 28/33, including miss-and-out events.

Event 1, 5-bird D.B.: J. Gibson and D. A. Parry-Okeden, div. 6/7. Event 2, 5-bird D.B.: R. Kavanagh, 5/5. Event 3, 10-bird S.B.: 1st, K. Woolford, 11/13; 2nd, J. Gibson, 10/13; ford, 11/13; 2nd, J. Gibson, 10/13; practice for members who intend 3rd, R. Macintosh, 8/11. Event 4, 5 pairs Deauville Doubles: G. Taylor nival in Melbourne. There were good

J. Hunt and R. Ridgeway, 5/5. Event 2, Trophies: Cr. M. McGrath, 1st, 7/7; R. Harrison, 2nd, 6/7; L. E. Kelly, 3rd, 8/9. Attached Sweep div. Cr. M. McGrath and R. Harrison. Event 3, Trophies: R. Ridgeway, 1st, 10/10; R. Hinchcliffe, 2nd, 9/10; R. Harrison, 3rd, 8/9. Front-markers: W. Robertson, 5/6; Novice, K. Black. Sweep div. R. Ridgeway, R. Hinchcliffe, R. Harrison and W. Robertson. Event 4, Sweep: div. G. Crosse and E. Gaylard, 5/5. Event 5, Sweep, Single Barrel: div. L. R. Black and S. Beck, 5/5. Event 6, Sweep: div. J. Hunt and L. E. Kelly, 5/5. Sweeps off-the-Box div. G. Crosse, "Apex" (H. Mills), Cr. M. McGrath and S. Black. Black.

(L. R. Black, Hon. Sec.)

HAY (N.S.W.).—The Hay Gun Club put through a programme of six events on Saturday afternoon, 1/3/52, despite a couple of interruptions by rainstorms, which temporarily forced shooters to beat a hasty retreat to the shelter pavilon. The shoot was arranged primarily The shoot was arranged primarily for the purpose of providing some

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COBAR GUN CLUB

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

BIG TWO DAY SHOOT

24th and 25th May, 1952

1st Day: SATURDAY, MAY 24th—
3 BIRD EYE-OPENER. Nom., 10/-.
Cash Prize. Compulsory Div. 8th Round.
10 BIRD D.B. TROPHY EVENT. Nom., 20/-.

£50 HANDICAP OF 15 BIRDS SINGLE BARREL

Nom., 50/-. 1st, 60%; 2nd, 30%; 3rd, 10%. 10 BIRD POINT SCORE HANDICAP Nom., 20/-. Trophy.

2nd Day: MAY 25th-

5 BIRD EYE-OPENER. Nom., 10/-. Cash Prize. Compulsory Div. 8th Round.

£50 D.B. HANDICAP OF 15 BIRDS Nom., 50/-. 1st, 60%; 2nd, 30%; 3rd, 10%.

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fields in each event. The star performer of the day was Jack Pocock, who won two events outright, and divided in two. His total score for the afternoon was 34 out of 37. Next in order of merit were Norman Taylor, 28; Bill Catlin, 27; Vic Cox, 26; Tom Simpson, 25; L. Drechsler, John Houston, and J. Headon, each 24. Maurice Gibson and Tim Murray shot well to divide in two out of four events. Afternoon tea was served by the ladies' committee.

Following are the results: 5-bird Double Barrel Sweepstake: Tom Simpson, Norm Milliken, N. Taylor, J. Pocock, E. V. Cox and A. Dancey each scored the possible. In the shoot-off under miss-out conditions, J. Pocock was the winner. 10-bird Double Barrel Sweepstake: J. Pocock and Bill Catlin, each scored the possible and divided. 5-bird Double Barrel Sweepstake off Association marks: Tim Murray, L. Drechsler and Maurice Gibson each scored the possible. 5-bird Single Barrel Sweepstake: Tim Murray, N. Taylor and Maurice Gibson each scored the possible. 5-bird Single Barrel Sweepstake: J. Pocock won outright. 5-bird Walk-up Sweepstake: J. Pocock and N. Taylor div.

(M. Gibson, Hon. Sec.)

TOWNSVILLE (Qld.).—Following on a club delegates' conference held in Townsville on Saturday at which all the northern gun clubs were represented, a clay pigeon shoot was held at the Townsville Gun Club's grounds at Garbutt, and a programme of seven events was shot off on 9/3/52. Shooting conditions were good and as a result most competitors recorded good scores.

The following are the results: Open Sweepstakes, 5 birds Single Barrel: K. Misken, W. Hanran, T. Clay and N. McVicar div. Second Sweepstakes, 5 birds Single Barrel: A. Wicks, J. Melville, S. Horwood, J. Longworth and K. Griggs div. Third Sweepstakes, 5 birds Single Barrel: J. Farren and C. Ray div. Fourth Sweepstakes, 5 birds Single Barrel: T. Clay, O. Crouther and M. Young div. Double-Rise Sweepstakes: F. Blackman, J. Gerber and M. Young div. Deauville Double Sweepstakes, partners drawn: J. Doyle and R. Sim, J. Farren and S.

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Horwood, F. Hose and K. Misken div. Final Sweepstakes, 5 birds Single Barrel: M. McCloskey and S. Horton div.

Six clay pigeon sweepstake events were shot off at the Townsville Gun Club's grounds on Saturday afternoon, March 22, comprising four 5-bird single barrel events, one double rise at three pairs, and one Deauville double event at three pairs.

The following are the detailed results: Opening 5-bird Single Barrel Sweepstakes: div. J. Smith, E. J. McKimmin, K. Miskin, W. Hanran and C. Ray. 5-bird Single Barrel Sweepstakes: div. J. Smith, F. Blackman and E. J. McKimmin. Three pairs Double-Rise Sweepstakes: K. Miskin, 1st; J. Carrington, 2nd. Three pairs Deauville Double: Possibles were scored by the following pairs: J. Melville - S. Horwood, C. Ray - C. Melville - S. Horwood, C. Ray - C. Melville, F. Hose - E. J. McKimmin, F. Blackman - Gavin Blackman, R. McKimmin - T. Clay, and W. Stockham-J. Longworth. A keenly contested shoot-off took place, resulting in the R. McKimmin - T. Clay combination winning, with E. J. McKimmin - F. Hose filling second place. 5-bird Single Barrel Sweepstakes: div. J. Smith, T. Clay, S. Horwood and C. Ray. On the day K. Miskin, J. Smith and T. Clay were the most outstanding performers to figure in divisions in three events each. Eric McKimmin also showed good form throughout.

(F. Blackman, Hon. Sec.)

ALEXANDRA (V.).—The March shoot attracted a much smaller field than usual, but a good day was had by all present. The new club house and general ground improvements

were admired by all who had not been present since before the improvements were effected. Visitors were present from Melbourne, Yea, Homewood, Mansfield and Woods Point. Ron Simmons, a young shooter who has had very moderate success, came good with a vengeance and shot a fine 57 straight to win the trophy event from consistent Secretary Ron Williamson, who shot 54 straight. Congratulations to both on becoming eligible for Hartley badges—the first since the Club was opened 12 months ago.

Results were as follow: Event 1, 5 birds D.B., 9 possibles: Shoot-off resulted: G. Courtney, J. McCarthy (Homewood), R. Simmons, R. Williamson, div. 9/9. Event 2, 5 birds D.B.: G. Courtney, R. Simmons, R. Williamson, J. McCarthy and Leo Doyle, div. 5/5. Event 3, 10 birds D.B., 2 Trophies and Sweep: Sweep div. R. Simmons, R. Williamson and Barry Doyle, all 10/10. Trophy (donated by Perc. Dennis) to R. Simmons, 41/41, from R. Williamson, 40/41. 12 yd. Trophy (donated by

Max Brown, Croydon) to J. H. Scott (Woods Point), 11/12, from Ian Anderson (Yea), 10/12. Event 4, 5 birds S.B.: div. Ian Cumming and Luke Doyle, 5/5. Event 5, 5 birds D.B., Points 2 and 1: R. Williamson, 10/10 points; J. McCarthy, 9/10 points. Event 6, 5 birds D.B.: div. J. H. Scott and R. Williamson, 5/5.

(Luke Doyle, Correspondent.)

