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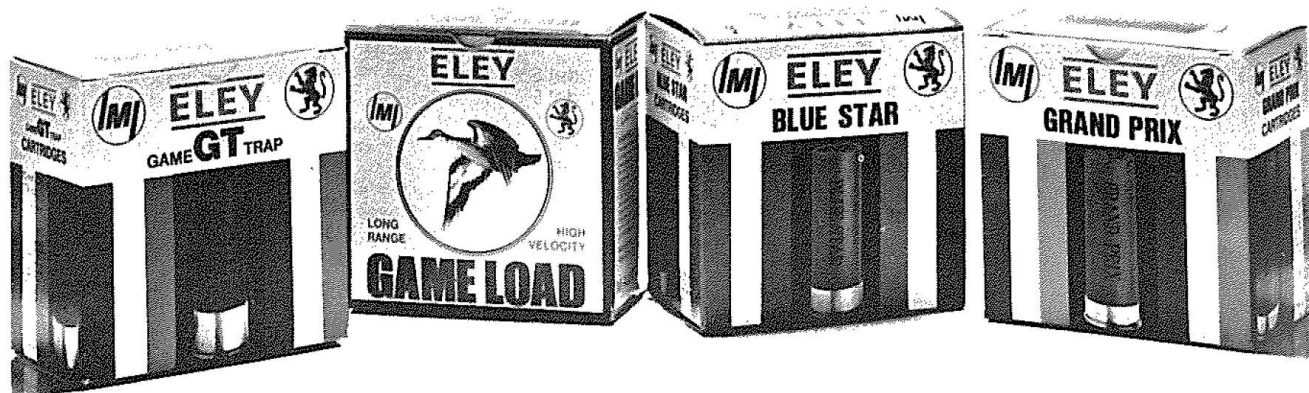
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Secretary's Notes . . .

What a great year 1978 is going to be — especially for Clay Target Shooters. Not only are we heading towards the biggest Australian Nationals ever to be held — in the festival city Adelaide — but the Association is embarking on its most ambitious international competition program ever. A large group, including a representative six man Trap team will visit New Zealand early in April, soon after the conclusion of the South Pacific regional championships to be held at Melbourne Gun Club over Easter. Another six man official Trap team will compete at Vandalia in U.S.A., in August, and will be supported by a large group of fellow Aussies. Both these teams will be selected at the 1978 Australian Nationals.

Next is the Commonwealth Games, to be held in Edmonton, Canada, in August. Australia's team will include two Trap and two Skeet shooters together with a team manager who will be the A.C.T.A. national director of coaching J. Newton Thomas.

Then comes the BIG ONE — the 1978 World Championships to be held in Seoul, Korea. Australia will be represented by a full Trap and Skeet team (four shooters in each discipline). Once more the Association hopes to develop a strong support group and enquiries should be directed to Kerrie in the national office.

Already 4,000 1978 registrations have been processed, which is a reflection not only of faster processing due to the computerised system, but also the vast improvement in interest at a club and member level. The national office staff is most grateful for the co-operation shown by club secretaries in this regard. Our appreciation should also be recorded of the fact that the returns from club secretaries for renewals this year are far more accurate and better presented than at any time in the Association's history.

Constitutional changes, regarded by most as being long overdue, have again had to be removed from the agenda of the 1978 annual general meeting. Although all agree that changes are urgently needed, the most important factor is that any proposals must be clearly understood by all concerned. Because the draft of the present proposal was late in being prepared the Executive Committee believes it would be wrong to ask clubs to form an opinion to enable each delegate to cast a responsible vote at the 1978 annual general meeting. There was insufficient time available for this objective to be met. However, this development may be a blessing in disguise, as we all have an opportunity now to consider a number of alternatives over the next few months. Consensus should have been reached, certainly at a State Association level, prior to the September meeting of the national executive. Registered shooters should not adopt the attitude that "it doesn't concern them!" The changes are designed to set the pattern for a more progressive Association in years to come and naturally this consequence must affect all registered shooters throughout Australia.

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However, not just concentration will do.

After having watched some of the world's best shotgunners in action in a number of big matches now, I'm usually impressed with the application these shooters have to the problem in mind.

It is always of primary importance to be capable, and that comes with many years of work, connected with a certain amount of natural ability, but the application of the principles of accurate shotgun shooting is always a part of the armoury of a world champion competitor.

I suppose that Australian "shotties" are not generally accepted as threats in trench shooting, in spite of a certain amount of awe that shooters such as Doug Smith, Peter Wray, and Jim Ellis enjoy, while the reputation of "Tippy Toes" Charlton also precedes him in D.T.L. work.

Why? why doesn't the Australian shotgunner reach dizzy stuff in overseas matches?

Jim Ellis is regarded by many top international shooters as one of the fastest trench shooters in the world, regarded overseas as extremely high POTENTIAL, while many of us saw that impressive run of 24's by Doug Smith in the 1973 World Championships in Melbourne.

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So, are we going the right way? Shouldn't we be concentrating on international events that are part of the ISU charter?

I know that smallbore rifle, pistol have their entire matches centred around the ISU courses of fire, with the result that shotgun have a very tough time getting shooters away to Olympic and world events against their standard.

Do the other A.S.A. affiliates make the most of their ideas by increasing their standard in a direct comparison with world scores, or are they too just floundering along, in the hope that one of their shooters will "run hot" and win? So, the whole thing gets back to application at shooter level, does it not? I cannot see the Australian Government setting up an army advanced marksmanship unit in Australia!

Now don't give forth with the suggestion (cop out) that trench is tougher than the other forms of the shooting sports. Each of the respective disciplines has their own index of difficulty, and each of the sports have their own crop of champions. The Tolhurst's and Brook's of smallbore, the Taransky's, Harrison's, Gillman's of pistol, and the ladies Trim, and Gowland all compare favourably with OUR lot! So what do we need for them in Australia?

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Concentration, Determination, Psychology — or What?

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Watching the superb application of Micheal Carrega, probably the greatest shotgunner of them all, was a real experience. I sat and watched him win the world championship for trench in Switzerland, and all he did was make trench shooting look easy! Very easy! The stance, the low growling call, then the smooth machine like explosion of his ability to really smoke thrown targets. All this didn't tell a thing! All I could do was admire the precision of the man, and this is the crux of where the matter lies? What I could NOT see was the real preparation for each shot.

Oh, I could see the assumption of the stance, hear the growling call designed to expel air from the lungs and diaphragm, then the successful execution of the shot (he got 199 of them) but what I could not see was the "Mind stuff". The total devotion to the isolation of the mind and body, the concentration of THAT, out there, and the devotion to repetitive technique. Is this what Carrega can be classified as? The total development of a clay breaker? Or just a man that is master of his mind with a shotgun in his hands?

What I'm wondering now, is quite simply, **WHAT WAY ARE WE GOING?**

Do we simply need to apply what we know?

We do know how to shoot well, but winning a big one overseas is quite something else. Do we really know how to apply the effort to detach ourselves from the boogys of falling to pieces? Can the enormous experience of shooters like Newton-Thomas be instilled into the truly youthful competitors we have? I'm quite sure that Australian shooters generally, not just shotgun, have the real ability to get out there and work hard, to battle nervous tension evident in all good performances.

Nervous tension is a very real part of any good performance, and shooters such as the aforementioned Carrega get tense. They do have the stomach grumbings, the keyed up feeling, that has been controlled in a shooter such as Carrega, but that can also result in total panic to a much lesser competitor! This is simply boiled down to fear of failure, and this detracts from many performances, so much so, that if controlled, could have been brilliant, winning, and even world record performances.

To my mind, the perfect state of controlled shooting, is when one has the feeling of being detached from the body. Almost as if you are standing away from yourself, carefully observing what you are doing. The concentration is intense, the technique working, and you are in effect controlling the shooting centre... YOU.

Many and varied is the technique for this, but one thing can be itemised as a common factor. "One at a time". Correcting your faults as you progress along the string. Watch what you are doing, forget about the last one irrespective if you smoked, or blew it, and keep your attention focussed on the next one which is the most important task you have at present.

I saw a beautiful example of this in the Skeet match at Montreal. Eric Swinkles, from Holland, the leader, with only one off and two to go, and he shot behind his 199th bird! He now knew that he needed his last bird to make the shoot off, and that his gold medal chances depended entirely on his next shot. He walked away about four feet, meditating with head bowed, visibly battling to eradicate the missed bird from his mind. He lifted his head, and the look of controlled determination will be forever etched on my mind. He called and blew that last bird to smoke! He had beaten himself, and was still in there with a fighting chance.

I don't think he did anything out of the ordinary, he simply waited until his concentration was back onto the right track, back to the level that HE wanted it. The only shooter he had to beat into submission was himself, and he did it. (I subsequently was able to talk with him through his coach, a SMALLBORE shooter whom I knew very well, Willy Hillen.)

In Australia I often hear the cry "not enough competition". I wonder really if this is just a convenient crutch? Shane Gould didn't have much either! With this, perhaps we should learn to stand up, and not walk with a crutch, and in effect stop looking for them?

We need to train, to work hard at improving our techniques and the standard. To become very fit and keen to do well, to get up and go to work hard enough to win, to deprive oneself of the rudimentary pleasures such as booze that does destroy the fine co-ordination that is necessary to win. Are we going to make the total effort? Or, who will make that effort? This is what winning is, total effort.

Applying the mind to beat the body. Shooting the correct competitions. (The index of difficulty to trench and D.T.L. is an example,

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by PAT BROWNE

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The operative word in this discussion is IF. If you stick to published reloading data you are in most cases pretty safe BUT when you start switching components then you need to know a little more about the reload you are feeding your gun. Let us now look at all three of these ballistic requirements and see what practical measures a reloader can take to ensure he does not overstep the mark.

1. Velocity

In practical terms the range of muzzle velocities of shotshells is not great, in fact all factory loads from the mildest to the hottest fall between a nominal 1140 FPS and 1350 FPS, a margin of 210 FPS. Reloaders can and do increase this range of velocities from 1100 FPS to 1400 FPS. Now, this difference in velocity in practical terms has no effect on lead and timing so what do we need to determine muzzle velocity for? The answer to this question is tied up with the most basic question of all — what is a shotgun used for? — and the answer to that question is ... to take small game or bust clay targets. To do these things you must deliver to the target pellets with sufficient penetrative power to do the job. Penetration is directly related to velocity, and there is your ultimate answer — we need to know velocity to determine the penetration of our shot shell.

This poses a problem as not too many of us have access to facilities for measuring the muzzle velocity of a shotshell, to wit, a chronograph. But for practical purposes as penetration is tied to velocity we can tackle the problem from the other end, in other words, if we test for penetration we can get some idea of relative velocities on a comparison basis. The phone book test is one penetration exercise that is performed by some reloaders. A shot is fired at a phone book at 40 yards and the penetration is measured by the number of pages pierced by the pellets. This method is not very accurate and has some drawbacks not the least being the short supply of phone books. A simple test devised by Gough Thomas and described in his "Gun Book" I have found to be much better and gives, for all practical purposes a good penetration index that is of value to a reloader.

The equipment required can be simply made up by any handyman and consists of a wooden frame to hold cards upright as you would toast in a toast rack. Consistency is the key to this test and to this end the cards should all be the same. Make your rack to take cards measuring 8" x 8" and obtain the card from your local printer cut to size. The type of card that you want is called 10 sheet pastboard and is .030" or thirty thou. thick. Now to the procedure. Set up your rack with 20 cards in place in front of some form of target. I put it in front of a clean pattern plate.

This is to ensure that the pattern is as near as possible centred around the frame. At 40 yards fire the cartridge under test at the rack of cards. Now to evaluate your test. Count the number of pellets that have penetrated the first card, then leaf back through the cards until you come to the card that has only HALF the number of pellet holes that penetrated the first card. This card, counted from the front becomes the penetration index for that particular shotshell. The comparison and evaluation of this test is very simple, for example: take a normal 3 dram trap +7 factory load. From a full choke

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Shotshell Reloading Cont'd

gun you should get about 25 pellets in your first card. This number of pellets should fall away to 12 at card 13 in your rack and as such will have a penetration index of 13.

We know that the factory load has a nominal velocity of 1200 FPS and so the comparison can be made, that if your reload matches this penetration index your muzzle velocity will be about the same. Tests that I have conducted prove this test to be surprisingly accurate as simple as it is. Shot sizes of course must be the same.

Dram Equivalents

Normal velocity of factory loads is something that some manufacturers put on their shells and some do not. To the keen scatter gunner and reloader the performance of a factory shell is important as it gives him a clue as to the performance he is trying to duplicate in his reload. To this end shells with an American origin are marked with a dram equivalent which is directly related to muzzle velocity. This rating is set to a certain standard by the industry and is an excellent guide to performance of the shotshell. The markings on the shell are as follows, example: 3 -- 32 -- 7. The figure 3 indicates the dram equivalent, the figure 32 indicates the weight of shot in grams, the figure 7 indicates the shot size.

The following table of dram equivalents will give you the nominal velocities of all the factory loads so marked in Australia:

12 gauge 2.75" shells (70mm)

Dram Equivalent	Weight of Shot	M/V
2 1/4	32 gm	1145 FPS
3	32 gm	1200 FPS
3 1/4	32 gm	1255 FPS
3 1/2	32 gm	1300 FPS
3 3/4	32 gm	1350 FPS
4	34 gm	1340 FPS
3 1/4	36 gm	1220 FPS
3 1/4	36 gm	1330 FPS

Shotshells of English or European origin do not have dram equivalents marked on them as a rule and as such give no clue as to their nominal velocity. To give you something to work on the following is a list of plastic shotshells manufactured by IMI with their nominal muzzle velocities:

Shell Name	Weight Of Shot	M/V
Blue Star Plastic	32 gm	1260 FPS
Blue Star Hi-Skor	32 gm	1220 FPS
Blue Star Skeet	32 gm	1260 FPS
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Now, let us look at some of the things that can affect velocity. The fact that you load to the book does not guarantee that you will get the published results; other variables come into the equation. Given a particular primer, a powder and shot load and a wad one would expect that when you put it in a particular hull you would get a load that would perform predictably, not so my friend. The foregoing are the fixed part of the equation. The variables are: 1. The condition of the hull, and 2. The consistency and depth of the crimp. The thing to remember is that published loading data is researched under ideal conditions, hand weighed powder loads, once fired cases etc., etc., are the go and these conditions give optimum results. So we come right back to part 1 when we talked about sorting of empties and part 3 on the subject of crimping and its importance.

For consistency in velocity both these points need to be watched closely for the best results.

Let us leave velocity for a moment and turn to pressure and how it effects us as reloaders.

Chamber Pressure

This subject, the most misunderstood aspect of shotshell reloading to my mind is one of the most important. Probably the reason for this is the fact that the great majority of reloaders do not have access to testing equipment.

Pressure guns are few and far between and the result is that most reloaders have no idea what sort of chamber pressures are being generated by their pet load in their favourite fowling piece. Once again we come back to the published loading data, and this is the saviour of the loader, as far as chamber pressures are concerned.

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TWO URGENT MESSAGES

1. Australian National Championships — the Association is holding accommodation in Adelaide and has paid deposits. Rooms which remain uncommitted on 31st January will be released to allow the Association to recover its deposits. If accommodation is required in Adelaide for the period of the Nationals, contact Mrs Susan Grant at Jetset Tours, Floor 18, 303 Collins Street, Melbourne (03-620041) prior to 31st January — IN OTHER WORDS, NOW!!

2. New Zealand National Championships — bookings to join the A.C.T.A. group attending the New Zealand Nationals have been good — however some vacancies still exist out of each of the three departure ports — Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. As bookings must be in by 6th February, ACT NOW! Contact your nearest Jetset office or Kerrie in the A.C.T.A. office (03-639777).

Big Bertha Of The Barmah Lakes

from PAUL GRIBBEN

There is a giant punt gun lying buried in the Barmah Forest, it is believed to have a barrel 10ft long and a bore of 2 inches, percussion was the method of ignition, a system favoured by the professional duck shooters of the time who made a living at shooting ducks for the market.

The shooters very often used percussion muzzle loaders in preference to breech loading big guns, owing to the cost and supply of ammunition for the latter.

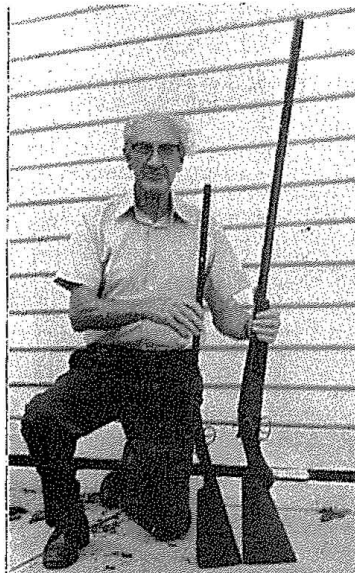
Its charge was six ounces of black powder plus two lbs of BB Shot. It is a fallacy that they were loaded with nuts and bolts and other crude pieces of metal, as the "pro" shooter shot for the table and a badly smashed bird was unsaleable; in any case rough shaped projectiles lose their accuracy, hence the shooter favouring good quality big shot, BB being mostly used as one grain would secure a kill, even at a range of 100 yards.

The gun was trunnion mounted in a flat bottomed shallow boat about 16 feet long by 4 feet wide, a development of the hunters for shallow waters. Green rushes were laid over the prow of the boats as a method of camouflage for both shooter and boat, propelled by short wide paddles which floated and were tied, so that the shooter left them trail after use, as extra movement could disturb the target.

The giant gun was mostly triggered by hand although some shooters discharged the gun by jerking a cord attached to the trigger with their teeth, thus leaving their hands free for paddling and manoeuvring.

As the shooter stretched full length behind his gun, he slowly moved his rig into position where a large flock of ducks were at rest or preening on a log or bank in the swamp, when all was set, the gun was triggered off into the flock and then began the task of cleaning up the wounded ducks flapping about, with a smaller shot gun. Sometimes the kill would be 100 birds, but more often less, depending on the spread and number of birds.

Big Bertha as the gun was known, was the biggest of some 24 such pieces used in the Barmah and other duck swamps in the area; such pieces kept the markets supplied, as by 1864 a railway line had been built to Echuca, thus giving a direct line to considerable markets in

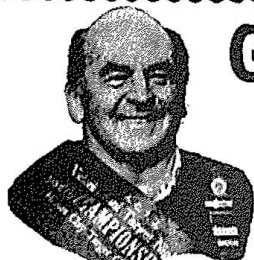


"The Big and the Small." The author holds a 54" barreled 8 bore breech loading Cashmore shotgun (referred to in the story) 14lbs weight. The smaller shotgun is a 12 mm smooth bore, bolt action and 3½lbs in weight.

Melbourne and Bendigo. Packing the birds in ice helped to land them at the Cities in first class condition, and agents operated for the duck hunters and attended to marketing.

It must have been a handy way to make a "quick quid" in those days when the duck population ran into millions in a good season. The Murray River from Swan Hill to Albury would be one of Australia's greatest duck flyways, extending in length about 250 miles by 50 miles wide, including myriads of swamps, lagoons, creeks, billabongs and lakes, plus the run in from major rivers in N.S.W. and Victoria; all of this amounts to a paradise for duck breeding in which the Barmah lakes are centrally situated.

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TRAPSHOOTING

with Elgin Gates



The author, Elgin Gates.

Many times I've been asked why I use a high gun, holding several feet *above* the traphouse, instead of a low gun.

Virtually all Australian shooters use the low gun system, holding the gun at the upper edge of the traphouse. This method seems more logical since it enables the shooter to pick up his target the instant it leaves the traphouse, and he can make his move with the target always in sight. Simple?

Seemingly, the shortcomings of the high gun technique are that the target comes out of the traphouse *under* the gun, making it more difficult to pick up; on occasion a certain target, especially the right angles (for a right-handed shooter), can be blotted out by the receiver of the gun and be almost out of effective range before it is seen; it is difficult to execute a smooth swing to intercept the target when starting with a high gun.

There is truth in all these statements. It is also true that the low gun system is the more natural method, relatively uncomplicated and fairly easy to master.

So what are the shortcomings, if any, of the low gun technique? There are two important faults, neither of which are very obvious. First, the low gun shooter moves his gun a farther distance from the top of the traphouse to where he intercepts and shoots the target than the high gun shooter. It can be argued that this is good since it gives him time to track the target and get on it before firing. The fault lies in the simple fact that the farther he moves the gun, the greater the chance of error. This potential error is compounded by the second and more important fault which I will call the "evil of momentum." In simple terms, momentum is the movement of a mass with weight (the gun) in a certain direction (upwards from the traphouse) and momentum of the mass wants to continue in that direction. How often have you come up fast from the traphouse and by the time you reached the target you were moving fast enough that momentum carried the gun *over* the target before you could fire, or, you came up fast and the target flattened out at its peak just as you got there. Momentum carries the gun on up momentarily before you can stop or control it? Result, lost target.

In short, the low gun shooter has to move his gun farther to get to the target, thus more chance for error. His gun is moving *faster* to catch up with the target, hence more momentum to contend with.

Properly controlled, momentum helps make a smooth swing, and I am in no way attempting to discredit the low gun method of shooting here. Too many top shooters in Australia use it successfully. My purpose is to discuss the "pros" and "cons" of each system as I see them.

There is little question that the high gun method is more difficult to understand and to master. Its advantages are: Less momentum and speed to contend with, thus less chance of shooting *over* the target, which is a common fault, and the gun moves a shorter distance to the target (less chance of error).

To be more specific about the high gun technique, let me describe how I use it. After I study a few targets coming out of the trap (usually by watching the squad ahead of me) I then decide just how high a gun I want to use. This will vary somewhat depending on the height of the targets, whether there is an incoming wind or a back wind, the height of the traphouse, etc., etc. (this will be discussed in detail in another column).

Almost always I will hold from two to three feet *above* the front edge of the traphouse, and slightly to the right of centre on stations one, two and three; a little more to the right for station four, about halfway between the centre and the right edge of the traphouse; and for station five, all the way over to the right corner. Why? Because with the high gun technique, once I raise the gun to my shoulder and fix the sight picture (lining up the beads) I then refocus my eyes out and down to the traphouse. Since my right eye is more or less blocked out by the receiver, in effect I use my left eye to pick up the target coming out of the house, and the positioning of the gun as described above is to make sure I can catch the right angle targets as they come out. Then I'm ready to punch the target when it appears above the level I am holding. Sound complicated? It is, a bit. But once the technique was mastered, I was able to shoot better scores with ease.

I wouldn't suggest that anyone abandon the low gun method, (I use it on Olympic-style targets) but you might give the high gun technique a try on the practise trap some day. To some shooters it comes quick and natural. Others, like me, have to work at it.

CLUB NEWS...

(CONTINUED)

PORT LINCOLN GUN CLUB (S.A.) — Another new Club has formed! This one is at Port Lincoln and is headed by a very active and enthusiastic President in the person of Max Curtis. The shooting ground is situated behind the Port Lincoln Airport on Government Road, 14 km from the town. The opening shoot is on 29th January '78, and should be very successful. The Club Secretary is Joy Woolford of 93 London Street, Port Lincoln.

COBDEN GUN CLUB (Vic.) — The sudden death of President, Stuart Mitchell, on Christmas Day (aged 65) took the happiness out of Christmas for a lot of people in the Western District of Victoria. Not only had Stuart been dominant as an administrator but he had also been a leader in the area of Junior Coaching. For many years Stuart has organised the Western District Inter Schools Matches, and his passing has thrown those programs into chaos. Stuart was one of the original members of Cobden Gun Club when it was re-formed sixteen years ago and had been President for the last five years. The National President and his Executive Committee extend their sincere sympathy to Mrs Alice Mitchell and her family in their loss.

The April issue of "Clay Target Shooting News" will only be posted to shooters whose 1978 fees have been received at the National Office prior to 1st March, 1978.



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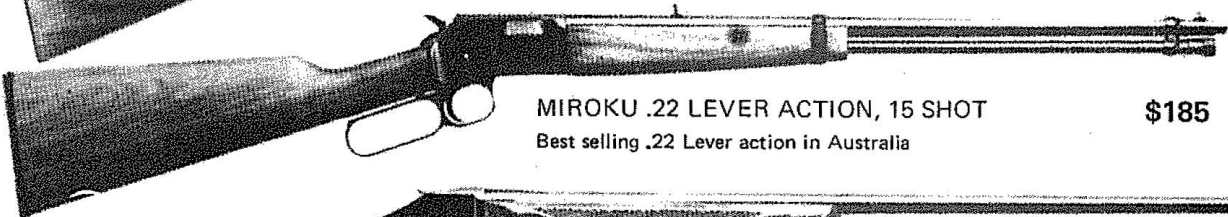
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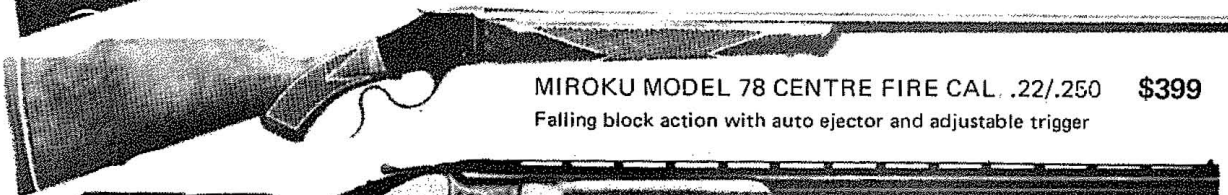
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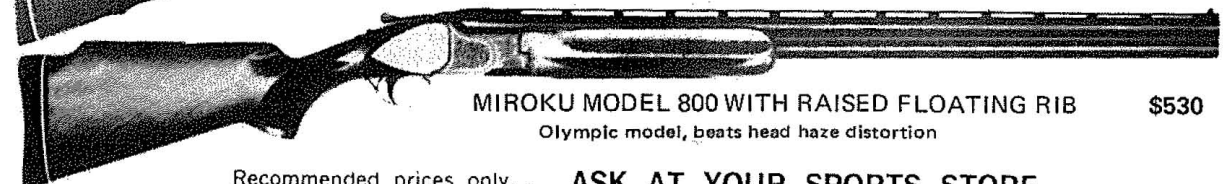
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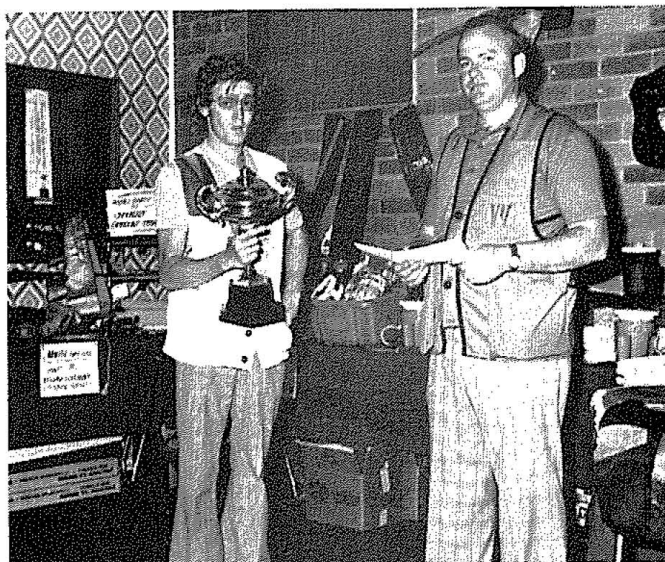
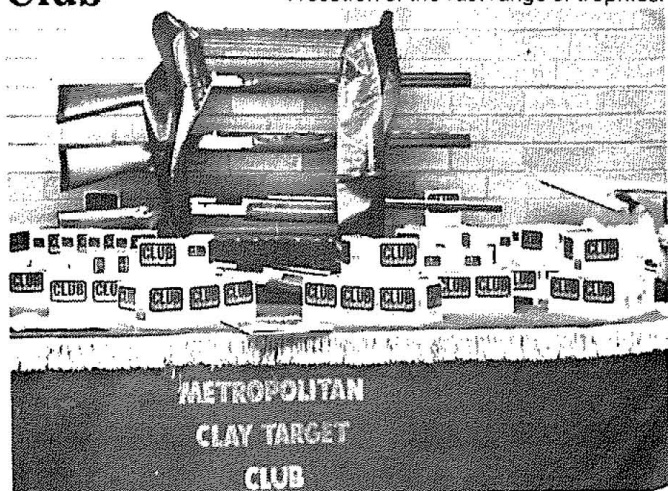
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1977 Grand Prix — Metropolitan Clay Target Club

A section of the vast range of trophies.



John Tankey from Canberra (left) is presented with the L. Park Perpetual Cup by the donor, Lindsay Park.

The 1977 Metro Grand Prix Carnival began on Saturday 29th October under the threat of no power caused by a long strike in the S.E.C. which, incidentally, left a lot of our usual shooters "broke". The first shooters began to arrive around the advertised shooting time of 10.30 a.m. under cloudless but cool conditions.

It became apparent during the eye opener and first event that a visitor from Canberra in John Tankey was not here just to see how Victorians shoot -- one look through the following results will show why!

5 pair D.R. Eye Opener. Shared by J. Tankey, F. Cuartero, A. Zarro, D. Milojevic, L. Spinoza and M. Mollica.

Event 1. Metro Double Rise Cup (open) 1st J. Tankey 20-24, 2nd J. Hutchins 19-24, 3rd L. Bahr 18-22, Inter 1st C. Drummy 16-20, 2nd G. Graf 15-22, 3rd J. Morrell 14-22.

Event 2. Wreckair Plant Hire D.B. 11-17m group - 1st G. Sammut 37-37, 2nd D. Rolfe 36-37, 3rd R. Jones 23-24; 18-25m group - 1st N. Berry 53-53, 2nd R. Morrison 52-53, 3rd G. White 46-47. Back Marker J. Tankey 24-25.

Event 3. Eltham Hardware Handicap 1st A. Tammaro, 2nd W. Jennings, 3rd G. Turner. Back Marker J. Tankey 24-25.

Event 4. J. C. Hutton \$250 Skeet Championship. open - 1st W. Iles 87-87, 2nd T. Spence 86-87; 1-2 group - 1st R. Jones 52-55, 2nd J. Tankey 51-55; 3-10 group - 1st J. Morrell 49-50, 2nd J. Atherton 46-50. Best Lady skeet shooter - R. Nevill. High Gun for the day - J. Tankey 108-115. Attendance for the day 98.



More trophies.

The second day, Sunday, got off to a fine warm start with a good many of the day's total of 94 shooters ready to get on with it by the scheduled starting time of 11.00 a.m.

Event 1. 15 tgt Shooters Discount Store SB Championship. open - 1st J. Tankey 19-19, 2nd B. Williams 18-19, 3rd K. Sagers 21-22. Intermediate - 1st B. Rogasch 14-15, 2nd W. Rogasch 18-20, 3rd W. Jennings 17-20.

Event 2. Metropolitan Cup 30 tgt Handicap. 1st K. Patterson 40-40, 2nd E. Lobley 39-40, 3rd G. Bernardi 37-38, 4th K. Sagers 36-38, 5th F. Scotta 38-39, 22-25m J. Tankey 28-30.

Event 3. 15 Tgt Vineyard Cellars D.B. Championship. 11-17m - 1st G. Michelini 36-36, 2nd T. Holly 35-36, 3rd G. Iuliano 34-35; 18-25m - 1st K. Sagers 59-59, 2nd A. Zarro 58-59, 3rd W. Hailes 48-49.

Event 4. Metropolitan Skeet Cup 50 tgt 1st T. Spence 75-75, 2nd M. Landers 74-75, 3rd J. Summers 63-64, 4th W. Iles 62-63. Bad luck Bill on missing a continuous break of 150 by a target. High Gun for the day T. Spence 107-110.



More trophies.



Bill Iles (left) enjoys a joke with J. Morrell, both winners in the J. C. Hutton Skeet C'ship.

