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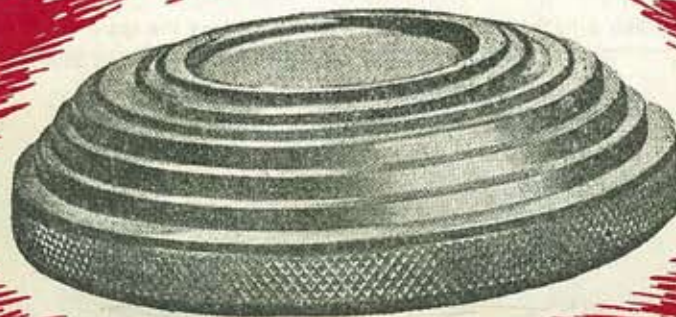


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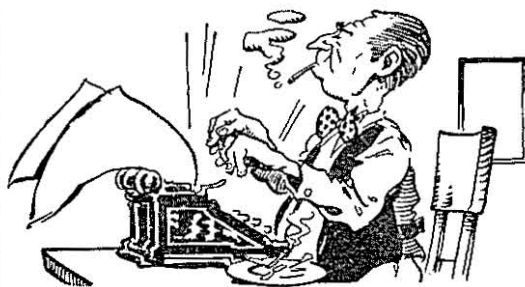
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THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

A number of shooters have advised that their names have not appeared this year in "News", although they are financial. In order to clear up an apparent misunderstanding, it should be noted that, by direction of the Executive Committee some months ago, it was decided to publish the full list of registrations once each year, probably in future June issues. The last full list was published following the direction mentioned, in the September 1951 edition. Since that issue, only those who have renewed or are new registrations have appeared. All names of those who were financial for 1951 were published in September. The next full list will be issued next month, that is in June, 1952, and all financial and registered shooters' names will appear. In view of the uncertain understanding of the publication of new and renewed names, it is likely that the Association will revert to publication of the full list of financial shooters at least twice each year, probably in the months of June and December. The original idea of one full list publication per year was introduced in order to save the heavy expense involved. The introduction of registration cards was also expected to partly offset the non-appearance of the full list in "News" each quarter, as was previously the case.

During the last month two cases of clashing dates in major events have occurred. In each instance the fault has been with the clubs concerned. It is an Association direction and also in the best interests of the sport and the shooters that clubs holding open shoots should apply to the Association for approval of all open dates. When a clash of major events occurs, no club or shooter really benefits. It is therefore most important for club officials to observe this direction from the governing body. Club officials should also remember that Association handicaps



should be used for all open shoots. An open shoot is a championship meeting (other than club) and any occasion on which £50 or more is given in prize money for any one event.

Amendment to handicaps on registration cards has brought forth a further query during the past month. One northern club has asked if the registration card has to be returned to the Association secretary for amendment and signature. As previously explained, returning the card to the Association is not required. The actual procedure is (this has already been explained in three previous issues of "News"): for a club desirous of recommending a variation—either forward or back—of any shooter, visiting or local club member, to report the incidence of the recommendation to the Association immediately (within three days), outlining reasons for variation proposed. If the Association accepts the recommendation, the amendment to the handicap of the shooter concerned will appear in the following issue of "News". Once the official intimation of change of handicap has appeared in "News", the shooter concerned should submit his registration card to his home club secretary for notation and signature. This is quite a simple procedure and one which protects the interests of all concerned. If the shooter under review does not produce his handicap card, it is important that his home club secretary should note the

variation in handicap and take steps to see that the shooter's card is amended without delay.

Association Shoot Scores

(Continued from April Issue)

The Australian Teams' Match, decided over the first 30 releases in the Champion of Champions Cup, went to Footscray (V.), comprising A. F. Burns, John Bryant Junr., W. R. Johns and J. Bryant Senr.

The Intermediate Championship, restricted to shooters whose handicap did not exceed 16 yards on March 10, produced five possibles. Match conditions were 20 birds from 16 yards, double-barrel. The tie shoot went to F. Oliver of Kew (V.), 25/25 (in his best win since taking up the sport), from L. Mitchell (Trafalgar, V.), 24/25; Phil Duchatel (Griffith, N.S.W.), 23/25; C. Pay (Narromine, N.S.W.), 26/29, and H. Wakefield (Mildura, V.), 25/29.

A £100 Handicap was divided by W. Schooley (Morven, Qld.), E. V. Cox, M. Smith (Sydney), R. Thorne (St. James, V.), R. McNamara (Griffith), J. Blake (Cressy, Tas.), E. G. Biggs (Burwood) and R. Kiley (Temora, N.S.W.).

The Fourth Grand Australian Handicap, the main event on the last day, shot at 40 targets from Association handicap marks, single-barrel, was won outright by the far-western New South Wales shooter, K. McKinnon, of Cobar, with 38/40. G. Patterson (Young), 41/45, was next, and A. Hinneberg (Tempy, V.), 39/44, third. Others in the prize list were: John Raleigh (Morven, Q.), 39/43; Cyril Ferguson (Brisbane, Q.), 41/46; Roy Glover (Sale), 40/46; "Sleet" (H. G. Cross, Gilgandra, N.S.W.), 40/47, and John Doyle (Alexandra, V.), 39/47.

A minor ten birder was cut on the 15th round by T. Akers (Charleville, Q.), W. Finnegan (Gardenvale, V.), C. Dalton (Ouyen, V.), S. McCleary (Ouyen, V.), Fred Brook (Gilgandra, N.S.W.), A. H. Brenk (V.), "Dochan-Doris" (Dave Watson, V.), W. Chandler (Clara Creek, Q.), J. Pockock (Hay), W. Schooley (Morven, Q.) and E. V. Cox (Hay, N.S.W.).

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U.S.A. SHOOTING

(From Rex Miles)

Well, Bill, your big shoot is over, congratulations on the splendid attendance; I know you and the rest of the officers worked your heads off; these shoots don't just happen, how well I know that.

Your method of selecting the members of your International team is very fair, and it is up to the individual to qualify himself if he falls down; he has no one to blame but himself, and so there should be no "squawks".

Congratulate your John Bryant for me, he did an excellent job, his 97 will be something for your boys to shoot at for some time. I hope he continues shooting top scores. Who knows, he may be another Arnold Reigger? I always feel that when you break 96 or better, you are shooting O.K. As you know, a shooter has to break them all, then win the shoot-off to get anything on 16 yards at our Tournaments. There are only a "handful" of top-notchers that can break decent scores from 24 and 25 yards. Reigger, as you know, is about the best. Now, with single-barrel shooting being in vogue, your boys will no doubt get to shooting single guns. The average person has an idea, when you speak of a single shotgun, that you are talking about a cheap Musket; this is very wrong. You can pay as much for a single as you can for the finest double. Joe Heistand holds the World's Long Run record of 1404 straight with an Ithaca. I was present at the Grand American meeting in 1938 when Joe broke every 16 yard target on the programme, also all his shoot-off targets, this when he made his record run. There are a few first-class English gun-makers turning out single trap guns, quite a few show up here. If it were not for the high duty, lots more of the boys would buy them.

We have a heavy list of registered shoots coming up. Some of these are May 17 and 18, Ritzville Gun Club 500 mixed targets; May 25, Coulee City Gun Club, 250 mixed targets;

May 30, 31, June 1, Hayden Lake (Idaho State Shoot) 600 mixed targets; June 1, Wenatchee Gun Club 250 mixed targets; June 6, 7, 8, Washington State Shoot at Walla Walla, 600 mixed targets; June 20, 21 and 22, Western Zone Tournament, Spokane Gun Club 700 mixed targets. Now if your boys could get this kind of shooting, they would no doubt make some real scores and take the "bacon".

This about winds me up for the present; thanks again for "News", which I enjoy very much.

THE SHOTGUN BORE

The bore of a shot gun was determined by an old method of muzzle-loading days and came originally from the weight of the spherical lead bullet that would exactly fit the bore of the gun concerned, e.g., a 1-oz. bullet exactly fits the bore of a certain gun, and as sixteen of these go to a pound, the gun is termed a 16-bore; similarly a spherical bullet of which twelve go to the pound fits the bore of a 12-bore, and so on.

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The question in the examination read: "How may one obtain good posture?" The country boy, puzzled a moment, then wrote: "Keep the cows off it and let it grow a while."

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 Trophy

30 BIRDS D.B. Nom., £3.

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Optional 10/- sweeps on each series of 10 birds. No deductions.

Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

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Second Day, commencing 9.30 a.m.

Event No. 1 — 5 BIRD D.B. POINT.

Event No. 2 —

Charleville £100 Handicap

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.

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"Tips" and "Tails"

The Warren Club (N.S.W.) will shoot the Lower Macquarie Double-barrel championship, followed by a £50 on the club's grounds at Warren on Queen's Birthday holiday, Monday, June 9. Full details are as advertised in this

issue. Young Walker, Box 59, is club secretary.