BATHURST (N.S.W.).—Nineteen shooters faced the traps on March 15 and a most enjoyable afternoon was held by all. Two visitors from Sydney, namely W. Bishop and D. McDonald were entertained during the afternoon and both spoke their praises for the shooting ground at Bathurst. A Jack Pot Sweep was started and Chas. Campbell finished up with first leg in after a tie shoot with Vic Howard and A. Ovens. The Club is purchasing new plus traps and hope to have the "skeet" lay-out in perfect order in the very near future.

Event 1, 5 birds: W. Byers, A. Morris, V. Howard, H. Aitken, A.

WONGABRI GUN CLUB - (Bowral)

Saturday, 24th May, 1952

Starting 1.30 p.m.

1st Event - 5 BIRD D.B. 10/- SWEEP, C/D.

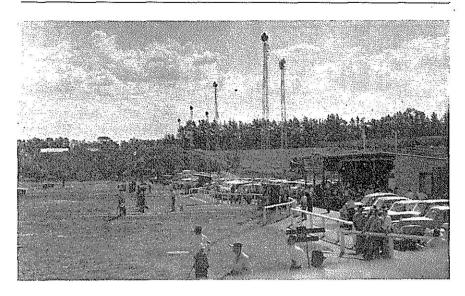
2nd Event -

10 Bird Single Barrel £20 Handicap

3rd Event - 5 PAIRS D/R. TROPHY. Op. Sweep, 10/-.

OTHER EVENTS TIME PERMITTING.

A. PALMER, President, Bowral. EDNA E. SULLIVAN, Sec., Mittagong. Phone 216.



General view of East Burwood shooting grounds during shooting of Association fixtures in March.

Ovens. J. N. Brazier. Event 2, 5 birds: C. Campbell, W. Byers, A. Morris, V. Howard, S. Bressington, A. Ovens, J. N. Brazier. Event 3, 5 birds: C. Campbell, H. Jaques, W. Burrows, A. Ovens, L. Healy, D. Wotton. Event 4, 5 birds: C. Campbell, W. Byers, A. Morris, J. Fenton, V. Howard, W. Burrows, D. McDonald. Event 5, 5 birds: C. Campbell, H. Jaques, V. Howard, S. Bressington, H. Aitken, W. Burrows, J. Valentine, A. Ovens. Event 6, 3 birds: J. Fenton, S. Bressington, H. Aitken, W. Burrows, J. Valentine, A. Ovens, J. N. Brazier.

(S. Bressington, Hon. Sec.)

STONEHENGE (N.S.W.),—March 1st. The first 10-bird Single Barrel: Luke Hughes, A. Crispe, Mr. Raleigh, R. Faunt, C. Meale, all with 10/10. The shoot-off going to the veteran, Luke Hughes; the second 10-bird APRIL. 1952

Double Barrel: W. Hanley, Luke Hughes, A. Crispe, M. Morrisey, A. Everingham, R. Faunt and Mick Smith, all with 10/10, went to R. Faunt after an interesting shoot-off. The next 5-bird D.B. resulted in A. Johnson, R. Nosworthy, W. Hanley, J. Finney, Mr. Raleigh, F. Werner, J. Thomas, J. Arthur, Mick Smith, Mr. Crosby, A. Crispe, J. Hill, H. Sheen, W. Read, R. Faunt, C. Meale, Mr. Brassington, G. Henderson, all with 5/5, resulted in W. Hanley, J. Finney, Mick Smith and C. Meale dividing 4 boxes of cartridges. A round of skeet was the closing event and, which the boys thoroughly enjoy, went to R. Faunt with a full score. The outstanding performance of the day was put up by a new shooter. Les Crispe, a protege of Mick Smith's, who shot 28 straight, only using his second barrel twice. This lad will, with practice, develop

BOTHWELL GUN CLUB

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SHOOTING GROUNDS AT BOTHWELL.

Shooting Fixtures 1952 . . .

17th May — SOUTHERN DISTRICTS S.B. CHAMP. 19th July - CENTRAL TASMANIAN D.B. CHAMP. 20th Sept. - BOTHWELL GUN CLUB WALK-UP

CHAMP.

15th Nov. - TASMANIAN DOUBLE RISE CHAMP.

PROGRAMME - - 17TH MAY, 1952

No. 1 — 5 BIRD S.B. SWEEPSTAKE. Nom., 5/-,

No. 2 -

Southern Districts Single Barrel Championship

Nom., 20/-. Sash and Trophies, 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Conducted under A.C.P.T.S.A. Rules.

No. 3 —

20 BIRD £50 D.B. HANDICAP

Nom., £2/10/-. 60%, 30% and 10%.

No. 4 - 5 BIRD D.B. SWEEPSTAKE. Nom., 5/-.

OTHER EVENTS TIME PERMITTING

Commencing 12.30 p.m. sharp.

MAX BALE, President Bothwell

I. K. CAMPBELL Hon. Sec.

into a champion if he continues his present form.

MARCH 22nd. — The weather was not meant for shooters, as it came down in torrents. The first 10-bird down in torrents. The first 10-bird S.B. event went to Mr. Gardner, of Oatley, who shot 10/10. J. Finlanson, R. Faunt, J. Leighton and W. Reid shot 9/10 for second trophy, which went to R. Faunt. The second comp., 10-bird D.B. Point Score, went to Ted Ginty after a great shoot-off between Ted Ginty, Mr. Gardner, Rus Faunt and Les Crispe, who shot 10/10 and went to 38 birds when Gardner, missed out Crispe dropped out ner missed out. Crispe dropped out at 20 and Faunt at 16. The next event, 10-bird Point Score, resulted in A. Spiter, Bob Mason, Rus Faunt and C. Meale with 10 first barrels, and was won by Rus Faunt. The next event, after a shoot-off, went to Ralph Sonter. A Spiter, Bob Mason, R. Sonter, Jack Hill and W. Reid all shooting the possible. Some very good shooting took place. Gardner, of Oatley, a new member, his fifth attempt at the tracks, shot 40/41. Rus Faunt shot 52/55; Les Crispe, 33/38; Ted Ginty had a run of 32 straight at one period; Mason shot 32/37; Leighton, 21/23; Meale, 33/38. Rain delayed shooting for some times.

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

YOUNG GUN CLUB.— Results shoot held 1st and 2nd March, 1952. Ist March. Event 1, 5-bird Eyeopener D.B. Sweep, 25 shooters div. this event. Event 2, £75 Handicap, 20-bird D.B.: Mel Fuller, B. Pay and M. Phillips split the cash in this event, shooting 20 birds each. Event 3, Central N.S.W. Deauville Doubles Championship: won by C. Bradford and C. Hodge, from Parkes, with M. and C. Pay (Narromine) 2nd, and H. Anderson and W. Spies (Grenfell) taking 3rd prize. Event 4, 10 pair Double Rise Sweep from 16 yds., was won by Bill Spies (Grenfell).

2nd March. Event 1, 5-bird D.B. Eye-opener Sweep, 19 shooters shot the possible. Event 2, £50 Handicap D.B.: M. Phillips, R. Bradford (Parkes), M. Pay (Narromine) and M. Barr shot their 20 birds and div. this event, Event 3, Central N.S.W. D.B. Championship, was won by C. Pay (Narromine) with G. Beaumont and M. Phillips filling 2nd and 3rd

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places. Event 4, 10-bird S.B. Trophy (wireless set) was won by Geo. Pat-terson in a shoot-off with A. Lees, L. Hasler, J. Aston, E. Lowe, and W. Aston. Event 5, 10 birds D.B. Trophy (silver tea service) was won by E. Lowe in a shoot-off with Sid Lamb, G. Baker and J. Ryals.

(A. C. Ashley, Hon. Sec.)

DERRINALLUM (V.). - Results shoot. No. 1, 5 birds, D.B.: div. J. Howard (Colac), R. Hinchcliffe (Colac), O. Bamford (Portarlington), (Colac), O. Bamford (Portarlington), Long, 5/5. No. 2, Western Plains D.B. Championship: W. R. Johns, 27/30; S. Renfrey (Portarlington), 26/30; R. Ridgeway (Parrotts Bag), 16/20; S. Lakey (Derrinallum), front-marker, 13/20. No. 3, 5 birds, D.B.: H. A. Scott, 5/5; Renfrey and A. Barker (Lismore, V.), 10/11, eq. 2nd. No. 4, 5 birds: Ivor Wilson, 7/7: Renfrey 6/7 7/7: Renfrey, 6/7.