Monday was a day of rest for most with only 52 turning up to a fine warm day and sharing the glory as follows:

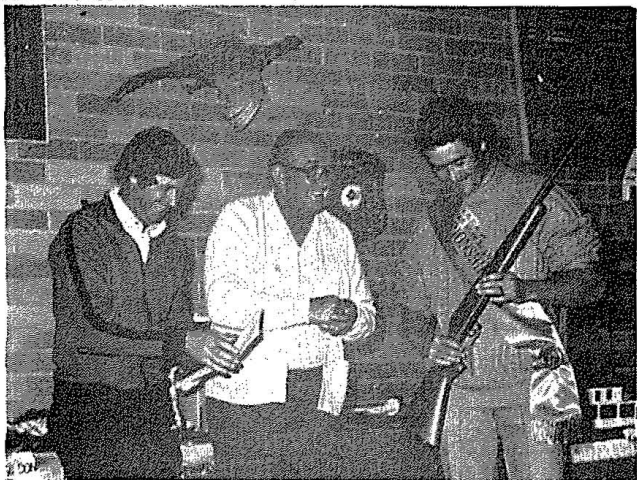
Event 1. Cup Eve Tower Points Championship. 1st P. Radao 198-198, 2nd W. Iles 195-198, 3rd M. Mollica 57-60. Best MFB shooter M. Beaton.

Event 2. MFB D.D. Championship. 1st W. Iles & K. Sagers 22-22, 2nd G. Veith and B. Knight 21-22.

Event 3. Cup Eve Handicap 15 tgt. 1st M. Rowlands 46-46, 2nd C. Costa 45-46, 3rd B. Shellcot 39-40.

Event 4. MFB D.B. Championship. open - W. Iles 47-47, 2nd J. Reiznieks 46-47, Inter - 1st M. Beaton, 2nd W. Nevill. MFB Section - 1st R. Shipperlee, 2nd A. Powell.

Event 5. Cup Eve Skeet. 1st W. Iles 60-60, 2nd M. Piccolo 59-60, 3rd M. Fuller 38-39.



B. Rogash (right) is presented with his trophy from the Shooters' Discount Store Single Barrel C'ship by Viv Bidstrup (centre), the prop. Club President, Ray Shipperlee is looking on.

Tuesday 1st November Grand Prix Day! Last year we were almost washed away — this year mother nature tried her hardest to blow us away but it still didn't stop a lot of possibles being shot in fine but very windy conditions. Attendance for the day was 144. A very disappointing start to the day for me was to have to 'FORCE' a number of well known shooters to fill out "lost card declarations" when they could not produce their ACTA cards. I wonder if these shooters felt proud when reading the article on page 5 of January CTSN.

Event 1. 15tgt Greensborough Bulk, Store DB Championship. open - 1st M. Piccolo 30-30, 2nd R. McGilliveray 29-30, 3rd V. Ryan 20-21. Inter - 1st G. Turner 15-15, 2nd G. Graf 14-15, 3rd G. Iuliano 16-18.

Event 2. Metropolitan Grand Prix. 18-25m - 1st J. Wright 61-61, 2nd D. Milojevic 83-84; 11-17m - 1st J. Hatswell 38-38, 2nd N. Perazzelli 37-38.

Event 3. Silver Punchbowl Handicap for Damien Mollica Cup. 1st N. Salameh 44-44, 2nd M. Fuller 43-44, 3rd O. Dunne 31-32. Back Marker J. Tankey 25-26.

Event 4. Metro Skeet Grand Prix 25 tgt. open - 1st K. Lowry 43-43, 2nd W. Iles 42-43; 1-2 group - 1st N. Berry 24-25, 2nd J. Smith 23-25; 3-10 group - 1st N. Salameh 25-25, 2nd C. Santalucia 24-25. High Gun for the day W. Iles 72-75. Grand Prix Overall High Gun W. Iles 292-314. Grand Prix D.T.L. High Gun J. Tankey 155-165.

Many thanks to all who helped with all phases of the Carnival. Thanks to all the trophy donors without whom the carnival would have been a financial disaster, because of the long power strike. A big thank you to Melbourne Gun Club for the loan of a standby trap and especially for their co-operation in not running a clashing program.

(BRUCE WILLIAMS,
Publicity Officer - Metro C.T. Club).



A very proud John Wright (right) after his Grand Prix win (18-25 m section) is congratulated by Ray Shipperlee.

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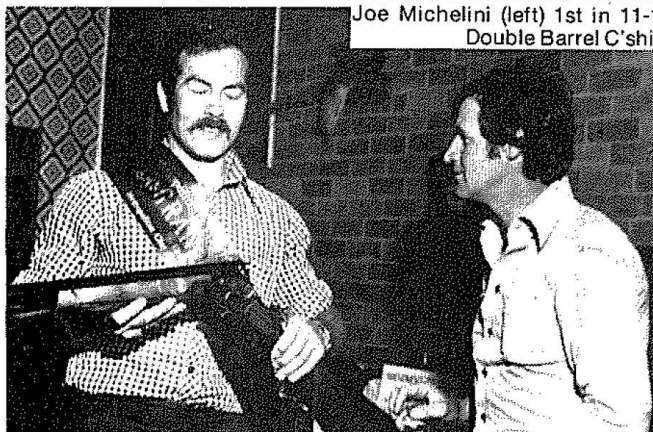
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More Photos from Metropolitan C.T. Club Grand Prix



Joe Michelini (left) 1st in 11-17 m section of Vineyard Cellars Double Barrel C'ship, with Ray Shipperlee.



An excited Jeff Hatswell (left) being presented with his trophy after winning the 11-17 m section of the Grand Prix.



Winner of High Gun Award over the Carnival was colorful Bill Iles. Here, he is presented with his sash by Terry McCarthy of Kingflight Industries.



Grand Prix winners — l. to r.: N. Perazzelli, J. Hatswell, J. Wright and D. Milojevic.

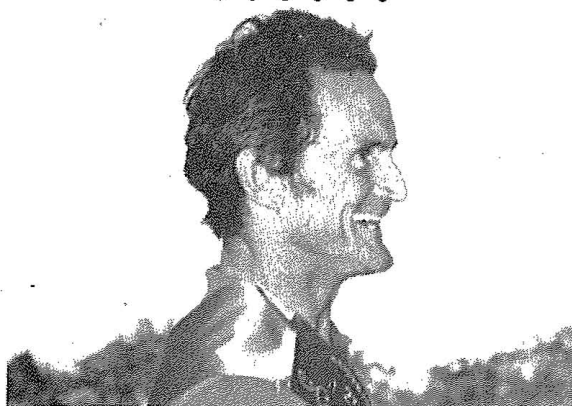
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TRADE TOPICS

One of Australia's oldest established firearms wholesale and retail businesses, Alcock & Pierce, have moved from their Sugden Place, Melbourne location to 15 McKillop Street, Melbourne. Alcock & Pierce became widely known whilst they held the Browning Agency for a number of years and although they no longer have it, the company is still very active in fishing and shooting business. The company managing director is Rob Brewer, a very enthusiastic young man and a dominant force in the creation of the firearms division within the Victorian Sportsgoods Federation. The firearms division manager is Ray Godkin and Ray is well known around the Victorian Clubs. The new phone number is (03) 676219.

Interesting news to come out of the Guthrie Trading Camp is that General Manager, Harley Canvin, has left the company and at the time of writing we have been unable to establish who his replacement is. Guthrie's, of course, are the Australian agents for Ponsness-Warren Reloaders, Ruger Firearms and a number of other shooting and fishing products. Garry Raymond is in charge of sales and apparently is a very busy fellow because it has become completely impossible to contact him by phone. Meanwhile CTSN has been advised that Bill Anderson, previously with Guthrie Trading Company is about to join the Butler Brothers chain of sports stores in Queensland as their Chief Executive. Clay Target Shooters all over Australia wish you all the best in your new job Bill.



Warren Charlton.

There have been further moves in the Eley Ammunition organisation. The sad news is that Warren Charlton, National Single Barrel Champion for 1977 has left the Company — which will come as a great blow to a number of Warren's very good friends. Warren's departure has brought about a realignment of territory boundaries and Victorian Sales Representative, John Ely, has taken over most of the Murrumbidgee irrigation area which was previously serviced by Warren Charlton. John has also been appointed as Senior Sales Representative, Victoria, which has the effect of making him second in command to Victorian Sales Supervisor, Brian Farrelly.

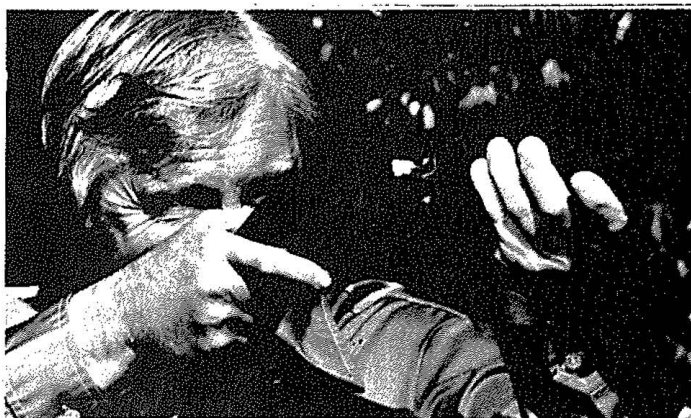
Meanwhile in South Australia, Bob Jones has left the fold and a replacement has not yet been named. Another member of the Eley Ammunition staff, Jeff Hatswell, who is working as an assistant in the Marketing Services Division is making quite a name for himself in Clay Target shooting and has recently had a number of successes around Victorian Clubs.

It is most encouraging to see the number of non-front-line sales staff from many of our commercial affiliates taking a participant interest in Clay Target shooting.

From Michaelis Bayley Trading, the Australian agents for SKB shotguns, CTSN has received the sad news of the retirement due to ill health of the Trading Division General Manager, Mr Frank Danglew. Frank has been a personality who has been held in the highest esteem by all connected with the firearms industry and his loss is of immense importance to Michaelis Bayley Trading. Frank's position has been filled by Mr Gray Barnden who has been with Michaelis Bayley for a number of years.

Incidentally, this company has confirmed its donation of a SKB model 700 under and over trap or skeet shotgun to be presented to

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Les Turner, who continues to maintain his very close interest in Evans & Balfour Pty Ltd of Melbourne has advised that there is a chance that the Senior Executive of Perazzi, Italy, Mr Mattarelli will attend the South Pacific Regional Championships to be conducted at Melbourne Gun Club during Easter. Perazzi products were very prominent during the recent World Championships at Antibes, France and as the product is steadily gaining ground in Australia there is strong reason for Mr Mattarelli to attend.

Mrs Sue Lowry wife of Winchester Area Manager for Victoria and Tasmania Ken Lowry, proved her organisational talent when she had the couples fourth child on Thursday the fifth of January — the arrivals have been girl, boy, girl and now another boy, Blake. Only three days before Blake's birth Sue won the ladies event at Melbourne Gun Club. At that stage the birth was around a week overdue, and Ken is reported to have recommended to Sue that she use black ranges in the event. I wonder why!



Happy Mother — Sue Lowry.

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"Start In The Schools"

— Grassby

A migrant, with no licence for the gun and rifle he carried, called at a police station one Sunday morning.

He was going shooting, but thought he should "check on the rules" before he went.

Fortunately, he met a considerate policeman.

Al Grassby, Federal Commissioner for Community Relations, told this story last November.

He was speaking on "Educating migrants to the wildlife laws" at the Victorian Field and Game Association's wildlife management conference at Latrobe University.

He said very little information was available to migrants.

A previous printing of the Victorian shooters' handbook in German, Greek and Italian was all he knew of.

"You get the booklet when you buy a quail, duck or deer stamp — and sometimes, only when you ask for it."

Mr Grassby suggested that migrant wildlife education commence in the schools.

"Forty per cent of Australians are products of post-war migration; and for a child to take home a booklet in dad's language would sit well with dad.

"There are 25 languages, and state, catholic, private and ethnic schools.

"The Bird Observers and the Gould League are about to do something with colored posters, but that is only scratching the surface."

During question time a Victorian Fisheries and Wildlife officer said wildlife law pamphlets were provided at the migrants' intake centre at Bonegilla in 1952, but were not read.

Mr Grassby: If immigration is resumed, I hope Australia does a better job than in the past, and instructs newcomers in many more things.

Somebody in the audience suggested symbols — to which Mr Grassby joked: "Like the ones we have on our roads? ... with wording underneath to explain what they mean?"

Gun Handling Not Enough

Australia can learn from America, the Victorian Field and Game Association's wildlife management conference in November was told.

It is not sufficient to teach proper gun-handling. Greater emphasis needs to be placed on hunter responsibility, game identification and game management.

This was said by conference guest Ed Kozicky, director of conservation, Winchester Group, Illinois.

He said: "Hunter education programs have changed from two hours of instruction to eight to 10 hours, including actual firing.

"In some states hunter education, like driver instruction is taught in the schools.

"The swing is from voluntary to mandatory education programs.

"Funds for such efforts have come from an excise tax on handguns and archery equipment.

"Next year more money will be available from a tax on handloading components."

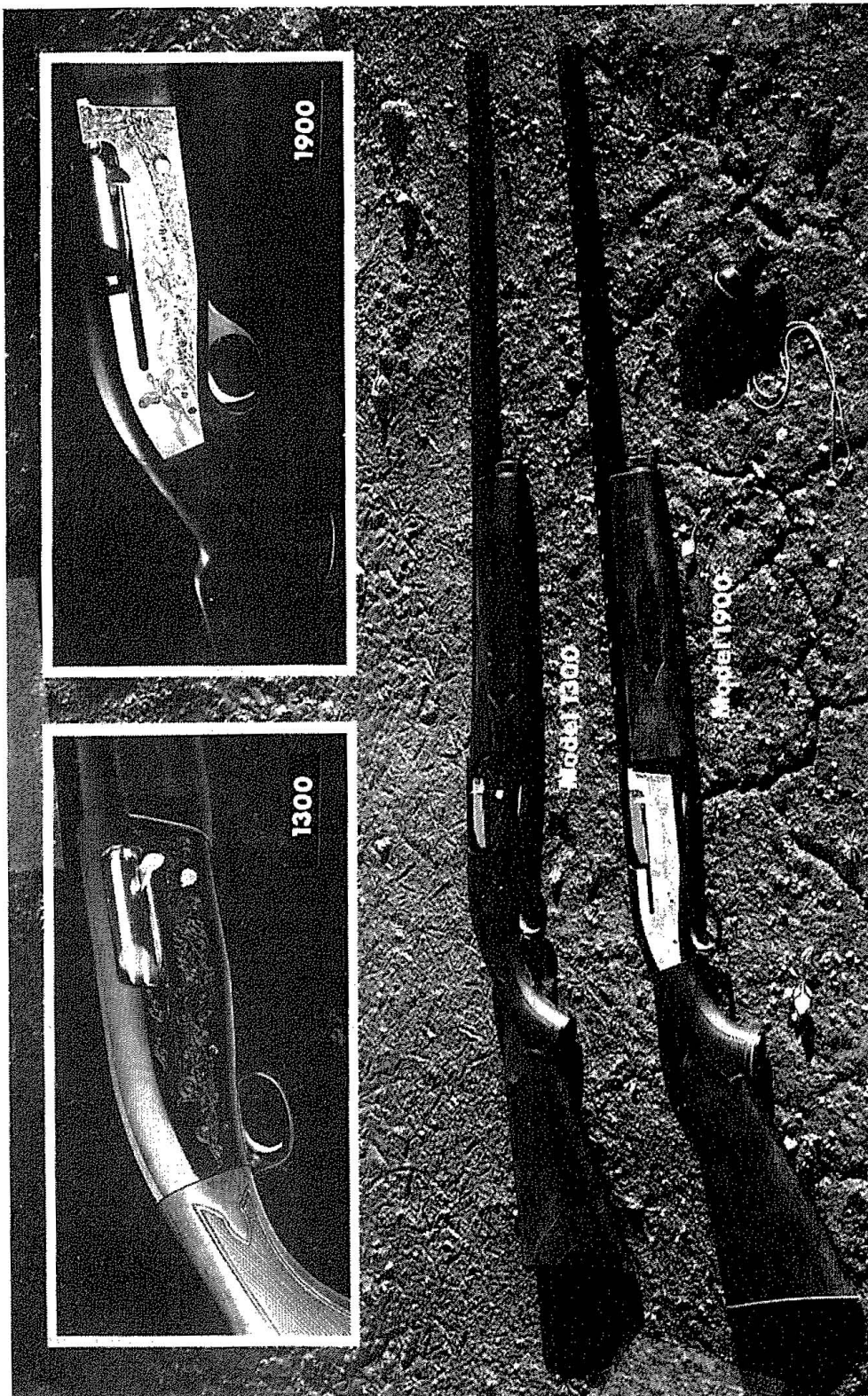
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Why We Should Fill In Our Skeet Handicap Card

**R. F. BUCHAN,
A.C.T.A. Executive Member.**

Being a very keen Skeet shooter, President of the Melbourne Gun Club, State Council Member and an A.C.T.A. Executive Member, I feel it is my duty to bring to your attention an irregularity in the Skeet Handicapping system. This situation has been brought about by the lack of understanding of the importance of filling in your Skeet Handicap Card.

From experience, I feel that it is YOU, the shooter, who may shoot Skeet regularly or occasionally, who is the offender. Your actions re. holding back Skeet grading and Skeet handicapping which could be of great benefit to both shooter and Club. There are Clubs such as mine who in the past, have (and would still love to hold) big Skeet Handicaps, which would be comparable to D.T.L. Yes, we held Skeet Handicap Events worth between \$300 and \$400 and so did other Clubs — these have been reluctant to sponsor such events for the past two years. I will give you reasons why this has come about — these are the facts! (Please keep in mind Melbourne Gun Club shoot Skeet each Saturday, it is a Club which is regarded as the stronghold of I.S.U. and American Skeet in Australia).

We have no problems with our own shooters who shoot at our Club or those who come from Clubs that insist on Skeet Handicap Cards being filled in (there are very few of these), but the problem stems from the shooters who come from Clubs who are not registered, clubs who are registered but do not insist on handicap cards being filled in, also from Field and Game and the Sporting Shooters Association. Examples as follows:—

When we did conduct Handicap events we had shooters entering these with extra long handicap marks, such as 5 to 10 targets which was verified on their A.C.T.A. registration card. I would say 90 per cent or more of those showed the only entry on their card was the one the A.C.T.A. office filled in when the shooter received his card after becoming re-registered. As soon as an event was progressing it became quite obvious to all that what was shown on his card was not a true indication of the ability of that shooter (who is the one this article is directed at).

Upon looking into the improved performance of these shooters, quite often we can trace it back to the time when the A.C.T.A. Executive approved a formula based on the shooter's D.T.L. handicap. Why this was done and what motivated that action still has myself and other Club Executives amazed. The action at that time has led to some of the problems existing today. I am making that statement after investigating many cases which have been drawn to my attention.

How often does a shooter upon re-registering, hand his card to the Club Secretary who would then transfer all information from the previous years registration back onto the form which would be sent to the A.C.T.A. If the shooter has been registered for more than two years, his old Registration Card will probably show his Skeet handicap based on his D.T.L. handicap — that is if he has not had any previous performances placed on the card. I am very pleased to say our new Secretary is trying to work this problem out, but I think the extent of the problem is too great.

I would like to thank the unregistered Clubs, Field and Game Association and the Sporting Shooters Association for the wonderful job they are doing in promoting shooting, they play a very important part in the overall shooting training program in this country. *I will go as far as to say they are doing more for the new shooters than the A.C.T.A. are.* When we look into the improved performances of the shooters who this article is directed at, quite often we find out, they do most of their shooting at shooting grounds which fall into these three categories.

I am pointing the finger with the stamp of "cheat" on the end of it, at all who use those shooting grounds to improve their skill far in excess of what is shown on their A.C.T.A. Registration Card, and then come to a registered Club and compete in a big Skeet or D.T.L. Handicap with the result that they usually take home the bacon with all the fat and trimmings still on it. Yes, we as sportsmen despise that type, but they are about in significant numbers.

What must the new shooter think who only shoots at a registered Club, and gets penalised when he improves according to our various formulas. I know what I think but I dare not put pen to paper.

I can just hear some of your comments. What would you do Buchan? I do believe the A.C.T.A. should take drastic action, and make one clean sweep and start every shooter on a Skeet handicap of 0, then make sure or insist that Clubs and shooters record their performance on the registration card, this would force shooters to use the Handicap Formula as laid down by the A.C.T.A. I would also advocate that after a shooter has established his handicap in accordance with our present rules he would hold that handicap until he shoots at a further 200 targets or 8 rounds, after that he would delete his lowest round then average his remaining 7 rounds. *Yes, his handicap would or could be changed after he shoots at a further 8 rounds.* The maximum number of targets that his handicap would be allowed to vary from established handicap (8 rounds) to re-handicapped would be two targets. Example "my present handicap is 1 target, my revised handicap could be 0 or 3 targets, not 4 targets."

I believe this would help us with Graded Championships including National Skeet, it would also encourage shooters to shoot more skeet when they know that the more rounds they shoot, they can be eligible for re-handicapping. Under our present Skeet Handicap formula, once a shooter has established his handicap after his first 10 rounds he can not go beyond that handicap for six months then after that period he can only go out 1 target even if he is shooting beyond his handicap by 3 to 10 targets.

We at Melbourne conduct Graded Skeet Championships with a great deal of success, the formula we use if we are to have three grades A=0-1, B=2-3, C=4-10, on many occasions we use two grades A=0-1, B=2-10.

I would like to see this formula used at Clubs but I repeat over and over again, correct and accurate records must be kept. Please get that into your heads and then we will be able to conduct Graded Championships and Handicap Events free of suspicion and innuendos that do our chosen sport no good.

Thanking you.

**R. BUCHAN,
A.C.T.A. Executive Member.**



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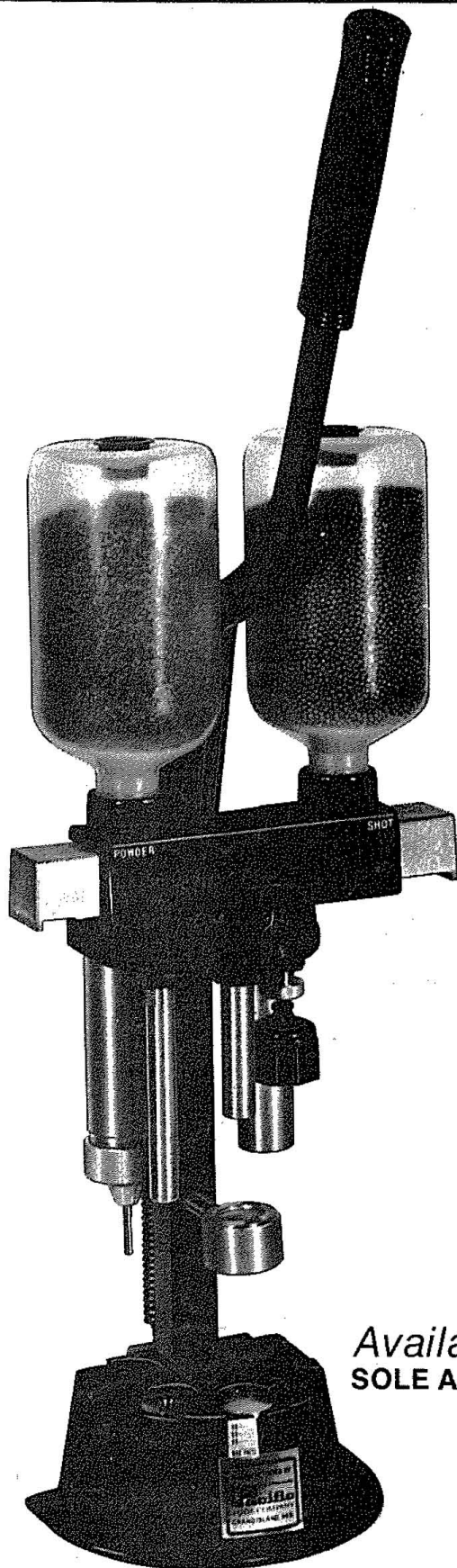
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INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING SCENE . . .

The 1978 Commonwealth Games to be held in Edmonton Canada from the 3rd to the 12th of August are looming close. Present indications are that Australia will be entering a full shooting team including two Trap and two Skeet shooters together with a section manager. The section manager has been named as Newton Thomas who is the national coaching director of the A.C.T.A. In a newsletter which has just arrived from Edmonton we have learned that the equipment to be used on the Skeet and Trap ranges will be manufactured by Speith of West Germany. The equipment is scheduled to arrive in February and it will be installed some time during the northern spring to be completed by the end of May. At the same time numerous alterations and improvements to the ranges will also be completed. The Canadian Skeet Shooting Association plans to use the Skeet range from the 18th to the 21st of May for its national championships.

Two more countries Grenada and Sri Lanka have been added to the list of those nations which have accepted invitations to attend the games. The total now stands at thirty including four African and five Caribbean countries.

It was the Association's original intention to organize a group tour to Canada to take in the Commonwealth Games. Due to time limitations it is no longer possible for the Association to officially form a group but any member who is interested in attending the games should send his name and address to the national office where every effort will be made to assist the member with his travel arrangements. There is further information on travel elsewhere in this issue of C.T.S.N.

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Soon after the completion of the Commonwealth Games later this year a strong contingent will leave Australia to compete in the 1978 World Shooting Championship to be conducted in Seoul, Korea. The shotgun section will include four Trap and four Skeet shooters together with a section manager. A support group is being organised by the A.C.T.A., in conjunction with its travel consultant Jetset Tours and people interested in travelling with this support group should submit their names to the A.C.T.A., office as soon as possible. Early indications are that the support group tour will be of 20 days duration and will depart from Sydney on the 21st of September, 1978. The return date will be the 10th of October and the return flight will be direct to Melbourne. For those interested the competition dates are as follows: —

Skeet: the 28th, 29th and 30th of September (with training taking place on the 24th, 25th and 26th of September).

Trap: 2nd, 3rd and 4th of October (with training taking place on the 24th, 25th and 26th and 30th of September and 1st of October).

Details of scores from a number of qualifying round venues have now been received at the national office and encouraging Trap performances have been put up by Terry Rumble, Jack Henwood, Bill Isles (from Melbourne), Jim Ellis, John Petriella (A.C.T. International), Ray Lowry, John Porter, Ken Stevens and Peter Freeleagus (Brisbane). Skeet scores include a 187/200 from Don Jones of Hobart Gun Club, a 186/200 from Alex Crikis of Melbourne Gun Club, and a 176 from Mark Little also of Melbourne Gun Club.

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A late news item from Townsville Gun Club shows that they attracted sixty-three shooters to their Queensland teams trench match which was conducted on the 30th and 31st of December, 1977. This is a tremendous attendance for a club which has only had its trench operating for about two months and surely provides encouragement to those promoting international type shooting in Australia. Top scores for the two days included Arthur Kenna (national executive committee member) who shot 180/200 and young shooter Ray Collinson who produced a remarkable score of 179/200. The first two rounds were conducted under adverse weather conditions and this emphasises the quality of the scores. Visitors included shooters from Darwin, Charters Towers, and Burdekin together with one visitor from Victoria. There will be a full report on this match in the March issue of C.T.S.N.

The following invitation has been received from the Singapore Shooting Association. Any shooters interested in competing should advise the National Office:

Dear Sir,

Re: Pesta Sukan Shooting Festival — 4th to 11th August 1978.

On behalf of the Singapore Shooting Association I am directed to inform you that the Committee Members of the Singapore Gun Club has cordially invited all the Committee Members of the Australian Clay Target Association and the "regular" visitors to Singapore to be Honorary Members of the Singapore Gun Club, and we sincerely hope that your Committee would be good enough to accept this in order to promote the sport of Trap and Skeet Shooting.

Once again on behalf of the Singapore Shooting Association we would like to invite you to participate in our shooting festival to be held from 4th to 11th August 1978. This shoot is organised by ourselves and again we are organising this under the same conditions as in the previous year.

Skeet will be held on the 4th, 5th and 6th August. A total of 6 shooters from each country are permitted to shoot but the first 4 shooters will count for the team event. For the individual event the top scorer from each country will be counted.

We are hoping that a total seven countries will participate in this shooting competition namely, Australia, New Caledonia, Thailand, Malaysia, Japan, Philippines and Singapore.

We will be shooting under the latest ISU Rules. All countries are invited on the understanding that the shooters will have to pay for their fares and hotel accommodation (Hotel Equatorial Pty. Ltd. — Special Rates). Cartridges can be purchased from our Club and we will have available all the popular type of cartridges.

Trap competition will be held on the 9th, 10th and 11th August 1978. Again the same terms and conditions for participants will count. There will be individual events and team events. The first three shooters for individual event will receive the medals. Similarly, the first three countries with the highest aggregate score for team event will also receive a medal.

We sincerely hope that your country would be interested to participate in our shoot and we would be pleased to let you have any further details required.

If your country is participating please let us have the names of your shooters together with the licence and serial numbers of their guns so that we can arrange for the import permit of their guns as well as the export permit.

Please note that under the rules of the Arms and Explosives in Singapore, all guns brought into Singapore must be kept at our Armoury at the Singapore Gun Club.

We look forward for a favourable reply from you at the same time would request your committee for two passport photographs each in order to hand you, your committee and the "regular" visitors the Honorary Life Membership Cards.

Yours faithfully,

SINGAPORE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION.

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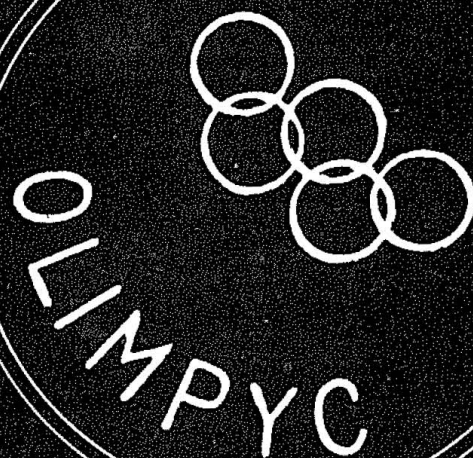
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TALK ABOUT TRAVEL

As the relationship between the Association and its travel consultant Jetset Tours develops, plans for overseas tours are beginning to crystallize. Itineraries and booking forms have already been sent to members who have shown an interest in joining the A.C.T.A. group to attend the New Zealand Nationals. Unfortunately, our plans were upset by changes in airline schedules but details have now been finalized. The closing date for bookings is the 6th of February so if you are intending to join one of the groups — remember a group will depart from each eastern port: — i.e. Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne — please contact the nearest Jetset office (see list below) or phone Kerrie at the A.C.T.A., national office. (See advertisement on page 4).

The proposed tour to U.S.A. has already created great interest. The main attraction of course is the 1978 Grand American Handicap Program which runs from the 10th to the 19th of August. The tour has been planned to provide fun time at the start, some serious shooting in the middle (or more fun time if you prefer) and more fun time at the end.

The following is the tentative itinerary:—

August 2	Depart Sydney, Arrive Los Angeles
August 3	Los Angeles - activities include visits to Universal Studios, Disneyland and optional tours to San Diego and Tijuana.
August 4	Depart Los Angeles, Arrive Las Vegas
August 5	Las Vegas - activities include visit to night clubs, Bob Taylor's L. V. Gun Club and optional tour through Grand Canyon.
August 6	Depart Las Vegas, Arrive Milwaukee
August 7	Vic Reinders - Waukesha Gun Club
August 8	Depart Milwaukee, Arrive Dayton - Vandalia
August 9	Dayton - plenty of optional tours for those who are not shooting.
August 10	Depart Dayton, Arrive San Francisco.
August 11	In San Francisco
to 19	Depart San Francisco, Arrive Honolulu (via Los Angeles)
August 19	Honolulu, including visit to Maui Trap and Gun Club
August 20, 21, 22	Club
August 23	(1 a.m.) Depart Honolulu
August 24	Arrive Sydney.
25, 26	
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January 28	

Arrangements have been made to have the group professionally escorted to save the group members any hassles. (This is dependent on a minimum of twenty participants).

At the time of writing full details of accommodation in Dayton (Vandalia) are not available therefore no accurate costing is possible. It will greatly facilitate planning if readers (and friends, etc.) who are "possible starters" for this group would advise the national office.

Meanwhile, plans are well advanced to conduct a group tour to Korea and Hong Kong later in the year (tentatively arranged to depart Melbourne on the 20th of September) to take in the 1978 World Shooting Championships to be held in Seoul, Korea. Full details should be included in the March issue of C.T.S.N.