Atherton Club in North Queensland advises through President, Jack Page, that the local club has taken up a new shooting site and holds a ten years lease of the area. Club buildings, new concrete lay-out and tracks leading up to the shooting marks have been installed. The surroundings of the club are expected to be ready for competition early in May. A picture of the new set-up will be available for "News" at a later date.

Coburg Club (V.) will have a day of single-barrel shooting on May 24. On June 7, a 25 birder is listed for special cash awards of £100. Full details of all immediate programmes are advertised in this issue.

The Portarlington shooter, Russell Renfrey, appears in quite a different role during the winter months. As an improving shooter on the Bellarine Peninsula, Russell usually faces up to the fixtures at Portarlington, sometimes at Geelong and occasionally in Melbourne. With the advent of the colder weather he appears as a champion follower for the Geelong League Football (Australian Rules). Russell is a strong player and was one of the foremost players in the Geelong team's premiership win in 1951.

The Ganmain Club will shoot a full programme of events on Saturday, June 14. The main interests will be the South-Western Riverina

Double-barrel championship, followed by a £25 handicap. Full programme is advertised in this issue. All enquiries should be directed to the club secretary, Pat Gibbons, at Waterview Street, Ganmain.

The Queensland cleric, Rev. Fr. Bourke, so well known on Victorian shooting grounds, advises that he is now posted to Charters Towers and is interesting himself in securing the approval of local civic authority to enable district clubs to hold shoots on Sundays, similar, as he puts it, "to rifle clubs." He points out that there are many railway men in the Emerald, Charters Towers, area and many of them cannot shoot on any other day than Sunday.

The 13th Annual Report of the Tasmanian Gun Club at Launceston has been issued in printed form, and presented to the annual meeting of the club held on April 17. The club is in a sound position under President Bill Rainbird and secretary J. F. Bennell. One interesting item shows the club's automatic trap as an asset at the figure of £17/19/5—it would be worth many times that figure if for sale. The trap house is shown at £1/6/6—also a figure probably much under today's cost.

President of the Goondiwindi Club in Southern Queensland has requested that visiting shooters to the Roma Commonwealth championship meeting early in June be informed that the Goondiwindi meeting on May 31 and June 1 should be a first-class opportunity "to really try themselves right out in readiness for the Commonwealth event at Roma." He adds that "Goondiwindi is on the best route through to Roma."

The name of the popular Portarlington sportsman, R. Jorgenson, was missed when the printer was compiling the names and details of scores in the Champion of Champions Cup in March. "Jorgy", as he is popularly known, registered 54/60 and claims to have shot the whole event "single-barrel". In view of this outstanding form we hasten to

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give him full credit for a first-class performance.

Jeff. Page, of "Cairns", Cooladdi, Qld., has taken out life registration with the A.C.P.T.S.A. Jeff is a former secretary of the Clara Creek Club in Western Queensland.

The brilliant young girl shooter, Barbara Biggs, daughter of the 1951 National champion at clay pigeons, has received many congratulations of late on her success in gaining matriculation. Her young sister, Jennifer, gained her Intermediate pass during the last examination series. Both girls are good shots and apparently have considerable ability in the scholastic sphere.

The Geraldton Club's (W.A.) captain is W. Mellows. President is R. Skinner and secretary Noel J. Glass.

Shooters throughout the southern area of the Commonwealth will sympathise with the Beaumaris (Victoria) shooter, J. J. (Jack) Dawson in the loss of his famous Australian champion Labrador dog, "Michael". The dog was as well known as Jack

himself, and it can be truly said that Michael was a friend of every shooter he contacted in his travels with his master. Jack took Michael and one of his sons, in their specially built caravan, to the Sale shoot for the Victorian double-barrel championship meeting and any sports that may have been available following the competitive programme. During the progress of shooting, Michael and son were playing and the younger dog accidentally bit a portion out of the older dog's left eyebrow. Dr. H. H. Martin of Yarram, who was a competitor, immediately assisted by stitching the injured animal. On the way home the trip was along portion of the South Gippsland Highway, through Woodside and Yarram.

Near Woodside a signpost indicated that the Ninety Mile Beach was close by, so Jack felt that the dogs were due for a run and let them down into some swamp water a mile or two off the main road. The dogs frolicked for some time and it was noticed that Michael was



Some Hay Gun Club members at the Association shoot in March at East Burwood. (L. to R.): Messrs. Gibson, Dancey, Cox, Pocock and Catlin ("Dinky").

not anxious to return to the truck, a rather unusual procedure for him to adopt. Ultimately the journey was resumed, and home at Beaumaris was reached about sundown. On going to the caravan door to let the dogs out for their caravan kennel it was found that Michael was in a state of collapse. He was rushed to a veterinary surgeon, but coma developed, from which he did not rally and died the following morning. General opinion is that the dog was bitten by a snake, although the vet. claimed he could find no evidence of it. Snakes abound in this area and it seems quite probably that snake-bite was the cause of the loss of this splendid animal. Overseas judges had frequently mentioned that Michael was one of the best dogs of the type they had ever seen and he held his Australian title at all major shows. His progeny brought highest prices. A dog completely without

vice, his loss is a severe one both to his master and the breed in Australia.

The Roma Club in Western Queensland announces, through the medium of the advertising section of this issue, the full programme for its meeting covering the dates June 7, June 8 and June 9. The main attraction is the premier title of the Commonwealth—the Commonwealth Double-barrel championship. This will be decided on the opening day, 25 targets from 20 yards. The special I.C.I. Trophy event at 20 birds single-barrel from Association handicaps will follow on the same day. On the second day, June 8, main event is a £100 handicap, followed by the Intermediate Trophy shoot restricted to shooters whose handicap does not exceed 15 yards. A Back-marker's Trophy event at 15 birds single-barrel will also be held. Other matches and sweepstakes will be included, both days, time per-

Hobart Gun Club

BRIGHTON — TASMANIA

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

Saturday, 31st May

Commencing 1 p.m.

Event 1 — 5 BIRD SWEEPSTAKE for Novices and
12/13 yard Shooters. Nomination, 6/-.

Event 2 — 5 BIRD SWEEPSTAKE, DOUBLE
BARREL. Nomination, 6/-.

Event 3 —

Hobart Gun Club Single Barrel Championship

From 16 yards.

Nomination, 20/-, with 1st, 2nd and 3rd Trophies.

Event 4 —

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mitting. Two automatic traps will be in operation throughout. Douglas Pack, the ace referee, will be in charge of competition. For any shooters desirous of shooting on Monday, June 9, a programme of trophy and sweepstakes will be held. There is a first-class T.A.A. Air Service to and from Roma and intending competitors should make immediate reservations. By contacting the club president, Keith Cameron (Phone 77H), Roma, or club secretary, Colin Fletcher, telegrams and telephone Roma 272S, all accommodation requirements will have attention. Early booking is advised.

Followers of the sport of clay pigeon shooting throughout the Empire will regret to learn of the recent passing of Major H. R. Northover, O.B.E., M.C., which took place at his home, Bisley End, Brockham Warren, Boxhill Road, Tadworth, Surrey, England. The late sportsman was in his 70th year. Major Northover was well known for his inventive genius particularly in regard to traps and clays. He represented England on many occasions in the International series and was several times High-gun for the Mother Country. He was the founder and President of the Bisley Gun Club, one of the most prominent clubs in England.

A new club at Collarenebri (N.S.W.) has affiliated with the A.C.P.T.S.A. Club secretary is F. K. Badgery, of Alpha, Collarenebri. The formation and affiliation of a new club is accepted as one of the usual passing events of the year. With Collarenebri affiliation is revived memories of a first-class pre-war shot in Ted Holmes, formerly of Moree. Ted was well known (with his brother Bob) as one of the up and coming shots of the Commonwealth prior to the outbreak of hostilities. Ted and Bob Holmes were then considered to be among the best tutored clay pigeon shooters in the Commonwealth. In 1939 at Launceston (Tas.) Ted had the Commonwealth double-barrel title "in the bag" and held a clean score at 20 rounds. He failed over the final five releases solely due to lack of practice. The brothers served throughout the war period, and Ted did not enjoy the best of health for a long

time afterwards. However, the old spirit has been re-kindled and having taken up property at Collarenebri, it was a foregone conclusion that the local shooters should request Ted to accept the Presidential office. This he has done and he intends to make Collarenebri second to none among clay pigeon shooting clubs. In a recent letter Ted wrote, "Dear Bill, If you think back to about February or March, 1939, to a Commonwealth Championship shoot in Launceston and a deer hunt in the hills of Tassie, where the only deer hunted was a 30 gal. keg of Cascade and a lot of 'full' alees with guns, when three members of the party decided that things were getting dangerous and left for safer parts, well then, I guess you will know who is writing to you. One hell of a lot of water has passed under the bridge since then, and until a few months ago it was almost the last time I fired at a clay bird. We did a bit of shooting at the old Moree club after that for a time, and then closed down for the duration. Some time after the war another club was formed there, but with hardly a one of the old members. I am now 150 miles from Moree and seldom get over there. Some of the fellows round here have shot a few clay birds and were keen to get a club going. They reckoned that I was the only one who knew anything about the game, so they made me President." Ted continues asking for all latest literature and requesting that efforts be made to ensure full supplies of International load shells to country clubs. He concludes, "Have just unearthed an old snap which might interest you, so I am enclosing."