SALE (V.).—The Sale Club staged a first-class shoot and entertainment a hist-class shoot and entertainment on Saturday, March 29, when the Victorian premier title, under double-barrel conditions, was the outstand-ing interest. The day was hot, and this somewhat affected attendance, many country shooters being unable to leave properties because of the risk of fire. properties because of the risk of fire. The blue riband title produced four possibles of 20 straight (from 18 yards), by E. G. Biggs (Burwood), Roy Glover (Sale), Wal MacCubbin (Trafalgar) and Fred Burns, the national title holder. In the tie shoot (best of five) Glover and Biggs both field to straight full results and failed to stop the full quota and dropped out. MacCubbin failed to cover his 28th, a right swinger, and Burns, making no mistake, gained the title. It was noted that Burns used a couple of second barrels in the tie shoot before settling down however, as he is a brilliant secondbarrel exponent, he always appeared to be on top of his targets. Barbara Biggs, the young MacRobertson High School student, who carried off the trophy for the best performance in the national championship at East Burwood a few weeks earlier, gained another big win by taking first money in the £50 handicap. Results were: No. 1, £25 Handicap, at 10 birds: div. L. Schipalius, R. Glover, J. Neilson, G. Williams, S. Draper (Footscray), F. Burns, Barbara Biggs, T. Gleson and K. Hudson (Moe), each 10/10.

Hargrave Park Gun Club

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

PEARCE'S ESTATE "BELLA VISTA" DATO RODON RODO, SEVEN HILLS
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OPEN SHOOT

Saturday, 10th May, 1952

Commencing 1.30 p.m.

5 BIRD D.B. HANDICAP. Nom., 6/-.

Sydney Deauville Double Barrel

12 Pairs from 16 yards.

Trophies for 1st and 2nd. Nom., 20/-. Optional 10/- Sweep, divided 60%, 30%, 10%.

TROPHY EVENTS AND SWEEPSTAKES TO FOLLOW.

Afternoon Tea available on the Ground.

Saturday, 21st June, 1952

Sydney Single Barrel Championship

1st, 2nd and 3rd Trophies. 20 Birds, 16 yards.

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C. ANDERSON, President 70 Bradleys Head Rd., Mosman Phone— Private XM 4815 Business WB 1712 E. BRAZENALL, Secretary 84 Renown Ave., Punchbowl Phone— Private UL 3125 Business MA 4592 No. 2, Victorian Double Barrel Championship, 20 birds from 18 yards: A. F. Burns, 30/30; W. MacCubbin, 29/30; R. Glover (Sale) and E. G. Biggs, each 29/30. No. 3, £50 Handicap, £45: div. Barbara Biggs, L. Schipalius and W. MacCubbin, the remaining £5 was won by Barbara Biggs. No. 4, 5 birds, Points Scoring: div. F. J. Ezard (Swifts Creek), "Tambo" (Swifts Creek), R. Glover, G. Biggs, Barbara Biggs and K. Hudson (Moe), 15/15 points.

Altogether the shoot and attendant amenities were a credit to the Sale Club and its officials, led by President Lou Bourbaud and Len Robinson (secretary). The traps worked in masterly style, without the slightest hitch throughout the very warm day. The supervision of the traps was under the guiding eye of Roy Glover, who is to be complimented on his handling of this important section of the fixture. Mrs. Elston and her energetic ladies' committee are also due for special mention. The Ladies' Committee was untiring in its efforts to assure that both competitors and the good muster of spectators lacked nothing in the way of nourishment. The club's thoughtfulness in providing a cask of cooling cheer won applause from all. At the conclusion of shooting, the trophy awards were presented to the winners by the A.C.P.T.S.A. President, Mr. Jock Wilson, who complimented the club and officials on the splendid organization arranged for visitors and competitors. He added that he had been informed that considerable improvements were contemplated at Sale, including a first-class pavilion and other amenities.

SYDNEY (at Waterfall N.S.W.).—
Results of shoot held 8/3/52. First
Event, 5-bird D.B. Sweep: div. Dr.
Lee, H. Christmas, R. Amies, D. Burton, 4/5. Second Event, 5-bird D.B.
Trophy: won by W. McCloy after a
shoot-off with M. Bebbington, J.
Knight, H. Christmas, D. Edenborough. Third Event, 10-bird D.B.
Sweep: div. R. Faunt, W. McCloy,
M. Bebbington, 8/10. Fourth Event,
10-bird S.B. Sweep: won by D. Edenborough. Front - markers' division
taken out by M. Bebbington. Fifth
Event, 3 prs. Double Rise: div. R.
Faunt, C. Meale, W. McCloy, A.
Johnston, M. Bebbington, W. Reid,

2/3. Sixth Event, 5-bird D.B. Sweep: div. R. Faunt, C. Meale, J. Knight, 5/5.

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

GOULBURN GUN CLUB.—The above club held the Goulburn District Single and Double Barrel Championships on the 8th and 10th December last. Unpleasant weather conditions prevented high scoring, with the result many trophies being won with a possible. Results as follows:

8/12/51. 5-bird S.B., Comp. Div.: D. Churchill, M. Phillips, L. Ridley, 5/5. 5-bird D.B. Trophy: won by P. Shepherd (Goulburn), 10/10. 5-bird D.B. Trophy: won by M. Phillips (Young), 16/16. Goulburn District S.B. Championship: L. Ridley (Bigga), 1st, 23/25; G. Patterson (Young), 2nd, 22/25; S. Lamb (Goulburn), 3rd, 18/20; 12/14 yd. Trophy, P. Shepherd (Goulburn), 17/20. 10-bird D.B. Trophy: won by M. Phillips (Young), 16/17. 10-bird D.B. Trophy: won by M. Phillips (Young), 16/17. 10-bird D.B. Trophy: won by B. Churchill (Goulburn), 12/12. 5-bird Miss-out Trophy: won by M. Phillips (Young), 14/14. 5-bird D.B. Trophy: won by M. Phillips (Young), 14/14. 5-bird D.B. Trophy: won by M. Phillips (Young), 20/20. 5-bird D.B. Trophy: won by H. Heat (Goulburn), 11/11.

9/12/51. 5-bird D.B., Comp. Div.: J. Medway, D. Churchill, W. Picker, J. Storrier, S. Lamb, 5/5. 5-bird D.B. Trophy: won by H. Connell, 6/6. 10-bird D.B. Trophy: won by P. Shepherd (Goulburn), 13/13. 5-bird D.B. Trophy: won by H. Connell, 12/12. 5-bird S.B. Trophy: won by D. McDonald, 10/10. 10-bird S.B. Trophy: won by J. Storrier (Goulburn), 12/12. 10-bird S.B. Trophy: won by J. N. Thomas (Sydney), 10/10. 5-bird D.B. Trophy: won by B. Churchill (Goulburn), 16/16. 5-bird D.B. Trophy: won by C. Privett (Dalton), 12/12.

10/12/51. 5-bird D.B., Comp. Div.: N. Thomas, W. Picker, E. Hallam, C. Privett. Goulburn District D.B. Championship: J. N. Thomas (Sydney), 1st, 35/35; S. Lamb (Goulburn), 2nd, 34/35; C. Privett (Dalton), 3rd, 24/25; 12/14 yd. Trophy, J. Storrier (Goulburn), 17/20. £25 D.B. Handicap, 15 birds: S. Lamb (Goulburn), 1st, 15/15; J. N. Thomas and J. McMasters, div. 2nd, 14/15.

DUBBO GUN CLUB

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

Two Day Shoot

SUNDAY, 11th MAY AND MONDAY,

12th MAY, 1952

1st Day: SUNDAY, 11th MAY (First event, 9.30 a.m.)

No. 1 - 5 BIRD S.B. EYE-OPENER SWEEPSTAKES. Compulsory Division.

No. 2 -

Central Western District Single Barrel Championship

20 BIRDS FROM 16 YARDS

A.C.P.T.S.A. RULES

1st, Sash and Trophy. 2nd and 3rd Trophies. Nomination, 25/-. Optional Sweepstakes.