In addition to these planned group movements Association members will be undertaking visits to New Caledonia, New Guinea and Singapore. One of the greatest benefits to come out of this increased involvement in travel is that the experiences we enjoy overseas should assist in developing better standards in Australia — both on the shooting tracks and in our administration. The following are your Jetset contacts in the various State offices:—

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Cnr. Adelaide & Edwards Streets,
BRISBANE, QLD., 4000.

Ms. Kim Knipe,
Jetset Tours,
74 Crown Street,
WOLLONGONG, N.S.W., 2500.

Ms. Kay Woodcock,
Jetset Tours,
22nd Floor, MLC Centre,
Cnr. King & Castlereagh Streets,
SYDNEY, N.S.W., 2000.

Mr. Ron Bacheleor,
Jetset Tours,
Trustees Court,
LAUNCESTON, TASMANIA, 7250.

Ms. Uni Darcy,
Jetset Tours,
1st Floor, Florina Building,
Garema Place,
CANBERRA, A.C.T., 2601.

Mr. Neil Baker,
Jetset Tours,
170 St. Georges Terrace,
PERTH, W.A., 6000.

1978 Annual General Meeting — Adelaide FEE INCREASE FOR 1979

Amongst the agenda items for the 1978 annual general meeting is an Executive Committee recommendation that the level of annual registration fees be increased from the 1st of January, 1979. This will be the first increase since the commencement of 1977, at a time when inflation is still running at a high level and during which most other prices have increased at least once and in many cases three and four times.

Club delegates will be asked to vote on the proposed fee increases soon after hearing the 1977 financial report which will show the best result for many years. Before rushing into the decision let us look briefly at the recent history of the Association. From 1965 to 1976 membership showed no growth at all. In addition, in 1976 the Association suffered the worst financial setback in its history. WE MUST NOT FALL BACK TO THOSE LEVELS! To guard against such a reversal your executive is now planning the growth of the Association and included in the plan are activities which will require funds. The first step was the creation of the National Coaching Council. Also, greater international involvement is planned, aimed at improving our shooting standards.

Increased membership numbers in 1977 has made a significant contribution towards the formation of a development fund — a further 15% increase is forecast for 1978 and if the target can be achieved the Association will have another successful year financially.

But back to the fee increase. The proposal is to increase full registration fees from \$15 per annum to \$20 per annum and the "second family member" fee from \$8 per annum to \$10 per annum. JUNIOR FEES WILL NOT ALTER. An amendment submitted by the New South Wales Clay Target Association requires a proportion of the increase to be returned to State Associations in the form of a direct "per capita grant". This will eliminate the present need for State Associations to levy shooters in their State, at the same time giving State bodies a regular financial source so necessary for sustained and controlled growth.

It is the belief of the Executive Committee that registered shooters are today getting better value for their annual fees than for many years. It is considered that if the fee increase in 1979 is approved the resultant growth should allow the postponement of any further increase for many years.

Our long term policy is to have MORE members paying LESS money, rather than a few paying "through the nose". The administration commends the increase to clubs and club delegates and seeks an affirmative vote at the 1978 annual general meeting which will be held at the club rooms of the South Australian Gun Club on Friday the 10th of March commencing at 7 p.m.

N.B. would clubs and club delegates please note that because of legal requirements amendments relating to business at annual general meetings must be on notice of twenty-eight days to be eligible to be voted on, otherwise, the meeting is limited to sending a recommendation to the Executive Committee for its consideration.

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Some are good and some are bad
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How often have you heard a shooter say
I'd ban that ref. if I had my way,
he pulled them fast and he pulled them slow
why they let him ref. I'll never know,
then there's the one who talked a lot
while I was trying to have my shot,
but I didn't like to claim a baulk
in case about me the shooters would talk.

Next time it happens I should kick up a stink
and to hell with what the shooters think,
it might encourage other shooters to do the same
and get the bad referee's out of the game.

"GHOSTIE"

Eley Waratah State Classic — 1977

The first series of this Eley sponsored match (confined to New South Wales) has concluded with the overall winner for 1977 being Steve Balogh of Queanbeyan whose score was a very creditable 191/192.

The series attracted excellent support at each of the six venues, and was considered by the sponsor Eley Ammunition to have been an "instant success".

The following summary shows the complete results details for the 1977 series:—

Overall: Taree Wingham - Bob Boggis 142/143, Narrabri - Peter Owens 37/37, Narrandera - Charlie Strike 109/110, Cowra - Rex Northcott 133/134, N.S.W.G.C. - Dick Hunt 165/166, Queanbeyan/-Canberra - Steve Balogh 191/192.

Ladies: Taree Wingham - Diane Davis 28/30, Narrabri - Kath Noble 24/30, Cowra - Leoni Dennis 24/30, Cowra - Joan Longmore 29-30, N.S.W.G.C. - no competitors, Queanbeyan/Canberra - Doreen Newcombe 28/30.

Juniors: Taree Wingham - Mathew Bowman 24/30, Narrabri - Scott Mitchell 29/30, Narrandera - Arthur Turner 30/30, Cowra - Arthur Turner 29/30, N.S.W.G.C. - David Fuller 26/30, Queanbeyan/-Canberra - P. Tankey 26-30.

Competitors: TAREE/WINGHAM 85, NARRABRI 81, NARRANDERA 103, COWRA 108, N.S.W.G.C. 48, QUEANBEYAN/CANBERRA 105.

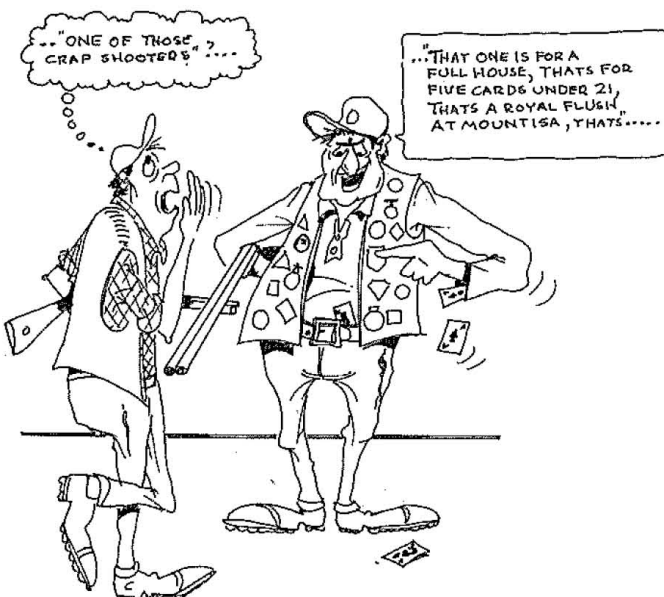
Eley Waratah State Classic — 1978

The following is a list of the clubs which have been selected to host sections of the 1978 Eley Waratah State Classic:—

Central Division (Wyong Gun Club) Oct. 14th and 15th; Southern Division (Sutton Forest Gun Club) Jan. 22nd; Riverina Division (June Gun Club) Oct. 21st and 22nd; Western Division (Parkes Gun Club) Aug. 12th and 13th; North Western Division (Broken Hill Gun Club) Feb. 25th and 26th; Northern Division (Coffs Harbour Gun Club) Jan. 7th and 8th.

These venues and dates have been approved by the N.S.W. Clay Target Association.

Applications from clubs interested in hosting a Division of the 1979 series should be directed to the Secretary or the New South Wales Clay Target Association, before 31st August, 1978.



At a recent shoot at Townsville, the interest in the Card School provoked this sketch. On the more serious side, there were novice shooters at this shoot from some of the more remote clubs, and they would have appreciated some helpful hints from some of the more experienced shooters.

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Because of this, and in the interests of better shooting (which in turn means "happier" shooters) the following enquiry, together with my answer is being published in full. Readers who have shooting problems of any type are invited to write to me, care of "Clay Target Shooting News".

Dear Sir,

I am writing to ascertain if you can help me overcome a shooting problem. I am a member of the Gun Club, Queensland.

I recently purchased a Winchester 101, Pigeon Grade U/O shotgun. This gun is fitted with a standard stock, has $1\frac{1}{4}$ " drop at comb, and $1\frac{1}{4}$ " stock, including kick pad.

My problem is that when I shoot, I sometimes get kicked under the cheek. I have lengthened the stock by $\frac{1}{4}$ ", and when I put my cheek on the stock, the gun may kick me under the cheek, but when I put my face further forward on the stock, with my nose level with the comb, the gun does not kick me under the cheek. This however tends to make me lean too far forward. The top of the stock is level with the top of my shoulder.

I am 189 cm tall, and have long arms, together with a long neck. The unfortunate part in Central Queensland is that there is no local gunsmith, and when buying guns one has to buy as close to a fit without actually trying the gun.

I was wondering if you could suggest any action which I should take so that the gun will fit me. I was thinking of having the stock bent, not much, about $\frac{1}{4}$ " would suffice. I do not want to shave the stock. Would lengthening the stock make any difference? I have read your articles in A.C.T.A. Shooting Magazine regarding gun fit.

Also, would an Edwards Recoil Reducer fit my particular shotgun? and would this article be efficient?

I am presently using 22 grains of Nobel 60 powder, and $1\frac{1}{8}$ oz of No. 7 shot, together with Monowad. Would this be a good load for trap shooting?

I hope you can assist me regarding gun fit, as I feel that if the stock was $\frac{1}{8}$ " lower back, $1\frac{1}{4}$ " back from the comb, I feel that the gun would be a good fit as it seems to be just that fraction too high. I feel that if I lengthened the stock more, it would be too long.

Yours faithfully,

Dear

Thank you for your letter regarding your gun fitting problem. From the description you give in your letter, I would suggest that your Winchester 101 U/O gun is fitted with a standard type field stock, and having a $1\frac{1}{4}$ " drop at the point of comb, makes it far too low for clay target shooting. This loose fitting of gun stock and face is also causing you to get an occasional bump on the cheek. You do not in fact have a comb high enough to provide a cheek rest, whereby the face will have a snug position on the comb and prevent "bouncing" of the comb against one's face, this is the action that causes a bruised cheek not to mention poor shooting.

I would suggest you have the stock bent UP $3/8$ " to $1/2$ " at the HEEL. This should provide a lift of around $1/8$ " on comb where your face will rest comfortably. Most Winchester stocks will bend quite readily if done by a competent person.

Edward's Recoil Reducers certainly do reduce recoil and if one dislikes excessive bump they are a good remedy. There is no problem in fitting one to your Winchester gun. If you are looking for a cartridge with lighter recoil, I would suggest loading with Nobel 78 powder using 20.5 grms together with Mono $1\frac{1}{8}$ " wad.

Nobel 78 powder is designed for lower recoil effect. It can be used in powder bush marked .497. This same bush will also measure 23.5 Nobel 60.

I would consider 20.5 grms Nobel 78 a more efficient cartridge than one loaded with 22.0 grms of No. 60.

Please let me know should you require further help.

Yours Faithfully,
GEO BIGGS.

Dear Mr Biggs,

I am writing to you for assistance because I have not been able to get help from shooters here. I suffer from severe bruising of the right cheek when shooting DTL clay targets. I use a Browning Trap U/O gun but have tried other makes but without success so I feel that the fault lies in my gun handling. I have been told the stock length is right but when I mount the gun I look down onto the rib and I can see the whole rib. By crushing my cheek onto the stock I can place the centre bead below the foresight to make a figure 8 as suggested by Elgin Gates in Clay Target News but suffer the consequences.

I realise that it is impossible for you to give detailed help by mail order but I am hoping that you may be able to give some general suggestions.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kind reply.

Yours sincerely,

Dear,

Thank you for your letter concerning the problem you have with your Browning Trap Gun, causing severe bruising of the cheek when shooting D.T.L. trap targets.

Unfortunately your's is a problem that crops up time and time again among trap shooters who have never been taught the correct method of gun cheeking. It often happens when a shooter comes from the ranks of field shooters. As a game shooter he most likely used a typical field gun with a much bent down stock where in his face was never snug on the comb, as it needs to be in clay target shooting, with a trap gun.

All trap guns come from the makers with a much straighter stock or, in other words, the comb has less drop. This stock detail is a necessary part of a trap gun, its purpose being to provide a "cheek rest" position, enabling the shooter's eye to look straight down and slightly above the rib, while the shooter's cheek is snugly down on the comb. We could say that the comb of a shotgun stock is as important as a rear sight on a rifle, as we know if we raise the rifle's rear sight the muzzle is elevated and we shoot higher this is exactly what happens with our shotgun, the shooting eye is positioned right or wrongly by the height of our trap gun stock.

If the comb height is correct for the shooter concerned, he will be looking down the rib, and pointing the gun muzzle exactly where he is looking. He will then be seeing the target positioned on the end of the front bead sight, as the trigger is pressed and provided correct lead is established he should hit his target.

From the description you give me in your letter, it is obvious your problem is one of incorrect gun mounting as well as incorrect positioning of your face on the comb.

In order to correct the habit I suggest the following:

Place the gun to your shoulder in the normal manner, making sure the heel of the stock is level with top of your shoulder. In this position you will be able to place your cheek snugly on the comb, being careful to have the comb under your cheek bone — not along side it, as I think you are now doing and causing you to get a rap on the cheek.

This proper position of cheek on stock insures a larger surface of face along the comb. Thereby providing greater cushioning effect and no rap on the cheek bone.

It is important to remember to bring the gun up to your face and not your face down to the gun.

I guess you realise the difficulty involved in giving you a more detailed help by letter and I hope the above information is of some help.

In the December issue of "News" is my article on gun fitting, this may be of some help also.

Please let me know how you get on.

Kind regards and good shooting,
GEORGE BIGGS.

★ Special Notice for Queensland Shooters!

THE DALBY GUN CLUB will hold its MARCH MONTHLY SHOOT on SUNDAY 12th MARCH. This change is due to a major program being conducted at Toowoomba over Easter (4th weekend in March) and applies to MARCH ONLY!

THE A.S.A. NEWS...

The Annual General Meeting of the Australian Shooting Association, ably chaired by the President Mr Peter Papps, was held in December in Canberra and the shooters of Australia can rest assured that they are in good hands. The Meeting took in Friday evening and a complete eleven hour session on the Saturday, and even though there were some highly contentious points discussed, the proceedings were always carried out with interest and thought.

Some very interesting developments were decided, not the least of which were the results of a feasibility study conducted on the permission of the A.S.A. for a large shooting complex in Canberra. The presentation of the study by Mr Val Paral was nothing short of superb. The A.S.A. would not grant approval for the study to continue on the basis that it was a National Complex, but only on the basis that it was for the A.C.T. This decision was reached following consideration that at least two other similar facilities are currently in the planning stages in other States and some of the Affiliates had previously agreed that they would try for equal State facilities to encourage shooting sports Australia-wide.

There was also in attendance a Delegate from the Field and Game Association in the person of Mr Geoff Rabbidge. His presentation on the happenings of Firearms Legislation Australia-wide and connected matters was very much appreciated by the Delegates.

Also present was Mr Eric Bubb who has been appointed Shooting Sports Representative for the 1982 Commonwealth Games and he will act as Shooting Convener from Queensland. He is now ex-officio of the A.S.A. until 1982. Mr Bubb informed the meeting of the progress made in forming the Committee in Brisbane and a resolution was passed that the A.S.A. will send a representative to Brisbane to prepare a Report for the Commonwealth Games Association on what is required of the venue for the 1982 Commonwealth Games.

The Treasurer of the A.S.A., Mr David Hillan, presented the Balance Sheet and disclosed details of the Government Grant of \$38,800 which was disbursed amongst the various Affiliates for various projects such as coaching, competition, administration, etc. Mr Hillan disclosed that the Department had been impressed with the submissions, particularly the A.P.S.U.A.'s relating to computerised records which had earned a special grant.

It was resolved that Forward Planning was now a very necessary part of the growth of the A.S.A. and a Sub-Committee was formed to handle the issue. This will cover both presentations to the Federal Government and to the Olympic Federation.

The other important points at the meeting were: --

International Team Member Responsibility Statements

These were accepted by the meeting, and will become part of every international team member's duties. Mr Gonczol was complimented for his work in this and other fields.

South Pacific Region

A report was presented by Mr Peter Garrett, President of the South Pacific Region, and the meeting accepted the report with thanks. Discussed were the impending Regional Championships in Pistol and Shotgun Events with the S.S.A.A. giving a progress report on their intentions of a Running Boar Championships.

Presentation to Mr Gary Armstrong and Mr Peter Garrett

The Meeting, through the President Mr Papps, presented Mr Garrett and Mr Armstrong with tokens of appreciation, and bestowed upon both men an Honorary Life Membership for the continuing work and dedication to the matters of the Australian Shooting Association.

Edmonton Commonwealth Games Section Manager/Training Co-ordinator

The meeting voted on the applications for this position, which after extensive voting procedure selected Mr J. Newton-Thomas as Section Manager, and Mr Peter Anderson as Training Co-ordinator.

The A.S.A. extends their congratulations to both these men, both of whom are well known shooters and administrators. The Commonwealth Games Team will be well looked after under the control of these two persons.

Travel Arrangements, Korean World Championships

The travel arrangements are now at the "GO" stage, with the A.S.A. deciding on a carrier. The team uniform arrangements are well in hand under the control of Mr Clay Frederick, and all in all the A.S.A. Delegates are satisfied with the progress.

Field and Game Association Affiliation

After much discussion regarding the designated field of interest, it was decided that the Field and Game should liaise with the A.C.T.A. and the S.S.A.A. and a Notice of Motion will be prepared and submitted two months prior to the May Meeting enabling a change in the Constitution so that the Field and Game Association can join the Australian Shooting Association.

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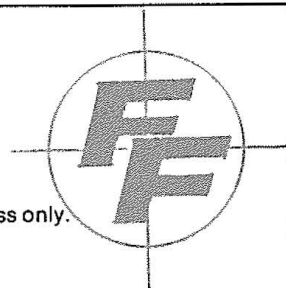
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NATIONALS - '78

To be conducted on the grounds of the South Australian Gun Club from Wednesday 8th March to Wednesday March 15th inclusive.
Shooting will commence at 8 a.m.
(or as soon after that time as light permits) daily.

DAY 1 & 2

(Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th March)
NINTH NATIONAL SKEET C'SHIP

50 targets, to be shot in two rounds of 25, one round on each day
Nom. \$18.00

DAY 3 (Friday 10th March)

EIGHTEENTH NATIONAL DR C'SHIP

25 pairs of targets, broken targets to count, to be shot 5 pairs per ground over five successive grounds, from 16 metres.
Nom. \$16.00

DAY 4 (Saturday 11th March)

29TH GRAND AUSTRALIAN HANDICAP

50 targets, shot in two rounds, each of 25 targets, from ACTA Handicap Mark. Broken targets to count.
Nom. \$18.00

DAY 5 (Sunday 12th March)

26TH NATIONAL DB C'SHIP

50 targets, shot in two rounds each of 25 targets, from 16 metres.
Broken targets to count.
Nom. \$18.00

DAY 6 (Monday 13th March)

24TH NATIONAL SB C'SHIP

50 targets, shot in two rounds each of 25 targets, from 16 metres.
Broken targets to count.
Nom. \$18.00

DAY 7 (Tuesday 14th March)

17TH AUST.-N.Z. TRAP C'SHIP

50 targets, shot in two rounds each of 25 targets from 16 metres.
To be scored on points, three points for breaking the target with the first barrel and two points for breaking the target with the second barrel.
Nom. \$18.00

followed by

4TH INTER. TRAP TEAMS' MATCH

Teams to consist of six shooters (who have competed in the country which they are representing) each to shoot at 20 targets.

DAY 8 (Wednesday 15th March)

MACKINTOSH INTER TEAM'S MATCH

followed by the

38TH CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS CUP

50 targets, shot in two rounds of 25 targets from 20 metres. Broken targets to count.
Nom. \$18.00

PRESENTATION DINNER — 7.00 p.m. Wednesday 15th March

Each event will include an Open Division, Ladies' Division, Junior's Division and Veteran's Division.

In National Skeet Championship, the nomination includes a sweepstake of \$3, to be divided \$1 for first 25, \$1 for second 25, and \$1 overall.

In National Double Rise Championship, the nomination includes a sweepstake of \$1 overall, to be divided into grades, on the basis of the number of competitors in each grade.

In Grand Australian Handicap, the nomination includes a sweepstake of \$3, to be divided \$1 for first 25, \$1 for second 25, and \$1 overall.

In all other National Events, the nomination includes a sweepstake of \$3, to be divided into grades on basis of number of competitors in each grade, and to be further divided \$1 for first 25, \$1 for second 25 and \$1 overall.

The National Double Rise Championship, the National Double Barrel Championship, the National Single Barrel Championship, the Australia-New Zealand Trap (Pointscore) Championship and the Champion of Champions Cup will all be conducted as GRADED EVENTS.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GUN CLUB (Inc.)

PRE-NATIONALS PROGRAM — 1978 SUNDAY 5th MARCH to TUESDAY 7th MARCH

● **SUNDAY 5th March**

commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Event 1

Nom. \$10.00

Taipan Pre-Nationals Skeet C'ship
50 Targets

Event 2

Nom. \$10.00

Double Barrel Handicap Sweepstake
50 Targets

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● **Monday 6th March**

commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Nom. \$10.00

Winchester D.B. Championship

Graded A B C - 50 Targets from 16 metres.

Winchester "Pigeon Grade" U/O for Overall Winner.

1 Case (500) of Winchester Cartridges for winner of each grade.

Trophies donated by Winchester Aust. Pty. Ltd.

● **Tuesday 7th March**

commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Nom. \$10.00

Eley Point Score Championship

Graded A B C - 50 Targets from 16 metres.

Franchi "Eldorado Gold" Auto Shotgun for Overall winner.

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The "Anzalex" Shield . . .



Team from Alexandra (Vic) Gun Club — Back row (l. to r): R. Lambden, M. Dyson, A. Pedersen, J. Osborne, I. Roberts, P. McNair, B. Pyke.; Front row: Jane Grice, A. Spence, Anne Grice, R. Nicholson and C. Nicholson.

There would appear to be only two gun clubs in Australia sharing the same name, Alexandra, Victoria and Alexandra, S.A., and in the early 1960's the two clubs recognising this, staged an annual team shield shoot. On one occasion a plane was chartered to take the shooters directly from club to club. The shield was won first by Victoria and then by S.A., and when the event lapsed in 1964 S.A. was left holding the shield. Every now and then some of our older shooters would mention the event nostalgically and when in December '75 two of my daughters while holidaying in the South Island of New Zealand discovered another Alexandra with a gun club, it provided all that was necessary to awaken interest in an inter club postal event. I put the idea to the committee and was told. "Splendid, see if they'll be in it."

About this time Winchester was holding a conference at Eildon and their representatives came across for an afternoon's shooting. I was chatting to Ken Lowry about the idea and he very kindly said that Winchester would donate a shield for competition if we succeeded in starting one. After much discussion among members we settled on The Anzalex Shield for the name of the event.

New Zealand's response was immediate and enthusiastic. S.A. took a little longer as Lyell couldn't decipher my scrawl (Noel will back him up on this) and so it was arranged — a 20 target DB event off 16 metres — with teams to be selected from a list of members in order of merit with these lists to be sent to the other clubs before the shoot. To give every member an interest clubs could submit as many teams as possible, and in the event of a tie a count back on the other teams would decide it.

Alex, Vic., shot on Saturday 6th of August and our No. 1 team comprising P. McNair, J. Osborne, Jane Grice, R. Nicholson and B. Pyke returned a score of 92 while our No. 2 team made up of Jenny Young, A. Petersen, M. Dyson, I. Robertson and D. Coghill shot 91. Alex N.Z., arranged a special shoot for the following day and their scores dismissed our illusions of being the inaugural winners. Their No. 1 team made up of I. B. Sanders, D. M. Davidson, E. Dreknaw, M. J. Benny and I. Reid returned a score of 95 while their second team of I. Price, W. Forrest, T. Dillon, H. A. Malcolm and J. Craddock shot 89. No 3 team shot 87 and No. 4 67 and so they not only had strength but depth as well. S.A. had agreed to shoot on Saturday 24th of September at their annual two day shoot when most of their members would be present but very sportingly their president John Hutchings, decided to shoot a scratch team on August 14th, to be as close as possible to N.Z. and Vic. This team comprising J. Hutchings, D. Brown, R. Hill, H. Straub and W. Bubner shot a score of 92.

John and I just happened to be in S.A. on holiday on the 24/9/77 (could we have planned it that way?) and just happened to be at Milang at that time and it just happened that John refereed their No.

2 team made up of I. Campbell, K. Burzacoot, M. Clark, L. Griffin and H. Gerhart, while I scored for them. They shot magnificently to record 95 and so on count back S.A. won the new shield. Now they not only have the old shield but the new as well, and at the end of the day the croweaters weren't exactly eating crow. However, they are a thoroughly sporting bunch and are willing to put both shields up for decision in '78. Furthermore they are ready and willing to come to Victoria to do battle for them.

Mr Barratt, N.Z., replying to my first letter, expressed the hope that inter club visiting would be possible with visiting shooters being billeted with home club members. If this eventuates, the interest, excitement and competition would be tremendous and the Kiwis would be assured of a very warm welcome. Perhaps we are closer to inter club visiting than we originally could have imagined.

In conclusion I should like to thank all those people on both sides of the Tasman who helped so enthusiastically and generously to make this competition possible, and to hope that a lot of good sport shall be had from it.

ANNE GRICE,
Alexandra Gun Club, Victoria)

Newt's still knockin' 'em

(TOM GANNON, Korumburra G.C.)

Saw some great snipe shooting when Australia's Mr Shooting, Newton Thomas, went into action with his 40-year-old SEVEN-shot Winchester Model 12 pump in December.

John Green of Bena invited now retired Newton to come up from Melbourne and join us and Malcolm Green in our weekly outing.

I was on the right hand side as we walked in a line through ankle-deep water in a grassy depression when about 15 birds got up in the space of 30 yards.

None came my way, so I was able to watch bird after bird collapse.

Nobody knew for sure how many were downed, but we stopped looking when the dogs found eight.

Later, three we did not get a shot at, launched off tea tree 20-ft high.

Newton, 25 years IMI's field technical officer, reckons the only thing wrong with retirement is that he now has to buy his cartridges! Incidentally he used Grand Prix 8's in a full choke.

He spent October and November field shooting in England after managing the Australian team at the world trap-shooting championships in France.

SOME BASICS OF SHOTGUN SHOOTING

— Part 2.

EYESIGHT MONOCULAR v. BINOCULAR

A question often asked is whether one should use one or two eyes when sighting a shotgun. The question should be, which eye should I use and when that is decided, should I use one or both.

The answer to the first half of the question is "which is my master eye?" In most people one eye is more dominant than the other and this is the eye that should be used when shooting a shotgun, even if it involves changing from one shoulder to the other to achieve it.

Shouldering a gun becomes a habit and with practice it is not difficult to change from one shoulder to the other.

There was once a world ranked shooter who won many National Championships. He was right shouldered with a dominant right eye, due to an accident (a piece of target damaged his right eye beyond repair) so he switched to the left shoulder and won several more National Titles.

If however, one finds it too difficult to change he or she can help themselves by learning to close the left or right eye, as the case may be, just prior to firing the shot. Sometimes just squinting the eye half way shut is enough.

To find which eye is dominant all one needs to do is to point one's first finger in an object and check by shutting either eye, which one is being used to direct the finger. Should you use one or both? It is a slight advantage to use two eyes but you will shoot just as straight with one.

The only advantage of binocular or two eyed shooting is that you pick your target up more quickly.

This is especially true when shooting Clay Targets and Skeet; the monocular or one-eyed shooter having to pay particular attention to the placing of his feet so that his field of view is not restricted.

STOCKS LENGTH — A ROUGH GUIDE

The stock of a gun should, if it is the correct length for the shooter, hold the fingers of the trigger hand at between $\frac{3}{4}$ "-2" from the shooter's nose and or mouth.

The comb of the stock and the part it plays. —

The top portion of a shotgun stock is called the comb, (this is where the shooter's cheek rests) and has two main parts to play —

(i) It holds the shooter's face in position so that he or she looks directly along the centre of the rib to the front sight.

(ii) Provides elevation so that the shooter looks above the rib to the front sight.

Clay target guns are designed with higher combs than are field or skeet guns — this is because clay targets are, or should be, shot at as they rise, consequently more top elevation is required.

The line of sight from the eye to the front sight should cross the breech of the gun no lower than the height of a 20 cent piece laid there and in the case of trap guns even higher.

GENERAL HINTS AND SAYINGS

Use some type of hearing protection when shooting, particularly at trap and skeet.

Wear some type of glasses when shooting skeet.

Wear comfortable clothing (not tight — which restricts movement).

Be a good sport and safe with a gun and irrespective of ability you will be welcome in any shooting company.

Shooting overhead game, "aim high at what approaches and low at what departs."

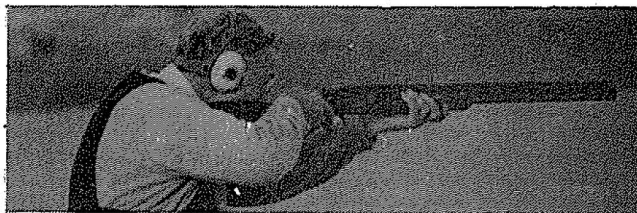
About lead, "some people would shoot behind a sea serpent."

More about lead, "give them what you think and then double it," or "had to lead them by three panels of the fence".

Good shots make it look simple.

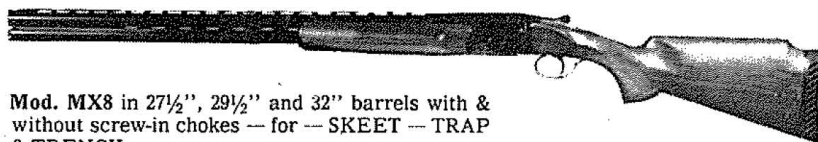
To hit is history, to miss is mystery

(J. Newton Thomas -
National Coaching Director).



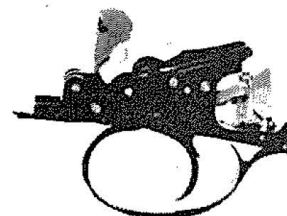
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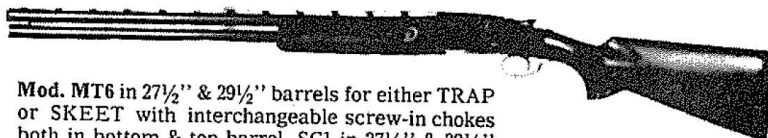
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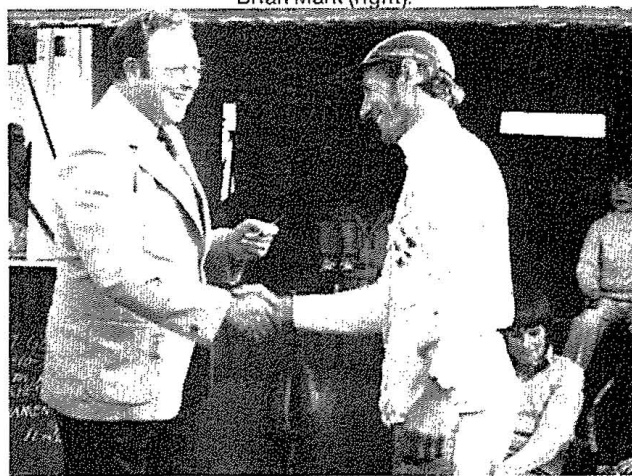
Winner of Junior Section, Leon Krelle, is presented with Silver Tray by Brian Mark of Winchester.



Coral Schorback, winner of Ladies Section is certainly a 'Rose between two thorns!' She is flanked by Bob Dupuy (left) and Brian Mark (right).



Peter Telford, the location winner.