The Australian Clay Target Club's programmes for June 14 and 28 are advertised. Both days will be assigned to single and double-barrel competitions. On June 14 a competition will open and continue throughout the months of June, July and August. The winner will receive a cartridge case filled with "Icils", presented by an anonymous donor, for the best aggregate over the main events during the months mentioned. This is an attractive trophy and should create much interest.

Surfers Paradise (Qld.) club secretary, A. G. Sturgess, recently had

GANMAIN GUN CLUB

NEW SOUTH WALES

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

South Western District Riverina Double Barrel Championship

Saturday, 14th June, 1952

Shooting commences 10 a.m.

Event No. 1 — 5 BIRD EYE-OPENER (Comp. Div.)

Event No. 2 —

SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICT RIVERINA DOUBLE BARREL CHAMPIONSHIP

20 Birds off 16 yds., with Optional Sweepstake.

Trophy and Sash 1st, Trophies for 2nd and 3rd. Best 12/14 ydr.

Event No. 3 —

£25 HANDICAP

10 Birds. Divided 60%, 30%, 10%.

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H. LOGAN, President.

P. GIBBONS, Hon. Secretary.

the misfortune to fall down a steep gully whilst carrying his gun with a broken right arm resulting. Cliff Whitney is helping out with secretarial duties. The club will shoot on Friday, June 20, and Saturday, June 21. A \$50 handicap will be among the main events on the opening day and the South Queensland walk-up championship on the last day. The club is catering for visiting shooters and local competitions to fit in with the Commonwealth title meeting at Roma and other fixtures at Charleville and Goondiwindi, extending through from the first week in June. All programmes are advertised.

Rockhampton Club (Qld.) advertises full details of its two-day programme over June 17 and June 20. The fixtures coincide with the local race meeting and provide an additional attraction for visitors to that centre. The club grounds are at Nine Mile Road, West Rockhampton. Shooting commences at 9.30 a.m. both days. A £100 handicap is the principal event on opening day. Ten and fifteen birders comprise chief interest on final day. Enquiries should be directed to the club secretary, H. F. Sargent, Thozets Road, Rockhampton.

Wongabri Club at Bowral (N.S.W.) will shoot the South Coast and Southern Tablelands Double-rise championship on Monday, June 9

(Queen's Birthday). Programme is advertised in this issue.

Portarlington Club advertises two club championships, for May 24, Club single-barrel title and June 28, Club Double-rise championship. Club secretary is R. Jorgenson, Nargoondy, Portarlington.

Colin M. Barr, of the Blue Lake city of Mount Gambier, in the South-west of South Australia, has taken out Life Registration with the A.C.P.T.S.A. This sportsman is "Mine-Host" at Mac's Hotel at The Mount and would be delighted to meet any shooters passing through or in need of a "camp" for a night or two.

The Ensay (Victoria) shooter, Roy Mildenhall, has also taken out a Lifer Badge with the Association. Roy is a prominent Gippsland sporting enthusiast.

* * *

A motorist in Tanga, British East Africa, was recently charged with an offence involving dangerous driving. This was his defence: "I sounded my horn twice. There was a pedestrian in the middle of the road who did not move out of the way — naturally he was knocked down."

WONGABRI GUN CLUB - (Bowral)

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

MONDAY, 9TH JUNE, 1952

(QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY)

Starting 10.30 a.m.

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

2nd Event —

S.C. and S.T. CHAMPIONSHIP D.R.

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TWO DAY SHOOT

20TH AND 21ST JUNE - 1952

Commencing at 10 a.m. both days.

Shoot, swim and surf in sunshine at Surfers' Paradise and Southport.

To shooters who intend visiting the Western towns of Queensland during the Commonwealth Championship, it is suggested they finish their holiday on Queensland's sunny South Coast.

PROGRAMMES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING, 20th and 21st JUNE, 1952.

Friday, 20th June, 1952, 10 a.m.—

£50 HANDICAP

3 BIRD D.B. EYE-OPENER SWEEPSTAKES
(Nomination, 5/-) Compulsory Division.

20 Bird Double Barrel £50 Handicap
Prize money to be divided, Winner 60%, Second 20%, Third 10%, and Best 12 yarder, 10%. (Nomination, £2)

5 BIRD S.B. TROPHY, OPTIONAL SWEEPSTAKES
(Nomination, 5/-)

OTHER EVENTS IF TIME PERMITS.

Saturday, 21st June, 1952, 10 a.m.—

SOUTH QUEENSLAND WALK-UP CHAMPIONSHIP

3 BIRD D.B. EYE-OPENER SWEEPSTAKES
(Nomination, 5/-) Compulsory Division.

20 Bird D.B. South Queensland Walk-Up
Championship

under Association Rules.

Winner: Sash and Trophy, with Trophies for Second, Third and Best 12 yarder. Optional Sweepstakes.
(Nomination, £1/5/-)

5 PAIR DOUBLE-RISE TROPHY AND OPTIONAL SWEEPSTAKES (Nomination, 10/-).

OTHER EVENTS IF TIME PERMITS.

Calcutta Sweepstake on Championship event if sufficient shooters.
The Committee reserves the right to make any alteration they consider necessary in programme.

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GUN GOSSIP

(by NORTH COUNTRY in
"Shooting Times")

I have been asked which I consider to be the more dangerous weapon—a rifle or a gun. It is, in my opinion, one of those questions to which no proper answer can be given without some qualification. So much depends on the circumstances.

At really close quarters—15 yds. or so—I consider a gun to be far more dangerous than any rifle. For one thing, in the event of an accidental discharge or of wild, irresponsible shooting, a charge of loose pellets which spreads increasingly as it gets away from the gun, is far more likely to hit somebody than a single bullet which can easily pass between a couple of persons standing well within an inch of one another, without causing any harm whatsoever. For another a charge of loose shot at close range will cause far more bodily harm, in a fair and square hit, than any kind of bullet, large or small, irrespective of velocity of any other ballistic factors. The resultant haemorrhage from a charge of small pellets, even in a non-vital spot, is nearly sure to prove fatal. The laceration caused by pellets at close quarters has to be seen to be believed. A shotgun at short range is the deadliest weapon imaginable.

But the fatal range of a gun is extremely small. At a few hundred yards the only harm that a gun is likely to do is to put out an eye. This is serious enough, but a gun cannot cause death at this range (shot balling or any thousand to one chance excepted). Whereas a rifle may cause death at a mile or more away. Yet the chances are well against an accidental hit.

In these over-populated countries a rifle becomes a far more dangerous weapon than it is in, say, a vast and sparsely populated country like Canada. Gun accidents are, unfortunately, far too common. Every season brings its toll of fatalities and many more non-fatal accidents.

A high-velocity bullet may disintegrate on contact with a hard surface, it is true. The trouble is, it may hit some person or some valuable animal first. There is this, too. The firer of an irresponsible shot does not know what happens eventually to his bullet—or at least he may not know for some time. The firer of a gun at least does know what happens at the time of firing.

I would say that a gun within its very narrow limits is the more dangerous of the two weapons. But those limits are so very narrow that I would rather know there was a dangerous man in the next field armed with a gun than a similar man with a rifle. The feeling that bullets, travelling at a high velocity, may get you or even pass within a few yards of you, is not a pleasant one. Where a gun is concerned you at least know where you are—near enough. But a rifle! Its bullet may get you from the next parish.

Of course, a miniature rifle is safe enough in the proper hands in almost any part. So long as a man studies his background and exercises due care, he can fire away with his .22. But something more powerful is another question.

A great and ever-present danger in low-country rifle shooting is stock. You take a shot at a rabbit sitting on top of the river bank and forget that cattle or sheep may be grazing in the next field. I do not know the effect of a .22 bullet into the middle of a fat bullock at 75 yards, but I should be very sorry to see it happen. Such things must just not be allowed to happen.

If a full sense of the danger of which firearms are capable could be cultivated in every shooter, we should hear of few accidents. I think that many a man has no idea of what a gun or rifle may do. He neither knows nor thinks much about the subject. He is too keen on his individual results. Danger is comfortably forgotten.