No. 3 -

£50 Handicap

15 BIRDS D.B. Divided 60%, 30%, 10%. OTHER EVENTS AS TIME PERMITS.

2nd Day: MONDAY, 12th MAY (First event, 9.30 a.m.)

No. 1 - 5 BIRD D.B. EYE-OPENER SWEEPSTAKES. Compulsory Division.

OTHER MORNING EVENTS TO BE ARRANGED.

No. 2 (2 p.m.) —

£100 Handicap

A.C.P.T.S.A. RULES

15 BIRD D.B. (Calcutta on Handicap) OTHER EVENTS TIME PERMITTING.

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ROCKHAMPTON GUN CLUB

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

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

Carnival Shoot

17th and 20th - JUNE - 1952

£100 OPEN HANDICAP £100

with Full Supporting Programme.

Full Details will be published in May issue of News.

C. ALLAN, President, Gough St., Nth. R'ton. H SARGENT, Hon. Sec., Thozets Rd., Nth. R'ton. Phone 3318.

10-bird D.B. Trophy: won by W. Mc-Donald (Sydney), 10/10. 10-bird D.B. Trophy: won by D. McDonald (Sydney), 10/10. Miss-out Sweep: won by J. Walkom (Goulburn), 9/9. 5-bird Walk-up: won by J. Walkom (Goulburn), 5/5.

26/1/52. A good attendance and excellent shooting prevailed over the two days' shooting at the club's grounds on January 26th and 28th. The £100 Handicap was won by H. Anderson (Grenfell) and the N.S.W. Walk-up Championship to Geo. Bell (Young). The standard of shooting being of a very high standard, as H. Anderson (Grenfell) compiled a break of 51 and 52 respectively, while Bruce Hill (Haberfield) compiled a break of 64. Results as follows:

5-bird D.B., Compulsory Division: B. Churchill, J. Storrier, P. Shepherd, W. Nosworthy, L. Ridley, H. Anderson, A. Martin, W. McCloy, 5/5. 5-bird D.B. Trophy: B. Hill (Haberfield), 1st, 47/47; H. Anderson (Grenfell), 2nd, 46/47. 10-bird D.B.

Trophy: H. Anderson (Grenfell), 1st, 23/23; E. Brazenall (Punchbowl), 2nd, 22/23. £100 Handicap, 20 birds D.B.: H. Anderson, 1st, 20/20; P. Shepherd (Goulburn), 2nd, 19/20; W. Spies, J. Medway, W. Rutty, W. Mc-Cloy, S. Lamb, H. Banfield, 3rd, 18/20. 10-bird D.B. Trophy: L. Ridley (Bigga), 1st, 11/11; S. Lamb (Goulburn), 2nd, 10/11. 10-bird D.B. Trophy: J. Ryan (Cootamundra), 1st, 17/17; D. Wright (Sydney), 2nd, 16/17. 10-bird D.B. Trophy: J. Ryan (Cootamundra), 1st, 11/11; P. Shepherd (Goulburn), 2nd, 10/11.

28/1/52. 5-bird D.B., Comp. Div.: H. Anderson, B. McCloud, W. Handley, P. Ryan, H. Heat, D. Churchill, M. Churchill, W. Fisher, 5/5. N.S.W. Walk-up Champ., 20 birds: Geo. Bell (Young), 1st, 19/20; R. Braham (Young), 2nd, 18/20; J. R. Medway (Gunning), 3rd, 26/30. 10-bird D.B. Trophy: H. Anderson (Grenfell), 1st, 25/25; A. Lees (Gunning), 2nd, 24/25. 10-bird D.B. Trophy: Bruce Hill (Haberfield), 1st, 39/39; J. Medway (Gunning), 2nd, 38/39. 10-bird D.B. Trophy: J. R. Medway (Gunning),

1st, 22/22; H. Anderson (Grenfell), 2nd, 21/22. 5-bird D.B. Miss-out Trophy: H. Vickers (Temora), 13/13. 5-bird D.B. Miss-out Trophy: W. Rutty (Woollongong), 13/13.

(Sid Lamb, Hon, Sec.)

COFFS HARBOUR (N.S.W.).—The club held its monthly shoot on Saturday, March 8. Conditions were good, with a light N.E. wind. The main event of the afternoon was the Gordon Jarrett Trophy, 15-bird D.B., which was a very popular win by our Club President, G. D. T. (Jack) Seccombe, closely followed by Alf Herdigen, and a shoot-off for the minor places resulted in Dudley Mulhearn taking third money and Gordon Jarrett fourth. Results: 5-bird D.B. Eye-opener: 1st, G. Jarrett; 2nd, R. Bennett; 3rd, T. Seccombe. 15-bird D.B. G. Jarrett Trophy: 1st, G. D. T. Seccombe; 2nd, Alf Herdigen; 3rd, D. Mulhearn; 4th, G. Jarrett. 5 prs. Double Rise: 1st, T. C. Seccombe and D. Mulhearn (tie); 3rd, R. Seccombe. 3 prs. Deauville Doubles: No. 1, G. D. T. Seccombe and C. Bowden; No. 2, R. Bennett and V. Wuillemin. 5-bird Skeet: No. 1, 1st, R. Bennett; 2nd, W. Golden. No. 2, 1st, T. C. Seccombe; 2nd, G. D. T. Seccombe. 5-bird D.B. Strange Gun: 1st, T. C. Seccombe; 2nd, T. Seccombe.

President G. D. T. Seccombe has donated a lovely Rose Bowl for the Club's Annual Championship to be held in June; it must be won three times before becoming the property of the winner.

The members are busy cementing the tracks, levelling off the ground and building a shed so as to have everything ready for the championship in October.

(Rex Bennett.)

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COBURG G.C. (V.). - The Champion of Champions trial event at 20 birds, 16 yards, was won by R. Johns, 29/30, from R. Hering, 28/30, and F. Claussen (Ayr, Qld.), 26/27; 12/13 yarder, H. McAllister, 18/20, decided at the club's shoot on March 1. Attendance was light due to many absentees at the duck season opening. Other events resulted: No. 1, 5 birds, S.B.: R. Hering, 6/6; Les Murphy, 5/6; R. Bushby (Narrandera, N.S.W.), 10/11. No. 2, 10 birds, D.B.: Dave Ryan, 20/20; W. Wager, 19/20; Darcy Watson, 16/17. No. 4 (same): R. Fallshaw, 18/18; Les Murphy, 17/18; A. Brenk, 15/16. The President's Trophy was the main attraction on Saturday, March 15. This event went to J. Bryant Senr. after a shoot-off with Wal. White of Surat (Qld.). Both stopped the full complement of 25 straight; shooting on under miss-out conditions, the tie went a further four rounds (Bryant using one second and White a similar number), with Bryant winning 29/29 to White's 28/29. Third place went to Brian Mark, 32/33, from G. Henkel (Sydney, N.S.W.), 31/33. Others in the tie shoot for third were: A. C. in the tie shoot for third were: A. C. Tie, A. H. Brenk, C. Mudford, "Bunger" (J. R. Bayley of Dubbo, N.S.W.), J. J. Dawson, Dave Ryan, 37/39, defeated S. Bailey (Butlers Gorge, Tas.), 36/39, for the frontmarker trophy. A minor 5 birder, in the burnet transfer trophy. single-barrel, went to J. Bryant Junr., 24/25, from A. H. Brenk, 23/25, and "Sleet" (H. G. Cross, Gilgandra, N.S.W.), 12/13.

Results shoot held Saturday, March 22. No. 1, 20 birds, D.B., with optional sweepstakes on each 10 birds: First trophy to T. R. Brown, 20/20; W. MacCubbin (Trafalgar), 21/22; R. Garrone, 20/22; 1st sweep, T. R. Brown; 2nd sweep, div. R. Garrone, J. Bryant Junr., T. R. Brown, W. MacCubbin, Harry Roberts Junr. No. 2, 12 pairs Deauville Doubles, no possibles, six 11/12's; shoot-off, L. Byrne-J. Bryant Junr., 31/32; E. G. Biggs and Barbara Biggs, 30/32.