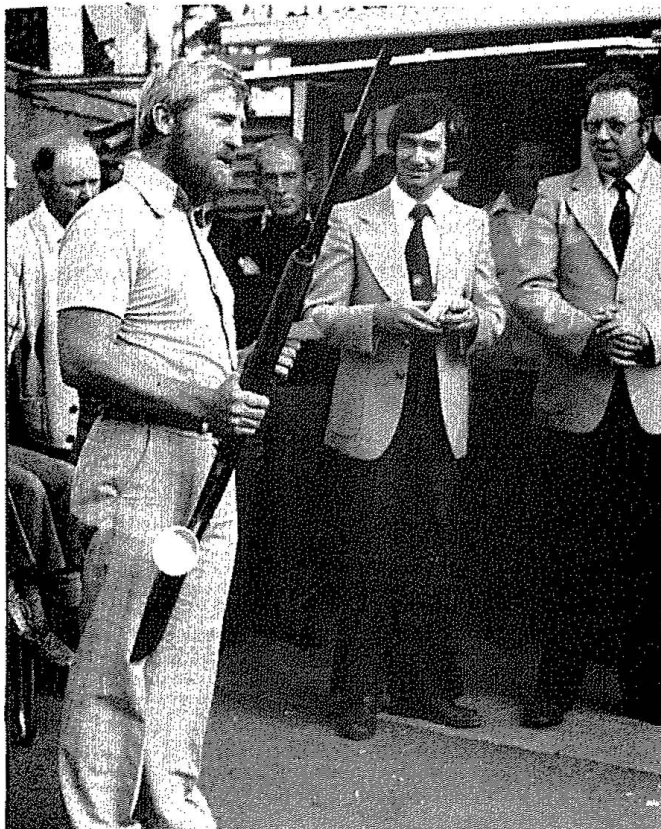
Frank Pitt (right) congratulated by Brian Mark after his placing.



Trophy winners (l. to r.) — Back row: Brian Mark (Winchester), Peter Telford, Frank Att, Fred Heinze, Richard Allen, Ron Newell, Alf James, J. McDowell, Bob Dupuy (Winchester); Front row: John Heley (11-15 m), Coral Schorbeck (Ladies), Leon Krelle (Jnr), Kim Bucholtz and Basil Wagg.



Kim Bucholtz seems to be reading from his "cue card," while Bob Dupuy listens and Brian Mark doesn't.



Fred Heinze, who filled third place. (Fred has been transferred to Melbourne — look out you Melbourne "hot shots.")

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Editor's Mailbox . . .

The Secretary,
Dear Sir,

I think it's about time that somebody put this shooter-referee business in perspective.

Sometime ago a shooter-referee gave some hints on refereeing and pointed out that a referee should not wear ear protection. Surely shooters generally and in particular those who do not referee cannot seriously expect others to put their hearing at risk. It must be remembered that damage to hearing of the type caused by loud noises is irreversible.

In a more recent copy of the magazine a shooter complained about the quality of the referee's response to calls (slow pulls, etc.). Surely when taking up the sport a shooter recognises the following fundamentals: --

- (a) The target is released manually.
- (b) Some people have faster or slower reflexes than others so the response to a call will vary.
- (c) If the shooter calls loudly and clearly he generally gets a good response from the referee. Obviously the opposite occurs if the call is low, etc.
- (d) If a shooter develops a style which ignores this manual release with its attendant problems he has only himself to blame.

There is a lot of trouble getting people to referee simply because of constant "bitching" about referees.

It is my opinion that the most important members of the shooting fraternity are in fact the officials and this includes the referees -- no officials means no shoot and in a very short time no clubs.

I know that some shooters have never MISSED(?) a target, however, my own case may help get this business straight. I miss a lot of targets and every time I look in the mirror I see the bloke responsible.

Yours faithfully,

REG CLARKE.

Dear Noel,

Isn't it about time we had a good hard look at our handicapping system. This seems to be the only sport where you can run up against a competitor shooting in "B" or "C" grade with an "A" grade handicap (i.e. 21m). In all other sports I have participated in you are graded by your handicap and this is automatic.

Surely it is common-sense that a shooter with a handicap in front of the common mark is in the novice division and automatically a "C" grade and thus "B" grade from 16m to 20m and "A" grade 21m-25m.

As skeet is rapidly becoming more popular we will have to give some thought to creating an AA division as we now have competitors who can make their 100 break and quite a few who can break 50 whilst other "A" shooters are still struggling to break 25.

It is good to see this improvement in the skeet standard which is now really starting to take on.

It will still be many years before we will need an AAA and industry divisions as they have in America but whilst many shooters have now got their "zero" handicap it is obvious that there is a big variation in the standard of "A" grade shooters.

In conclusion I know I'll never run into a low handicapped golfer playing in "C" grade, just as I hope I'll never run into a 20m shooter competing in "C" grade again.

I'd like to hear what other shooters think of our handicapping system.

Yours, etc.

CECIL HERBERT.

THE CONSTITUTION: Reform, Crisis or "Bulldust"

The View of an Average Bloke.

In common with about 99% of the average blokes, political documents in the "News" are the last to be read. The topic is really dreary and seems a little ridiculous when we consider that there are only about 9,000 of us -- spread over a vast continent. The topic ceases to be ridiculous and dreary when one remembers that organisation is one of the keystones of successful business. We must

become businesslike if our sport is to survive for the average bloke and not become an "elitist pastime", reserved for the wealthy.

It follows that constitutional reform -- in plain English, changes in organisation -- are of vital importance to the average bloke who is so easily blinded by "bulldust" and promptly loses interest in his future. Of course he has a theoretical say in the matter, that is, if he goes through his club, zone, state and so on. What a grind! The poor bloke has too many humans to deal with. It is human for an official to err by adding or subtracting his own two bobs worth. Only a computer can be fair, accurate, in a word, almost divine. There can be no shade of grey and above all, no man with a "grey face".

Like the average bloke, my first inclination was to let our political animals go for their life while I just have fun at the game of trapshooting. Also it seems hardly sporting to have a go at our "politicians" because they are sitting ducks compared with the professionals in Parliament. However, they chose to carry a label "duck" with an arrow pointing backwards indicating where to shoot. Nevertheless, have a go I must, because of several fundamental beliefs.

(1) For some reason, like the tiger snake, the Aussie Sportsman, pound for pound, can lick anything in the world. I decline the view that our trapshooters can never have a chance in world class competition. With good organisation -- that word again -- our boys could become "Newks", Bradmans or Frasers.

(2) Trapshooters are the most pleasant bunch of sportsmen I have ever been associated with, and I have known quite a few other types. They seem a non-aggressive breed. Perhaps it is because the clay target is the common enemy. In spite of this, almost every issue of the "News" has reference to "knockers" and "backseat committees on the way home from a shoot." These blokes who have "a kind of love" for the sport, break targets all around the lounge room on social occasions, and sometimes are so "mean looking" that you could hire them out to haunt a house, do not defend themselves! Perhaps the regiment can be rallied in this cause for survival.

(3) About a year ago the A.C.T.A. was sick unto death. In some miraculous fashion Noel Southey and our new National President has put us back in business.

The comments in December's Secretary's notes, the last inch only, are a cry from his heart. I am sure the average bloke would back him to the hilt, if only he were clear in his mind that something heavy was coming down.

Therefore I lower the lance and charge the guns -- big blighters too. Perhaps the simile of the Light Brigade is apt. Let's hope history does not repeat itself and that the average bloke will have their say when it "hits the fan".

I carefully read Roy Holtfreter's explanation in the November issue. I cut my teeth on various Acts, Regulations and Hansard and learnt, long ago, to look for what was not said. Mr Holtfreter said it all -- exactly like it is, fairly and honestly. A summary of the Executive's decisions which had been legally and democratically arrived at, but heavens, it was heavy going. Perhaps he tried to be brief, something one cannot afford in these circumstances; although normally a requirement for accurate legislation. He said that the Committee should be reduced in numbers. He said it was not a new idea. How right he was, about 2,000 years ago some Caesar or other had the same idea. Streamlining is just that, chopping of protrusions that cause resistance to progress. I would have been happy with this explanation, with reservations about other aspects of the constitution in relation to the proliferation of minor committees -- but there -- this continent is vast -- England would sink into a Queensland duck swamp with ease (who said "beauty"!), and I bow to local knowledge. However the pot was really stirred by Bob Buchan in the January issue, in an article attempting to alter an A.C.T.A. Executive decision after the event.

Now this is something the average bloke can really sink his teeth into with the light of battle in his eyes. The only good thing to come out of this article was the courageous admission that he thought his initial (perhaps instinctive) decision was wrong -- or was it? We, the "rank and file" -- shades of left wing unions -- (tsk! tsk!) are expected to digest financial argument (for that is what the Stock Exchange and Wheat Board are all about) let alone the totals of subscriptions from members. I respectfully suggest he reserves his elementary lessons in proportional representation for the days when our membership reaches ten million. His elastic conscience appears to allow him to change Executive decisions whilst glossing over other important constitutional items. I smell a "snow job".

On the one hand the talks about equity and on the other seeks to reduce the voting power of those very states, who are already weak by his standards, and need all the help they can get. To the average bloke this seems most unfair.

A certain sequence of events would seem inevitable. The "one vote" states would form a coalition which would compel two "powerhouse" states to combine in order to outvote them. A crazy situation when the prime object is less debate, more action and less expense; streamlining again. Only a Bjelke Petersen could make mileage out of this potentially chaotic situation. However it is human for the average bloke to relent in the face of high power argument and if Bob Buchan has his way, as he usually does, then we, the "rank and file" (ugh!), can sit back and watch the fireworks — and the balance sheets!

Bob wants to reduce the numbers on the A.C.T.A. Executive further. O.K. let's go the whole hog. Of course, politically speaking, I am a babe in arms, but if the purpose of an A.C.T.A. Executive member is to represent his States interest by direction, then why on earth have two of the devils, thus doubling the debate and human error. Remember, these errors have been admitted. Why not cut the Executive to one member for each State?

Following Bob's reasoned argument about financial contribution it would seem that anyone who donates more than about \$8,000 to the A.C.T.A. should have a place on the National Executive. In this case both the Government and the firearms industry should have a nominee on the National Executive. How appealing is the thought that a balance of power could be in this direction. Clearly both nominees would have to bend over backwards to be fair and make the sport viable for the average bloke.

Brother Bob, you are firing bullets at a verticle steel plate. As a politician you are a magnificent skeet shooter.

I am getting carried away, but one would only have to throw in a few more ideas such as preventing the self perpetuating nature of a committee, hanging on to a good President, and making sure the average bloke had a say (in this context, with our tiny membership, a computer referendum in each issue of the News would be so easy), and you have the bare bones of the Syme/Townsend report to the Victorian Government. (6.1 - 6.21). It has taken the Victorian Government some two years to frame an Act around this report. It has taken the A.C.T.A. 2,000 years to follow the initial precedent.

Of course the "whole hog" notion must take time. Pending this, let us stick with the initial fair recommendation of the National Executive and save further time and expense.

RAYMOND YOUNG.

Member — Melbourne Gun Club

(A "handle" to which I have constitutional right!)

Victorian Police Trapshooting Teams Championships

Report by GEOFFREY MARK

The 1977 Victoria Police Trapshooting Teams' Championships were held at Sebastopol Gun Club on Sunday 23rd October 1977.

Eleven teams competed in the Championships from all over Victoria. This comprised 55 shooters for the day. Each competitor shot at 20 targets from 16 metres, double barrel and the team with the highest amount of broken targets won.

It was a most exciting finish with the final results being: — 1st Collingwood Police 81 points, 2nd Wangaratta Police 80 points, 3rd Preston Police No. 1 79 points, 4th Ballarat Police No. 1 75 points.

In the individual events conducted in conjunction with the Teams' Championships the overall High Gun was won by Senior Constable Geoffrey Mark (Ballarat), after a shoot off with Trevor Colson (Wangaratta) with a score of 22-22.

The Novice Police Trophy went to Senior Constable Dave Eason (Ballarat) with a score of 19-21 from Senior Constable Bill Baker (Collingwood).

The visitors trophy was won by Brian Mark (Ballarat) after an exciting shoot off against Bill Dalzell (Collingwood) with a score of 26-26.

So although Ballarat could not retain the title they did very well in the individual events.

After the presentation of trophies, a dinner-dance was conducted at the Ballarat Football Clubrooms where it was agreed that a good time was enjoyed by all.

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- WEATHER — Too hot, too cold, too wet, too windy, too dark, too bright.
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- TARGETS — Made of wood, drew wrong lane, too low, too high.
- HANDICAPS — I'm so far back I don't have to leave the Clubhouse to shoot. My gun is too tight for a front marker.
- GUN FIT — Too much cast-off, too much cast-on, too high in comb, stock needs twisting. I need a kick pad, front sight too small (or too large), trigger pull too heavy, don't like 28" barrels (space here for any of another fifty good and sound reasons why my gun is wrong).
- REFEREE — Blind. Got a piece and he didn't see it. Doesn't like me.
- BACKGROUND — Target disappeared into a cloud. Too many trees. Too much glare.
- INSECTS — Flies get on my barrel, in my eyes, in my ears, butterflies in my tummy.
- MISCELLANEOUS I froze on the trigger, lack of sleep, sore feet, headache (this one is permanently reserved for "Gunsmoke"), I shot better at practice, I'm really a skeet shooter, my gun kicks, cartridges don't suit my gun, crease in my jacket upsets me, forgot my shooting glasses, too many things on my mind, don't like shooting beside that guy in the next lane.
- FINAL ANALYSIS — I'm not nearly as good as I should be, I'm not nearly as good as I thought I was, I'm well below average as a shooter; When I do hit them I don't know how the blazes it happened.

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CLUB NEWS . . .

Rockhampton Gun Club Q. This Club recently held its Annual General Meeting at which the following office bearers were elected: President G. Whitfield (for his third term as Club President); Secretary D. Robinson; Assistant Secretary W. Warner; Treasurer G. Taylor; Club Captain N. Goltz.

Geelong Clay Target Club (Vic) has advised that the Victorian Night Single Barrel Continental Championship will be held at this Club on Saturday 15th April. On the same program the South West Zone Night Single Barrel Continental Championship will be conducted.

Corowa Gun Club (NSW). After many years in recess the Corowa Gun Club has been reformed under the enthusiastic Secretaryship of Bruce Stranger. It has now reached the situation where better equipment is required and the Club is interested in buying an electrically operated D.T.L. Trap. Should any of our readers know of the whereabouts of an Electric Trap in good condition Bruce could be contacted at 38 Banff Street, Corowa 2646.

South Burnett Gun Club (Q). The sport of Clay Target Shooting is certainly enjoying a great increase in interest in Queensland and as further evidence of this point the South Burnett Gun Club have extensively advertised their forthcoming Winchester Tournament Match. Previous Queensland rounds of the Winchester Tournament in this series have produced record attendances and South Burnett Committee is most anxious to create a new record figure. Bundaberg Gun Club created an all time record with its attendance of 173 competitors which was followed only a short time later by Townsville Gun Club which attracted 125 competitors. The South Burnett program will be conducted over two days on 25th and 26th February 1978 and a cordial invitation is extended to all shooters.

Corio Bay Gun Club (Vic). After a period in which a lot of time has been spent in finding a site for, and establishing, a shooting ground the Corio Bay Gun Club has now set the date for its official opening which will be 4th February 1978. The Club has two Continental Traps installed each with a full concrete shooting layout together with a Clubhouse and toilets. A Skeet Ground is almost completed and a tower installation will be completed early in 1978. Secretary, Ken George, of 73 Newton Avenue, Bell Post Hill, is a good example of the enthusiasm shown by the Committee of this Club and has extended a cordial invitation to all shooters to attend the Club's official opening.

Bombala Gun Club (NSW). CTSN had received advice that Alf Feilen who has been President of Bombala Gun Club for almost all of the period since its reformation in 1967 has retired due to ill health. The incoming President is Tom Kennedy while Mrs Nancy Badewitz has returned to her former position as Secretary. The Club shoots on the 3rd Saturday of every month.

Hobart Gun Club (Tas). There have been a few changes to the Championship allocation details listed on page 61 of December issue of CTSN. Would readers please alter their diaries to read as follows:

1. Interstate Skeet Teams Match and Tasmanian Skeet C'ship 25th and 26th February.
2. Commonwealth Night Double Rise C'ship and the State Night Points Score C'ship 8th April.
3. The State Night Single Barrel Championship 13th May.
4. The State Night Double Rise Championship 12th August.
5. State ISU Skeet Teams Match and Tasmanian ISU Skeet C'ship 9th September.
6. The State Olympic Trench Teams Match and Tasmanian Olympic Trench Championship 11th November.

Dimboola Memorial High School and Community Gun Club (Vic). As previously mentioned in CTSN, this Club is a great example of what can be developed as a result of community co-operation. As the name implies the Club has resulted from a deep co-operation between the High School at Dimboola and the Community in general, and has evolved from what started out as a junior training program. The Club held its 1977 Annual Meeting recently and the following were elected to office - President Charlie Nuske; Vice President Bruce Elson; Treasurer Evan Sanders; and Secretary Bill Wallis. Bill's address is 35 Hindmarsh Street, Dimboola 3414.

New South Wales Gun Club (NSW). CTSN has just received the sad news of the death of Mr Hubert Mayer, who was killed in a car accident in Germany recently. Hubert had just taken the position as Treasurer of NSW Gun Club and in company with Eugene Kavanagh he had gone to the Continent for a brief holiday. Eugene who is also a Committee member of NSW Gun Club was with Hubert Mayer at the time of the accident but appears to have escaped serious injury.

Hubert had shown a lot of interest in working towards improving our sport and there is no doubt that the Club and the ACTA has lost a strong supporter.

Mount Isa Gun Club (Q). Since the revised trap handicap formula values were announced back in August there has been a lot of sometimes unfair criticism on the effect of these changes in terms of equality of competition. Mt Isa Gun Club who are well known for their progressive attitudes towards promoting shooting (their junior training program is evidence of this) has overcome the problem by offering to its competitors a better standard of trophy — thereby ensuring that the winner of the trophy will be penalised a metre. If this sort of policy was adopted by more Clubs it seems likely that the Clubs would attract much greater support from shooters. Charlie Selke and his Mt Isa Committee are to be congratulated on their courage in this regard.

HAMILTON GUN CLUB (Victoria). Due to a misunderstanding over dates it should be noted that the ELEY Victorian team's premiership match listed for Hamilton Gun Club will be conducted on Saturday February the 18th, not Sunday February the 19th as previously advised. Would shooters please note this change of date in their shooting diary.

DALBY GUN CLUB (Queensland). This club has amended the date for its March monthly shoot which will now be conducted on Sunday the 12th of March. This change is due to the fact that the Toowoomba Gun Club will be conducting its open shoot over the Easter weekend which is the fourth weekend in the month — the weekend on which Dalby Gun Club normally competes. This is a further example of the sort of interclub co-operation which is so necessary for our sport to progress.

WAKEHURST GUN CLUB (New South Wales). At the recent annual general meeting of this club Noel McMichan was returned as Club President whilst a change in Secretary occurred. Janett Roberts is now the Club Secretary and can be contacted at the club address at 20 Orlando Road, Dee Why, New South Wales, 2099.

KANIVA GUN CLUB (Victoria). The Kaniva Gun Club held its annual general meeting on the 4th of November, 1977, at which Eric Hall after eight years as Club Secretary retired. The new Secretary is Mr Jim Wagg who up till the meeting had been Treasurer. Other office bearers are President, David Hicks, and Senior Vice President, Basil Wagg. Basil is Jim's son and well-known to visitors to national championships in recent years. At the meeting a resolution was passed expressing the club's gratitude to Eric for his time, effort and the quality of the job he had done over his years as Club Secretary. The national office endorses these comments.

WEST WYALONG GUN CLUB (New South Wales). This club held its annual general meeting on the 1st of December, 1977, at which the following office bearers were elected: — President Brian Moncrieff, Secretary Graham Duncan, Treasurer Graham Bolte.

WILKAWATT GUN CLUB (South Australia). Office bearers elected at the annual meeting of the Wilkawatt Gun Club include: President Wayne Hayward, Secretary Mrs Val Prentice, Treasurer Keith Cornwall.

GLADSTONE GUN CLUB (Queensland). C.T.S.N. has incurred the wrath of Graham Dickey, Secretary of the Gladstone Gun Club because a report of his club's two day shoot which was held during last August has gone astray somewhere between his desk and the editor's desk. The report was quite important for a number of reasons, one of which is that it contained a special farewell wish to Alan Seccombe (a Vice President one of the club's foundation members) and family who have moved to the north coast of New South Wales. The club is extremely grateful for the tremendous amount of effort which Alan had put into the development of it. His presence and assistance will be sorely missed.

BARMERA GUN CLUB (South Australia). Advice has been received that this club now has a new Secretary who is Mr R. C. Wylie of Box 397 Barmera, South Australia, 5345.

WAGGA GUN CLUB (New South Wales). At the annual general meeting held on the 8th December, 1977 the following executive positions were filled: President John Power, Secretary/Treasurer Gordon Allen of 16 Acacia Street, Wagga (Gordon is also Secretary of Mangoplah Gun Club). Promotions Officer is the well known "Barney" Rooke of Wagga.

TYAGARAH CLAY TARGET CLUB (New South Wales). A new Secretary has taken office at this club and his name is C. A. Nelson of 45 Marvel Street, Byron Bay, New South Wales, 2481.

MILDURA GUN CLUB (Victoria) held its Annual General meeting on Saturday 10th December, 1977. The Club finished this year on a high note financially, even though turnover was down on the previous year. Turnover for the year 1975-76 was a record \$44,500.00, for 1976-77 turnover was \$40,800.00, down \$3,700.00. Activity so far for the 1977-78 year looks to be fairly bright and the \$50,000.00 target set to reach for this financial year should not be any problem. The Committee saw one change to its executive in that Alan Metcalf after four years service to the club, did not seek re-election. Alan is an electrician, running his own business and found it difficult to attend meetings, through after hour calls. The electrical installations carried out by Alan at the club at week-ends, and in his spare time, when he was able to find it, is one of our greatest assets, and for his efforts here, the club is most grateful.

Office bearers for 1977-78 are: President Gordon Wakefield, Vice-President Jack Wilkinson, Secretary-Treasurer Laurie Connors, Committee - Jim Blythman, Jim Finis, Robby Robertson, Ted Wilkinson and Ron Wakefield. Ron, a long-time member and supporter of the club and well-known throughout Victoria and N.S.W. is a new face on the Committee.

EDITOR'S MAILBOX

Dear Mr Southey,

It is noted that a recommendation from the A.C.T.A. Executive Committee, to increase shooter registration fees, will be submitted to the next Annual Meeting in Adelaide.

The N.S.W.C.T.A. wishes to give notice of amendment to the recommendation, by adding the words:

"and from the funds received for shooter registrations the A.C.T.A. Secretary shall pay to State Associations — which have been recognised as such by the A.C.T.A. Executive Committee — the sum of \$1.00 per year per registered adult and junior shooter from that State, but excluding honorary members and life registered shooters."

I would be pleased if this amendment could be advertised in C.T.S.N. and included on the Annual Meeting agenda.

Yours sincerely,

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Taipan Ladies Teams' Perpetual Shield - '77 Results

The following letter has been received from Mrs Elva Churches:
"Herewith please find details of the results of the TAIPAN LADIES TEAMS PERPETUAL SHIELD which I would be pleased if you could include in the first possible edition of the CTSN..."

Metro. Gun Club 82/100, Jeparit Gun Club 81/100, S.A.G.C. 77/100, Sunshine Coast Gun Club 68/100, Royal Aero Gun Club 64/100, Townsville Gun Club 72/100 (late entry).

I wish to express my thanks to all the Ladies who competed, and look forward to this year's competition. Interest in this event is on the increase, no doubt influenced by your able publicity.

Congratulations to Metro. Ladies, and tough luck to Jeparit, but look out later on this year, our girls are eating spinach like it was going out of fashion.

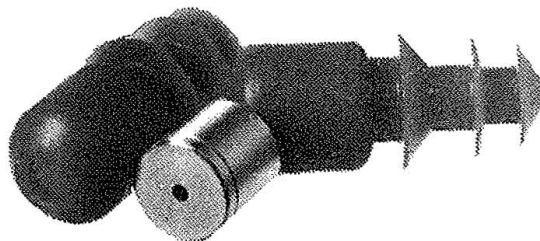
Best regards, Elva Churches."

(Come on girls! Six teams from throughout Australia is not solid evidence of the female influence in clay target shooting — Ed.)

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The Victorian Sportsgoods Federation, in conjunction with the Victorian Field and Game Association sponsored a "Fun Day" at Lysterfield Shooting School on Monday 14th November. The venue had been used for a Trade Fair on the previous two days and the commercial displays were left intact to allow sports goods retailers to see what manufacturers and importers have to offer. Exhibitors included Fieldman Firearms (Merv Naughton), Michaelis Bayley Trading (SKB and Cougar products), Winchester, Eley Ammunition, Keith Herron (Sydney based distributor of "Pacific" reloading equipment and Vihtavuori primers), F. C. Lovelock (importers of "Texan" reloaders Speer projectiles and CCI ammunition products), Ritchie Gun Cabinets, Pendock and Hiam Agencies (Victorian Distributors of Stamford Gun Cases) and a number of others, mainly in camping and boating.

It almost became "the day that never was!" when a violent storm lashed the ground during the early hours of Monday morning and almost completely demolished some of the displays. It was due to the untiring efforts (in the dark and with rain falling very heavily) of VFGA Ground Manager Stewart Adams and his crew that it became possible to proceed with the planned function.

The highlight of the day was the opportunity to shoot at some clay targets. Although the crowd included some very familiar A.C.T.A. types, the majority had not been exposed to this type of sport and threw themselves into it with great enthusiasm.

It was interesting to note that the attendance included a significant number of retailers and dealers from country areas. For example, Geoff Linton from Mildura made the trip, as did Geoff Hartley from Bendigo, Graham Leech from Maryborough and Barry Johnston from Yarrawonga. The Haughs from Geelong Shooting

Supplies were there in strength and it was great to see some glamour added by the attendance of Margaret Martyn from Melbourne Firearms Centre (Ringwood).

Bob Buchan (President of the Victorian Clay Target Association) and George Biggs, well known shooting coach, looked after safety procedures and also offered the "new chums" some coaching hints. The A.C.T.A.'s National Coaching Director Newton Thomas also assisted.

Other retailers seen during the day included Cliff Hoath (Box Hill), John "No show without Punch" Ivey (Dandy Sports Depot), Viv Bidstrup (Shooters Discount Store), Bill Jolly (Smith's Sewing and Sports), Rob Brewer and Ray Godkin (Alcock and Pierce). The "Suppliers Group" was heavily dominated by the Eley team, obviously trying to quickly establish their 'new' image. Others to catch the reporter's eye were George Rath from MBT, Neil Pendock (Pendock and Hiam Agencies), Ron Crutchfield and Rick Pratt (Australian Angling Agencies), Alan Ball (Alan Ball Agencies), Alan McKee (Keith Herron, Sydney), Roger Howard (Fuller Agencies, Sydney), Ken Lowry, Bob Dupuy, Gary Matcham (Winchester), Terry Keyhoe (D. W. Custer) and Terry McCarthy (Kingflight Ind).

After the shooting, a barbecue was offered and then Geoff Rabidge from Sydney, addressed the gathering. Geoff is Legislation Officer for the NSW Field & Game Association and delivered a very forceful and thought provoking talk on the work that had been done by Shooting and Hunting organisations to fight the threat of firearms control by the legislators.

The meeting concluded with a Firearms Sub Committee being formed within the Victorian Sportsgoods Federation, the purpose of which is to represent the trade in matters relating to:

- (a) Firearms Legislation
- (b) Liaison with Associations and other Committees involved in the various sports involving firearms
- (c) Social activities
- (d) Promotion of the firearms industry.

All present voted the day a resounding success and it is certain that a similar function will be scheduled in 1978.

Mr Bill Hailes (centre with cap) Victorian Agent for Keith Herron (N.S.W.) at VFGA Port Phillip Region, Hunting and Outdoors Fair at Lysterfield on 12th and 13th November, 1977, talking to prospective customers.
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BOTHWELL, 19-11-77 — Fine and windy (22). 10t DB SS C'ship: H. Heazlewood, C. Price, T. Pulford, K. Pulford, T. Newman 10-10 divided. Mrs M. Nelson Mem Hcp: J. Berry 20-20 & High Gun, L. Gray 31-32, L. Williams 30-32, 20t Graded DB C'ship Trophy: 'A' L. Gray 20-20, 'B' T. Pulford 20-20, 'C' M. Sinclair 20-20; FM L. Williams 19-20, 10 pair DD: L. Gray M. Sinclair 13-13pr, L. Ellis K. Pulford 12-13pr, 5 pair DR: L. Ellis 10-10, L. Williams 9-10, J. Murphy 8-10.

The Memorial Hcp conducted in memory of the late Mrs M. Nelson, a secretary of the club for many years, was keenly contested. Due to variable wind conditions the scores were low. Mr Jim Berry recorded the only possible and won the event.

Results of Shoot held by

BURNIE GUN CLUB 3rd & 4th December, 1977

Held in very windy and sometimes wet conditions which made shooting very difficult. However, some very good scores were shot and those shooters must be congratulated on their adaption to such conditions.

Some thirty shooters contested events over the two days which was quite a good attendance considering Huonville Club were holding a two day shoot at Hobart Gun Club ground at the same time. It is a pity when shoots of this nature clash and it is to be hoped that a better liaison will avoid this happening again.

15t DB Novice Novelty: A. Dobson 11m 10-15, C. Strickland 12m 12-15, 25t DB Graded: R. Abblitt 24-25 A Grade, B. Young 24-24 B Grade, T. Buckley 24-25 C Grade, A. Spinks 20-25 FM, 25t Skeet: 0-1 I. Rist 24-25, 2-4 R. Abblitt 23-25, 5 plus R. Gardam 21-25, 25t ISU: A Grade H. Astell 24-25, B Grade B. Young 19-25, C Grade T. Buckley 26-30, FM A. Berne 18-25, 20t Motors DB Hcp: B. Young 21-24, R. Dawkins 20-24, R. Gardam 19-21.

Second Day — 5t SB Novice: 11m P. Dunn 4-5, 12m A. Berne 4-5, 25t Graded Skeet: 0-1 I. Rist 25-25, 2-4 P. Abblitt 22-25, 5 plus P. Saunders 22-25, 30t NWD DB C'ship: A Grade I. Rist 31-32, B Grade B. Young 26-30, C Grade J. Hall 26-30, FM A. Berne 23-30, 20t Novelty: I. Rist 33-35, R. Hampton 32-35, S. Munday 25-28, 20t DB Hcp: F. R. Smith 20-20, I. Rist 30-32, R. Gardam 29-32.

High Gun winner over all events for the two days: I. Rist 175-190, Burnie Gun Club Skeet C'ship 25t over two days: 0-1 I. Rist 49-50, 2-4 R. Abblitt 45-50, 5 plus P. Saunders 42-50, C. W. Stratton Perpetual Trophy: winner for 1977 R. Gardam 68-100.

CRESSY, 4-12-77 — Good (31). Presidents Trophy: F. Spencer 34-34, K. Kerrison 33-34, D. Jurgens 25-26, Champagne Stakes: F. Spencer 24-24, W. Spencer 23-24, G. Spencer 62-63, Blenheim Shield: F. Spencer 42-42, R. Elmer 41-42, E. Jordan 21-22, DD: I. Buchanan & C. Brownrigg 10-10, F. Spencer & B. Brown 9-10, 5 pair DR: C. Brownrigg 9-10, I. Buchanan 13-14, E. Spencer 12-14.

EAST COAST, 28-11-77 — Fine and very windy (17). 10t EO SS: D. Wilson, S. Lehner, P. Francis, P. Byers 10-10, 20t Christmas Special: 'A' G. Richardson 19-21, 'B' & HG T. Johnson 20-20; 'C' P. Francis; FM D. Brett, 15t Hcp SS: N. Latta, G. Price, A. Kean, P. Byers, T. Johnson 15-15, 15t Hcp Trophy: 1st A. Kean 17-17, 2nd T. Johnson 16-17, 3rd Miss C. Price 19-20.

Congratulations to Trevor Johnson on gaining his 50-break badge. The club was pleased to welcome Noel Latta to the shoot. Noel is visiting our state from Queensland. Good shooting to all in 1978.

HOBART, 27-11-77 — Overcast and wet (48). Sth Dist ISU Olympic Trench C'ship Graded: 'A' R. Garwood 46-50 & High Gun, 'B' T. McLaughlin 44-50, 'C' C. Lowe 40-50, 'D' M. Grogan 51-75, Blue Dot Medley Grand Prix 40t 20t DB 20t SB, 20t DB Sectional winners: 'A' I. Rist & L. Martin 20-20, 'B' A. Kenny 20-20, 'C' P. Saunders 20-20, 20t SB Sectional winners: 'A' I. Rist & P. Marshall 19-20, 'B' D. F. Taylor & D. White 19-20, 'C' L. Williams 20-20, Overall winners over the 40 targets Blue Dot Medley: 'A' I. Rist 49-50, 'B' D. White 58-60, 'C' L. Williams 39-40, 15t DB Hcp Trophy Event: K. Coppleman 31-31, S. McIntyre 30-31, L. Gray 39-40.