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1st Event—5 BIRD SINGLE BARREL SWEEP-STAKE. 14/- entry.

10/- back to shooter, to be shot right out. Divided 60%, 30% and 10%.

2nd Event—

10 Bird Single Barrel Handicap

10/- entry. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 12/14 yd. Trophies.

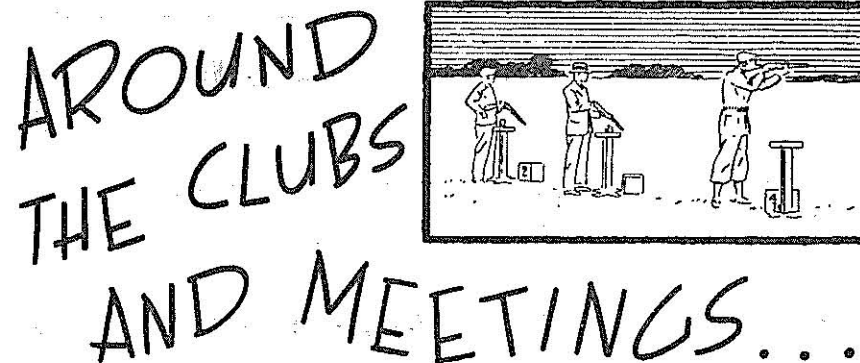
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BATHURST (N.S.W.).—Bathurst Gun Club held their open shoot on April 20th and 21st in the worst conditions possible for shooters. A freezing westerly wind and drizzling rain made everyone pretty cold on the outside; but, thanks to the "Bar", everyone was quite warm inside. Despite all these drawbacks, some really good shooting was witnessed and a good time was had by all. Full results as follows:

Sunday, 20th April—Event 1, 5-bird Sweepstake: div. W. Byers, H. Lupp, V. Howard, E. Ginty, N. Jaques, D. Bacigalupo, Newton Thomas, E. Dwyer, S. Bressington. Event 2, 10 birds: won by D. Bacigalupo, 33/33, from J. N. Brazier, 32/33. Event 3, 10 birds: won by W. Spies, 15/15, from L. Lupp, 14/15. Event 4, £50 Handicap, 15 birds: div. W. Byers, Newton Thomas, S. Bressington, 15/15. Event 5, 5 birds: won by C. Relmoore, 13/13, from W. Spies, 12/13. Event 6, Miss-out Sweepstake: div. J. N. Brazier, J. Valentine, C. Relmoore, 9/9.

MONDAY, 21st April—Event 1, 3-bird Sweepstake: div. W. Spies, L. Lupp, W. Byers, H. Lupp, S. Bressington, C. Campbell. Event 2, 10 birds: won by A. Owens, 10/11, from H. Jaques, 9/11. Event 3, 10 birds: won by L. Morris, 13/13, from W. Byers, 12/13. Event 4, Central N.S.W. D.B. Championship: 1st, Geo. Bell, 25/25; 2nd, L. Morris, 24/25; 3rd, C. Campbell, 24/25, from W. Spies, 23/25. Event 5, £50 Handicap, 15 birds: 1st and 2nd div. W. Spies and R. Braham, 15/15; 3rd, L. Morris, 22/23, from "Sleet", 21/

23. Event 6, 10 birds: 1st, W. Spies, 12/12, from L. Lupp, 11/12. (S. Bressington, Hon. Sec.)

WONGABRI (Bowral, N.S.W.).—The Wongabri Gun Club held its first clay pigeon shoot of the season over Easter week-end, when the principal event was the S.C. and S.T.'s Double Barrel Championship of 20 birds. The weather detracted somewhat from the attendance of marksmen, but all enjoyed the shooting. The Championship was won by M. Fuller of Sydney after a shoot-off, and he put up a remarkable performance to break 40 consecutive clays. The runner-up was W. Ruffy of Wollongong, who missed his 40th bird. The meeting was conducted on Saturday and Monday and results were as follows:

Saturday: 15-bird D.B. Trophy shoot was won by Tim Wright (Sydney), with 20/20; W. McCloy (Wollongong), second, 19/20. 5-bird S.B. Trophy was won by M. Fuller (Sydney) with 14/14; W. McCloy,

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second, 13/14. Sweepstakes followed with quite a lot of possibles, and were divided.

Monday: The heavy rain over the week-end kept many of the shooters away, and sixteen lined up on Monday. There was some of the best shooting witnessed on the Wongabri ground, as the results will show: No. 1 event, 5-bird D.B., div. T. Wright, A. Shepherd, D. Sullivan, G. Jarrett and T. Seccombe. No. 2, S.C. and S.T. Championship of 20 birds D.B.: 1st, M. Fuller, after shoot-off, with 40/40; 2nd, W. Rutty (Wollongong), with 39/40; 3rd, W. Hanley (Sydney) with 34/35; 12 and 14 yards after shoot-off went to Oss. Sullivan (Wongabri) with 33/35, from J. Manning (Cootamundra) with 32/35. No. 3, £25 Handicap, 10 birds D.B., div. T. Wright, Oss. Sullivan, D. Sullivan, J. Manning, S. Lamb, W. Rutty, W. Hanley, C. Tickle, with the possible 10/10. No. 4, Trophy, 5-bird D.B.: went to J. Manning with 28/28 after shoot-off with M. Fuller, 27/28. No. 5, 5-bird S.B.: M. Fuller,

11/11, after shoot-off with J. Upton, 10/11, and T. Wright, 10/11. No. 6, 10-bird D.B. for Cartridges and Sweep: div. Oss. Sullivan, G. Jarrett, J. Manning, W. Rutty, with 15/15. No. 7, 3 pairs Double Rise: won by T. Wright, 4/4. No. 8, 3 pairs D.R.: won by P. Manning with 9/9, after shoot-off with M. Fuller, 8/9, and W. Hanley, 7/8. No. 9, 3 pairs D.R., went to W. Hanley with 3/3.

(Edna E. Sullivan, Hon. Sec.)

ALEXANDRA (V.).—The April shoot on the 19th found conditions very much against the shooters. Dark skies, showers and a cold, varying wind kept scores lower than usual. Visitors were present from Woods Point and Terip. Best break was shot by R. Nicholson, 25 straight. Staunch club man Lin Cumming, scored a very popular win in the main event of the day.

Results were as follows: Event 1, 5 birds D.B., 6 possibles: Sweep div. R. Nicholson and R. Williamson, 10/10. Event 2, 5 birds D.B., 8 possibles: Sweep div. Leo Doyle and R.

Nicholson, 9/9. Event 3, 10 birds D.B., 2 trophies, 12 yd. trophy and optional sweep: 1st Trophy and Sweep outright to Lin Cumming, 10/10; 8 shooters with 9/10 shot for 2nd Trophy. Result: R. Simmons, 14/15; 12 yd. Trophy to R. Nicholson, 13/15. Event 4, 5 birds S.B.: div. G. Cookson and Ian Cumming, 5/5. Event 5, Miss-out from 16 yds.: Lin Cumming, 11/12; G. Courtney, 10/12.

(Luke Doyle, Club Correspondent.)

TAMBO (Qld.).—Under Sunny Queensland skies and ideal shooting conditions, Tambo staged its Easter shoot over the 12th and 13th April. Shooting throughout was of a high standard, 32 shooters fronting the trap for numerous events, some of whom came from as far afield as Clara Creek, Charleville and Blackall. After concluding the last advertised event on the 13th, trophies were presented by the President's wife, Mrs. R. Tyrwhitt, and Mr.

Graham Lilley. Hereunder are the results of the main events:

12/4/52—No. 1 Event, 5-bird D.B. Eye Opener: D. J. McKerrow, 5/5; J. E. Hamilton, 5/5; J. Jillett, 5/5; K. West, 5/5; J. Raleigh, 5/5; W. Gall, 5/5; T. Akers, 5/5; G. Akers, 5/5; C. Miller, 5/5; M. Martin, 5/5; W. Chandler, 5/5; G. Johnstone, 5/5. Shoot-off div. J. Hamilton, J. Raleigh, G. Akers, C. Miller and M. Martin, 8/8 each. No. 2 Event, 5-bird D.B. Point: div. G. McDiarmid, W. Chandler, W. Gall, M. Martin, T. Akers, P. Smith and L. Hasler, 15/15 each. No. 3 Event, 20-bird D.B. Point: 1st, W. Schooley, 59/60; 2nd, T. Akers, 56/60; 3rd, L. Hasler, 55/60. Best 12 yarder, M. Martin, 54/60. No. 4 Event, Milray Perpetual Cup: Team shoot won by Clara Creek Team (L. Hasler, John Raleigh, J. Raleigh, W. Schooley and W. Chandler), 45/50. No. 5 Event, 10-bird D.B. Point, £10 Handicap: T. Akers, 29/30.