Results shoot on Saturday, March 29. No. 1, 5 birds, S.B.: K. Styles, 12/13; K. Hooker, 11/13; L. Murphy, 13/15. No. 2, Club Single Barrel Championship: C. Mudford, 18/20; F. Olver, 17/20; "Ingi", 24/30; J. Bourke, 19/25. No. 3, 10 birds, D.B.:

CRESSY GUN CLUB

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

Saturday, 3rd May, 1952

commencing 12.30 p.m.

Event 1-5 BIRD S.B. SWEEPSTAKE. Nom., 6/-.

Event 2 -

Northern Districts Single Barrel Championship

20 Birds from 16 vards.

1st, 2nd and 3rd Trophies and Sash. Nom., 25/-. Optional Sweep of 10/-, divided 60%, 30%, 10%.

Event 3 —

£40 HANDICAP OF 20 BIRDS DOUBLE BARREI

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

ASSOCIATION HANDICAPS.

Cartridges and Afternoon Tea available on Ground.

The Committee reserve the right to make any alteration they consider necessary in the programme. Also the Committee take every precaution, but no responsibility for any accidental damage to any person or property on the shooting ground.

E. CASEY, President

REX POWELL, Secretary Phone 53

C. Mudford, 41/41; E. Brenk, 40/41; F. Olver, 16/17; J. Walls, 11/12. No. 4 pool: "Peters", 14/14.

CAMBERWELL (V.). - Results shoot March 1. Small attendance due to many being absent in search of ducks. Seven events were decided, all five birders: No. 1: div. D. Mansell, F. Cronk, O. Kurrle, 5/5. No. 2: div. A. Mansell, D. Mansell, A. Goodear, Cronk and Kurrle, 5/5. No. 3: div. A. Mansell, S. McLeary, Stainton, 5/5. No. 4: div. Goodear, Bray, J. McInnes, G. Stainton, 6/6. No. 5: div. Geodear, McCleary and Bray, 5/5. No. 6: div. J. McInnes, Bray and R. T. Wightman. No. 7: div. McCleary, R. Johns, A. Mansell and Stainton, 5/5. The second shoot in March was held on Saturday, March 15, a good attendance was present. Results were: No. 1, 5 birds: div. Bert Goodear, Harry Roberts Junr., J. Stevens, K. McDairmid, "Dick", 7/7. No. 2, 10 birds, D.B.: R. Didier, 12/12; D. Mansell, 11/12; F. Cronk, 10/11. No. 3, Miss-out: div. V. Dudley, C. Sanderson, A. Goodear, 15/15.

No. 4, 5 birds, D.B.: div. Peter Sheridan, V. Dudley, Goodear and Stevens, 13/13.

Results shoot March 29. Trophies presented by a committee member. presented by a committee member. No. 1, 5 birds, S.B.: David Mansell, 5/5; 12/14 yarder, J. Sampson, 10/11; Ladies' Trophy, Mrs. Mansell, 4/6. No. 2, 5 pairs Auto and Driven: F. R. Hockey, 9/10 points; Lindsay Davies, 10/14; 12/14 yarder, J. Sampson, 7/10. No. 3, 5 birds Overhead, Hand-thrown: J. Stevens, 10/10; L. Davies, 9/10. No. 4, 5 birds, D.B.: div. T. R. Brown and "Dick", 33/33; 12/14 yarder, C. Fisher. 12/14 varder, C. Fisher.

A woman went to buy a drinking trough for her dog, and the clerk asked if she would like one with the inscription: "For the dog."

"It really doesn't matter," she replied: "My husband never drinks water, and the dog can't read."

CLUB RAINBOW GIIN

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

will conduct the

Southern Mallee Clay Bird Championship (D.B.)

at Rainbow on SATURDAY, 26th APRIL, 1952. 20 BIRDS FROM 16 YARDS Sash. 1st. 2nd and 3rd Trophies.

5 BIRD AND 10 BIRD HANDICAP EVENTS

Commencing at 10 a.m.

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Charleville Diggers Gun Club

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

14TH AND 15TH JUNE, 1952 CLAY PIGEON SHOOT

First Day, commencing 9.30 a.m.

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

Event No. 2 -

The J. M. Bauman Tropley

30 BIRDS D.B. Nom., £3.

To be shot from Handicap Marks. Optional 10/- sweeps on each series of 10 birds. No deductions. Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Additional Trophies for best handicap groups as follows, not receiving any other trophy: 12 yards, 13 and 14 yards, 15 and 16 yards, 17 yards and beyond.

Second Day, commencing 9.30 a.m.

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

Event No. 2 -

Charleville £100 Handican

30 Bird Point Scoring 3 and 2. Nom., £4. Optional 10/- sweep over 30 birds. Also 10/- sweeps on each series of 10 birds. Prize money distributed 60, 20, 10 and 10 per cent. for best 12 yarder.

Event No. 3 — 10 BIRD S.B. — Nom., £1. Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and best 12 yarder. Optional 10/- sweep.

Further events each day if time permits. All shooting conducted under rules and by-laws of A.C.P.T.S.A. Automatic Trap :: Cartridges available Catering on Grounds. Accommodation arranged :: Book Early.

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If the Americal Report

The 16th Annual Report of the Executive Committee of the Australian Clay Pigeon Trap Shooting Association, covering the period 1st February, 1951, to 31st December, 1951, is submitted for consideration and approval by affiliated club delegates attending the 17th Annual Meeting of the Association at Scott's Hotel, 444 Collins Street, Melbourne, C.1, on Monday, March 10th, 1952.

It will be noted that the period covers 11 months only. This has been covers 11 months only. This has been brought about by the change in the Constitutional Rules approved at the 1950 Annual Meeting, whereby it was decided to change the period of the Annual Meeting from November to March. When the next report is submitted it will cover the full period of 12 months, i.e., January 1 to December 31 to December 31.

It is again pleasing to report that Australia was successful in winning the 1951 International series against England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Australia registered a record score of 1,443 points, 45 in advance of the nearest opponent - England. The International competition is gaining in importance each year and attracting the interest of other British Dominion countries. In 1952 it is expected that New Zealand will field a team for the first time. The 1951 win was Australia's second in five attempts, the first success being in 1949. In 1950 the English team was successful, with Australia second. The 1952 International is to be shot under single-barrel conditions, teams of 25.

During the progress of the 1951 Champion of Champions Cup (Australian National Championship), won by Mr. E. G. Biggs (Victoria) from Mr. N. Bassett (Queensland) and the shooting of the International Match, Mr. Newton Thomas of Sydney re-corded the highest break ever made in competition in Australia, 189 straight. This is now the Australian record. Mr. Thomas also holds the unique distinction of registering the only 100 straight ever recorded in the International series, either in Great Britain or Australia. The

English Association generously decided to strike a special "100 Straight" Badge in recognition of the feat. The badge was presented to Mr. Thomas during the 1952 Association shooting programme at East Burwood.

New design Association badges were issued to all registered shooters during 1951. The badge has won general approval among shooting sportsmen.

A total of 127 clubs were affiliated with the Association during the period under review. At the same time approximately 2,500 registered shooters were listed on the Association records as financial.

The Association's official journal, "A.C.P.S. NEWS", has become well established and accepted by clubs, shooters and advertisers as an important section of the Association's services. The cost of producing the publication has far exceeded original estimates, due to the continually rising charges, not only in printing, but in sales tax and postage. Both . latter items have increased greatly since first publication. However, the journal will continue in its allotted sphere.

The alteration in the Constitutional Rules whereby the States of New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania and Victoria, have representatives on the Executive Committee of the Association can be regarded as a most successful and popular innovation. It is hoped later to be able to include representatives from both Western Australia and South Australia.

The financial position of the Association remains sound. The additional expense incurred in financing the expenses of interstate members of the Executive Committee has been provided for without seriously diminishing the Association's reserve.

Congratulations are extended to all winners of Commonwealth, State and District Championships, shot under A.C.P.T.S.A. approval.

FOOTSCRAY GUN CLUB

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

No. 2 Ground: TOTTENHAM, VICTORIA.

APRIL 19th-

15 Bird Double Barrel

Nomination, £1.

1st Trophy, 12/10/-, plus £5 cash; 2nd Trophy, £5, plus £2/10/- cash; 3rd Trophy, £2/10/-, plus £1/10/- cash. 12/13 yarders Trophy.