They say a new broom sweeps clean, as we say Roy Garwood win the Trench Championship with his new gun, congratulations Roy. Our Blue Dot Medley went off quite well and possibly would have been better if the rain had kept away. Once again our State Champion Ian Rist took out the A Grade High Gun after a fine shoot-off with Lee Martin. Our B Grade was won in very fine style by one of our old members who keeps on popping up, Doug White, last of all the C Grade which was a most creditable performance by L. Williams, congratulations boys.

The different coloured targets we used in every event were much appreciated by the shooters, especially the Red used on the trench, so they look like the ones to use in future. Congratulations to the Handicap winners in the last event, K. Coppleman 1st 31-31, 2nd S. McIntyre 30-31, 3rd L. Gray 22-23.

HOBART, 10-12-77 — Fine and windy (33). 15t DB Novelty Trophy event Graded: 'A' S. Marshall 15-15, 'B' G. Cleary 14-15, 'C' K. Coppleman 15-15, 25t Skeet Graded: 'A' S. Marshall 26-27, 'B' C. Calvert 24-29, 'C' J. Malcolm 22-25, 'D' B. Anderson 21-25, Presidents Champion of Champions Graded: 'A' R. Garwood 51-55 & High Gun, 'B' L. Williams 47-55, 'C' M. Blackwell 49-55, SB Miss Out Hcp Event: outright winner G. Rider 8-8, High Gun in A B Cover all events: 'A' S. Marshall 90-98, 'B' G. Rider 80-103, 'C' K. Coppleman 79-97.

Firstly we would like to thank the people who donated trophies for our Christmas shoot, namely our president Garry Martin for those delicious Christmas Apex hams "HA HA" secondly Jim Malcolm for his very fine and expensive trophy, Jim thought up the event Do or Die "Miss Out" Event. Next, Peter Cooper from Coopers Hardware New Norfolk for his very fine trophies for our Novelty Event. Last but not least Robert Stewart & Co for their High Gun trophies. Congratulations to Roy Garwood again for his very fine win in the Presidents Shoot, the wind played havoc with the targets on the day. Also congratulations to all other winners on the day and the club would like to wish all members and shooters a very merry Christmas and a happy new year to all.

HUONVILLE, 3-12-77 — Blustery strong winds and showers (58). 20t PD Graded C'ship: 'A' W. Pilkington 69-69, 'B' C. E. Williams 57-60, 'C' G. Ratcliffe 48-60; Best FM D. Cuthbertson 48-60, Winchester Tournament: A. Styles 33-33, D. White 33-34, P. Saunders 32-34, L. Williams 35-37, G. Cleary 34-37, C. Brownrigg 50-53; L. Gray, P. Marshall, J. Murphy all 49-53 — these three shooters decided not to shoot off further the prizes being of equal value and they having equal scores; H. Mansfield 51-53; best 11-15m shooter G. Carter 27-30; best lady shooter C. Price 23-30; best under 16 years M. Blackwell 25-30, 25t Skeet: 0-1 D. R. Taylor 25-25, 2-4 G. Cleary 22-25, 5-over A. Allen 21-25.

HUONVILLE, 4-12-77 — Windy after rain (61). 20t Graded DB Trophy Shoot: 'A' G. Elphinstone 20-20, 'B' K. Schott 31-32, 'C' M. Sinclair 21-22; best 11m shooter J. Dunn 18-20; best 12m shooter M. Thomas 19-20, 30t SKB Grand Prix Hcp: D. White 38-38, L. Gray 37-38, J. Shephard 41-42, G. Smith 40-43, B. Sidnell 35-37, D. Bone 34-36, F. Shaw 33-36, M. Thomas 64-67, T. McLaughlin 63-66, L. Williams 40-43, G. Price 36-39; best 11m shooter D. Free 26-30; best junior under 16 years of age T. Burgess 28-32, Event No. 3: 'A' R. Garwood 20-20, 2nd A. Styles 19-20; 'C' P. Saunders 21-22, 2nd G. Cleary 20-22; 'B' T. Hardwick 66-67, 2nd C. W. Calvert 65-67, FM R. C. Mitchell 17-20; High Gun down the line events and program L. Gray 115-120.

HUONVILLE, 11-12-77 — Fine and cool (35). 20t Tower Trophy Shoot: N. Groombridge 26-26, D. Bone 25-26, G. Richardson 25-26, B. Sidnell 24-27, G. Smith 21-23, 20t Graded C'ship

TASMANIAN STATE TRAP CARNIVAL FEBRUARY 11th 12th, 1978

at

TASMANIAN GUN CLUB, LAUNCESTON SATURDAY 11th FEBRUARY

commencing at 9 a.m.

Event 1 Nom. \$10.50

TASMANIAN SKEET OPEN

2 Rounds, graded - Trophy and badge to 1st in each grade - A B C & D. Sash for Overall winner.

Event 2 Nom. \$7.50

TASMANIAN OPEN SB C'SHIP

30 Targets from 18 metres - Graded A B & C. Trophy and badge for 1st in each grade. Trophy for best FM; Sash for Overall winner.

Event 3 Nom. \$7.50

TASMANIAN OPEN DB HANDICAP

30 Targets from ACTA Handicap marks. Badge & Trophy for 1st, Trophies for 2nd & 3rd.

SUNDAY 12th FEBRUARY

commencing at 9 a.m.

Event 4 Nom. \$7.50

TASMANIAN OPEN DB CHAMPIONSHIP

30 Targets from 18 metres - Graded A B & C. Trophy and Badge for 1st in each grade. Trophy for best FM. Sash for Overall winner.

Event 5 Nom. \$7.50

TASMANIAN OPEN PS C'SHIP

30 Targets from 18 metres - Graded A B & C. Trophy and badge for 1st in each grade. Trophy for best FM. Sash for Overall winner.

Event 6 Nom. \$7.50

TASMANIAN OPEN DR C'SHIP

15 Pairs from 16 metres. Graded A B & C. Trophy and Badge for 1st in each grade. Trophy for best FM.

HIGH GUN SASH OVER EVENTS 1 to 6
Plus refund of Nominations.

The State Trap Team will be selected from events 2 4 & 5. The selected team will shoot at 50 targets from 18 metres at the conclusion of Sunday's program.

Compulsory Sweeps of 50 cents per event over program and will be divided into grades.

President:
Len Toyne.

Secretary:
Neil Coates.

Ham Shoot: 'A' G. Richardson 17-20, 'B' D. F. Taylor 20-23, 'C' G. Kringle 17-20; FM T. Burgess 16-20, 1st Hcp: R. A. Smith 22-23, L. Gray 21-23, G. Smith 19-21; FM D. Cuthbertson 17-19, 1st Hcp: P. Byers 20-22, D. F. Taylor 19-22, N. Groombridge 15-16, 1st Hcp: R. A. Smith 14-15, G. Smith 21-23, R. Mitchell 20-23.

MERSEY, 17-12-77 — Wet, windy and cold (26). 1 round Hcp Skeet: P. Turner, N. Price, I. Rist. 5t SB 5t DR EO SS: divided C. Brownrigg, G. Crosswell, R. Elmer 10-10, Mixed Tgts C'ship Graded: 'A' C. Latham 22-25, 'B' S. Munday 19-25, 'C' A. Smith 20-25; best FM J. Birchenough 12-25; High Gun C. Latham 22-25, Presidents Trophy 20t DB Hcp: S. Johnson 22-23, B. Simpson 21-23, R. D. Smythe 21-23, 10pr DR 16m SS: divided A. Bowring, N. Price 17-20, S. Johnson 16-20, 5t off fence: divided S. Munday, N. Price 5-5.

Gordan and Amber Girdlestone Memorial Cup for best Hcp shooting over 6 months won by G. K. Crosswell with score of 100-115.

NORTH EASTERN, 27-11-77 — Intermittent rain but warm (46). 10t DB FM Hcp: 11m R. Dean 10-12, 12m D. Nicholls 10-10, 13m D. Jurgens 10-12, 10t DB SS: possible scores shot by J. Murphy and B. Wright. 20t DB C'ship: OA A. Styles 29-29; 'A' A. Styles 20-20, 'B' C. Brownrigg 20-20, 'C' D. Krushka 33-35, 'D' M. Harding 20-21, 2nd placegetters 'A' R. Elmer 19-20, 'B' E. Jordan 20-21, 'C' R. Meikle 32-35, 'D' P. Thomas 19-21, 3rd placegetters 'A' B. Wright 18-20, 'B' K. Pears 19-21, 'C' M. Cleland 26-29, 'D' C. Breadmore 22-24, 20t Cont. Graded Event: 'A' A. Styles 49-50, I. Buchanan 48-50; 'B' C. Brownrigg 49-50, J. Murphy 48-50; 'C' M. Cleland 20-20, R. Walters 27-30; 'D' E. Towns 28-30, W. Spencer 27-30, 10t Cont SS from 25m: R. Elmer 10-10.

Winner of OA High Gun on events 2 3 4 was A. Styles with a score of 53-55. The committee was pleased with the days attendance and shooting considering the big program being run on the other end of the island on the same day. R. Dean re-handicapped to 12m, M. Harding to 12m, P. Thomas to 13m.

ROSEBERY, 27-11-77 — Wet and humid (19). 5t DB EO SS: J. Murray, M. Pearn, D. McDermott, H. Hay, J. Woods, G. Appleby 5-5, 25t West Dist DB C'ship: 'A' G. Appleby 25-25, 'B' K. Woods 24-25, 'C' R. Argent 31-33; best 11m J. Atehortua 14-25, 15t DB Pts Hcp: G. Appleby 50-54, D. Hay 47-54, K. Woods 40-45, 15t Silent Rise: 'A' R. Abblitt 11-15, 'B' R. Ward 14-16, 'C' D. Hay 14-18.

ROSEBERY, 11-12-77 — Overcast and showery (26). 5t DR EO SS: K. Woods, J. Hutcheson 9-10, 15t DR C'ship: 11-12m Mrs T. L. Nightingale 15-30, 13-15m D. Hay 22-30, 16-25m R. Hampton 23-30, 10t DB WU: K. Woods 8-10, L. Reynolds 7-10, K. Hay 6-10, 20t DB Pts Hcp: J. Woods 57-60, R. Abblitt 56-60, T. R. Nightingale 55-60; best 11-12m S. Hughes 53-60.

ST. HELENS, 6-12-77 — Fine, sunny day (13). 15t DB Hcp SS best novice: A. Allen 15-15, outright winner, P. Thomas 13-15, 5t DB PD SS EO: P. Thomas, W. Kerrison, A. Allen 15-15, District C'ship 20t DB PD Graded: 'A' A. Tucker 53-60, 'B' S. Saunders 59-60, 'C' M. Davis 60-63, 'D' P. Thomas 51-60, 5t DB Learners: no entries, 20t DB Cont. Graded: 'A' A. Styles 18-20, 'B' A. Allen 18-20, 'C' R. Dakin 22-24, 10t SB 1st & 2nd: A. Allen 10-10, A. Styles 9-10, High Gun A. Allen 100-103.

Hoping for better attendance on 18th December.

ST. HELENS, 18-12-77 — Very windy but fine (17). 15t DB Hcp SS best novice: P. Lohrey, M. Davis, B. Bailey 15-15; best novice G. Rainbird 14-15, 5t DB EO SS: shared by P. Lohrey, A. Andrews, M. Davis, S. Saunders, W. Kerrison, R. Dakin, A. Allen, B. Bailey 5-5, 25t DB C'ship: 'A' B. Bailey 25-25, 'B' A. Allen 25-25, 'C' P. Lohrey 30-38, 10pr DR 1st & 2nd: A. Allen 19-22, M. Lefevre 17-22, 30t Mixed C'ship Graded: 'A' B. Bailey 49-50, 'B' A. Allen 73-75, 'C' M. Lefevre, High Gun B. Bailey 89-90 over events 1 3 and 5.

SANDFORD, 20-11-77 — Cloudy and cool (33). 10t C'ship Graded CD: 'A' G. Richardson, 'B' A. Kenny, A. Chivers, A. Henderson, G. Smith, 'C' D. Weeks, F. Shaw, 20t C'ship President Trophy Shoot Graded: 'A' L. Gray, 'B' A. Kenny, 'C' S. Bagdonas; FM D. Cuthbertson; best lady shooter I. Schott, 15t Hcp: L. E. Williams; 2nd & 3rd divided C. Calvert, G. Price, T. Newman, P. Kelly.

Very good attendance for the President Trophy Shoot. All trophies were kindly donated by our president A. Henderson A B and C also High Gun. This shoot was very keenly contested up to the last few targets but L. Gray proved too strong with the only possible in A Grade. This shooter is right on form at present and making things very hard for the boys. A. Kenny won B Grade with the only possible this shooter is not long in this grade as he is shooting very well. Very pleasing to see Stan Bagdonas win C Grade after a short shoot-off with L. Williams who is a front marker but not for long. After a short shoot-off for High Gun with L. Gray A. Kenny C. Calvert. Chester finished too strong to come out the winner — he shot well all day.

SANDFORD, 18-12-77 — Overcast and very windy (40). 10t DB Graded SS: 'A' L. Gray, 'B' C. Calvert and K. Schott, 'C' M. Jones, 10t DB FM Trophy: H. Jones, D. Cuthbertson, R. Daly, 20t DB Ham Graded: 'A' L. Gray, 'B' G. Smith, 'C' R. Smith; FM C. Mitchell, 15t DB Hcp Trophy: R. King, K. Linnell, C. Mitchell; FM P. Kelly.

The Sandford Gun Club would like to thank all the shooters who turned up for the last shoot of 1977 to make the day a good success in spite of the bad day we saw some very good shooting. L. Gray recorded the only possible of the day in the main event to take out A Grade. This shooter is right on top of form. R. Smith and son taking B and C Grade — both shot very well. Some other very good shooting by the rest of the boys also. Very pleasing to see so many Front Markers — so wishing all a very happy Christmas and good shooting for the new year.

TASMANIAN, 11-12-77 — Fine and sunny (70). 15t DB FM: 1st 11-12m M. Porte 41-45; 1st 13m P. Thomas 39-45, Christmas Skeet C'ship: 'A' L. Green 25-25, 'B' K. Campbell 24-25, 'C' J. Boer 22-25, 'D' N. Price 23-25, Carl Young Memorial C'ship: 'A' K. Campbell 36-36, 'B' E. Jordan 31-31, 'C' G. Coates 20-20, 'D' M. Coker 17-20, President's Hcp: N. Price 25-25, K. Campbell 24-25, T. Smyth 23-25, 20t Cont Christmas C'ship: 'A' I. Buchanan 24-25, 'B' H. Kerrison 19-20, 'C' R. Meikle 19-20, High Gun over events 2 3 4 & 5: A. Styles 80-85, W. E. Rainbird Trophy 1977: 1st D. Lees, 2nd A. Styles.

Congratulations to Ken Campbell in winning A Grade of the Carl Young Memorial C'ship, also winning his grade of Skeet and finishing second in the President's Handicap. E. Jordan shot particularly well to win B Grade of the Carl Young Memorial C'ship. Promising young shooter Gary Coates rates a special mention in winning C Grade, Gary won this event last year as a D Grade shooter. Melbourne visitor N. Price had a good day's shooting winning the President's Handicap and his grade of the Skeet Championship. Congratulations to David Lees in winning the W. E. Rainbird Trophy for the year.



AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

A.C.T. INTERNATIONAL, 16-10-77 — Fine (30). 100t Trench: 'A' J. Ellis 97-100, 'B' V. Abbondante 90-100, 'C' R. Hayes 75-100.

A.C.T. INTERNATIONAL, 19-11-77 — Fine and calm (44). Mt Ainslie Trench C'ship 100t: 'A' T. Rumbel 94-100, 'A' J. Petriella 95-100, 'B' W. Iles 95-100, 'C' M. Vipond 95-125.

M. Vipond won 'C' grade after a shoot-off with Tom Lucas after both had shot 80-100.

A.C.T. INTERNATIONAL, 20-11-77 — Overcast (44). NSW Strn Zone Trench C'ship 100t: 'A' J. Ellis 96-100, 'A' J. Henwood 94-100, 'B' B. Smith 94-100, 'C' B. Ireland 87-100.

T. Rumbel won the Overall High Gun after a shoot-off with J. Ellis having both shot 188-200 over the two days. The A.C.T. teams shoot was shot in conjunction and the team was J. Ellis, J. Petriella, N. Simms, P. Papps, V. Abbondante, E. Smith.



NORTHERN TERRITORY

ALICE SPRINGS, 5-11-77 — Fine and warm (21). 30t DB 16m District Night Title: I. Butcher 30-30, C. Pritchard 30-30, Otto 28-30; shoot-off won by I. Butcher.

ALICE SPRINGS, 9-11-77 — Warm and stormy (10). 20t DB Hcp Perpetual Trophy: G. Freney 18-20, I. Butcher 18-20, P. Grove 18-20, 10t DB Continental 16m: M. Pollock 8-10, J. Parham 8-10, P. Grove 7-10, Otto 7-10.

After shoot-off I. Butcher won the first event and M. Pollock the second. A very unpleasant night for shooting.

ALICE SPRINGS, 3-12-77 — Fine and warm (9). 30t N.T. Night SB Title: C. Pritchard 26-30, I. Butcher 25-30, 10t DB Hcp: P. Grove 10-10, H. Mills 9-10, I. Butcher 9-10.

A very disappointing attendance for a title event.

ALICE SPRINGS, 17-12-77 — Cool and cloudy (17).

This was our Christmas Shoot and the barbecue was well attended and enjoyed by all. After some novelty events the winner of the trophy presented by the C.I.B. was J. Taylor from I. Butcher and D. Caddies. All the other shooters received a bottle of wine donated by the Old Riverside Hotel. Thanks to Reg Smith who supplied the steak.

DARWIN, 20-11-77 — Warm and breezy (28). G. Lewis Trophy 30pr DD Mini Tgts: J. Doyle & G. Draper 18-30, D. Millen & G. Quirke 17-30, M. Mengel & J. Wyatt 16-30.

Mini Targets are hard to shoot at any time but it seems even more so from 20 metres. Even the experienced boys could do no better than 18-30. The turnout was low — could it be because the event was chosen partners and we have some shooters who don't think they could attract a partner? I hope not as we have a club of many good shooters.

DARWIN, 1-12-77 — Warm and still (15). Club Walk Up C'ship 20t DB: G. Worral 17-20, G. Draper 16-20, G. Vookolos 14-20.

An unpopular event poorly attended and not very impressive scores. I don't know what other clubs think of Walk-Up events but they don't appear to be popular enough to warrant anything but a novelty 5 tgs at say Christmas time.

DARWIN, 4-12-77 — Hot and still (34). Bridge Auto Skeet Trophy off Hcp: G. Lewis 82-82, K. Watkinson 81-82, G. Draper 81-82.

The best skeet shooting seen in Darwin since the Territory Titles. If you southern hotshots think you can shoot skeet Darwin has the shooters to match you. Come up for Territory Titles next year. This contest saw 17 shooters begin the shoot-off. Over two full rounds were required to get a decision with 25's and 24's being the order of the day. Those worthy of high praise were the incorrigible Don Millen under the influence of a 'lanced' thumb, young Garry Quirke ('Hustler'), Maurice Mengel (Paper), Keith Watkinson back from 'retirement' and with a 'smile' on his face. Glen Lewis — another 'hustler' but his Hcp now tells the story — no more second chances Glen.

KATHERINE, 26-11-77 — Warm and calm (21). 20t DB Hcp Perpetual Trophy: M. Leaford, 10pr DD 20m: 1 M. Leaford R. Downes, 2. D. Fracaro, N. Turner, 10t Tower Cake Shoot: I. Winstanley, M. Leaford.

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SATURDAY 25th MARCH 1978

Event 1 Nom. \$4.00

10T CONTINENTAL DB PTS off 16m

Event 2 Nom. \$11.00

20T DOUBLE BARREL OFF HANDICAP

Event 3 Nom. \$10.00

30T N.T. PS TITLE off 18m

Saturday Night 7 pm BBQ and Calcutta Draw

SUNDAY 26th MARCH 1978

Event 1 Nom. \$10.00

30T ALICE SPRINGS & DIST SB TITLE off 16m

Event 2 Nom. \$15.00

30T DB OFF HANDICAP - 'CALCUTTA'

Event 3 Nom. \$6.00

10 PAIR DOUBLE RISE off 16m

High Gun Over Two Days.

Cartridges and Refreshments available on the grounds.

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The Committee reserves the right to change the above program.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ALEXANDRA, 27-11-77 — Hot windy some rain (35). 50t Skeet C'ship: OA J. Sumner 49-50, O. R. Mules 48-50, 2-4 K. Burzacott 44-50, 5-10 J. Toresan 42-50. Christmas DR C'ship: 'A' 1st & OA L. Martin 16-20, 2nd R. Hutchinson 13-20; 'B' J. Turner 15-20, J. Toresan 16-22; 'C' L. Francis 17-22, J. Fleetwood 16-22. IMI Graded Shoot: 'A' T. Evans 35-36, R. Mules 34-36; 'B' J. Sumner 19-20, R. Mack 38-40; 'C' B. Evans 18-20, L. Francis 24-27. Taipan High Gun: J. Sumner 82-90; OA R. Dower.

FAR WEST, 3-12-77 — Fine and warm - night (4). 5t EO 16m: T. Heard 14-15, G. Burnett 13-15, M. Curyer and A. Henderson 11-15. 25t DB Night C'ship: T. Heard 23-25, G. Burnett 21-25, M. Curyer 20-25, A. Henderson 15-25. 25t DB Pts 16m: G. Burnett 63-75, T. Heard 61-75, A. Henderson 54-75, M. Curyer 44-77.

A very poor attendance by local shooters. The previous three shoots cancelled due to lack of shooters.

GOLD COAST, 20-11-77 — Fine (31). 10t DB Hcp SS: R. Penisi, J. Duyker, C. Goldup equal 1st all 10-10. 15t Cont Pts Hcp SS: L. Pasquarelli 42-45, C. Goldup 40-45, J. Duyker and D. Mount equal 3rd 39-45. 20t SB Hcp Trophies: S. Iles 18-20, K. Bamberry 21-25, J. Duyker 20-25; FM R. Walpole 18-23. 10pr Tgts DR SS: J. Duyker and A. Hicks equal 1st 18-20, C. Goldup 3rd 16-20.

Mrs Sue Iles gained 1 metre. High Gun over program J. Duyker 84-95; FM High Gun C. Goldup 81-95.

INTERNATIONAL, 3-12-77 — Overcast and windy (83). Winchester Trench C'ship: OA & 'A' D. Oliviero 41-50, J. Humphries 21-25; 'B' P. Mules 22-25, S. Keen 21-25; 'C' P. Browne 39-50, E. J. Commons 38-50. Cash SS: 'A' T. E. Evans 49-50, P. Mules 49-50, S. Keen 49-50; 'B' P. Marconi 47-50, R. Surfield 47-50, P. Smith 46-50; 'C' R. Dwyer 45-50, B. Evans 44-50, D. Stefanato 42-50, G. Campagnolo 42-50.

INTERNATIONAL, 4-12-77 — Fine and warm (138). Italian Festival DB C'ship: OA & 'A' L. Martin 32-32, W. Hetherington 29-30; 'B' R. Surfield 20-20, P. Marconi 34-35; 'C' I. Maywald 20-20, D. Osborne 24-26. Winchester Tournament: G. Bollen 34-34, R. Baker 33-33, F. Taylor 34-35, P. Schwerdt 33-35, K. Machul 79-80, D. Sparnon 78-80, L. Martin 44-46, P. Mules 43-45, B. Arnott 41-43, J. Hutchins 40-43. Taipan High Gun: W. Hetherington 49-50. High Gun over two days: L. Martin 122-130.

MANNUM, 20-11-77 — (29). 5t EO: divided between D. Bormann, R. Juers, C. Maczkowiack, A. Williams, T. Pasfield, P. Mangelsdorf, N. Johncock, S. Williams, J. Maczkowiack. E. G. Humphrey Mem Trophy: N. Johncock 24-24, J. Maczkowiack 23-24, T. Jenkins 21-22; 11m J. Harding 19-20, 12-14m T. Pasfield 13-15. Lower Murray SB C'ship: OA Badge & 'C' P. Johncock 19-20, 'B' K. Sandercock 17-20, 'A' S. Williams 18-25.

Second prizes in each grade lower Murray SB C'ship. 2nd A Grade J. Maczkowiack 17-25, 2nd B Grade D. Bormann 16-20, 2nd C Grade R. Juers 16-20. High Gun Medallion P. Johncock 37-40.

MANNUM, 4-12-77 — Fine and warm (41). 5t EO: divided between R. Juers, D. Bormann, C. Mangelsdorf, J. Thiele, D. Schubert, P. Jarvis, B. Finch, G. Harding, M. Harding, G. Jenkins, K. Sandercock, A. Rohrlach, S. Williams, K. Braun, J. Warnes. Jim Warnes Christmas Hcp: D. Schubert 46-48, G. Harding 44-47, B. Hill 35-37.

High Gun Medallion D. Schubert 32-33.

MILLICENT, 27-11-77 — Fine, hot (35). 20t DD C'ship: V. Beyer and J. Clark 23-24, R. Hammat and T. Denardis 22-24. 30t Cash Hcp: K. Holmes 33-34, E. Smith 32-34, G. Waters 60-62.

MILLICENT, 18-12-77 — Cold, windy (60). 15t Cont Hcp: W. Wombwell 17-17, R. Haynes 16-17, B. Lush 22-23. 10t drawn partners DD: W. Ingledew and J. Clark 10-10, L. Megaw and A. Megaw 16-17, T. Denardis and F. Gibson 15-17. 10t Sliding Hcp: A. McIntyre 18-18, H. O'Brien 17-18, T. Denardis 15-16.

MT. GAMBIER, 9-12-77 — Fine and mild - Christmas shoot (60). 10t Hcp: A. Manser, K. Holmes, P. Teske; metre prizes 11 R. Megaw, 12 M. Medhurst, 13 J. Clarke, 14 B. Clements, 15 G. Waters, 16 G. Hieght, 17 L. Sims, 18 W. Hetherington, 19 F. Taylor, 20 R. Schleuter, 22 K. Dyson, 23 M. Whitehead. DD: W. Wombwell J. Allison, M. Medhurst J. Humphris, L. Megaw P. Teske, R. Megaw G. Yoannidis, A. Manser G. Schmidt, Christmas C'ship: A. Megaw 41-41, G. Schmidt 40-41, G. Steele 22-23; ladies prize L. Borsky, Christmas Hcp: 1st 6 placings were B. Smith, G. Hieght, R. Megaw, G. Gibbs, J. Allison, C. Smith.

PORT AUGUSTA, 20-11-77 — Very windy. 50t Skeet Pt Augusta Club C'ship: S. Rosetti 47-50, Gary Bollen 45-50, R. Seaman 54-60. 20t Hcp DTL (Taipan projectiles trophy): B. Worden 22-23, K. Zanioli 21-23, R. Sanzogni 20-22. 25t Pt Augusta Cont C'ship: R. Sanzogni 21-26, T. Forester 28-29, E. Commons 22-29. FM Trophy won by F. Speechley 79-95; OA High Gun Trophy won by S. Rosetti 84-95.

Some good shooting on the day despite the conditions.

PORT AUGUSTA, 13-12-77 — Skeet SS: 5 divided. 20t PS DTL: P. Horgan 58-60, Grant Bollen 55-60, B. Worden 52-60. 20t SB 16m: B. Worden 20-24, P. Horgan 19-24, Grant Bollen 17-22. FM Trophy P. Horgan.

ROBE, 11-12-77 — Fine with strong wind (53). 15t Christmas Hcp Graded: 11-14m M. Zama 20-21, A. Castle 19-21, E. Smith 17-19; 15-17m N. Copping 15-15, P. Sheridan 14-15, G. Waters 13-15; 18-25m F. Taylor 19-21, R. Morris 18-21, P. Cleggett Jnr 17-20. FM P. Brammer; Ladies Trophy M. Walker; 1st try at clays G. Menz. 15t Novelty: P. Cleggett Jnr 15-15, F. Taylor 20-21, T. Cahill 17-21. 16pr drawn DD: J. Clark and P. Sheridan 16pr, J. Loxton and R. Morris 15pr, E. Smith and A. McIntyre 14pr.

Peter Brammer Aggregate Trophy (for Robe Gun Club members with most points throughout the year) 1st P. Sheridan 394, 2nd R. Gibbs 281, 3rd P. Brammer 258. Thankyou to all shooters for patronising the Robe Gun Club throughout the year.

S.A.G.C., 9-11-77 — Cold windy wet (36). 20t Cash Hcp: L. Francis and D. Stefanato 18-20, S. Drawing, P. Jennings, L. Martin, R. Cook, G. Campagnolo, I. Lister shared on 17-20. State Night DD C'ship: abandoned due to rain and wind.

2nd event to be shot Wednesday 16-11-77.

S.A.G.C., 16-11-77 — Fine and cool (44). 25t IMI Shield 2nd shoot 16m: OA R. Mack 30-30, 'A' P. Mules 25-25, R. Mules 24-25; 'B' J. Turner 25-25, P. Marconi 33-36; 'C' R. Mack 25-25, L. Francis 24-25. State DD: S. Keen, R. Kimber 18-20, G. Hill B. Hill 17-20, R. Cook L. Francis 16-21.

S.A.G.C., 23-11-77 — Cool clear night (48). 15t Medley C'ship 16m: OA J. Sumner 24-25, 'A' L. Martin 18-25, P. Mules and R. Mules 2nd 17-25 CD; 'B' J. Sumner 24-25, R. Cook 23-25; 'C' D. Osborne 31-35, G. Goldsmith 30-35. 25t 16m C'ship IMI Shield 3rd shoot: OA D. Vogt 28-30; 'A' P. Mules 23-25, L. Martin 25-28; 'B' R. Cook 24-26, R. Mack 24-26; 'C' D. Vogt 28-30, A. Brice 27-30. 25t Parawirri C'ship Skeet: R. Mack 33-34, R. Kimber 32-34, D. Vogt 22-25.

S.A.G.C., 30-11-77 — Mild light breeze (51). Cash Hcp: A. Philpotts, G. Drawing 20-20, D. Klingberf, R. Pearce, G. Campagnolo, D. Stefanato 19-20. DB C'ship: OA J. Byrnes 22-22; 'A' J. Byrnes 22-22, S. Churches 22-24; 'B' R. Mack 18-20, J. Turner 17-20; 'C' G. Drawing 20-20, D. Peek 20-21. Golden Grove Night Skeet C'ship: J. Sumner 25-25, R. Kimber 23-25, B. D. Stefanato 22-25.

S.A.G.C., 7-12-77 — Warm clear night (42). 15t Cash Hcp CD: D. Osborne 15-15, J. Struik 15-15, R. Cook 14-15, G. Fleetwood 14-15, S. Drawing 14-15. 25t IMI Shield Night C'ship 4th shoot: OA R. Howden 24-25; 'A' R. Howden 24-25, P. Mules 29-31; 'B' R. Mack 24-26, R.

Surfield 27-30; 'C' A. Brice 20-25, B. Griggs 20-25 C/D. 25t Skeet C'ship: J. Sumner 25-25, B. Hill 24-25, R. Surfield 22-25; OA J. Sumner 25-25.

S.A.G.C., 11-12-77 — Fine and warm (120). Christmas Hcp: G. Benson 26-26, V. Dimasi 25-26, R. Cook 21-22, M. Roach 20-21. 16m Graded Hcp: 11-15m T. Morris 20-20, A. Tosolini 20-20, S. Drawing 19-20, R. Mack 19-20, M. Roach 19-20, F. Speechley 19-20, D. Conci 19-20, H. Osley 19-20; 16-20m C. Hunt 20-20, C. Sparnon 20-20, A. Rohrlach 20-20; 21-25m G. Loveband 20-20, D. Sparnon 20-20, R. Howden 20-20, B. Hill 20-20. High Gun of the day: M. Roach 39-40. Taipan Aggr. DTL 11-13m Trophy: F. Speechley 38-40.