Picnic atmosphere at East Burwood Association shoot. Messrs. Jack Dawson (V.), Sertori Junr., Reg McNamara, Dr. J. L. Sertori (Griffith).

13/4/52—No. 1 Event, 5-bird D.B. Point: div. M. Martin, G. Lilley, Joe Raleigh, W. Chandler, 15/15. No. 2 Event, 5-bird S.B. Sweep: div. T. Akers, G. Akers, W. Chandler, 5/5. No. 3 Event, Barcoo S.B. Championship: 1st, W. Chandler, 19/20; 2nd, G. Akers, 27/30; 3rd, Joe Raleigh, 26/30; Best 12 yarder, M. Martin, 16/20. No. 4 Event, 5 prs. Deauville Doubles: 1st, D. McKerrrow - J. Hamilton, 10/10; 2nd, Joe Raleigh - L. Hasler, 9/10; 3rd, J. Quin - G. McDiarmid, 7/8. The aggregate trophy went to W. Chandler with 39/40 pts. "Good shooting, Chandler."

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

STONEHENGE (N.S.W.). — Stonehenge held their periodical shoot for the Mick Smith Cup, presented by that good sportsman to encourage S.B. shooting, which must be won three times apart from a trophy presented each occasion.

The scores were: Rus Faunt, C. Meale, F. Singleton, of Cobar, 19/20, which went to 33 birds before Clar-

rie Meale missed out and Rus Faunt won. The next, a 10-bird event, resulted in Rus Faunt, R. Sonter, C. Meale, A. Spiter, D. Edinburgh, F. Singleton and J. Leighton all with 10/10. This went to J. Leighton after 24 birds. A 5-bird event followed with Rus Faunt, G. Henderson, W. Nosworthy, C. Meale, A. Spiter, L. Crispe, E. Ginty, F. Singleton and J. Leighton all with 5/5. This went to 15 birds before J. Leighton was proclaimed the winner. High guns were J. Leighton, 38/38; F. Singleton, 48/51; Rus Faunt, 56/59; C. Meale, 63/66; A. Spiter, 35/40. Single-barrel shooting is making them keep on their toes, and some excellent shooting was witnessed. Rus Faunt shot 43/45 first barrel and J. Leighton only used his second three times in 38 birds. Other scores in the main event were: J. Finney, 18/20; J. Arthur, 18/20; D. Edinburgh, 17/20; Mick Smith, 17/20, and W. Read, 17/20.

(Chas. S. Horne.)

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28th JUNE, 1952

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OTHER EVENTS TIME PERMITTING.

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BALMORAL (V.).—Shoot held April 26. Twenty-three shooters competed in events throughout the afternoon. In the main event, a 15-bird D.B. (dinner set), N. Woodfield won the event, the only shooter to break the full 15 birds. Second trophy was won by D. Forrest of Edenhope, 17/18, from G. Austin, 16/18; and G. G. Pern, 14/16.

Details of shoots. No. 1, 5-bird D.B.: div. L. A. Perry, G. G. Pern, R. W. McPhee, H. Vaughan, all 5/5. No. 2, 15-bird D.B. Trophy Shoot: N. Woodfield, 1st, 15/15; D. Forrest, 2nd, 17/18. No. 3, 5-bird D.B. Point Shoot: W. Pitman, 1st, 13/15 points; N. Woodfield, A. McPhee, D. Forrest, E. Bertram and W. F. Duncan, all 12 points. No. 4, 5-bird D.B.: div. J. Rizzo and D. Forrest, 5/5.

(W. F. Duncan, President.)

HARGRAVE PARK (N.S.W.).—Results of shoot, 29th March. No. 1, 5-bird: L. P. Hughes, F. Nichols, 5/5. No. 2, 10-bird, Trophy and Sweep: W. Bullen, 10/10; G. West, C. Anderson shot off for second, G. West winning shoot-off with 11/12. No. 3, 5-bird: L. P. Hughes, R. Croft, F. Nichols, C. W. Plummer, 5/5, div. No. 4, 5-bird: L. P. Hughes, W. Hanley, E. E. Bullen, 5/5, div. No. 5,

5 prs. Double Rise: W. Bullen, 5/5. No. 6, 3 prs. Double Rise: L. P. Hughes, 3/3. No. 7, 5-bird: R. Hyatt, C. Plummer, J. Neeld, E. E. Bullen, 5/5, div.

Saturday, 5th April: No. 1, 3 prs. Double Rise Eye-opener: G. Boehm, L. P. Hughes, W. J. Hanley, Newton Thomas, J. Neeld, M. Fuller, Dr. Lee, W. White, E. Bullen, 2/3 prs., div. No. 2, Double Rise Championship, 12 prs. 16 yds.: won outright by J. Newton Thomas with 12/12 prs. Shoot-off between M. Fuller and W. J. Hanley for second and third trophies, won by M. Fuller with 12/15; W. J. Hanley, 11/15 prs. J. Newton Thomas gave a delightful exhibition of doubles shooting to win this event. Other events as follows: No. 3, 5-bird D.B.: L. P. Hughes, W. Hanley, J. Newton Thomas, C. Plummer, M. Fuller, W. White, G. West, N. Rogley, 5/5, div. No. 4, 5-bird: L. P. Hughes, J. Newton Thomas, A. V. Bush, M. Fuller, E. Bullen, G. West, Miss V. Sargent, F. Nichols, 5/5, div. No. 5, 5-bird D.B.: Newton Thomas, J. Manning, E. Bullen, F. Nichols, 5/5, div.

(E. Brazenall, Hon. Sec.)

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2nd DAY —

Friday, 20th June, 1952

To start 9.30 a.m.

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2nd Event —

10 BIRD SWEEPSTAKE

3rd Event —

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NARRANDERA (N.S.W.). — The Narrandera Gun Club held a successful shoot on 29th April under ideal weather conditions. Highlight of the day was the 20 straight shot by Bill Gibbs in the Central Riverina Single Barrel Championship. Although Bill is three parts of his way to the century mark, you have to watch him in any big shoot, as he always has that happy knack of knocking at the door in any company. High Guns for the day were Bob Bushby, 75/80; Reg McNamara, 71/80; Perc. Hudson, 68/80; J. Scott (Narrandera), 67/80; M. Webb (Leeton), 67/80. Following were the results:

5-bird D.B.: Bob Bushby, Doug Dye, D. Taylor (Narrandera), G. Cookson (Alexandra), M. Webb, W. Ronfeldt (Leeton), B. Gordon (Barellan), G. Daly (Deniliquin), W. McNamara (Griffith), and Miss C. Duchatel (Griffith), all 5/5, div. 5-bird D.B.: D. Dye, D. Taylor, G. Cookson, M. Webb, W. Ronfeldt, B. Gordon, Miss C. Duchatel, R. McNamara, all 5/5. £40 Handicap at 15 birds D.B.: J. Scott, Bob Bushby, Reg McNamara and J. C. Duchatel (Griffith), 15/15, div. 5-bird S.B.: Joe McMasters (Burrumbuttock), H. Webb, W. Ronfeldt, W. McNamara, G. Cookson, G. Daly, B. Gordon and R. Bushby, 5/5, div. Central Riverina Championship, 20 birds S.B., 16 yds.: won by W. Gibbs, 20/20, 1st; P. Hudson, 19/20, 2nd, and a shoot-off between D. Coughlan (Griffith), I. Evans (Griffith), W. Ronfeldt, J. McMasters, all 18/20, resulted with I. Evans shooting 33/35. I think this lad might have stretched the leaders' gun barrels if he could have got up, as he blew all his birds to dust in the shoot-off for 3rd place. Front-markers' Trophy in this event was won by Jack Scott with 16/20. 10-bird D.B.: G. Cookson, R. Bushby, R. McNamara, J. Coughlan, J. McMasters and J. Semmler (Barellan), 10/10, div. 10-bird D.B.: C. Paspalas (Griffith), D. Coughlan, Phil Stott (Griffith), J. McMasters, R. Bushby, L. K. Schneider (Narrandera), 10/10. 5-bird D.B.: R. Bushby, C. McConville (Narrandera), J. Scott, P. Hudson, D. Taylor, J. McMasters, I. Evans and R. McNamara, 5/5, div. 5-bird D.B. Miss-out: W. Gibbs, R. McNamara, H. Anstee (Griffith), C. Coughlan, C. Paspalas,

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(J. R. Bushby, Hon. Sec.)