10 BIRD SWEEPSTAKE TO FOLLOW.

MAY 3rd-

CLUB DOUBLE BARREL CHAMPIONSHIP

15 BIRDS. Nom., £1.

1st, Sash and Trophy. 2nd and 3rd Trophies. Front Markers Trophy.

OTHER EVENTS TO FOLLOW.

MAY 17th-

20 Bird Single Barrel £50 Handicap

Nom., £1/10/-. 60%, 30%, 10%. SWEEPSTAKES TO FOLLOW.

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

R. G. WRAY, President. LINDSAY POLLARD, Hon. Sec., 487 St. Georges Rd., Thornbury, N.16.

Phone JJ 3052

The list of Life-Registered Shooters continues to grow. The list of those so registered is as follows:—

those so registered is as follows:—

Messrs. John M. Wilson, H. G.
James, J. R. Schutt, W. E. H. Rainbird, G. H. Watts, J. Bryant, E. C.
Etches, A. G. L. Bragg, Aubrey F.
Johnson, J. O. Cox, John Cox, V. L.
Fankhauser, Keith F. Cameron, C.
Campbell, L. E. Tewksbury, J. W.
Raleigh, Lionel Byrne, J. A. McCraith, J. C. Dyson, D. R. Cameron,
A. C. Kirby, B. G. S. Schooley, V. H.
Colless, C. R. Fletcher, Romney
Rockliffe, Frank Brown, C. Mudford,
J. H. Headland, H. A. Phillips, O. W.
Smith, W. Catlin, John Houston,
J. M. Tyquin, Newton Thomas, S. E.
Lamb, J. H. Thomas, A. B. Jillett,
M. Gardiner, A. C. Brinsmead, N.
Bassett, K. Bassett, J. D. Bassett,

H. T. Thompson, J. James, E. Broadley, R. A. B. Pegler, R. A. Frean, A. V. Calcino, E. W. Cronk, H. R. Picker, R. M. Powell, J. C. Wheeler, J. H. Emery, R. H. Winn, J. W. Gerber, A. W. Forbes, E. E. Bullen, J. C. Thompson, J. E. Quin, G. L. Sim, J. W. Storrier, H. W. Haseler, K. Boyd, R. J. McKimmin, B. Rubiolo, J. R. Bayley and W. R. Raymond. (The last six mentioned paid the fees for Life Registration since January 1, 1952, but have been listed to show the complete record.)

Appreciative thanks are again extended to all donors of cash and trophies to the Association funds, and also to those who have assisted during shoots and activities in the furtherance of the Association's work and the sport it represents.

Association Annual Meeting

The 17th Annual Meeting of affiliated club delegates of the A.C.P.T.S.A. was held in the usual venue, Scott's Hotel, Melbourne, on the evening of Monday, March 10. The start of the meeting was delayed for some time on account of the heavy shooting programme not being completed before dark. The meeting was well attended and included, for the first time, representatives of the three affiliated clubs in Western Australia and also South Australia. The President (Mr. J. M. Wilson), in welcoming delegates to the meeting, said that it was the first time in the history of the Association that every State in the Commonwealth had representatives at the meeting and also competing in the national champion-ship.

The election of office-bearers resulted: President, Mr. J. M. Wilson (unopposed); Queensland representatives, Messrs. C. R. Fletcher (Roma) and F. Blackman (Townsville); New South Wales representatives, Messrs. W. Catlin (Hay), S. E. Lamb (Goulburn), R. McNamara (Griffith) and W. F. Robertson (Deniliquin); Tasmanian representative, Mr. J. M. Tyquin. (Mr. Rainbird, the retiring Tasmanian representative, did not seek re-election and his name was

added to the list of Hon. Vice-Presidents at the request of his club); Victorian representatives, Messrs. G. Biggs (Burwood), D. Corstorphan (Colac), L. Doyle (Alexandra) and T. R. Wightman (Kew).

The Association's Constitutional Rules as revised under legal direction were approved. These will be printed in a later edition of "News". Two Notices of Motion which affect the Constitutional Rules were approved and these will require to be added to the Rules before same are printed. The Notices of Motion are of interest to all clubs and read: (1) "That the Association forward to each member club, together with the Notice of the Annual Meeting and Balance Sheet, a business paper; to include all nominations for Office-bearers and Committee, all Notices of Motion, and business relative to the Annual Meeting, such notices and papers to be delivered or posted to the clubs at least 28 days prior to such meeting." (2) "That the closing date for receipt of nominations for office-bearers and committee of the Association and all Notices of Motion for submission to the Annual Meeting, be 31st December in every year."

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TOWNSVILLE GUN CLUB

TOWNSVILLE, NORTH QUEENSLAND
(Affiliated A.C.P.T.S.A.)

TWO DAY SHOOT

17TH AND 18TH MAY, 1952

Commencing at 10 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. respectively.

1952

COMMONWEALTH MIXED BIRDS CLAY PIGEON CHAMPIONSHIP

Nom., 25/-. Optional Sweepstakes, Nom., 10/-.

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Association Shoots

Melbourne's reliable autumn weather lived up to its reputation for the shooting of the Association's annual three-day fixture on the East Burwood grounds over March 8 to March 11 inclusive. The weather was, in fact, rather too oppressive for some competitors in that the humidity throughout the meeting was fairly severe and in long events this proved quite a trying factor on many shooters not used to taking part in marathon contests.

The shoot opened on March 8 with the usual Champion of Champion's Cup (Australian National Champion-ship), shot at 60 clay pigeons from 16 yards, using the International load cartridges, 1½ oz. shot. The match attracted 221 guns, the second highest entry on record. The previous best was in 1950 when 253 faced the traps. But for the severe drought and dry season experienced in some country areas it seems almost certain that the record would have been broken. Many sent along apologies for non-attendance and most reflected the seasonal conditions as the reason for inability to be present.

The big entry taxed facilities to the utmost. One or two minor holdups and a failing light made it necessary to carry the major event on into the second day, Monday, March 10.

The ultimate winner, A. F. Burns, of Footscray, was one of those who had to carry his then full score of 45 straight over into the second day. Burns, however, a thrice previous winner, was equal to the occasion and shooting early on the second day, continued on his winning way to return the only full score of the match, 60 straight. Burns' previous wins in the event were in 1939, 1940, 1949. Two returned 59/60's: T. R. Dancey, of Hay (N.S.W.), a comparatively new shooter, and John Bryant Junr, of Blackburn (V.). The last-named missed his 50th bird for a break badge. Shooting on to decide the minor places, the runner-up position went to the Hay entrant, T. R. Dancey, with 82/85. John Bryant Junr, third, 81/85. Two country shooters

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who have been infrequent entrants in this classic event followed. They were Ivor Wilson, secretary of the newly formed Derrinallum Club in Western Victoria, and E. J. Matthews of Bowna (N.S.W.). The last-named is a member of the Holbrook Club. Wilson scored 92/95 to gain fourth award and Matthews, 91/95. The 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th places (all cash awards) were taken, after tie shooting, by Don Cameron (President of the St. George Club in Western Queensland), T. Akers (Charleville, Qld.), Hugh Rothwell (Roma, Qld.), and J. M. Tyquin (President of the Hobart Club, Tas.), all on 67/70. The final position in the first ten went to Wal MacCubbin of Trafalgar (Y) to Wal MacCubbin of Trafalgar (V.), 66/70. The best woman shooter in the event was Miss Barbara Biggs with 51/60, two less than her previous success in this section in 1951. The sectional awards (not winning any other prize) went to 18 yards and beyond: div. "Ingi" (C. Ingbrit-sen, Coburg) and W. R. Johns (Malvern), each 58/60; 17 yarder, Harold Anstee, of Griffith (N.S.W.), 58/60; 16 yarder, T. R. Brown (Montmorency, V.), 58/60; 15 yarder, "Sleet" (H. G. Cross, Gilgandra, N.S.W.), 57/60; 14 yarder, J. C. Dyson (Stanthorpe, Qld.), 56/60; 13 yarder, J. Pocock (Hay, N.S.W.), 56/60; 12 yarder, Alf Allen (Deniliquin, N.S.W.), 52/60. Then followed the following awayds to check (A.S.W.) following awards to shooters (not winning any other prize): best Queenslander, H. F. Clausson (Ayr, Wales, div. G. Bell (Young), L. P. Hughes (Darlinghurst) and H. Anderson (Grenfell), each 57/60; best Tasmanian, div. J. Blake (Cressy) and A. E. Poxon (Launceston), 56/60; best West Australian, S. Colliver, 55/60; best South Australian, A. W. Forbes (Aldgate, S.A.), 49/60; best Victorian country shooter, G. Crosse (Colac), 58/60.