S.A.G.C., 14-12-77 — Windy night (45). 20t Hcp: J. Struik 20-20, P. Dunk 26-28, R. Surfield 30-33. 25t IMI Shield 16m C'ship last shoot: OA L. Martin 25-25, 'A' L. Martin 25-25, 'B' S. Drawing 24-25, 'C' P. Dunk 20-25. Winners of IMI Shield best 4 out of 5: OA R. Mack 96-103, 'A' P. Mules 93-100, 'B' R. Mack 93-100, 'C' T. Jenkin 76-100. 25t Skeet C'ship: R. Kimber 32-35, P. Dunk 31-35, R. Surfield 21-25.

SOUTHERN, 13-11-77 — Humid gusty winds (46). EO 5t: 12 divided. Winchester DB Hcp 20t: D. G. Humphrey 18.0 25-25, J. Humberstone 16.0 31-32, F. Gibson 12.0 30-32; ydgc B. Hender 15.0 26-28. Grand Festival \$200 Cash Hcp 20t: R. Amos 12.0 D. Bormann 16.0 20-20 divided; W. Kavanagh 11.0, J. Fishlock 15.0 19-20 divided with J. Humberstone 16.0, P. Mangelsdorf 19.0; ydgc 11-13 I. Pretlove 12.0, 14-15 M. J. Liebh 15.0, 17-19 A. W. Rohrlach 19.0, 20-22 R. Rossiter 22.0. Strn Festival DB C'ship 20t: 'A' & badge P. Mangelsdorf 23-23, 'B' C. Grigg 39-40, 'C' F. Gibson 18-20. Taipan High Gun: P. Mangelsdorf 63-65.

UNGARRA, 11-12-77 — Windy (18). Skeet Hcp: J. Schramm, R. Gregurke, J. Stratford, I. Stratford, J. Averis shot 25 with hcp. 30 mixed tgts Hcp Christmas Shoot: T. Bagshaw 24-30, M. Bouny 21-30, D. Fitzgerald 20-30.

A good roll-up of 18 shooters present for our Christmas Shoot in which Tom Bagshaw won himself Christmas dinner in the shape of a turkey and Max Bouny and Des Fitzgerald took home a ham and cake for second and third. The President Derie Liddicoat presented the Noel Angel Trophy for the most improved front marker to Rod Gregurke who lost 3 metres in the one year.

WILKAWATT, 11-12-77 — Hot and calm (26). 20t Christmas Hcp: D. Beelitz 20-20, I. Pfeifer 29-30, R. Atkinson 28-29. 10t Teams 16m: K. Cornwell, L. Sharram, R. Ritchie, J. Cornwell, C. Martin 44-50. 10t Cont 16m: W. Hayward 23-23, D. Beelitz 22-23, R. Ritchie 9-10. Good day had by all despite lack of shooters.

S.A. Gun Club Reports

Sunday November 13th turned out to be a lucky "13th" for S.A.G.C., in the dissolved Live Bird Association Shield Team Shoot held at the International Gun Club. The S.A.G.C. team of F. Starling, D. Ferris, F. Speechley, W. Moritz and I. Rothe, was victorious after a shoot off with teams from "Inter" and Whyalla.

20-11-77 was Commonwealth Walk Up Championship day at the S.A.G.C. R. Kimber and B. Hill lined up for the shoot off. After three rounds of five targets, the two shooters were still tied. Another round of five saw Ray Kimber take out the Championship.

The "TAA Double Return Air Fare to Melbourne" Handicap was won with the only possible of the day by hard working committeeman, Bill James.

The State I.S.U. Skeet Team Elimination shoot for 1977 was contested at the S.A.G.C. grounds on 10-12-77 in hot and windy conditions. After two rounds of difficult targets the team was named as: R. Johncock, J. Sumner, R. Kimber, J. Turner, R. Mack and J. Ralston.



South Australian I.S.U. Skeet Team (l. to r.): R. Johncock, J. Sumner, R. Kimber, J. Turner, R. Mack and J. Ralston.

Successful Opening of Tamworth Gun Club

The TAMWORTH GUN CLUB'S new grounds were officially opened on the weekend of 5th and 6th November, 1977. The grounds are situated on "Myola" Loomberah, approximately 14 kms from Tamworth on the Loomberah Road.

The official opening was held on the Sunday and the complex was declared open by the Hon. Lieut. Col. E. N. Park, D.S.O., E.D., M.L.A., assisted by our National President Ern; State President, Vince Phillips; and our Zone President, Arch Rowe. Other official guests were the Parry Shire President, Mr B. Lye; and the Manager of the Commonwealth Bank, Mr Bob Faulks.

Mr Park opened the Club by unveiling the Honour Board, which shows the names of firms and others who have generously helped by donations towards the construction of the Club House and facilities.

The grounds the Club is occupying are owned by Mr Kevin Tongue, who kindly granted the Club a long-term lease. Without his assistance, we would not be what we are today.

The building was the result of an outstanding effort by members at approximately 40 working bees which were held every weekend. Four sets of down-the-line traps with concrete lanes have been completed and two skeet layouts. The Club House is 81m long x 23m wide, which includes a kitchen, canteen, storeroom, office, septic toilets, and general seating area. One of the major jobs completed by the Club members was laying the entire concrete floor—we used 6 tons of cement, 50 yards of gravel, 2,000 gallons of water. Thirty-two members were present for the big "lay" and a few members worked 36 hours straight, waiting for the concrete to go "off".

Our two builders in the Club—Col Burt and John Harkins—supervised and erected the majority of the building and it is truly a really professional job. The erection of the building and shooting facilities was only possible through the generous support of our local business houses by material and cash donations. Power is on to the building and a 5,000 gallon tank was also constructed. Ample parking is available, power to caravans, and showers are to be installed in the near future.

The weather for the shoot on Saturday 5th, was excellent, although a freak thunderstorm disrupted proceedings for half an hour in the afternoon.

The first Championship was the Tamworth and District Double Barrel Championship which was won outright by Mr R. Lenham; A Grade - R. Varley; B Grade - G. White; C Grade - B. Mitchell; Ladies Trophy - Mrs G. White; and Junior - G. Sweeney. The trophies for this event were donated by Clem Foster and Harold Carter.

The next event was the 20 Target Trophy event. This was won by G. Sweeney; second - K. Biggs; and third - R. Hammond. The trophies for this event were donated by Tamworth Truck Spares, Custer Pty. Ltd., and Lovelocks.

Third event was the Tamworth and District Single Barrel Championship. Overall winner - G. Skuchorpe; A Grade - P. Owen; B Grade - M. O'Connor; C Grade - R. Sweeney; Ladies - Mary White; and Junior - G. Sweeney. Trophies were donated by Western Recreation, Trend Windows, John Harkings Building, Mr and Mrs Bowden.

The New South Wales State Deauville Doubles was next, and won outright by Vic Eather and Stan McMaster, and the runners-up were Graham Wilson and D. Colwell. This was the first event on the Sunday morning and shot in windy conditions. One hundred and two shooters took part. The trophies for this event were donated by Ros Hopper Firearms.

The Eastern States Point Score Championship also proved popular and ninety-five shooters nominated for this event. It was won overall by Rex Varley; A Grade - P. Ellis; B Grade - L. Cooper; C Grade - R. Sweeney; Ladies - Dawn Starr; and Junior - G. Sweeney.

Junior High Gun - G. Sweeney; Ladies High Gun - Mary White; Saturday High Gun - P. Owens; Sunday High Gun - Rex Varley, who also won the overall High Gun which was a beautiful silver tray donated by Winchester.

Mr G. Sweeney, a 16 year old shooter from Guyra, took home over \$500 worth of trophies, which was a great effort for a new, young shooter.

Overall the shoot was a great success. Financially, it put the Club on its feet. Over \$2,000 worth of trophies were on display and the majority of these were donated. The Club wishes to thank all the shooters who come and we trust you enjoyed yourselves.



(l. to r.): Bernie Lye, Parry Shire President; Noel Park, MLA; John Rose, Remington; Ern Hawkins, A.C.T.A. President.

The Club is now in the process of organising our open two-day skeet shoot to be held in February (18th and 19th). Two skeet layouts will be in use and we hope to shoot four or more rounds each day.

M. O'CONNOR, Hon. Secretary.

The following note has been received from the proud President of Tamworth Gun Club, Col Burt.—

Noel,

I would like to publicly congratulate the members of the Tamworth Gun Club for their efforts over the last five months.

It's not every day you see a gun club completely built by voluntary labour, start in June on a bare cultivation paddock and finish in November running a four trap layout, a two Skeet layout and a club house 23m x 8m—not bad! Now about starting with only \$1,800.00 in the bank, and finishing only \$4,000.00 overdrawn!

This only goes to prove that members' efforts and contributions were more than generous.

The complex has been long awaited. It might seem that this was an overnight decision but the plans for the complex have been on paper for four years, just waiting for a block of ground.

The club over the last 25 years has been from site to site on private property, simply because the price of ground in the area was out of reach of club finances, and a lease was impossible to find.

However, in 1976 the club found its home on Kevin Tongues property at Loomberah and a lease was signed for thirty years. Then came the licensing of the ground through the firearms registry, permission to start finally came through early in June and the members started to build.

Their great efforts were complimented at the opening shoot in November which was a tremendous success.

Local member for Parliament Noel Park opened the complex on Sunday and amongst our honoured guests were National President Ern Hawkins, State President N.S.W. C.T.A., Vince Phillips, Northern Zone President N.S.W. C.T.A., Arch Rowe and Parry Shire President Bernie Lye.

The members now are putting the finishing touches to the Skeet layouts in readiness for the opening Skeet shoot on the 18th and 19th February.

Congratulations to the executive and members of the Tamworth Gun Club.

COLIN L. BURT,

President, Tamworth Gun Club.



G. Sweeney (right) receiving trophy from Club President, Col Burt. (Where is Husky!)

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ANNUAL MOREE 5000 2 DAY SHOOT MARCH, 1978

SATURDAY 4th

9 a.m. start

Event 1

Nom. \$8.00

30 T.N.S.W. STATE
CONTINENTAL D/B TITLE

18 m. Trophies A B C. Equal Value. Sash & Badge. Overall winner
only. Opt Sweep each 15 \$1.00.

Event 2

Nom. \$15.00

S.K.B. 30 T D/B HANDICAP

3 S.K.B. Mod. 1900. Auto Shotguns. Trophies 11-15m 16-20m
21-25m. Total value trophies \$1155.00.

SPECIAL JUNIOR NOMINATION for Junior Shooters 16 years and
under on Event 2. Juniors will shoot for special Junior trophy (for
Junior shooters not wishing to shoot for shotgun trophies).

Nom. \$5.00

Event 3

Nom. \$10.00

\$500 C/D 15 T P/S HCP
Divided 60% 30% 10%.

Dinner & Calcutta on Event 5 Sunday will be held in the
Gun Clubs Clubhouse Saturday night.

SUNDAY 5th

8.30 a.m. start

Event 4

Nom. \$12.00

NORMAN ROSS DISCOUNTS

\$1000 1st P/S D/B HCP

Trophies 1st, 2nd & 3rd only; 1st prize Colour T.V.

Event 5

Nom. \$25.00

MOREE GUN CLUB'S 2ND ANNUAL

\$1600 CASH 45 T HCP

\$400 1st DB; \$400 1st P/S; \$400 1st S/B; \$400 Overall winner.
targets only to count. Divided 60% 30% 10%.

Event 6

Nom. \$8.00

MOREE BUSINESS HOUSES

FIRST D/B

Trophies 11-15m 16-20m 21-25m. Equal value trophies \$100 each.

WINCHESTER HIGH GUN on events 1-6 16-25 m only.

INTERMEDIATE HIGH GUN on events 1-6. Intermediate High Gun trophy to 11-15m. Shooter only who
has not won another High Gun trophy.

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another High Gun trophy.

\$1000 JACKPOT on events 1-6 targets to count only to shooter scoring 150/150. If more than one possi-
ble scored \$1000 will be divided equally. No nomination Fee.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

BERRIDALE, 10-12-77 — Hot, windy (32). 10t EO: L. Venables, T. Tindal; FM J. Gannell, 10t PS: C. McCarthy, B. Hayden; FM T. Tindal, 10t SB: J. Williams, K. Stone; FM R. Hain, 10t Quail: T. Hayden, G. Herston, B. Hayden, D. Blewitt, High Gun T. Tindal, B. Hayden.

December Point Score C. McCarthy, 1977 Point Score R. Venables.

BREWARRINA, 18-12-77 — Windy (30). 10t DB Hcp CD: B. Neale, W. Reichler; J. Marshall, R. Johnson, M. Betts, 20t PS Hcp: M. Shields, B. Neale, R. Lehman, M. Betts, 20t DB 16m: M. Betts, J. Marshall, J. Farrell, 5pr DR 1..m: P. Hutchinson, Dennis Hagarty, C. Betts, R. Lehman, 10pr DD 18m: R. Lehman, J. Marshall, M. Shields, G. Skuthorp, J. Farrell, D. Farrell, Western Zone Night WU C'ship: 'A' not shot for, 'B' C. Betts, 'C' & OA N. Neale; FM R. Johnson, High Gun: N. Neale; Inter Dennis Hagarty.

BUNGENDORE, 20-11-77 — Cloudy 20°C (21). 20t EO DB Hcp: 4 possibles G. Heuston, F. Gannell, R. Hayes, S. Balogh, 30t DB Hcp: R. Hayes, G. Warner 29-30, 30t DB 16m: B. Daniel 30-30, R. Hayes, G. Warner 29-30, 20t DB Cont. 18m: G. Heuston, B. Daniel 18-20, High Gun R. Hayes, G. Warner 94-100; Inter High Gun F. Gannell 89-100.

A very pleasant days shooting and some fine results.

COFFS HARBOUR, 8-10-77 — Fine and windy (21). 5pr DR 16m: P. Clarkson 9-10 (Mudgee), R. Boyes 9-10, B. Wenban 8-10, DD C'ship: W. Davis D. Davis 18-20, K. Thornton B. Wenban 16-20, 10t DB Hcp: W. Davis 9-10, R. Boyes 9-10, B. Stewart 9-10 (Kempsey), J. Cunningham 9-10, 10t S.B. Hcp: B. Wenban 10-10, M. Dunn, J. Cunningham 9-10, 10t PS Hcp: M. Dunn 10-28, S. Saul 9-27 (Kempsey), B. Wenban 9-27, High Gun B. Wenban 35-40.

COFFS HARBOUR, 8-10-77 — Fine and cool (9). 10t DB 16m: V. Phillips, S. Saul (Kempsey), R. Boyes, J. Stewart (Kempsey) all 8-10, Night DD C'ship: V. Phillips D. Davis 16-20.

COFFS HARBOUR, 22-10-77 — Fine (10). 10t DB Tower: D. Seccombe, J. Williamson, R. Palmer, B. Wenban all 10-10, 10t DB Tower: M. Dunn, W. McCarthy, J. Williamson, I. Smith, B. Wenban all 10-10, 10t SB Tower: I. Smith 10-10, E. Simmon, D. Davis 9-10, 5pr DR Tower: E. Simmon 9-10, R. Palmer, I. Smith, B. Wenban 6-10, Club Tower C'ship shot over events 2 3 4 E. Simmon 27-30, I. Smith 26-30, W. McCarthy 23-30, 25t Skeet: W. McCarthy 23-25, B. Wenban 22-25, High Gun E. Simmon 57-65.

COFFS HARBOUR, 5-11-77 — Fine and windy (11). 25t Club Trench C'ship: J. Leussink, R. Boyes, F. Elks (Dorrigo) all 17-20.

COFFS HARBOUR, 12-11-77 — Fine (32). 10t PS CD: J. Leussink 10-30, W. McCarthy 10-30, A. Mitchell 9-26, B. Daley 9-26, 30t GDT Seccombe Mem Event: K. Thornton 30-30, W. Davis 29-30, A. Mitchell 28-30, 20t DB Hcp: 11-14m A. Wenban 18-20, 15-19m D. Davis 22-22, 20-25m K. Thornton 16-20, 10t DB Tower CD: E. Simmon, P. Godfrey, S. Simmonds all 10-10, Northern Zone SB Tower C'ship: S. Simmonds 19-20, J. Williamson 20-23, W. McCarthy 19-23.

COFFS HARBOUR, 12-11-77 — Fine and cool. Night Shoot. Northern Zone Night PS Tower C'ship: S. Simmonds, B. Wenban, K. Thornton, NSW DR Tower C'ship: B. Wenban, K. Thornton, G. Rootes.

COFFS HARBOUR, 26-11-77 — Fine and windy (18). 25t Skeet: E. Simmon 24-25, B. Wenban 24-25, J. Leussink 23-25, 50t Club Skeet C'ship: E. Simmon 49-50, R. Palmer 47-50, B. Wenban 47-50, Night Skeet C'ship: W. McCarthy 20-25, P. Clark 19-25.

COFFS HARBOUR, 10-12-77 — Hot and humid (30). 10t DB Hcp: B. Wenban, H. Siddens, R. Palmer, D. Seccombe, D. Davis all 10-10, 10t SB Hcp: E. Simmon 9-10, W. Davis 8-10, D. Muller (Dorrigo) 8-10, J. Cunningham 8-10, R. Palmer 8-10, S. Simmonds 8-10, J. Williamson 8-10, 10t PS Hcp: D. Seccombe 9-27, E. Simmon 9-26, D. Muller 9-26, 10t DB 16m: D. Davis 10-10, W. Davis, A. Mitchell, H. Siddens, K. Thornton, W. McCarthy, D. Muller, R. Burton, R. Palmer all 9-10, 10t DB 16m: W. Davis, H. Siddens, R. Boyes all 10-10, 5pr DR: A. Mitchell 10-10 (Dorrigo G.C.), W. Davis 9-10, K. Thornton 9-10, High Gun W. Davis 53-60.

The club members welcomed visiting shooter R. Burton from the Mt. Isa Gun Club, for our Christmas Shoot.

CONDOBOLIN, 27-11-77 — Fine and hot (12). 10t EO off Hcp: no possibles shot, 20t Christmas Hcp: D. Wilson 20-20, A. Moll 20-21, I. Stewart 21-23, 20t Quail Drive C'ship: V. Bauert 20-20, N. Williamson 25-25, B. Dent 24-25.

The Condobolin Gun Club now have elected a new president and secretary. The president being N. Williamson, 31 Melrose St., Condobolin; secretary Miss J. Mitchell, P.O. Box 86, Condobolin.

COWRA, 3-12-77 — Fine and sunny (60). Jackpot Trophy: 15t 1st B. Newcombe, 2nd G. Brunton, 3rd K. Rogan, 4th M. Nobes, 5th Mark Nobes. Lachlan Valley DB C'ship: 'A' J. Smith, N. Nicholson; 'B' B. Newcombe, K. Rogan; 'C' R. Venables, R. Hammond. Chicken Trophy: T. Lynch, J. Watts. Chicken Trophy: J. McCann, J. Lynch.

Badge winner Lachlan Valley DB C'ship J. W. Smith.

December Shoot

OF THE COWRA GUN CLUB

A good attendance of shooters attended the annual Christmas Shoot of the Cowra Gun Club on Saturday. Sixty shooters travelled from the following centres - Parkes, Grenfell, Bathurst, Portland, Boorowa, Queanbeyan, Deniliquin, Blayney and Berridale.

The program arranged was for 3 trophy events and one championship, the first of which the Jackpot trophy. Fifty-one shooters entered for this event of whom eight shot the possible 15-15. These shooters were K. Rogan, J. Watts, Mel Nobes, S. Gittoes, Mark Nobes, R. Hammond, B. Newcombe, G. Brunton. After a shoot-off 1st place went to B. Newcombe, G. Brunton (Cowra) 2nd and K. Rogan of Parkes 3rd, Mel Nobes (Cowra) 4th and Mark Nobes (Cowra) 5th.

The trophies for the three trophy events on Saturday were turkeys and chickens for Christmas.

The next event was the Lachlan Valley Double Barrel Championship. This event was graded A B C. Each grade was divided into 1st and 2nd places. 1st in A grade was J. Smith of Blayney and 2nd was N. Nicholson of Crookwell. B Grade 1st B. Newcombe and K. Rogan (Parkes) 2nd, C Grade 1st R. Venables and R. Hammond (Boorowa) 2nd.

Two chicken trophies followed with T. Lynch (Grenfell) making 1st place and J. Watts 2nd after a shoot off. Four shooters who scored 9-10 also received a chicken as a trophy.

The fourth event, another trophy was won by J. McCann of Grenfell with T. Lynch of Grenfell 2nd. Again six 9-10 scores shared chicken trophies.

Shooters took part in the Christmas merriment and will meet again in January at the Club for the New Year Shoot.

CROOKWELL, 10-11-77 — Fine and hot afternoon and evening (25). Afternoon - 10t DB EO: div J. Croket, A. Ambs, L. Scott, H. Anderson, R. Tetly, N. Smith, S. Lambert, J. Webster, N. Nicholson, R. Howlett 10-10, 6pr DD SS: div L. Scott and A. Ambs, J. Webster and R. Howlett, R. Tetly and N. Smith 6-6, 20pr DD C'ship: N. Smith and R. Tetly 20-20pr, L. Scott and A. Ambs 19-21pr, R. Lambert and S. Lambert 18-21pr, 5pr DR Sweep: div L. Scott, N. Smith, S. Lambert, N. Nicholson 8-10, 10t Novelty: R. Tetly 10-10.

Night (evening) - 10t DB EO: div J. Webster, S. Lambert 10-10, 20t DB Trophy: S. Lambert 19-20, C. Cunningham 20-21; FM B. Kennett 19-21, Box Sweep: R. Gooch.

PARKES GUN CLUB

WINCHESTER TOURNAMENT

Winchester

Shooting Carnival

Saturday & Sunday

11th & 12th February 1978

Saturday commencing 1 p.m.

Event 1 10 TGT DB EYE OPENER 16 m Nom. \$2.00

Event 2 WINCHESTER CARNIVAL DB C'SHIP Nom. \$5.50

20 targets off 16m

1st Badge & Trophy, 2nd, 3rd, F.M. 50c each 10, 50c OA

(\$1.50)

Event 3 20 TGT DB TROPHY HANDICAP Nom. \$5.50

1st, 2nd, 3rd, FM 11-13m, BM 21-25m. 50c ea 10, 50c OA

(\$1.50)

Sunday commencing 9.30 a.m.

Event 4 10 TGT DB EYE OPENER 16 m Nom. \$2.00

Event 5 WINCHESTER TOURNAMENT Nom. \$18.00

30 targets DB off 16 m

1st 1051 Winchester Super X 5 shot automatic 30" full choke barrel plus spare 26" skeet barrel VALUE \$511. Sash and location

winner badge 2nd Little Big Horn 44.40 Commemorative Rifle

VALUE \$299, 3rd 140085 Model 1400 auto shotgun (vent rib

Winchoke) VALUE \$269, 4th MEC 600 Jnr shotshell reloader

VALUE \$129, 5th No. 25 Trailblazer Gun Bag VALUE \$52, 6th to

10th 1000 AA Wads and 1000 AA primers VALUE \$36.

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Best Lady Shooter: 14" silver salver suitably engraved plus badge

VALUE \$63. Best junior shooter under age of 16 years at date of

location shoot, also receives 14" silver salver suitably engraved

plus badge VALUE \$63.

See January CTSN for full details.

Opt Sweeps \$1 ea 15 targets 1 OA (\$3)

Event 6 DOUBLE BARREL CASH EVENT Nom. \$7.00

20 tgts off 16 m (Graded)

60% of nominations returned 60%, 30%, 10%.

All shooters graded by current ACTA Hcp Card.

TOTAL NOMS \$39.50

TOTAL SWEEPS \$6.00

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DORRIGA, 4-12-77 — Fine, sunny, light breeze. 10t DB off hcp: D. Muller, R. Beaumont, R. Palmer. 10t SB off Hcp: R. Palmer, D. Muller, R. Beaumont. 10t PS 16m: D. Whittaker, A. Mitchell, F. Elks. Spr DR: A. Mitchell, D. Whittaker, A. Whittaker. 10t Quail Drive: R. Boyes, D. Secombe, R. Beaumont. 10t PS off Hcp: F. Elks, R. Boyes, J. Forsyth. High Gun D. Whittaker; Ladies High Gun D. Davis; Junior High Gun D. Davis Jr.

Annual Meeting 23rd Nov. Office-bearers for 1978 - Pres. A. Mitchell, Treas. R. Beaumont, Sec. F. Elks. Past Pres. A. Whittaker did not seek re-election and the club thanked him for all his untiring efforts on behalf of the club and wishes him good luck with his shooting now that he does not have all the responsibilities of his past office at our shoots. Thank you to all shooters who attended our club in 1977 and all the best for 1978. Happy Christmas and a prosperous new year to all.

DOWNSIDE INTERNATIONAL, 26-11-77 — Fine and hot (60). 10t DB EO off Hcp: 17 possibles. 15t DB Trophy Hcp: G. Lane 52-52, W. Birkin 51-52, M. Twomey 25-26; FM R. Patterson; BM J. Wilson; 11m shooters A. Fennessy, A. McKowen and I. Edmondstone. 20t DB \$100 Hcp: R. Blake, T. Atkinson, J. Stewart, D. Clout, B. Crossman, A. Fennessy, I. Edmondstone, W. Birkin, D. Dunbar, A. McKenzie, S. Organ, M. Twomey, K. Nolan. 10t Cont off 16m: T. Atkinson, P. Wheller, A. McKenzie, K. Nolan.

Very successful shoot for our first at the new club with visitors coming from Narrandera, Griffith, Ganmain, Tumut, Junee, West Wyalong Clubs as well as our own members.

DOWNSIDE INTERNATIONAL, 17-12-77 — Fine (39). 15t EO DB Hcp: 4 possibles T. Atkinson, K. Moir, K. Longmore, G. Lane. 20t Trophy Hcp: R. Ehlers, M. Holden, W. Birkin, K. Moir, P. Scott, L. Prowse. 15t Cont 16m: 3 possibles K. Moir, K. Longmore, M. Holden. 10pr DR: J. Graham, J. Parr 16-20, K. Longmore 15-20.

GOODDOGA, 26 and 27-11-77 — Hot, windy (25). 20t Pts: P. Johnson and W. Edgar -60. 20t DB Hcp: W. Edgar, J. Marshall, G. Skuthorp and N. Neale -20. 20t 16m DB Culgo River Dist C'ship: W. Edgar -20, R. Lehman -20, R. Phipps -19. 10pr DR: C. Betts, P. Hutchinson, R. Lehman and P. Johnson. 20t SB 16m C'ship: T. Hegarty, M. Shields and C. Betts. 30t DB Hcp: P. Hutchinson -29, R. Phipps -29, W. McCumstie -28. 20t SB Hcp: R. Phipps, D. Hagarty. DD 12pr 18m: I. Woodcock and W. O'Brien.

GOULBURN WORKERS, 10-12-77 — Fine and warm (50). 20pr DD 20m: Neville Smith and Jeff Webster 19-20, Geoff Hug and Harry Anderson 17-20. 20t DB 16m: 1st OA J. Cassell 20-20, 'A' N. Smith 17-20, 'B' R. Mills 19-20, 'C' J. Hunt 19-20.

GRAFTON, 11-12-77 — Fine warm 32°C 15 km southerly wind (45). 10t DB Hcp EO CD: Noel Watkins, John Geary, Roley Palmer 10-10. 10t DB Hcp Trophy Opt SS: John Geary 10-10, Stephen Saul 10-10, Ross Hoskins 10-10 shoot off - John Geary 1st 20-26, Stephen Saul 2nd 25-26, Ross Hoskins 17-18 3rd. 20t DB Hcp Jacaranda City Trophy Opt SS: Lyle McLachlan 19-20, Diane Davis 19-20, Bruce Wendon 19-20 shoot off - Lyle McLachlan 1st 22-22, 2nd Diane Davis 21-22, 3rd Bruce Wendon 20-21. 10t PS Hcp Trophy Opt SS: Tony Ryder 10-28, Les Brown 10-28, Adrian Brown 9-27 shoot off - 1st Tony Ryder 19-55, 2nd Les Brown 19-52, 3rd Adrian Brown 13-36. 10t SB Hcp Trophy Opt SS: Tony Ryder 9-10, Les Brown 8-10, Darcy Wetherstone 8-10 1st Tony Ryder shoot off for 2nd and 3rd - Les Brown 16-18, Darcy Wetherstone 15-18. 10pr DD 20m Opt SS Trophy: 1st Rex Boyes and Bruce Wendon 8-10, shoot off 12-14 2nd Bill Davis and Diane Davis 8-10 shoot off 11-14. Winchester High Gun trophies - open Tony Ryder 46-50; Ladies Diane Davis 41-50; under 16 Pat Geary 41-50.

This program was shot at the official opening day shoot of the Grafton Gun Club held at the grounds on the Southgate Rd, 5 km north of Grafton. The ground was opened by Mrs Frank Clark, a member of the Copmanhurst Shire Council. At present we have two down the line trap layouts and brick toilets. We erected tents and tarpaulins for the day. Visitors attended from the North and Central Coasts and Queensland.

GRIFFITH, 19-11-77 — Clear and sunny (21). 25t Skeet SS: 4 shooters shared Sweep B. Hampel, N. Hampel, J. Brettschneider, G. Castellaro. 25t Skeet SS: again 4 shared in the Sweep B. Hampel, G. Castellaro, J. Evans, D. Greenham.

GRIFFITH, 4-12-77 — Sunny and mild (45). 10t DB EO: 13 divided. 20t DB Club Trophy: A. Bound, R. Johnson, M. Casella; FM L. Bonaventura; BM N. McDermott. \$100 Hcp: 4 divided L. Bonaventura, R. Johnson, B. Coraci and G. Castellaro. High Gun G. Castellaro. 10pr DR Sweep: 7 shooters divided Sweeps.

GRIFFITH, 17-12-77 — Hot (45). 25t EO: 7 divided. Club Trophy: 0-1 hcp G. McDonald, 2-3 hcp M. Mitchell, 4-10 hcp A. Poanne, Ctn. Riverina Skeet C'ship 50t: D. Lucas 48-50, G. McDonald 57-60, Ian Evans 58-63. High Gun D. Lucas 73-75.

Night - 10t Sweep: 4 divided. 10t Christmas Sweep: This event consists of 2 teams competing for Christmas cheer Douthy and Burley. This time it was a tied score and there was a shoot off by the two captains our president Ian Evans and Dan Redfern, and after a considerable number of targets Dan was the winner with all shooters receiving a prize.

This being our last shoot for the year I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of the Griffith Gun Club to thank the secretary and staff of the ACTA and wish them the compliments of the season.

GUYRA, 10-12-77 — Fine (40). 10t DB Royal Trophy: 10-10 J. Lohse, V. Raszweski, D. Williams, J. Pearson, D. Reeves, N. Reeves, B. Mitchell, B. Duff, D. Ellis, R. Sweeney, C. Anderson, R. Hammond, H. Williamson. 10pr DR Club Trophy: 19-20 N. Reeves and D. Ellis. 18-20 B. Duff, V. Raszweski, D. Williams, B. Mitchell, C. Varley; shoot of won by D. Ellis. 20t DB Cont.: 20-20 J. Poole, R. Hammond.

LAKE CARGELLIGO, 4-12-77 — Fine, cool and windy (13). 20pr NSW DD Mini C'ship 22m: J. Blackley and J. Harman 12-20, I. Stewart and B. Boyd 15-27. 20t Hamper Hcp: J. Blackley 20-20, A. Tyack 19-20, J. Harman 34-36.

Night - 20t Lower Lachlan DB C'ship 16m: OA & 'A' I. Stewart 20-20, 'B' B. Boyd 20-21, 'C' O. Phelps 20-22. 20t Riverina Zone SB Night C'ship 18m: OA & 'B' B. Boyd 19-20, 'A' S. Trembath 18-20, 'C' O. Phelps 18-20.

LEETON, 27-11-77 — Very hot (54). 10t SB EO: 7 possibles. Quelch SB Hcp: 2 possibles Doug Lucas 21-21, Noel McDermott 20-21, Ken Moir 23-25; FM L. Bonaventura. Quelch DB Hcp: 9 possibles Angie Paonne 54-54, Don Sullivan 53-54, John Blain 45-46; FM B. Minos. Lady shooter Alice Walker. 5t Elim.: Roger Patterson 64-64, Les McDonald 63-64, B. Minos 50-52.