GOONDIWINDI (Qld.). — The Goondiwindi Gun Club on Sunday, 30th March, held an all-day shoot which proved to be a great success. In the main events, which were held in the afternoon, thirty shooters nominated for these events and many spectators were present to witness good marksmanship. The following are the results of the day's shooting:

No. 1 Event: 5-bird Double Barrel event: div. Messrs. A. W. McIntosh, J. R. Wickham, W. R. Raymond and B. C. Webster, 5/5. No. 2 Event: 5-bird Single Barrel: div. P. Warner, N. Danes, B. Parker, S. Raymond and W. Webster, 5/5. No. 3 Event, 5-bird Point Shoot: div. J. Warner and R. Park, 15/15. No. 4 Event, 5-bird D.B.: won by S. Raymond after a shoot-off with G. Jakins, L. Raymond, B. Webster and Pee Wee Thompson. In this event Sam shot 11 birds straight. No. 5 Event, 5-bird Single Barrel: won outright by J. C. Dyson, 5/5. No. 6 Event, 5-bird Points Shoot: div. A. McIntosh, J. Flood, J. Wickham, B. Parker, with 15/15. No. 7 Event, 3-bird Walk-up: div. J. R. Wickham,

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ALL DAY SHOOT

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

Monday, 9th June, 1952

Main Events:

Lower Macquarie Double Barrel Championship

A.C.P.T.S.A. Conditions.

Sash and Trophy to winner, Trophies second and third.

followed by

£50 DOUBLE BARREL HANDICAP

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J. Warner and R. Lucas, with 3/3. No. 8 Event, 10-bird Single Barrel: div. W. Pendock, S. Raymond, B. Webster, E. Raymond and A. Lucas, all with 9/10. No. 9 Event, 15-bird D.B.: div. W. Webster and J. Parker, 1st and 2nd, with 15/15, and C. Dight, who also had 15, ran third after a shoot-off. Other shooters who shot fifteen birds and did not get a placing in the shoot-off were A. McIntosh, W. Pendock, S. Raymond, G. Jakins.

Mrs. J. Flood and Mrs. A. McIntosh did a very fine job in the office, Mrs. Flood attending to the score sheets and Mrs. McIntosh handling the nominations; these two ladies are a good asset to the club and are to be commended for the job they are doing.

(N. Danes, Hon. Sec.)

ECHUCA (V.).—Echuca Gun Club held its first clay bird shoot for 1952 on Saturday, March 29, when shooters from Elmore, Tongala, Kyabram, Patho and Nanneella were present. Conditions were bad, but some excellent shooting was produced, with highest break of 30 straight going to F. Bradley, while another good performance was the 40/43 registered by Bradley. Other good scores included R. McNeill's 29/34 and T. Fitzpatrick's 35/40.

Four-bird: div. H. Carmody, R. Vistarini, R. McNeill, S. Holscher, A. Rickards, R. Koch, F. Bradley, 4/4. Four-bird Single Barrel: div. F. Fitzpatrick, R. McNeill, W. Cakebread, R. McHale and H. Carmody, 4/4. Eight-bird Trophy and 10/- Sweep: R. Koch, 8/8, 1st; F. Bradley, 17/18, 2nd. Front Marker Trophy: R. Vistarini (Tongala), 7/8.

Miss and Out: div. W. Rickards, W. Cakebread and F. Bradley.

(A. Rickards, Hon. Sec.)

GANMAIN (N.S.W.) — Results shoot held on March 29. No. 1, Sweepstakes, 5-bird Double Barrel: div. L. Trembath and L. Halbisch, 5/5. No. 2, Sweepstakes, 5-bird Double Barrel: div. P. Gibbons, L. Trembath, L. Halbisch and J. Kelly, 5/5. No. 3, Sweepstakes, 5-bird Double Barrel: div. J. Kelly, L. Trembath and R. Powell, 5/5. No. 4, Sweepstakes, 5-bird Double Barrel: div. P. Gibbons, L. Trembath and L. Halbisch, 5/5. No. 5, Sweepstakes, 10-bird Double Barrel: div. A. Patton, L. Trembath and P. Gibbons. Cup donated by Tooth & Co. No. 6, 10-bird Double Barrel: won outright by L. Trembath, of Barel-lan, with 10/10. No. 7, Sweepstakes, 5-bird Double Barrel: L. Trembath, 5/5. No. 8, Sweepstakes, 5-bird Double Barrel: won by L. Halbisch after a shoot-off with four other shooters.

(Pat Gibbons, Hon. Sec.)

ROCKHAMPTON (Qld.).—Results of a shoot held on April 20th. We had shooters here from Gladstone, Beloei and Clermont. 1st Event, 5-bird S.B.: div. W. Bartley, L. Smith, W. Galloway, A. Thompson, 5/5. 2nd Event, 10-bird S.B.: W. Bartley, 10/10, with F. Sams, A. Thompson and W. Galloway, 8/10. 3rd Event, 10-bird S.B.: W. Galloway, 18/20; A. Lisle, 17/20; H. Sargent and C. Clarke, 13/20. 4th Event, 5-bird: D. McAuliffe and F. Sams, 4/5. 5th Event, 5-bird: F. Sams, M. Bergin, W. Bartley, A. Lisle, A. Thompson, 4/5. 6th Event, 10 birds: C. Allan, 14/15; W. Galloway and H. Goodson, 13/15. 7th

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Event, 10-bird: C. Allan, D. Russell and F. Sams. 8th Event, 5 pair Double Rise: W. Bartley and A. Lisle, 4/5. 9th Event, 5 pr. Deauville Doubles (F. Sams and W. Bartley) and (D. Russell and A. McAuliffe), 5/5.

This club will conduct two days' shooting, 17th and 20th June, with £100 Handicap being main event.

(Bill Galloway, Publicity Officer.)

GIDGINBUNG (N.S.W.). — The North-Eastern Riverina Double Barrel Championship was held on our grounds on 19th April. Cold showers and gusty winds prevailed most of the day, but some very good scores were put up. Championship Sash and 1st Trophy was won in brilliant style by local shooter H. Donaldson from Newton Thomas and D. Gittings. Four shooters shot the possible, 20/20 in the shoot-off. H. Donaldson won 35/35 from Newton Thomas, 34/35, in 2nd place; 3rd place went to D. Gittings, 29/30, from M. Phillips, 28/30.

Other events: 1st £25 Handicap, 15 birds D.B., Assoc. Handicaps: div. G. Bell, W. Cross and R. Braham, each 15/15; 2nd £25 Handicap, 10 birds D.B., Assoc. Handicaps: div. G. Patterson, G. Bell, R. Merrin, R. Braham, D. Simpson, P. Steinke, L. Hanel, D. Gittings and S. Ricketts, all with 15/15, after an extra 5 birds had been released. Three Box Sweeps were held to conclude the day: 1st, div. R. Merrin and D. Simpson; 2nd, N. Thomas, R. Merrin and P. Steinke; 3rd, N. Thomas and F. English.

(R. Forbutt, Hon. Sec.)

RAINBOW (V.). — Results shoot April 26. No. 1, Southern Mallee Championship: J. Bryant (Senr.) (Blackburn), 30/30; Don Corstorphan (Colac), 29/30; L. Small (Caulfield), 24/25. No. 2, 10 birds D.B.: A. Hinneberg (Ouyen), 28/28; Don Corstorphan, 27/28.

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

GRIFFITH (N.S.W.). — Results April 5 shoot: 5-bird Double Barrel

from Handicaps: Shooters with 5/5: Phil Stott, Eric Evans, Harold Anstee, Neville Anstee, Bob Bushby, Ernie Clark, Digger Gibbs, Claude Carnell, Jack Bowsher. 1 round of 20 Skeet, R. J. Hutchins Trophies: 1st Trophy, Jack Coughlan, 16/20, outright win; 2nd Trophy, Harold Anstee, 20/28; 3rd Trophy, Digger Gibbs, 19/28; Bruce Gordon and Ian Evans finished the half-round with 18/28 each. 10-bird Double Barrel from 18 yards: div. Ray Thompson and Bob Bushby, both scored the possible.

Results 19/4/52: 5 Clay Targets Double Barrel: 5/5 shot by Ray Thompson, Ian Evans, Reg McNamara, John James, Bob Bushby, Phil Stott, Jack Bowsher, Percy Hudson, Bruce Kook, Dr. J. Sertori and Digger Gibbs. 20 Clay Targets Double Barrel for the Bill Crowe Trophies: This event was taken outright with 20/20 for 1st place and Trophy to Lloyd Bowditch, a nice

exhibition under the conditions. With scores of 19/20, Don Muir, Phil Stott, Eric Evans, Jack and Des Coughlan shot off for second and third places. The first round saw Phil Stott with 21/25; Eric Evans, with 23/25. The second round saw Jack Coughlan with 26/30, and at this stage Don Muir and Des Coughlan were still pegging even with one target lost in 10. The next round both shooters missed their second and third targets and miss-out rules were adopted; Don Muir missed his second target. This gave Des Coughlan 2nd place and Trophy with 33/37, and Don Muir 3rd place and Trophy with 32/37. 10 Clay Targets Single Barrel: This event was div. Reg McNamara, Jack Bowsher and Bob Bushby. Shooters with 9/10 were: Phil Stott, Jack and Des Coughlan, and Ted Fromholtz. 5 Clay Targets with Point Score of 2 and 3: Possible points being 15 for 5 second-shot hits. No possible was scored. Jack



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Bowsher was the only shooter to hit all 5 targets and took the honours with 13 points. Next best points scored were: Chris Paspalas and Neville Anstee with 10. 5 Clay Targets Double Barrel: This event div. Ray Thompson, Jack Bowsher and Reg McNamara, with 5/5.