In addition to those already mentioned as among the prize winners, the following aggregate scores between 58/60 and 52/60 were recorded: 57/60, H. R. Anstee (Griffith), G. Bell (Young), W. R. Johns, C. Ing-

Camberwell District Clay Target Club

Ground Location: Bulleen Road, North Balwyn

SATURDAY 26TH APRIL . .

Commencing at 2 p.m.

"TYRO" CHAMPIONSHIP for shooters handicapped on 12 or 13 yds. 15 Birds from 13 yds Double Barrel. Entry, 15/-. INTERMEDIATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP for shooters handicapped on 16 yds. or under. 15 Birds Double Barrel. Entry, 15/-. All shooters to be financial Club Members.

SWEEPS FOR BACK MARKERS.

SATURDAY 10TH MAY . .

Commencing at 2 p.m.

5 BIRD D.B. HANDICAP TROPHY

10 BIRD D.B. HANDICAP 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 12 yarder.

5 BIRD SINGLE BARREL TROPHY

SATURDAY 24TH MAY . .

Commencing at 2 p.m. sharp.

Metropolitan Double Barrel Championship

20 Birds from 16 yds. Entry, 25/-. Optional Sweep. OTHER EVENTS TIME PERMITTING

SATURDAY 7TH JUNE . .

Commencing at 2 p.m.

- 5 BIRD D.B. HANDICAP TROPHY
- 6 PAIR DOUBLE RISE (2 yds. in on Handicap)
- 6 PAIR DEAUVILLE DOUBLES

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Sullivan (Mittagong, N.S.W.) and Paul Marshall (Bridgewater, Tas.).

From the first 25 highest scorers in the Champion of Champions Cup (Australian National Championship) the Australian International Team was automaticilly chosen. The team therefore comprised: A. F. Burns (Footscray, V.), John Bryant Junr. (Blackburn, V.), T. R. Dancey (Hay, N.S.W.), Ivor Wilson (Derrinallum, V.), E. J. Matthews (Bowna, N.S.W.), Don Cameron (St. George, Qld.), T. Akers (Charleville, Q.), H. Rothwell (Roma, Q.), J. M. Tyquin (Hobart, Tas.), W. MacGubbin (Trafalgar, V.), H. R. Anstee (Griffith, N.S.W.), G. Bell (Young, N.S.W.), H. G. Cross (Gilgandra, N.S.W.), G. K. Crosse (Colac, V.), L. P. Hughes (Darlinghurst, N.S.W.), C. H. Ingbritsen (Coburg, V.), W. R. Johns (Malvern, V.), J. W. Bienvenu (Doncaster, V.), H. Anderson (Grenfell, N.S.W.), therefore comprised: A. F. Burns V.), J. W. Bienvenu (Doncaster, V.), H. Anderson (Grenfell, N.S.W.), T. R. Brown (Montmorency, V.), Norman Guy (Flemington, V.), S. E. Lamb (Goulburn, N.S.W.), G. Mc-Leod (Shepparton, V.), J. Paul (Parkville, V.) and Mal Fuller (Bellevue Hill, N.S.W.). The team faced its long journey of 100 targets from 16 yards, using the special Inter-national shell, under single-barrel conditions. Team scores are sealed until the Great Britain teams have completed their section of the match late in June. The Australian High-Gun was the brilliant 21-year-old Victorian left-hander, John Bryant Junr., who returned the excellent score of 97/100. This is a worldclass performance under singlebarrel conditions.

RESULTS OF MINOR EVENTS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN MAY ISSUE

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Two Automatic Traps in action.

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20 Bird Queensland 1952 Walk-Up Championship - Double Barrel

Prizes, Championship Sash for 1st, also Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd, also best 12 yarder, and 13/14 yarder. Optional Sweepstakes on brackets of five. Nomination, 25/-. No. 3 Event — 10 BIRD D.B. £28 TROPHY SHOOT Prizes 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Nomination, 25/-.

No. 4 Event (If time permits) Cash Mandicap £50 10 BIRD DOUBLE BARREL, Points 3/2.

Prizes, 1st, 50%; 2nd, 30%; 3rd, 15%; 12/13 yarder. 5%. Nomination, 45/-. CALCUTTA SATURDAY NIGHT on \$100 HANDICAP.

SECOND DAY - SUNDAY 1st JUNE, 1952

No. 1 Event — 5 BIRD EYE-OPENER S. BARREL Compulsory Division. Nomination, 6/-.

No. 2 Event — £25 TROPHY SHOOT, 10 BIRDS DOUBLE BARREL HANDICAP

Prizes 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Nomination, 25/-.

No. 3 Event — £100 Handicap 30 BIRDS, POINTS.

Prize money distributed on the basis of 1st, 60%; 2nd, 25%, and 3rd, 10%; 12/14 yarder, 5%. Optional Sweeps. Nom., £4/10/-. No. 4 Event — £30 TROPHY SHOOT, 20 BIRDS S.B. Prizes 1st, 2nd and 3rd, also 12/13 yarder. Nomination, 35/-.

Lunch, Morning and Afternoon Teas available on grounds. Cartridges and Refreshments also available. The Committee reserves the right to alter the programme should unforseen circumstances arise. If accommodation required, advise Secretary early.

A. McINTOSH, President

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N. DANES, Secretary

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DOWN-THE-LINE SHOOTING

The following article, written by Mr. E. M. Ginn and published by permission of The Editor, "Shooting Times", London, provides an English viewpoint on the sport of clay target shooting. Mr. Ginn's comments appear to be of unusual interest to followers of the sport in Australia.

I am fully aware that this article may cause a little controversy, but it is high time that this form of clay target shooting was viewed in its proper perspective.

To start with, you will notice I have used the words "clay target"; it is not a clay bird or a clay pigeon, and you do not kill it; you either hit it, or miss it. The words "bird", "pigeon" or "kill" are terms left over from a supposed connection with game shooting, a sport with which down-the-line clay target shooting has no possible connection at all.

Game shooting is a sport in the truest sense of the word. Down-theline clay target shooting is a precise art, and to really excel one requires special tools properly designed for the work in hand; it is also a very fine sport, but not in the same sense of the word as game shooting.

All over the world, especially in U.S.A., down-the-line clay target shooting is recognised as an allabsorbing sport in itself and is followed by many thousands of expert shots who have never fired a single shot at live game, and who have no desire at all to do so. This article is not an attack on game shooting (far from it), but it is an attempt to place down-the-line clay target shooting in its proper place.

Give the matter a little thought and you will at once see why downthe-line clay target shooting and game shooting have nothing at all in common. In game shooting, we start with "gun down," and our quarry may come from any direction at any speed; at times we are walking it up; at others it is being driven towards us, we do not call "pull" for our target, but must expect it to present itself at any time.

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In down-the-line clay target shooting we stand at a known distance from the trap (usually 16 yards), the gun is already mounted to the shoulder ("gun up"), and when we have taken up a comfortable stand and addressed the trap, we are quite ready for our target. We call for it, and we know the speed, and, to a certain degree, the direction it will take. Has any of this any possible connection at all with game or vermin shooting?

A New Rule

The governing body, The Clay Pigeon Shooting Association (note the word pigeon), has recently decided that in all the down-the-line events sponsored by the Association in 1952, single shot (one barrel only) shall be the rule, and this is surely a step in the right direction.

This brings us to the question of the gun; it is a common belief that any gun, so long as it has one barrel full or three-quarter choke, will do for down-the-line clay target shooting. So it will, but we must remember that every single world's record from 16 yards to 25 yards from the trap is held by a single-barrel gun. The U.S.A. is, of course, the home of clay target shooting and has many thousands of registered shooters, but in Canada the sport is rapidly gaining ground and even with its very much smaller population Canada now boasts 350 registered affiliated clubs and 20,000 registered shooters. Members of and visitors to the Montreal gun club alone shot at 350,000 clay targets in 1951.