High Gun won by Bevan Brown (only 2 tgts down). Congratulations to B. Minos, R. Patterson and L. McDonald who all gained 1 metre. Our special thanks to Leeton Citrus Juices, manufacturers of Quelch, for their sponsorship of the day.

LISMORE, 27-11-77 — Fine warm (15). 10t SB 'Mug': K. Wade 10-12. 20t DB Hcp: I. Priddle, K. Gibbon 20-20, Spr DR: J. Tainsh 9-10, W. Delandre 8-10, D. Sloan 8-10. 20pr DD City of Lismore C'ship: J. Tainsh and D. Sloan 19-20, R. Starr and R. Turner 18-20. 20t DB 16m: J. Tainsh, W. Durheim 20-20, R. Turner, H. Sasse, J. Duyker, D. Sloan 19-20. High Gun for day J. Tainsh 55-60.

LISMORE, 11-12-77 — Cloudy, very hot wind (16). 10t SB Hcp: G. Bennett, I. Priddle, R. Hamilton 10-10. 10t DB Hcp: K. Gibbon, R. Shepherd, J. Humphries, G. Yates, W. Durheim, R. Hamilton all 10-10. 10t DB Points Hcp: R. Shepherd 30-30, I. Priddle 30-30, H. Threlfo, R. Hamilton 29-30. 20t DB Hcp: I. Priddle 20-20, K. Wade, R. Scarbrough, N. Yates, R. Hamilton 19-20. 10t DR: J. Tainsh 18-20, G. Bennett 16-20, K. Gibbon 15-20. High Gun for day I. Priddle 72-80.

MARCONI, 1-10-77 — Fine (30). 15t DB 16m CD: 3 shooters shot the possible and divided. 25t CD: 3 shooters divided. Marconi/Strad Dist DR C'ship: 'A' & OA A. Romanello 19-20, L. Crema 27-30; 'B' A. Ansell 28-30, A. Del Ben 25-28; 'C' E. Gabriel 12-20, E. Wood 11-20. Club DD C'ship: 1st pair G. Fitzgerald and M. Fitzgerald, 2nd pair A. Del Ben and Z. Del Ben.

High Gun L. Crema 58-60. Congratulations to husband and wife team C. and M. Fitzgerald in winning the club DD C'ship and also to father and son team Z. and A. Del Ben in coming second. These are good examples of family participation in our sport.

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**SATURDAY 18th and SUNDAY 19th
FEBRUARY, 1978**

SATURDAY commencing 10.00 a.m.

Event 1	25 TGT HANDICAP CD	Nom \$6.00
Event 2	25 TGT TAMWORTH & DISTRICT SKEET CHAMPIONSHIP	Nom. \$6.00 Sweep \$1.00 Nom. \$6.00
Event 3	25 TGT PEEL VALLEY SKEET CHAMPIONSHIP	Sweep \$1.00 \$20.00

SUNDAY commencing 9.00 a.m.

Event 1	25 TGT HANDICAP CD	Nom. \$6.00
Event 2	50 TGT TROPHY EVENT (IN CONJUNCTION WITH TEAMS MATCH) Trophies 0-3, 4-5, 6-10	Nom. \$10.00
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MARCONI, 30-10-77 — Windy (40). 15t DB 16m CD: 14 shooters shot the possible and divided. Club DB C'ship: 'A' A. Ansell 54-55, P. Politi 42-43; 'B' & OA A. Del Ben 55-55, C. Bortolin 19-20; 'C' E. Gabriel 20-20, J. Szabo 19-20. 'Trip to Nationals' Hcp: K. Loy 20-20, A. Del Ben 69-71, S. Gittos 68-71. 15t DB Cont SS: 3 shooters shot possible.

High Gun K. Loy 76-80. Congratulations to Kevin Loy in winning the annual 'Trip to the Nationals' Hcp and also the day's High Gun. Very fine shooting on a windy day.

MARCONI, 27-11-77 — Good (50). 15t DB Hcp CD: 5 shooters divided. 15t PS Trophy: 11-15m A. Cooper 45-45, B. Naylor 44-45, 16-20m L. Trew 45-45, C. Young 44-45, 21-25m A. Alvaro 75-75, R. Alvaro 74-75. Kable Bros. Shield: 1st team Sydney - A. Alvaro, A. Ansell, W. Every, V. Watson, R. Alvaro 96-100, 2nd Hawkesbury - B. Smith, K. Basanito, B. Naylor, T. Price, G. Salmon. Strn Dist Mixed Tgt C'ship: 'A' & OA A. Alvaro 54-54, B. Kable 53-54, 'B' B. Naylor 22-25 C. Bortolin 21-25, 'C' R. Monsarrat 20-25, P. Gei 17-25. High Gun B. Naylor 117-123.

MENINDEE, 26-11-77 — Hot and dusty (28). 5t DR EO: K. Meaney (Melb) 7-10, K. Hoskins 7-10, L. Wakefield, A. Coombs, T. Murkins, B. Gilby, J. Vigar all 6-10. DR C'ship: J. Luskay 25-30, K. Hoskins 21-30, A. Coomb 20-30. Christmas Eve Hcp: B. Gilby 20-20, K. Hoskins 19-20, J. Vigar 18-19, B. Gilby also Novice Champ. 1977 Christmas Day Hcp: K. Hoskins 15-15, K. Meaney 18-20, P. R. Pedergana 18-20; FM Pedergana. PS: P. Smith 44-45, J. Luskay 43-45, A. Lambert 41-45. Miss and Out: P. Smith.

Good attendance on a shocking day. Pleased to have Winchester Rep. Lex Shipp, in attendance. Better things to come for 1978 as club spirit is regaining old posture.

NEW ENGLAND, 11-12-77 — Fine warm (42). 5t WU: C. Bloxsome, Alric Newby and I. Boyd-Law 5-5. 5t Ladies SB: R. Donald 3-5, M. Smith 2-5, I. Kempton and Kim Crothers 1-5. 20t DB Hcp Teams Match: S. Boyd-Law, Peter Jensen, Bud Sweeney and Kerry Thornton 20-20. Father Son DD: Alan Ferguson and Duncan Ferguson. 5pr DR: R. Loy, C. Bloxsome, K. Redman, Ray Sweeney, Ray Hammond.

High Gun Craig Bloxsome. FM High Gun Ian Boyd-Law. The Cook's team and Bar team tied with 101 points and after a shoot off the Cooks showed they could shoot as well as Cook. H/Q's winning team A. Newby, Peter Jensen, E. Redman, John Penrose, A. Kempton, Don Reeves.

NSW, 26-11-77 — Fine (15). 20t Kuringai DB Cont C'ship: 'A' & OA Frank Ward 20-20, 'B' Richard Crumpton 17-20, 'C' Guy Bedington 18-20. 10pr DR Sydney Dist C'ship: 'A' Frank Ward 14-20, 'B' Richard Crumpton 12-20, 'C' & OA Peter Lee 15-20. 20pr DD Sydney Dist: Sergio Zuffo and Lou Tosolini 17-20, Frank Ward and Malcolm Fuller 17-20.

Attendance wise the least said the better. Congratulations to all winners and placegetters.

NSW, 3 and 4-12-77 — Fine (39). 1978 First Quail Round ISU Skeet: A. Crikis 186-200, M. Little 176-200, G. Van Grecken 168-200. 1977 NSWGC Open Trench C'ship (also 2nd Qual Round): 'AA' 1st & OA W. Iles (187-200), 2nd T. Rumble (187-200); 'A' 1st J. Henwood (186-200), 2nd V. Flower (178-200); 'B' 1st A. Heathcote (176-200), 2nd B. Bockman (169-200); 'C' 1st M. Ackland (164-200), 2nd K. Biggs (140-200).

Congratulations to all winners and special thanks to Harry Somers for his untiring effort in ensuring the shoots ran successfully.

PARKES, 12-11-77 — Very hot with sudden winds (30). 10t DB Hcp Sweep: 10's D. Wilson, N. Rogan, B. Murphy, G. Weaver, Mel Nobes (Cowra). 20t DB Hcp after shoot off: 20's K. Rogan, T. Golding, 19's D. Menck, D. Rogan, D. Wilson; 1st K. Rogan, 2nd T. Golding, 3rd D. Wilson. In conj "A. G. Rowley" Rosebowl: 1st Parkes 95-100, D. Wilson, N. Rogan, M. Nobes, D. Rogan, K. Rogan won by 11 targets. 20t "Golden West" Dist C'ship: N. Williamson (Condo) 28-28, R. Ellison (Forbes) 27-28, B. Dent (Marsden Rd) 25-26; FM J. Clifton (Forbes) 24-24. 10t Mini off 16m: 10's T. Golding, 9's N. Rogan, D. Rogan, N. Williamson, R. Ellison, J. W. Smith.

Thanks to A. G. Rowley's for donation of pewters and Dalgety's for C'ship trophy. J. Clifton a new shooter moved his Hcp from 11 to 12 metres. Also Parkes are in the market for a second hand Domo Trap. Anyone can help!

QUEANBEYAN/CANBERRA, 27-11-77 — Hot, dry (113). Citizen Watches: Jim Ellis 164-164, J. Maxwell 163-164, R. Hayes 152; FM G. Bullock; Ladies P. Newcombe. IMI Waratah Classic: S. Balogh 191, J. Tankey 98-99, B. Jones 81-82; junior P. Tankey 26-30; Ladies P. Newcombe 28-30. Hcp: Mary Lou Parker 43-43, B. Beavan 42-43, R. Mould 40-41, B. Smith 38-39, G. Martin 32-33. Southern Zone Cont. C'ship: 'A' S. Balogh, B. Rooke, P. Pappas; 'B' L. Venables, P. Brook, J. Webster; 'C' T. Mooney, P. Jordan, G. Martin. High Gun 'A' E. L. Smith 90-90, 'B' P. Brook 86-90, 'C' T. Mooney 89-90.

ROYAL AERO, 4-12-77 — Fine windy (38). Bankstown 300 PS: 'A' & OA R. Alvaro 290-300, 'B' J. Miat 285-300, 'C' J. Fuller 289-300. RAC Trophy Hcp: shoot off next shoot. In conj Jack Brabham Shield won by Royal Aero Club No. 4 team - R. Monserrat, C. Spence, R. Darwin, W. Rogers, E. Woods 98-100. High Gun L. Trew 119-120.

Congratulations to L. Trew shooting 100-100 targets in the PS event and getting his 100 break badge.

UPPER HUNTER, 19-11-77 — Cloudy and windy (29). 10t DB EO: J. Barker, C. Pay, C. Bland, P. Owen only possibles. 20t Upper Hunter DB C'ship: OA & 'B' N. Nugent 29-29, 'A' P. Owen 28-29, 'B' B. Sweeney 19-20. 20t Upper Hunter SB C'ship: OA & 'A' P. Owen 20-20, 'B' E. Milham 15-20, 'C' C. Pay 18-22. 20t Hcp Trophy: K. Neil 25-27, C. Pay 24-27, B. Sweeney 24-28. 10pr Upper Hunter DR C'ship: OA & 'A' R. Hammond 18-22, 'C' A. Coyle 17-22, 'B' J. Hunter 16-22.

Night - 10t DB EO: J. Barker, E. Milham, B. Sweeney, K. Neil, G. Martin, J. Hunter and D. Porteous only possibles. 30t NSW Night PS C'ship: OA & 'C' B. Sweeney 88-90, 'B' N. Nugent 83-90, 'A' R. Hammond 93-102.

Congratulations to all the winners.

UPPER HUNTER, 20-11-77 — Fine and warm (30). 10t DB Cont EO: P. Brooke, R. Melville and E. Milham only possibles. 40t Comm. DB Cont. C'ship: OA & 'A' B. Boggis 40-40, 'B' G. Martin 35-40, 'C' C. Pay 35-40. 20t Lake Glenbawn SB Cont. C'ship: OA & 'B' G. Martin 20-20, 'A' R. Melville 22-24, 'C' K. Morgan 17-20. 20t Gun Trophy Hcp: S. Welsh 20-20, G. Martin 35-38, K. Morgan 34-36.

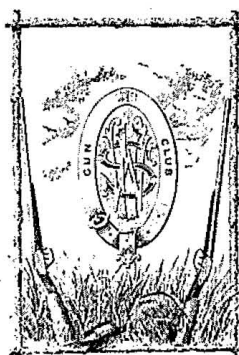
Congratulations to the winners, especially to Steve Welsh, winner of the Franchi shotgun. This was the only event he shot in on the day and it provided him with his first win since joining the club 12 months ago. Galvin Martin was a much improved shooter on Sunday, his overnight stay in the clubhouse must have done the trick.

WAGGA, 4-12-77 — Fine and warm (40). 10t off Hcp CD: 7 shooters 10-10. 20t \$100 Hcp: B. Dowell and G. Coely 20-20. 25t ISU Ball Trap Christmas C'ship: OA B. Rooke, 'A' J. Blain 2nd J. Ellis, 3rd B. Dowell; 'B' B. Mayo, R. Baker, 3rd M. Miegel and G. Hug; 'C' G. McCallough, D. Power, W. Hulm.

The "Amoco Shield" was shot for in conjunction with the 20t Hcp with teams from June, Tumut, Narrandera and Wagga competing and the shield was retained by the Wagga-Tumut team consisting of B. Rooke, K. Woodbridge, B. Dowell, J. A. Power and G. Hug with a score of 92-100.

YAMBA, 20-11-77 — Windy (20). 10t DB SS: R. Newbold, B. Field, P. Cools, S. Humphreys, M. Smith, J. Heiman, J. Cunningham 9-10. 10t PS SS: K. Handsaker Jnr, J. Cunningham, S. Humphreys 27-30. 10t DB Trophy: K. Handsaker Jnr, J. Cunningham, S. Humphreys, J. Heiman, P. Noble, Mrs K. Noble 9-10; shoot off J. Cunningham 17-19, K. Handsaker Jnr 16-19, Mrs K. Noble 11-13. 5pr DR: R. Newbold 8-10, P. Cools 7-10, R. Welsh, M. Short, S. Humphreys, J. Heiman 6-10. 5pr DD: 4 pairs shot 8-10. High Gun R. Newbold.

Pleasing to see our schoolboys holding their own in open company. Richard Newbold winning the High Gun after a shoot off with experienced shooter Steve Humphreys and Kevin Handsaker Jnr taking 2nd trophy in a shoot off. S. Humphreys recorded his first 25 at skeet during a practice round.



NEW SOUTH WALES GUN CLUB

131 BOORALIE RD., TERREY HILLS
PHONE 450 1775

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY,
MARCH 4th & 5th, 1978**

★ SATURDAY

12.30 p.m. start Nom. \$30.00

**98th Anniversary
Browning Handicap 30 Tgts**
(Trophy: Browning B2G)

State of N.S.W.

S.B. Night C'ship
30 Targets. Graded A B C Badge OA

★ SUNDAY

10.00 a.m. start Nom. \$40.00

**\$2000 D.B. Handicap
Shoot — 100 Targets**

CASH 1st \$100u 11-13m \$100
2nd \$300 14-16m \$100
3rd \$200 17-20m \$100
Ladies \$100 21-25m \$100.

The above shoots to be held on March 4th and 5th, 1978 instead of March 18th, 1978, as previously notified.

Fully Licensed Premises.
Cartridges and Components Available.

President:
Charles Hlavaty.

Secretary:
John Riley.
Phone (02) 450 1775.



HAY GUN CLUB

N.S.W.

(Affiliated A.C.T.A.)

EASTER CARNIVAL SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY, 25th, 26th & 27th MARCH, 1978

Saturday

commencing 9 a.m.

Event 1

**\$200 HANDICAP
20 TGT DB CD**

Nom. \$6.00

Event 2

**HAY DISTRICT
DB C'SHIP 20 TGT 16m**
1st Trophy & Sash, 2nd, 3rd & FM Trophies.
Optional Sweep \$1.00.

Nom. \$6.00

Event 3

**NIGHT
BUDGEWAH HANDICAP
15 TGT DB**
1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$150, 4th \$100, 5th \$50.
Optional Sweeps \$1.00.

Nom. \$15.00

Sunday

commencing 10.30 a.m.

Event 4

**RIVERINA ZONE
DD C'SHIP 20 TGT**
1st & 2nd trophies.
Optional Sweep \$1.00.

Nom. \$6.00

Event 5

**RIVERINA ZONE
DB CONT. C'SHIP 16m**
1st, 2nd & 3rd trophies.
Optional Sweep \$1.00.

Nom. \$6.00

Monday

commencing 9 a.m.

Event 6

**HAY GUN CLUB
EASTER GIFT
30 TGTS DB HANDICAP**

Nom. \$30.00

1st \$800, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$400.
Seven metric groups 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18, 19-20,
21-22, 23-25. 1st \$100. Winners of 1st and 2nd and 3rd
trophies not eligible for group trophies.
Optional Sweep \$3.00.

Event 7

**HAY DISTRICT
SB C'SHIP 20 TGT 16m**
1st Trophy & Sash, 2nd, 3rd & FM trophies.
Optional Sweep \$1.00.

Nom. \$6.00

High Gun Events 1 2 3 5 6 & 7
BREDA SHIELD: Teams of five shooters held on event 1.

Free Camping Facilities Available,
continuous snack bar throughout shoot, Social Sunday night.

President: T. Dawson,
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Phone 190 B.H., 569 A.H.

QUEANBEYAN-CANBERRA GUN CLUB

presents

CALTEX OPEN SHOOT SUNDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1978

prompt commencement 9.00 a.m.

Event 1

Nom. \$4.00.

EYE OPENER 20 Tgt Double Barrel Handicap Cash Divide.

Event 2

Nom. \$8.00

CALTEX 20 TARGET DOUBLE BARREL HANDICAP

Opt Sweeps 50c each half, 50c overall (\$1.50)
1st Air Fare plus accommodation to New Zealand National.
2nd Trophy to the value of \$50.
Trophies 1st metre groups (11-14) (15-18) (19-22) (23-25).

Event 3

Nom. \$8.00

CALTEX 20 TARGET DOUBLE BARREL 16 m

Opt Sweeps 50c each half, 50c overall (\$1.50)
1st Air Fare plus accommodation to New Zealand National.
Trophies 2nd, 3rd & F.M.

Event 4

Nom. \$8.00

CALTEX 20 TARGET DOUBLE BARREL 18 m

Opt Sweeps 50c each half, 50c overall (\$1.50).
1st Air Fare plus accommodation to New Zealand Nationals.
Trophies 2nd, 3rd & F.M.

Optional High Gun (\$1.00)

TOTAL NOMINATIONS \$33.50

SASHES -- HIGH GUN A B C GRADE

DUBBO GUN CLUB

SUNDAY 5th MARCH
starting 10.00 a.m.

N.S.W. DOUBLE BARREL
MINI TARGET
CHAMPIONSHIP

WESTERN ZONE
DOUBLE RISE
CHAMPIONSHIP

CASH HANDICAP

OTHER EVENTS
TIME PERMITTING

All Meals and Amenities
Available

J. R. Bayley
President

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CONDOBOLIN GUN CLUB

(Affiliated A.C.T.A.)

SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY

9.30 start

Event 1 Nom. \$2.00

10 TGT EYE OPENER CD 16m

Event 2 Nom. \$5.00

20 TGT CENTRE OF N.S.W.

DB MINI TGT C'SHIP 16m

Sash OA winner. Graded.

50c OS each 10

Event 3 Nom. \$6.50

30 TGT N.S.W. SB CONT 18m

Sash OA winner. Graded.

50c each 10.

Event 4 Nom. \$5.00

20 TGT CASH HANDICAP

3 Groups 11-15, 16-20, 21-25.

HIGH GUN OVER PROGRAM

President:
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Secretary:
J. Mitchell,
P.O. Box 86, Condobolin.

WYONG GUN CLUB

(Affiliated A.C.T.A.)

Jilliby Road, Dooralong
approx. 15 km past Dairy Co-Op.

OPEN SHOOT
26th February, 1978

Event 1

Nom. \$2.00

15 TGT DB EO
Opt Sweep 50c

Event 2

Nom \$6.00

20 TGT DOORALONG VALLEY
DB CHAMPIONSHIP
Opt Sweep each 10 tgts \$1.00

Event 3

Nom. \$15.00

30 TGT DB TROPHY EVENT

50c Opt Sweep each 10 tgts \$1.50

Prizes 11-14, 15-18 19-25 metres.

1st in each group Winchester Mod. 94 30/30 lever action
rifle; 2nd in each group 100 shotshells.

Event 4

Nom. \$6.00

20 TGT CENTRAL COAST
PS CHAMPIONSHIP

50c Opt Sweep each 10 tgts \$1.00

Opt Sweep \$1.00 overall

TOTAL NOMS \$33.50

HIGH GUN TROPHY OVER PROGRAM

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LADIES HIGH GUN TROPHY

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Program shot over three Winchester traps.
commencing 9.00 a.m.

Lunch & Refreshments Available
ALL VISITORS WELCOME

President:
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Narara.
Phone (043) 25 1745.

Secretary:
Belle Trigg,
Lot 3 Pacific Hwy.,
Wyong North.
Phone 2259.

YAMBA, 3-12-77 — Fine Night. 5t DB Tower SS: S. Humphreys, M. Barton 5-5, R. Welsh, N. Toney, B. Field 4-5. 5prs DR Tower SS: M. Barton 8-10, A. Rowe, P. Noble 7-10. Nth. Zone Night DB Tower C'ship: A. Rowe, M. Barton 17-20; shoot off A. Rowe 21-24, M. Barton 20-24, S. Humphreys 16-20. 5prs DR Tower SS: A. Rowe, S. Humphreys 9-10, B. Field 7-10.

YAMBA, 4-12-77 — Fine, windy (17). 5prs DR SS: R. Hammond (Guyra) 10-10, S. Humphreys (Yamba), B. Wenban (Coffs Harbour) 8-10. Big River Dist DR C'ship: 'A' & OA R. Hammond 17-20, 'B' J. Ferrett (Terranora Lakes Country Club) 15-20, 'C' B. Sweeney (Guyra) 16-20. Big River Dist DD C'ship: M. Barton (Brisbane) and B. Wenban (Coffs Harbour) 18-20, D. Ellis and B. Sweeney (Guyra) 18-22 after shoot off for 2nd against J. Ferrett and D. Hancock 17-20. 10t DB SS: S. Humphreys, B. Field, B. Sweeney, B. Wenban 9-10. 20t DB Cash Hcp: B. Wenban, J. Ferrett, R. Sweeney 18-20. High Gun M. Barton.

Attendance very poor as were the scores in the wind.

YAMBA, 18-12-77 — Overcast light rain (25). 10t DB SS: T. Spears, N. Toney 10-10, M. Smith, D. Hancock, D. Weatherstone, K. Handsaker Jnr 9-10. 10t DB US SS: K. Handsaker Jnr 30-30, D. Hancock, N. Toney, N. Watkins, M. Short 26-30. 10t DB Trophy Christmas Specials: N. Watkins, D. Weatherstone, M. Smith, J. McNally, L. Owens 10-10. 10t DB Novelty: D. Hancock 10-10, T. Spears, S. Spears, N. Toney, A. Rowe 9-10. 5prs DR: D. Hancock, K. Handsaker Jnr 7-10, G. Bennett, T. Spears, S. Spears 6-10. High Gun: D. Hancock; Annual High Gun K. Handsaker.

Apparently the news of Santa Claus visit was advertised better than the shoot as children outnumbered the shooters greatly. Bags of sweets, etc., were handed to each of the children before Santa was on his way again. All competitors received a trophy from the trophy event which consisted of Christmas goods and all had a most enjoyable afternoon. Thanks to our ladies for an enjoyable afternoon tea.

YOUNG SOLFERINO, 18-12-77 — Fine, very windy dry (18). 10t EO: 6 possibles G. Beaumont, Dr Jarvis, R. Shaw, B. Witt, P. Mould, G. Brunton, 5t PS 5t SB 5t DB 5t WU: MelNobes 1st, R. Shaw, B. Witt 2nd, T. Lynch 3rd. 20t DB Hcp: 3 possibles B. Witt, Mark Nobes, N. Dwight.

Very good shooting seen today with very strong winds.

NEWCASTLE GUN CLUB

(Affiliated A.C.T.A.)

CHANGE OF SHOOTING DATES, 1978

Now shooting 1st Sunday of each month - Skeet 9.00 a.m., Trap 1.00 p.m.

Third Saturday of each month - Trap 1.30 p.m.

Watch the 'News' for all Open Shoot programs.

Sunday 5th Feb. 9.00 a.m. - Skeet Trophy, 1.30 p.m. Dist. DB C'ship.

Saturday 18th Feb. 1.30 p.m. - Dist. Points C'ship.

Secretary: J. Fryer, President: I. T. Clarke,
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2300. Phone: 43 4355. Phone: Bus. 2 5809

BROKEN HILL GUN CLUB

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

P.O. BOX 139, BROKEN HILL
presents the

Eley Waratah
State Classic

SATURDAY, 25th FEBRUARY

10.30 a.m. start
AND

SUNDAY, 26th FEBRUARY

9.30 a.m. start

Call in on your way to the
'78 Nationals in Adelaide.

Full details on page 47 of
January issue of C.T.S.N.

Hon. Sec., John Hall,
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N.S.W. GUN CLUB

131 Booralie Road, Terrey Hills
PHONE 450-1775

- **FEBRUARY 4th** 1.30 p.m. start
METROPOLITAN MIXED TGT C'SHIP
20 TGT DB HCP TROPHY
High Gun Trophy

- **FEBRUARY 5th** 10.00 a.m. start
SYDNEY DIST SKEET C'SHIP
Olympic Trench Practice

- **FEBRUARY 18th** 1.30 p.m. start
SYDNEY DIST. SB C'SHIP
50 TGT DB GRADED TROPHY CD

- **FEBRUARY 19th** 10.00 a.m. start
METROPOLITAN OLYMPIC
TRENCH C'SHIP
Skeet Practice

- **MARCH 4th** 12.30 p.m. start
98th ANNIVERSARY
BROWNING HCP
STATE OF NSW
SB NIGHT C'SHIP
(see other advertisement)

- **MARCH 5th** 10.00 a.m. start
\$2000 CASH DB HCP
(see other advertisement)

Fully Licensed Premises
Cartridges and Components available.

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LEETON GUN CLUB

Rice Bowl Festival Shoot SUNDAY, 26th MARCH 1978

- 9 a.m.
- Event 1 Nom. \$5.00
LEETON RICE BOWL FESTIVAL
DOUBLE BARREL C'SHIP
1st Sash & Trophy, 2nd 3rd 4th 5th prizes.
Optional Sweeps.
- Event 2 Nom. \$5.00
LEETON RICE BOWL FESTIVAL
SINGLE BARREL C'SHIP
1st Sash & Trophy 2nd 3rd 4th 5th prizes.
Optional Sweeps.
- Event 3 Nom. \$5.00
20 TGT HANDICAP
1st 1400 Winchester 3 shot (\$240)
2nd and 3rd trophies. Optional Sweeps.
TOTAL TROPHY VALUE IN EXCESS \$600
High Gun over Events 1 2 3
Cartridges, Lunch and Afternoon Tea
available on the grounds.

President: N. McDermott,
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LEETON, 2705.

Secretary: Mrs K. Wardman,
P.O. Box 745,
LEETON, 2705.



COFFS HARBOUR GUN CLUB

SUNDAY,
12th FEBRUARY,
1978

commencing 10 a.m.
WINCHESTER PERPETUAL
SKEET TEAMS SHOOT
Teams of 5 shooters - 25 targets.

BANANA COAST
SKEET CHAMPIONSHIP
(Graded)

SWEEPSTAKE EVENTS

Lunch, Refreshments Available.

President:
S. Simmonds.
Phone (066) 53 1120.

Secretary:
D. Davis,
Box 564, Coffs Harbour.



WEST AUSTRALIA

ALBANY, 20-11-77 — Fine (15). 60t Mixed Club Tgts C'ship: D. Webb 54-70, 2nd 53-70, G. Holly 43-60, M. Bell 42-60, Mrs M. Ball 39-60, M. Reger 39, A. Ferguson 39, B. Nottle 39, C. Holly 38, Mrs M. Slee 35, E. O'Halloran 34, D. Levingston 34, K. Patterson 33, G. Stone 30.

M. Lubcke and D. Webb shot 45-60 & shot-off for T. E. Humphries Perpetual Trophy and David Webb was successful only dropping one target to Merv Lubcke's two and received the trophy and is Club Mixed Tgt Champion. Mrs Norma Ball won the visitors trophy.

AZZURRI, 27-11-77 — Fine and hot (41). 30t DB ACTA Hcp: Final shoot for 1977 - W.A. Italian Club Trophy: A. Free, A. Larini, F. Shanley. 25t Skeet Graded: 'A' A. Yozzi, 'B' A. Dilanzo, 'C' G. Marinelli.

This was our final shoot for 1977 and attendance was impressive. This committee wishes to extend its Christmas greetings to all our sister clubs around Australia. Hoping that the new year may prosper our sport. Again best wishes.

BUNBURY SKEET, 20-11-77 — Hot (20). 25t Reverse Skeet: top scorer Vince Marney 24-25. 20t Mixed Tgts: top scorer Frank Ward and Tom Bowers 17-20.

This was the closing shoot for 1977 season. High Gun went to Kurt Schinzig with 48-56 after a shoot off with Vince Marney 47-56 and Frank Ward 43-51. All three shooters came in with 37-45. Intermediate High Gun went to Tom Bowers with 36-45.

Scores: — F. Ward, K. Schinzig, V. Marney 37; T. Bowers 36; M. Cubic (Collie), L. Brockman, J. Griffiths, T. White (Edgehill), Mrs B. Marney, 34; C. Roach, 33, R. Silvester, D. Wetherell, 32; N. Hyder, K. White (Edgehill) 31; V. Griffith (Boyup Brook) 30; S. Riley (Collie) 29; J. Anderson, 28; T. True (Collie), M. Griffiths 24; I. Anderson, 21.

KAMBALDA, 13-11-77 — Warm and windy (19). 20t SB from 16m Graded A B C: 'A' A. Ward 16-20, 'B' no contest, 'C' B. Anderson 17-20. 5pr Kambalda Kapers SS: J. Neve 8-10, A. Ward 7-10. 10t DB Pts from ACTA Hcp SS: G. Garrett 30-30, T. Voden 29-30. "Leonora Special" SS: equal 1st: F. Beccarelli, J. Neve 6-10.

KAMBALDA, 27-11-77 — Warm and windy (9). 20t DB WU: T. Voden 13-20. 10t DB 16m SS: equal 1st A. Ward, O. Makkonen 10-10. 10t DB ACTA Hcp SS: equal 1st A. Ward, G. Garrett, B. Parker 10-10.

LEONORA, 25-10-77 — Ideal (20). Night Shoot 10t SB 10t DB Club Hcp: won by J. Taylor 27-28. Annie Oakley SS: won by N. Johnson. SS DD drawn partners: K. Winter and P. Winter 10-10.

LEONORA, 13-11-77 — Windy (17). 30t DB Cont C'ship: N. Johnson 29-30, K. Srb 28-31, B. Mazza 27-31. 10pr DD SS: R. Parker and G. Jamieson 22-22.

LEONORA, 27-11-77 — Hot (25). 5t SB 18m: won by K. Stokes 8-8. 15t DB ACTA: N. Johnson 53-53, J. Neve 52-53, R. Parker 29-30. 20t DB Cont Dist C'ship: J. Honey 29-29, K. Winter 28-29, G. Jamieson 22-23. 20t SB Dist C'ship: D. Nowland 20-20, G. Foale 19-20, J. Honey 23-23. 10pr DD drawn partners: J. Neve and D. Lithgow 17-17, B. Mazza and J. Postinelli 16-17. Leonora Special: N. Johnson 11-12.

High Gun over events 1-4 won by J. Honey 58-60.
PERTH, 26-11-77 — Mild, cloudy, light S/W wind (26). 10t DB, 10t SB, 10pr DR Graded: 'A' D. Henthorn 41-48, A. Yozzi 40-48, 'B' R. Howell 33-40, J. Eddy 30-40; 'C' E. Hackford 30-40, P. Melvin 36-48.