(John James.)

FOOTSCRAY (V.).—Shoot attendance affected by opening of Victorian quail season. Results: No. 1, 10 birds, Points Scoring: C. Bound, 28/30; G. Moore, 27/30; L. Small, 26/32. No. 2, 10 birds, S.B.: div. J. Headland, J. Wilkin (New Zealand), C. Bound and R. G. Wray, 9/10. No. 3, 10 birds, D.B.: div. V. Dudley, J. O'Brien, C. Bound, L. Small, 10/10. Results shoot held April 19: No. 1, 15 birds D.B.: Peter Sheridan, 20/20; C. Mudford, 19/20; L. Murphy, 19/20; 12/13 yarder, O. Bamford, 14/15. No. 2, 10 birds, Single Barrel: div. C. Mudford, J. Headland, C. Wilson, R. Wray and J. Bardin, 9/10.

AUSTRALIAN C.T.C. (V.).—No. 1, 30 birds: W. Wager, 31/32; K. Olver, 30/32; O. Kurrle, 32/34. No. 2, 10 birds: T. R. Brown, A. H. Brenk and K. Olver. Many shooters absent on field shooting for quail. Results shoot held April 19: No. 1, 6 pairs Double Rise: A. H. Brenk, 5/6. No. 2, Club Double Rise Championship, 12 pairs 16 yards: John Bryant, 16/20 (1); W. Wager, 15/20; R. Johns, 8/12; 12/14 yarder, Jock Stevens, 6/12. No. 3, 4 pairs Deauville Doubles: Cyril Fankhauser - G. Anderson, 16/16 pairs.

The Club Double Rise Championship was decided on April 19th in vile weather. Conditions were 12 pairs from 16 yard mark in 4 visits of 3 pairs. John Bryant Jnr. again proved his ability to wear down his

opponent by winning the title after a spirited tie shoot with that noted stayer, Bill Wager. In the International Teams Match John, who is now 21 years, carried off high-gun for Australia, 97/100, single barrels. "Some shootin', eh?" Was co runner-up to world champion Fred Burns in the Champion of Champions Match with 59/60, and carried the tie shoot with T. R. Dancey of Hay, N.S.W. to 82, taking 3rd place with the creditable score of 81/85. In the Club Championship Bryant held the only clean score at round 2 and finished tops with Wager, 9/12 pairs. Roy Johns, "who is no mudlark", found the weather too much for him and was left at the barrier. In the 3rd round he scored the only possible 3 pairs, which placed him in third position, 8/12 pairs. Jock Stevens and Bray tied for 12/14 yd. Trophy. Stevens, who is coming along as a front-mark shooter, won this trophy, 6/13 pairs. The late secretary, Eddie Brenk, "often in the picture," had an outright win in the pipe opener at 6 pairs Double Rise with 5/6 prs., and the final 4-pair Deauville Doubles was won by Geo. Anderson - "Cyril" combination.

(H. H. Ball.)

CAMBERWELL (V.).—Results shoot held Easter Saturday, April 12. No. 1, 5 birds, D.B.: div. V. Dudley, O. Kurrle, W. Delaney, K. Brooks, B. Elstrick, 12/12. No. 2 (same): div. Dudley, Kurrle, Quinton, Cornish; Elstrick, Atkinson, 10/10. No. 3, 10 birds, D.B.: L. Byrne, 17/17; Fitzgerald, 16/17; C. Fankhauser, 13/14. No. 4, Miss-out: div. Kurrle, Dudley, P. Willis, Elstrick and Byrne, 11/11. Results April 26: Tyro Championship, restricted to club handicap mark shooters, 12 to 14 yards: A. Mansell, 45/45; C. Sanderson, 49/50; O. Bamford, 48/50;

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No. 4 Event (If time permits) **Cash Handicap £50**

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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

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No. 3 Event—**£100 Handicap**

30 BIRDS, POINTS.

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attached Sweepstake: div. L. Cumming and Barry Doyle. Intermediate Championship, 14/16 yarders: H. Phillips, 25/25; J. Stevens, 29/30; A. Gaffey, 28/30.

COBURG (V.).—No. 1, 10 birds, S.B.: C. Mudford, 10/10; R. Krentzlin, 17/18; G. Anderson, 16/18. No. 2, 10 birds, S.B.: W. MacCubbin, 17/19; B. Mark, 16/19; "Peters", 14/17; 12/13 yarder, "Nyla", 9/12. No. 3, 10 birds, D.B.: R. G. Wray, 13/13; "Peters", 12/13; R. Krentzlin, 34/36; 12/13 yarder, "Nyla", 25/27. No. 4, 5 birds, S.B.: "Ingi", 7/7; D. Hartley, 6/7; "Peters", 5/6. No. 5, 5 birds, D.B.: R. G. Wray, 9/9; L. Murphy, 8/9; "Peters", 7/9. Results shoot April 26: No. 1, 5 birds: R. Jorgenson, 9/9; Dave Ryan, 8/9; W. Fisher, 7/9. No. 2, Victorian Double Rise Championship: G. Biggs, 15/18 pairs; R. Schipalius, 17/21 (2); R. Jorgenson, 14/21 (3); Front-marker, M. Priest, 4/12 pairs. No. 3, 10 birds: C. Mudford, 15/15; Dawson, 14/15; K. Oliver, 19/20; Front-marker, J. Jones, 17/19.

RAINBOW (V.).—The Southern Mallee Clay Bird Championship, 20 birds from 16 yards, was decided at Rainbow on Saturday, 26th April. Thirty-four shooters took part and only three got full scores of 20. In the shoot-off, 1st place went to J. Bryant Senr., of Melbourne, with 30/30; 2nd, O. Corstorphän (Colac), 29/30; 3rd, L. Small (Melbourne), 24/25. Results other events: 5-bird Eye-opener: div. J. Bryant, D. Corstorphän, K. Crittendon, A. Byrne, E. Loxton, each 5/5. 10-bird Handicap: A. Hinneberg, 28/28; D. Corstorphän, 27/28. Optional Sweep: W. Rowney, J. Clarke, A. Hinneberg, D. Corstorphän, A. Byrne. 10-bird Handicap: div. J. Bryant, A. Byrne, W. Rowney, J. Hall, 10/10. Walk-up won outright by J. Clarke, 7/7. Miss-out from 16 yards: div. at 8th round by L. Small, J. Bryant, J. Blythman, A. Hinneberg.

A most enjoyable day's shooting was witnessed by a large crowd of spectators from a nearby football match. Hot pies and saveloys were on issue to shooters with the usual refreshment. Visitors came from Melbourne, Colac, Horsham, Patchewollock, Ouyen, Walpeup, Kaniva, Roseberry and Jeparit. Although not winning any event outright, a

16-year-old shooter from Ouyen, A. Byrne, impressed most of all—a left-hander with an automatic gun, he shot like a veteran, 49/54, and is sure to get in the big money shortly.

The new automatic trap worked perfectly, and all shooters present assured the officials they would come again. Don Corstorphän, an old "Rainbowite", was high gun, 73/76. Visitors were entertained by the Club President, Mr. J. Allan. "Windy" Wallis was present with novelty acts that fairly shook the party—a lady dentist did some painful extractions and Mr. Don Corstorphän and Lou Nitschke were in grand voice.

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

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The Thistle . .

To most people a thistle is just a thistle, but, as a matter of fact, there are more than a dozen species in this country of which only three or four are really common. Very familiar is the marsh thistle which is a spindly, top-heavy, weak-kneed looking plant with dark green, narrow leaves; but it is not confined, as its name would imply, to marshy places. The creeping thistle has a bushier habit, as botanists put it, with frilly, grey-green leaves. It is the farmer's particular curse, for it spreads by means of creeping underground stems and is most difficult to eradicate. Stouter still is the spear thistle whose stiff leaves end in long needles which easily penetrate the rough shooter's nether garments as he pushes his way through scrub and waste. Lastly among the common species is the dwarf thistle which hugs the ground. Upon this prickly rosette the heedless sportsman, weary with walking on hot days, is apt to seat himself, heavily, and straightway rise up again. The Scotch thistle, so called, is a magnificent weed six foot high and finely flowered. It is a native of Mediterranean lands and will not grow wild in Scotland, though it has established itself farther south in the stronghold of the Sassenach. For some reason the Scots chose it as their heraldic emblem, though the choice is as illogical as that of the British lion. ("Shooting Times")

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Tension and Confidence

(By G. F. PALMER in "N.Z. Outdoor")

Hitting them is often difficult because of self-imposed mental hazards.