Here are a few world's records. Shooting from the 16 yards mark, under the old U.S.A. rules which allowed 13 ozs. shot, Joe Hiestand scored 1,404 consecutive hits, shooting over a period. A. Riegger, shooting from the 25 yards mark, recently hit 583 out of 600 targets. Shooting from the 16 yards mark, R. Etchen hit 100 pairs of doubles, that is two targets in the air at once, 200 targets in all without a miss, using a pump action repeater. Shooting in the South Dakota Junior championship, E. Edson hit 200 targets in a straight

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N.S.W.

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

Saturday, 17th May, 1952

at 10 o'clock

No. 1 - 5 BIRD EYE-OPENER

No. 2 —

£50 HANDICAP 15 BIRDS

60%, 30%, 10%.

No. 4 — CENTRAL DISTRICT SINGLE-BARREL CHAMPIONSHIP

20 Birds from 16 yards. 12/14 yd. Trophy. 1st, Trophy and Sash. 2nd and 3rd Trophies.

Second Day: 18th MAY, at 10 o'clock.

No. 1 — 5 BIRD EYE-OPENER

£50 HANDICAP

60%, 30%, 10%.

No. 2 —

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FROM 16 YARDS

1st, Trophy and Sash. 2nd and 3rd Trophies.

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run, not bad for a boy of thirteen. In the U.S.A. all down-the-line shooting (except doubles) is single shot only.

Now, what is the reason for this wonderful shooting. Is it the man, the target, the gun, or the cartridge? Personally, I think it is a little of each. The man (or woman), because those who are fortunate enough to be able to indulge in it, have unlimited facilities for practice under ideal conditions at thousands of gun clubs scattered throughout the States where climatic conditions allow all-the-year-round shooting.

The target, because the Americans with their usual thoroughness and attention to the smallest detail have made a study of the spectrum, and have proved that a clay target with the top half coloured chrome yellow is picked up by the eye against most backgrounds better than the allblack target in use over here and because of the immense demand and vast sales they are able to spend more time and money in the perfec-tion and production of an accurate, perfectly balanced target with a much truer flight than we are able to do over here. In the U.S.A. clay target shooting is "big business."

Special Gun and Cartridges

The gun, because for years the Americans have experimented in the design of single-barrel guns fitted with every possible refinement demanded by expert down-the-line shots.

The cartridge. Again because of the immense demand and vast sales all over North and South America, and a much better supply of essential materials than we have, the Americans after years of scientific experiment have been able to produce an almost perfect cartridge specially designed for down-the-line shooting, a 23-inch crimped waterproof case, a special powder-charge and 1s ozs. of specially graded super-accurate hardened shot, No. 72 (U.S.). You see, the Americans do everything possible in the production of special equipment to make it easy to secure a hit, and by doing so they not only attract more people to take up the sport, but hold their interest after they have become attracted to it.

Best Equipment Essential

It is common practice over here (perhaps forced upon us by shortage and cost of cartridges) to use any old or available cartridge for clay target shooting; this may do for skeet, which has a much closer connection with game shooting (although even for skeet the Americans use a specially designed and graded cartridge), but it will not do for long runs of hits at down-the-line shooting. I maintain that down-the-line demands the very finest cartridge that can be designed and produced, and to support this I will quote Major Sir Gerald Burrard's own words from Vol. III, "The Modern Shot Gun," page 262:

"The area of a clay target when seen from underneath is 13.9 sq. inches, which would require a necessary minimum pattern of 102 in the 30-inch circle, or 112 if we add the 10 per cent. for loss due to stringing.

"Such a pattern is easily obtained, but when we come to look at a clay target end-on, the problem assumes a very different complexion. For the area of a clay target end-on is but 3.3 sq. inches, which would require a necessary minimum pattern of 428 without making any allowance for stringing.

"Now it is only possible to obtain a pattern of about this density at 30 yards—an average long shot at a clay target by using a full choke and 1½ ozs. of No. 7 shot. And even then the pattern would be helped by a moderate velocity and "soft" pressure, while a crimped turnover would also be an invaluable advantage. Such a charge cannot be handled to full advantage in any gun smaller than a 12-bore 2¾-inch, and so this would seem to be the ideal gun for clay target shooting pure and simple."

These are not mere theories, they are facts proved by extensive tests carried out by one of the greatest living authorities on shot-gun ballistics. I would like to add my own observations to Major Burrard's statements. First, note he never uses the words bird or pigeon, but always clay target; but I do question his statement: "30 yards is an average long shot at a clay target"; it may be so at a shooting school,

Geelong Gun Club

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

. EASTERN PARK . .

Saturday, 3rd May, 1952

CRAND OPENING DAY CLAY PIGEONS

Commencing 12.30 p.m.

£50 Double Barrel Handicap

5 BIRD EYE-OPENER, SWEEPSTAKES, Etc.

LUNCHEON AND BOOTH ON GROUND.

CARTRIDGES AVAILABLE.

Shoot to a clear background over Corio Bay.

T. PIGOTT, President. E. HERBEL, Sec., Corio Hotel. where the gun stands by the side of or just behind the trap, but in downthe-line shooting we stand 16 yards behind the trap. When the target leaves the trap it is moving at such a velocity that it has travelled from 10 to 12 yards (proved by electrical timing and spark photography) before the eye can pick it up and register it on the brain as a target. After this we have to take into account the human element, the time lapse from the signal to fire given by the brain to the actual pressure of the trigger by the finger. We also have the mechanical element, the "lock time," i.e., time between trigger pull and fall of striker, time up the barrel, and time taken by the shot to travel from gun to target (a little longer than you may think).

Take all these factors into consideration and add the fact that under C.P.S.A. rules we are restricted to a 2½-inch case and 1½ ozs. of shot and the wonder is, not that we are able to make as many hits as we do, but that we are able to make a clean hit at all, and I would say that in order to register a hit at 30 yards from the 16 yards mark, one would have to be a super-quick shot. I consider the average hit is obtained at any distance from the gun from 33 to 40 yards. Thirty-three yards for the expert whose mental and physical reactions are in perfect co-ordination.

To sum up, the C.P.S.A. by their new rule of single-barrel shooting have given a new incentive to downthe-line shooting, and in spite of shortage of materials and high cost of labour, I feel pretty sure that very soon a single-barrel 12-bore, fitted with every refinement demanded by the expert clay target shot at home or overseas, made by a British manufacturer of high repute, will be on sale at a very reasonable price, so low, in fact, that it will be a surprise to many, and the excuse that only the wealthy can afford to buy a special trap-shooting gun, will fail to hold water.

As regards special trap-shooting cartridges, I.C.I., up against far more production troubles than our friends in the U.S.A., have produced the "British Trap Shooting" cartridge, a 2½-inch crimped case and 1½ ozs. No. 7 shot. Introduced at the 1951 C.P.S.A. Championship meeting

at Northolt, shot under very bad weather conditions, this cartridge alone was responsible for the record scores returned at that meeting. I do hope this short article will clear up a few points and help to place down-the-line clay target shooting in its proper perspective, not as an adjunct to game shooting, but as an entirely separate sport, well worth following for its own sake, for the entertainment it gives and for the wonderful fellowship and sportsmanship you will meet wherever clay target shots gather.

ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

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The foregoing will operate for the next annual meeting. Clubs should therefore take note that nominations for offices in the Association will now close on December 31st each year, instead of the previous arrangement of 7 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Notice of the annual meeting will go to the clubs (with other information as outlined) 28 days prior to that meeting.

The Interstate Teams' Match, which was previously agreed upon by the Executive Committee to be shot on a ground arranged by the Association, has now been rescinded and the match will be staged on similar lines to the present Inter-national Teams' Match. Each State will pick its own team and conduct the shoot at a ground to be decided upon. Results would then be forwarded to the Association for checking and the winning team declared. This method will allow all States to compete in a most interesting contest at the minimum of expense. Final details have yet to be worked out for this match—full information will appear in a later issue of "News".

Son: "Yes, Dad, I'm quite a big gun at school."

Dad: "Well, then, why don't I get better reports?"

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5 Bird Single Barrel.

Victorian Double Rise Championship

10 Bird Double Barrel.

MAY 10-

5 Bird Single Barrel.

20 BIRD DOUBLE BARREL

10 Bird Single Barrel.

MAY 24-

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JUNE 7-

10 Bird Single Barrel.

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