There will be a few of us, very few indeed, who when we are waiting for our dog to flush the first bird of the season, do not feel excited and tense with the pressure of the big moment when the crackling of the undergrowth and the whirring of wings herald the signal for us to bring into play those many natural forces which brings our gun to the shoulder, line it up on the towering bird, and finally, just at the right moment to intercept the bird's flight (we hope) prompts us to pull the trigger. However, it's not quite as simple as all that, for sometimes even the best of us fail to make the grade, and as we watch the leaves idly flutter to the ground from a shot that was wide of the mark, and hear the mocking, raucous cackling of the cock pheasant as he glides unscathed into the safety of some near distant cover, we mentally curse ourself for allowing that thing called "tension" to temporarily unbalance our judgment.

Perhaps you've shot on the clay bird track when competition has been tough and you've just wanted the one bird to go to win the match. Up to that one bird the going has been simple, for as you've called "pull!" your gun has swung effortlessly in the direction of the bird and upon pulling the trigger you've seen it smash in a cloud of dust. Yes, it all seemed so simple at the time you were hitting them, but as you went out on the track to smash the last bird which would make you the winner in the match, you begun to wonder whether it was all as simple as it seemed. As you call "pull!" you wondered all the more, and as the bird arced in the air you realised that it was not so easy as it all seemed, and as you pulled the trigger you knew in your mind that you wouldn't connect. You didn't; neither could you on the second barrel, for by the time you had collected your senses the bird was swiftly dropping

to the ground and your second shot was at least 10 feet above it.

This is tension, for that last bird was difficult simply because the mental hazards we have conjured up within us have made it appear so. It certainly is difficult when we have worked ourself in that condition, for our reactions have been slowed down to a point where eye, brain and physical co-ordination fail to do the split-second operation which times the shot perfectly so that it will reach the target just at the right time.

In shotgun shooting in particular it has always appeared to me that tension and confidence are closely allied, and that the right combination of the two will bring results. Over-confidence often breeds carelessness or lack of proper tension. Under-confidence breeds fear and indecision — excess tension, one of the greatest bugbears in the art of wing-shooting.

Causes of excess tension vary widely, and often in this respect one man's meat will be another's poison. I once shot with a man who was never too good a shot until he had had several misses in succession. He then used to grit his teeth, yank down his old shooting hat on his head, and with a "do-or-die" look in his eyes connect with shot after shot with almost uncanny precision. Another chap I used to shoot with was just the opposite, for he would shoot remarkably well until he had a miss, and for the rest of the day he would go groping all over the place trying to regain his timing.

Yes, shooting is a mighty curious business, and anyone's timing can go haywire for both physical and emotional reasons. For example, a miss-fire or a "no-bird" in a clay match is often sufficient reason to throw some shooters off their next bird or two. A change of ammunition, the mere fact that they have recently had their barrels re-blued, a new gun,

or simply watching other shooters on the track missing. These are all mental hazards which are calculated to breed indecision and loss of timing with many otherwise good shots.

There may be a cure for this, but as long as human nature is what it is, the cure will rest entirely with the individual concerned. However, if I had to make some specific recommendation, I would select a change (temporary, of course) in timing. For example, a naturally fast shot can start looking his target over, for it may be that the tension has speeded him up too much. By this I don't mean that he should place the gun to his shoulder and "ride" the shot, but that he should study the flight more carefully and deliberately, and go into action less hurriedly.

By the same token the habitually slow shot may often improve by speeding up and throwing his usual caution to the winds. Once such a shot starts hitting them he will, I believe, eventually get the feeling that there is plenty of time, for not only will he hit his birds in closer and have more time to get in his second barrel if he misses, but he will develop a feeling that the birds were not moving as fast as they were when his shooting was slower. I believe most good shots when they are "on the beam" experience this sensation, that is why they are able to gear up their mental impulses just at the right moment to make every shot count.

I myself have noticed that on those days when I am not keyed up enough to shoot well, that it is quite plain to me where I have erred. I know I have missed directly that "something" tells me to pull the trigger, but it is then that I inwardly pray that at least part of the spread of my shot pattern will connect with the target.

Other days I may suffer from over-tension; it is then I try so hard to make sure of my shots that I get "on" the target, only to get "off" again before my mental impulses have ordered my muscular powers into play to swing and pull. At times like this, one is apt to get really rattled, an unhappy state which only adds insult to injury, and finally

breeds many of the faults which go to overthrow the whole shooting-works of co-ordination out of gear.

PADDY'S REPLY

This morning, as usual, I went out to take

My pup down the yard for a walk. But he sat on his haunches, looked up in my face,

And straight away started to talk. "Who is this spalpeen who signs himself "Doyle"

Who talks with the brogue and makes out a case

Against me, who is true Irish bred to the bone,

And he says I'm an utter disgrace to our race?"

He says I am Irish, and begorra he's right,

And me Irish is up and I'm looking for foight;

He can bring out his gun, his shillalah and all,

It's no blarney I'm talking, me back's to the wall.

Bejabbers, I'll pull off his green Irish britches

And scatter them wide o'er the bogs and the ditches,

So plase point him out to me rasen or none

And the foight will be over before it's begun.

But no! I remember, I'll eat every word,

For Luke has a daughter, a bonny wee bird;

Her eyes are as blue as the lakes of Killarney,

Her voice is so soft, I'll forget all this barney.

So, boss, you and me will forget what he wrote

About scratching up praties (that fair got my goat),

For I'm Irish, and praties are dear to my heart,

Though a bone, plase yer honor, would now take the part.

I'll forgive her ould father the things he has said

And send my best love to sweet Colleen instead.

—“PADDY.”

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CHOOSING A SHOTGUN

By H. BENSON.

Buying a gun to-day calls for a lot of consideration and forethought. First and foremost there arises the questions: "How much can I afford to pay for a gun?" or "Can I manage to buy two guns?"

Nowadays the price of shotguns is nearly 200 per cent. higher than the 1939 cost.

There are quite a lot of second-hand guns on the market to-day. Some are quite good, and have, no doubt, seen better days in the gun-room of some of our country houses, and are well worth purchasing. On the other hand, there are some which are quite useless; they may be badly choked, badly balanced, or they may throw a consistently bad scattered pattern. These may be the cause of the guns being on the second-hand market, and such guns are to be avoided. If the purchaser is going to buy a second-hand gun and has not the necessary knowledge himself, then he should get some experienced person to "vet" the weapon for him. But if the sportsman is at the beginning of his shooting career, then it is worth his while to buy a brand new gun to suit himself.

Having decided on the amount of money that can be spent, there then arises the question of the kind of shooting for which the gun is needed.

If more than one gun is being purchased, it dispenses with this problem because each gun can be for different types of shooting; for instance, open or improved cylinder for driven game, full choke in a gun for bird shooting or a 3-in. cased magnum for wildfowl. Lucky is the man who is able to own more than one gun.

But the one-gun rough shooter has to combine all these features into one gun. He shoots at all types of game,

and as an open cylinder is unsuitable for shooting pigeon and wildfowl, likewise a full choke is not so suitable for driven game. What he needs is a good all-round gun which is handy in itself and not too heavy.

A magnum, for instance, weighs from 7½ to 8 pounds, which is a bit too heavy for the average rough shooter who has to walk to find his game. A 5½-pound gun is just right for use, but it may not stand up to a lot of rough usage and most certainly not to the heavier shot charges.

The same applies to cartridges. A 2½-inch case loaded with 1 or 1 1/16 ounces of shot is entirely suitable for game shooting, but not so suitable when used at longer ranges when wildfowling. A 3-inch magnum case loaded with 1½ ounces of shot is excellent for wildfowl, but far too heavy for ordinary game shooting.

The sportsman has now to decide on a compromise between all the aforementioned needs. The actual choice is left to the person who is to use the gun, and the rough shooter would do well to choose a gun something like this—a hammerless 12-bore with 25- or 28-inch barrels which are bored right barrel improved cylinder and the left full choke. They should also be bored to take both 2½- and 2¾-inch cartridges and be nitro-proofed for 1½ ounces of shot. The gun itself should not weigh more than 6½ pounds.

From this it will be seen that the gun combines the needs already mentioned. Note that the barrels are bored one improved cylinder and one full choke; they also take two lengths of cartridges, the 2½-inch case for every-day use and the 2¾-inch case for longer range work at birds and wildfowl, and a 6½-pound gun is a handy weapon to use and carry on a day's good, hard shooting.

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