PERTH, 10-12-77 — Hot, light easterly wind (57). 15pr State Tower DR C'ship: R. Bailey 30-30, J. King 43-46, J. Eddy 42-46. 10pr District DR Trap Graded: 'A' D. Henthorn 17-20, A. Yozzi 16-20; 'B' J. Bailey 21-26, C. Shepherd 20-26; 'C' P. Melvin 17-20, R. Collins 16-20. OA sash winner P. Melvin 21-26.

This was the Club's closing shoot and it was pleasing to see such a good attendance including many visitors from country clubs. Congratulations to Club President Robin Bailey for taking off the State title with the only possible in his last competition as President.

WAGIN, 20-12-77 — Hot (14). 30t DB ACTA Hcp: P. Becker 29-30, I. Flugge 28-30, G. Smith 27-30, J. Watson 28-30, A. Jackson 26-30, J. Clegg 23-30, T. Smith 24-30, M. Paget 21-30, M. Dival 17-30, V. Horner 19-30, R. Frederick 25-30, E. Aylet 14-30, R. Bolt 18-30, K. Smith 18-30.

Trophy for FM 11 to 13 metres. Ten shot shoot off won by I. Flugge (Edgehill Club). Enjoyable shoot with Club providing cold refreshments afterwards. New shooters R. Frederick, R. Bolt, E. Aylet congratulated on their good score for a first shoot.

Shotshell Reloading — Cont'd from page 6

The figures published are classified as "lup" or lead units of pressure and are entirely different from rifle and pistol chamber pressures which are expressed in "cup" or copper units of pressure. You will note that shotshell pressures are much lower than rifle and pistol pressures but there are limits. Obviously low pressures are not good as the modern smokeless powder needs pressure to get correct burning rates to keep velocities at a realistic level. So at the bottom end of the scale 7000 lup is about it and a real mild load this is although with some powder/wad combinations this pressure can produce velocities of 1100 FPS plus.

Top end pressures are the ones that worry us however, and in this area the lack of knowledge can prove to be dangerous. The optimum point to my mind is around 11,000 lup pressures around this level are at the top end of the scale and produce shotshells of maximum efficiency.

Above this point we run into problems. I won't say that pressures around 12,000 lup are real dangerous in modern shotguns but they do have the effect of shaking the gun and the gunner around quite a bit. Pressures over 12,000 lup are definitely a No No!!! Do not think that increased pressure means more velocity, in some cases the result is the opposite.

Patterns

This subject we will look at next month in "Ballistics 2", how to pattern a shotgun but more important, how to evaluate that pattern.

SHEPPARTON CLAY TARGET CLUB

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Sunday, February 5th

12.30 p.m.

Event 1

Nomination \$18.00
Optional Sweeps \$1.00

Winchester Tournament

30 Tgts Double Barrel from 16 metres

1st Winchester Super X auto., Sash and Location Badge; 2nd Little Bighorn 44.40 Comm. Rifle; 3rd Winchester Model 1400 Auto; 4th MEC 600 Jun. Reloader; 5th Trailblazer Gun Bag; 6th to 10th 1,000 AA Wads and 1,000 AA primers.

Best 11-15 metre Shooter MEC 600 Jun Reloader and Badge.

Best Lady Shooter silver salver and engraved badge.

Best Shooter under 16 years silver salver and engraved badge.

Complete Tournament Rules in July 1977 C.T.S.N.

Event 2 (Time permitting)

Nomination \$5.00
Optional Sweeps \$1.00

DB Mini Championship



All traps available for practice between 12 noon and 12.30 p.m.

BBQ Facilities available between 10.30 and 12 noon (bring own meat)
AFTERNOON TEA AND CARTRIDGES ON SALE

Wednesday, 22nd February

5.30 p.m.

Event 1. 10 tgt DB Eye Opener

Nom. \$2.50

Event 2. 20 Tgt DB C'ship

Nom. \$5.00

1st 2nd and 3rd and Front Marker. (Opt SS \$1.00)

Event 3. 10 Tgt DB Handicap

Nom. \$4.50

1st 2nd 3rd and Back Markers. (Optional SS) \$1.00

BBQ Tea on Sale
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ALL PROCEEDS TO SHEPPARTON ADVENTURE CLUB
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FRANKSTON-AUSTRALIAN GUN CLUB

THESE PROGRAMS WILL BE
CONDUCTED ON THE NEW GROUND
AT CARRUM DOWNS

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Sunday, February 5th

commencing at 12 noon

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| Event 1. | 10 Target Points C/D | Nom. \$3.50 |
| Event 2. | 15 Tgt Westernport Double Barrel C'ship | Nom. \$4.50 |
| Event 3. | 15 Tgt Westernport Single Barrel C'ship | Nom. \$4.50 |

Sunday February 12th

commencing at 12 noon

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| Event 1. | 15 Tgt Monbulk Points Championship | Nom. \$4.50 |
| Event 2. | 15 Tgt Monbulk Double Barrel C'ship | Nom. \$4.50 |
| Event 3. | 15 Tgt Handicap | Nom. \$4.50 |

Sunday February 19th

commencing at 12 noon

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| Event 1. | 10 Tgt Points C/D | Nom. \$3.50 |
| Event 2. | 10 Tgt Mountain District DB Championship | Nom. \$3.50 |
| Event 3. | 10 Tgt Mountain District S.B Championship | Nom. \$3.50 |
| Event 4. | 10 Tgt Handicap | Nom. \$3.50 |

Sunday February 26th

commencing at 12 noon

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| Event 1. | 5 Pair D.D. Eye Opener C/D | Nom. \$3.50 |
| Event 2. | 20 Pair Olinda D.D. Championship | Nom. \$5.00 |
| Event 3. | 15 Tgt Olinda D.B. Championship | Nom. \$4.50 |

All Championship Events:
1st Sash and Ribbon for Grade winner. Trophies 2nd each grade.

★ **COMING EVENTS — Sunday 5th March — PRE NATIONAL SHOOT** ★
50 Tgt Double Barrel. 50 Tgt Single Barrel.

The ground is situated on Rossiter Road, Carrum Downs, which is midway between Dandenong and Frankston.

If in doubt about location see Melways map 98, reference C.9.
-- enter from Boundary Road.

President:
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A.H. 93 2366; Priv. 792 9057.

Secretary:
Russell Learmonth
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South Clayton 3169
Phone 543 3851.

MELBOURNE GUN CLUB

GROUNDS: Victoria Rd., Lilydale

P.O. Box 74 Lilydale. PHONE: 735 4331

FEBRUARY '78 PROGRAM

SATURDAY FEB. 4th

BLUE DOT FREE TARGET DAY

M.G.C. & the manufacturers of BLUE DOT targets invite you to come and shoot as many targets as you wish — D.T.L., Skeet, Trench, etc. — all targets will be supplied FREE by BLUE DOT.

Optional Sweeps on events.
GROUND FEE \$3 per SHOOTER
BRING A FRIEND
COMMENCING 10.30 A.M.

SUNDAY 5th FEB.

commencing 12 noon

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| Event 1 | 50T CITY OF MELB. TRENCH C'SHIP
Graded A 0-3, B 4-10. | Nom. \$10.00 |
| Event 2 | 25T TRENCH HANDICAP C/D | Nom. \$6.00 |
| Event 3 | 50T I.S.U. SKEET HANDICAP C.D. | Nom. \$10.00 |
| Event 4 | 50T AMERICAN SKEET C'SHIP
1st, 2nd, 3rd; 3-10. | Nom. \$8.00 |

SATURDAY 11th FEB.

commencing 12 noon

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| Event 1 | 25 T TRENCH HANDICAP C/D | Nom. \$6.00 |
| Event 2 | 20 T CROYDON D/P POINTS GRADED C'SHIP | Nom. \$5.00 |
| Event 3 | 20 T CROYDON D/B GRADED C'SHIP | Nom. \$5.00 |
| Event 4 | 20 PAIR CROYDON D/DOUBLES C'SHIP
off 20 m — Own Partners. | Nom. \$5.00 |
| Event 5 | 50 T CROYDON GRADED SKEET C'SHIP
A 0-1, B 2-10. | Nom. \$8.00 |

SATURDAY 18th FEB.

commencing 1.15 p.m.

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| Event 1 | 20 T KINGLAKE D/B POINTS GRADED C'SHIP | Nom. \$5.00 |
| Event 2 | 20 T HANDICAP
Trophies 1 2 3 & 22-25 m | Nom. \$6.00 |
| Event 3 | 20 T KINGLAKE D/B GRADED C'SHIP | Nom. \$5.00 |
| Event 4 | 10 PAIR KINGLAKE D/RISE GRADED C'SHIP | Nom. \$5.00 |
| Event 5 | 50 T KINGLAKE GRADED SKEET C'SHIP
A 0-1, B 2-10. | Nom. \$8.00 |

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

18th and 19th Feb.

TRENCH & I.S.U. SKEET QUALIFYING EVENTS

SATURDAY 18th

commencing 9.30 a.m.
(entries close 11 a.m.)

100 TARGETS TRENCH
100 TARGETS I.S.U. SKEET

SUNDAY 19th

commencing 12 noon
(entries close 1 p.m.)

100 TARGETS TRENCH
100 TARGETS I.S.U. SKEET

Optional Sweeps over each 100 targets.

TRENCH — Sash and Trophy OA winner and event will be graded A 0-2, B 3-4, C 5-10. Ribbons and Trophies for 1st; Trophies 2nd each grade.

SKEET — Sash and trophy O/A winner; Trophies 2nd and 3rd.

NOMINATION — A FEE OF \$40 MUST BE TENDERED BEFORE NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. THIS WILL COVER THE 200 TARGETS OF THE NOMINEES CHOICE.

NOTE: Shooters entering either of the above events cannot enter ordinary events taking place on the Saturday.

SATURDAY 25th FEB.

commencing 12 noon

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| Event 1 | 50 T LILYDALE TRENCH C'SHIP GRADED
A 0-3, B 4-10. | Nom. \$10.00 |
| Event 2 | 10 PAIR LILYDALE D/RISE C'SHIP GRADED | Nom. \$5.00 |
| Event 3 | 20 T HANDICAP
1, 2 & 3; also 22-25 m | Nom. \$6.00 |
| Event 4 | 20 T LATE SUMMER D/B GRADED C'SHIP | Nom. \$5.00 |
| Event 5 | 50 T LILYDALE GRADED SKEET C'SHIP
A 0-1, B 2-10. | Nom. \$8.00 |

LADIES EVENT EACH DAY IF SUFFICIENT ENTRIES.

Usual amenities available — Practice from 3 p.m. Wednesdays and 10.30 a.m. Saturdays.

President: R. Buchan.
Phone 870 5459.

Secretary: Mrs Jan Brunt,
23 Coven Ave., North Bayswater.
Phone: 729 5328.



METROPOLITAN

CLAY TARGET CLUB

O'Herns Road, Epping — Phone 401 3134 (Club rooms)

FEBRUARY, 1978, PROGRAM

Saturday 4th

12.30 start
PRACTICE
& NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday 4th

- Event 1 7.00 p.m. start — NIGHT SHOOT Nom. \$5.00
WHITTLESEA 15 TGT
TWILIGHT DB C'SHIP
Opt. Sweeps \$1.00
- Event 2 WHITTLESEA NIGHT DB POINTS C'SHIP Nom. \$5.50
Opt. Sweeps \$1.00
- Event 3 15 TGT HANDICAP CD Nom. \$5.00

Saturday 11th

- Event 1 12.30 start Nom. \$2.00
10 TGT DB POINTS EO CD
- * Event 2 WHITTLESEA GRADED PTS C'SHIP Nom. \$5.00
Opt. Sweeps \$1.00 Graded
- Event 3 30 TGT TROPHY HANDICAP Nom. \$6.00
Opt. Sweeps \$1.00
- * Event 4 WHITTLESEA GRADED 10 PAIR Nom. \$5.00
DOUBLE RISE C'SHIP
Opt. Sweeps \$1.00 Graded
- Event 5 WHITTLESEA 25 TGT SKEET C'SHIP Nom. \$5.00
Opt. Sweeps \$1.00
- Event 6 25 TGT SKEET HANDICAP CD Nom. \$5.00
- * Both Graded events Sash & Trophy OA. Ribbons other grades.
Trophies 2nd each grade (Grades A B C)

Saturday 18th

12.30 start
PRACTICE
& NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP

IMPORTANT NOTE: All shooters must produce A.C.T.A. card, etc.

* Ladies Trophies when sufficient entries

President: Ray Shipperlee
Phone 370 3331 (private)

Secretary: Bruce Williams,
25 Warralong Ave.,
Greensborough 3088
Phone 435 0043 (private)

Saturday 18th

- 7.00 p.m. start — NIGHT SHOOT
- Event 1 20 TGT TWILIGHT HANDICAP Nom. \$5.00
Opt. Sweeps \$1.00
- Event 2 THOMASTOWN NIGHT DOUBLE RISE C'SHIP Nom. \$5.50
Opt. Sweeps \$1.00
- Event 3 STATE DEAUVILLE DOUBLES Nom. \$8.00
NIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP
20 pair off 22m
Sashes & Trophies 1st pair; Trophies 2nd pair.
Optional Sweeps \$2 per pair.
- Event 4 THOMASTOWN 25 TGT NIGHT SKEET C'SHIP Nom. \$5.50
Opt. Sweeps \$1.00

Sunday 19th

- 12.00 start
- Event 1 YAN YEAN 10 TGT TOWER POINTS C'SHIP Nom. \$4.00
Opt. Sweeps \$1.00
- Event 2 YAN YEAN DB GRADED C'SHIP Nom. \$5.00
Sash & Trophy OA. Ribbons & Trophies other grades. Trophies 2nd each grade.
Opt. Sweeps \$1.00 Graded.
- Event 3 20 TGT TROPHY HANDICAP Nom. \$5.00
Opt. Sweeps \$1.00
- Event 4 YAN YEAN 25 TGT SKEET C'SHIP Nom. \$5.00
Opt. Sweeps \$1.00
- Event 5 25 TGT SKEET HANDICAP CD Nom. \$5.00

Saturday 25th

- 12.30 p.m. start
- Event 1 10 TGT POINTS EO CD Nom. \$2.00
- Event 2 THOMASTOWN DB C'SHIP Nom. \$5.00
Opt. Sweeps \$1.00
- Event 3 THOMASTOWN SB C'SHIP Nom. \$5.00
Opt. Sweeps \$1.00
- Event 4 THOMASTOWN 10 TGT SB TOWER C'SHIP Nom. \$4.00
Opt. Sweeps \$1.00
- Event 5 THOMASTOWN SKEET C'SHIP Nom. \$8.50
Open & Restricted. Opt Sweeps \$1.00

Skeet practice every Tuesday afternoon commencing at 1 o'clock - Ground Fee \$1.50.



VICTORIA

VICTORIAN CLAY TARGET ASSOCIATION — N.W. ZONE. Due to extensive confusion over the date of the Queen's Birthday holiday in 1978, the consolidated program booklet produced by the N.W. Zone shows incorrect entries for June 10th, 11th and 12th. Please watch Club advertising for date and program changes. The correct dates for the holiday weekend (in all States except Western Australia) are 3rd, 4th and 5th June.

ALEXANDRA, 3-12-77 — Fine (40). 10t DB EO: shared by M. Dyson, J. Grice, A. Petersen, J. Blakeny, T. Apps, K. Elward, R. Elward, B. Pyke 10-10. 20t DB Christmas Hcp: P. McNair 46-46, W. Newton 45-46, B. Pyke 36-37. 10t DB Christmas Cake SS: P. McNair 15-15, J. King and J. Osborne 15-16. 30t Pts Hcp: J. Blakeny 89-93, R. Lambden 86-93, J. Osborne 82-90. 20t DB SS: 11-14m A. White 19-20, R. Elward 16-20; 15-18m D. Coghill 20-20, J. Woolmer 18-20; 19-25m A. Zarro and J. Blakeny 19-20.

In beautiful weather a long shoot off saw Peter McNair winning the Christmas Hamper event. A beautiful Christmas tea, provided by the club was prepared by a hard-working band of ladies. The 30t Points Handicap under lights was won by John Blakeny.

APSLEY, 18-11-77 — Good (35). Kowree & Border Districts Night SB C'ship: 'A' & OA R. Andrews 20-20, W. Hetherington 18-20; 'B' J. Bull 20-20, J. Colwill 19-20; 'C' R. Jorgenson 19-20, G. Gibbs 17-20. Club DR C'ship: W. Hetherington 18-20, J. Bull 17-20, R. Jorgenson 16-20.

ARARAT, 27-11-77 — Overcast (57). 15t Hcp: N. Faneco, B. Jennings, G. Hannan; FM G. Leslie. 20t Prestige Holeproof C'ship: J. Jenkins, B. Jenkins, P. Scott. Off The Box: D. Crouch.

B. Jennings, break badge of 75 (Maryborough).

ARARAT, 11-12-77 — Warm with a slight wind (54). 15t Swanee Currion Mem Hcp: P. Scott 21-21, G. Leslie 20-21, A. Biggin 16-17, K. Howard 15-16. Christmas Shoot: 3 equal firsts K. Howard, S. Rentsch, C. Alderson. 10t Cash Hcp: 9 shooters divided.

BANDIANA AREA ARMY, 27-11-77 — Dry and hot (45). 5t DB EO: 18 possibles. 20t PS C'ship: OA & 'A' G. Ridgeway 60-60, 'B' K. Law 80-84, 'C' R. Moore 58-60; best 11-13m D. Heather 56-60. 15t DB Hcp: N. Gabriel 23-23, I. McGeoch 22-23, B. Bockman 17-18; best 20-25m E. Cavedon 14-15.

A good turn-up for a real good days shooting in stinking hot conditions.

BAIRNSDALE, 3-12-77 — Warm, light breeze (50). Christmas Shoot 1st event 10t DB: G. Howard 40-40, G. Williams 39-40, T. Sandy 24-25, L. Skinner 23-24, R. Whykes 17-18. 10t WU: W. Growcott 10-10, N. Elliott 9-10, M. Hamilton 10-12, D. Camin 11-14, G. Howard 10-14. 10t Cont.: B. Hall 21-21, G. Howard 20-21, R. Whykes 18-19, D. Missen 17-19, N. Elliott 15-16. Spr DR: G. Howard 10-10, R. Laurence 14-16, L. Skinner 13-16, G. Williams 9-11, P. Crute 12-14. 10t Tower Pts: J. Croucher 45-45, D. Luelf 39-42, D. Camin 41-42, D. Young 41-42, M. Howard 37-42.

COLAC GUN CLUB

SATURDAY 4th FEBRUARY
Club D.B. C'ship
(20 tgts from 16 metres)
PLUS — \$100 CASH HANDICAP
(20 targets)



SUNDAY 12th FEBRUARY
Club Universal Trench
Championship
(50 targets, 4 grades)

President: Ern Osborne
Colac — Phone 31 5646.

Maryborough Gun Club

February 25th, 12 Noon

DAY & NIGHT SHOOT

3 traps, all under lights

Event 1: 10 Target D/B, C/D, E/O **\$2.00**

Event 2: 20 Target Points Championship in conjunction with "Eley" Team Shoot **\$5.00**

Shot off 16 metres. O/S .50c each 10 Targets

Graded A B C

Best Ladies Trophy

Event 3: 20 Target D/B \$300 Cash Handicap **\$6.00**

in conjunction with "Eley" Team Shoot

O/S .50c each 10 Targets

1st—\$200; 2nd—\$75; 3rd—\$25

B/M and F/M Trophies

Bar-B-Q Tea

NIGHT PROGRAM COMMENCES 7 P.M. SHARP

3 EVENTS

E/O

D/B Championship

D/B Handicap

Sec. B. Kelly, 054-611455

A large crowd enjoyed a very good Christmas Shoot. Visitors from Morwell and Swifts Creek, congratulations to star of the day 'Pud' Howard — two 1sts, a 2nd and a 5th.
BENDIGO, 29-10-77 — Perfect (27). 10t DB Hcp EO: divided by L. Harrington, R. Honeychurch, M. Davis, R. Hooper. Club WU C'ship: Graeme Ashman 22-25, Allan Holland 21-25. 5pr DR 5t from 16m 5t from hcp: divided by Graeme Ashman and R. Honeychurch.

Bendigo Club conducted an extra shoot in October when a very poor crowd attended. The Walk Up Championship saw G. Ashman and A. Holland shoot 18-20. In a short shoot-off Graeme Ashman took out the sash. The Clubs 4th layout is finished and will soon be used by district schools on a regular basis.

BENDIGO, 5-11-77 — Strong windy conditions (70). 10t EO Junior C'ship in conj: divided by A. James, W. Coulson, R. Leech, L. Brown, J. Sheppard, J. Bell, C. Knight, G. Solomano, G. Ashman. Raywood DB C'ship over 50 sash in conj. 'A' G. Ashman 34-34 & OA, G. Solomano 33-34; 'B' B. Santon 19-20, C. Alderson 23-25; 'C' R. McGreehan 22-24, A. Wilcock 22-25. Over 50 Sash: D. Rumbold 15-20 from 18 metres. 20t Hcp: K. Shields 37-37, A. Jack 36-37, I. Holschier; BM G. Ashman 21-22. Ladies trophy to Sandra Bell.

Seventy-three shooters contested in strong windy conditions at Bendigo Clubs November day shoot. Graeme Ashman shot the program including the Hcp from 21m. Glen Garland 9-10 took out the Club Junior (16 years under) C'ship and Dave Rumbold 15-20 took out the Over 50 sash. The C'ship was shot from 18m to pick a squad to shoot in the Zone C'ships. Other results as above — the 4th layout is completed and will be tested very soon.

BENDIGO, 3-12-77 — Fine but windy (81). 15t Christmas Event: Tony Clarke (Bendigo), Brian Kelly (Maryborough), Craig Lanyon (Bendigo). 15t Christmas Event: Brian Rafferty (Bendigo), Ian Reid (Colbinabbin), Les Brown (Bendigo).

Bendigo Clubs Christmas Shoot saw 81 compete in windy conditions. Only two possibles in the 1st event and six possibles in the 2nd event were shot with both events finalised after very short shoot-offs. The Club was distressed at the news that Bill Coulson was again seriously ill in hospital and all shooters who know Bill will wish him well.

BOORT, 11-12-77 — Fine and windy, Christmas Shoot (49). 10t DB Hcp Trophy: J. Allison, W. Saunders, I. Smith, L. Baker 15-15. 10t DB Hcp 16m Trophy: K. Burton, T. Hill Jnr, N. Featherby, R. Peacock 11-11. 10t DB Hcp 5t off 11 5t off 20 SS: R. Wilkinson, G. Arstall, L. Baker 10-10. Off Fence: R. Fowler.

H.M.A.S. CERBERUS, 4-12-77 — Overcast then fine (30). 5pr DR: S. Bell 10-10, J. Fletcher 13-14, G. Burris 12-14. 14pr DD: J. Rowe, K. Dawson 30-30; B. Woodward, G. Matthews 29-30. 10t Hcp: D. Estcourt 15-15, R. Kearns 14-15, T. Joseph 11-12. 10t Pts 15m: A. Chandler 33-33, P. Noy 32-33, B. Woodward 38-39.

The new club captain Danny Estcourt entered his first ever event and was moved back a metre for his efforts. The club shoots the first Sunday of each month.

COHUNA, 2-12-77 — Cool, fine (70). Novice: R. Marchioni 10-10, B. Crapper 17-18. Gun-bower Island DD C'ship: T. Hill Jnr 20-20, B. Treloar 20-20; A. James 62-63, L. Brown 62-63. D. Orr & Truck & Tractor Hcp: W. Saunders 44-44, L. Brown 43-44, C. Penno 32-33; FM B. Billing 18-19. Off Fence: N. Napier.

COHUNA, 17-12-77 — Fine (55). Christmas Shoot - 10t EO: J. Hipwell, C. Lee, P. Davis, T. Hill Jnr, B. Reade, C. Turvey, K. Hilderbrand, N. Turner, R. Wilkinson, J. Allison won hams. 10 tgt Handicap: R. Wilkinson 68-68, B. Reade 67-68, D. Carroll 63-64 won hampers. Every other shooter who participated received cakes and nuts. 5t Mini Hcp: J. Allison, C. Schwenke, R. Wilkinson, H. Wright, C. Penno won hams; T. Angove, J. Hull won plum puddings. 5t Hcp: T. Hill Jnr, C. Penno won hams; K. Fletcher, G. Norris won plum puddings.

COLBINABBIN, 25-11-77 — Night, very pleasant (40). 10t EO: 8 divided. 20t Night DB C'ship: T. Byrne 42-42, I. Poole 41-42, A. Johns 37-38; FM W. Raglus 27-28. 10t Hcp: W. Raglus 46-46, J. Maxwell 45-46, K. Tuohy 36-37; FM P. Hawking 13-14.

It was the club's Opening Night Shoot and it was pleasing to see shooters from Heathcote, Bendigo, Tatura and Echuca.

COLBINABBIN, 9-12-77 — Night (40). 30t Novelty Event: OA N. Carboon 29-32; 1st prize 11-13m J. Farley, 14-16m A. Mason, 17 & over m L. Brown; 2nd prize 11-13m P. Hawking, 14-16m A. Johns, 17 & over m M. Burnes; 3rd prize 11-13m G. Greiner, 14-16m A. Holland, 17 & over m B. Treloar; 4th prize 11-13m K. Tuohy, 14-16m C. Johnson, 17 & over m J. Honeysett; 5th prize 11-13m T. Craghill, 14-16m K. Bell, 17 & over m H. Hawking.

The shoot was followed by a barbecue which was enjoyed by every one present.

DONALD, 3-12-77 — Windy overcast (26). Christmas 5t DB 16m: 4 possibles R. Young (Stawell), K. Willey (Donald), I. Napier (Kerang), P. Hewitt (Warracknabeal), Christmas 5t DB Hcp: 6 possibles R. Saunders and I. Napier (Kerang), P. Hewitt (Warracknabeal), P. Bloomfield, S. Foott and J. South (Donald). Christmas 5t PD 16m: 1 possible R. Young (Stawell) 15-15. 530 Cash Hcp: J. South (Donald) 10-10, 9 shooters shot 9-10 to share sweeps.

ECHUCA, 10-12-77 — Fine, windy and hot (33). 10t DB shot off 11m: B. Treloar 66-66, J. Boote 66-66, R. McGreehan 65-66. 10t DB shot off 16m: R. Allen 18-18, T. Angove 17-18, K. Fletcher 14-15. 10t DB shot off 20m: R. Nisbet 10-10, K. Dobson 10-10, G. Shawcross 14-15.

This was the clubs Christmas Shoot. Turkeys were the trophies. B. Treloar won the first event from J. Boote. Both shooters shot 66-66 and first prize decided by a toss. Richard Allen won the 2nd event with a score of 18-18 from Trevor Angove who shot 17-18. Junior shooter Rob Nisbet won the last event from Kevin Dobson. Both shooters shooting 10-10. "Dobby" lost the toss. The club would like to thank all the shooters who have supported our shoots this year.

EUROA, 27-11-77 — Hot, cloudy and very humid (35). 10t EO: 11 possibles. 20t DB C'ship: John Newton 49-49, Rex Piasiri 48-49, Rob Stackhouse 46-47; FM Noel Sheard 19-20. 15t DB Hcp CD: D. Hall, Roy Halsall, K. McKendrick divided 15-15. 15t DB Cont CD: A. Spence, J. Newton, B. Hall, R. Stackhouse, T. Newman, T. Clarke, J. King divided 15-15. Junior 10t C'ship: A. Morrison 9-10. Junior 10t Hcp: C. Asquith 9-10.

The club is very grateful to the Sheard family from Mansfield who donated the C'ship sash and a power drill for first prize in the Club DB C'ship. Congratulations to John Newton (Shepp.) who won this C'ship in the very hot and humid conditions. The Euroa Club committee and members wish to thank all the visiting shooters of the past year. It is your support that has enabled this club to continue in the shooting game. We wish all shooters a happy Christmas and good shooting for the coming year.

FOSTER, 10-12-77 — Fine, cool (27). 10t PD 1 2 3 trophies ham turkey Christmas cake: 30-30 L. Skinner, T. Gannon shoot off L. Skinner, T. Gannon 29-30 seven qualified result N. Court 3rd prize. 10t DB 1 2 3 trophies ham turkey cake: 10-10 eleven qualified shoot off result R. Jennings, J. Green, J. Hamblin. 10t SB 1 2 3 trophies ham turkey cake: 10-10 seven qualified shoot off result J. Chapple, N. Court, R. Jennings. 5pr DR 1 2 3 trophies ham turkey cake: 9-10 N. Blunden, R. Whykes, G. Williams result R. Whykes, G. Williams, N. Blunden.

Shooters came from Korumburra, Morwell, Foster. Congratulations to all winners. Merry Christmas, happy new year. Good shooting. Thankyou to all helpers. Special thanks to Anne for the delicious afternoon tea. Barbecue which followed was a huge success — thanks to Vi and Pauline; Margaret Hamblin for scoring during the shooting; John Snell for trapwork. January shoot. All four events crayfish. Break badge to R. Jennings 75 straight.

FRANKSTON-AUSTIN, 4-10-77 — Fine (65). 10t Pts Cont.: J. Bull, B. Dawe, B. Marriner, D. Parsell, S. Bickford, G. Scown 30-30. 20t Cont.: 'A' N. Salemah 25-26, L. Gibson 24-26; 'B' A. Huf 25-26, M. Whitelaw 24-26; OA & 'C' J. Blackley 20-20, B. Marriner 20-22; 10t Hcp: G. Scown 25-25, R. Bull 24-25, P. Heywood 21-22. 10t 16m: no scores.

FRANKSTON-AUSTRALIAN, 6-11-77 — Fine and warm (70). 10t Pts CD: divided 9 ways. 10t DB C'ship: 'A' G. Morgan 41-41, A. Heathcote 40-41; 'B' B. Faux 36-37, A. Huf 19-20; 'C' R. Wheatley 19-20, K. Tonks 16-17. 10t SB C'ship: 'A' D. Walker 21-21, R. Boyce 13-14; 'B' A. Huf 20-21, D. Trembath 19-20; 'C' R. Clark 15-16, G. Eddy 13-14. 10t Hcp: B. Faux 47-47, A. White 46-47, B. Marriner 39-40.

ELEY

KORUMBURRA GUN CLUB

is proud to present
the South East Zone Section
of the

**ELEY Victorian
Teams' Premiership
SATURDAY, 25th FEBRUARY**
commencing at 12.30 p.m.

Event 1 Nom. \$6.00

20 TGT DB C'SHIP (Graded)
Minimum trophy Value of \$100.

Event 2 Nom. \$6.00

20 TGT DB HANDICAP
Minimum trophy Value of \$150.

President:
Mark Edgar,
1 Station St., Korumburra.
Phone (056) 55 2083

Secretary:
Ken Brown,
Inverloch Rd., Kongwak.
Phone (056) 57 4263.

SEBASTOPOL GUN CLUB BALLARAT

(rear Sebastopol Recreation Reserve)

SUNDAY, 19th FEBRUARY

commencing 12.30 p.m.

75 Fluorescent Red Targets
\$300 TROPHY VALUE

Event 1 Nom. \$3.00

10 TGT POINTS GRADED

Event 2 Nom. \$5.00

20 TGT DB C'SHIP GRADED

Event 3 Nom. \$5.00

30 TGT MEDLEY GRADED
(10 DB, 10 SB, 5 DR)

Event 4 Nom. \$3.00

CASH HANDICAP

Sweeps — Afternoon Tea

Novice shoots 1st Wednesday each month.
6.30 to 10.30 p.m.

President:
N. Paterson.
Phone 35 9268.

Secretary:
R. K. Cartledge.
Phone 39 2832.

CHARITY SHOOT
WERRIBEE GUN CLUB
SUNDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1978

commencing at 11 a.m.
**ALL PROCEEDS TO AID WERRIBEE MENTALLY
RETARDED CHILDREN BUILDING FUND**

EVENT 1.

NOMINATION \$12.50

20 TGT DOUBLE BARREL HANDICAP

First Prize O/U Shotgun; Trophies for 2nd & 3rd.
ALSO Trophy to the Best 19-22m and 23-25m Shooters.

EVENT 2.

NOMINATION \$6.50

**20 TGT. WERRIBEE RETARDED CENTRE
DOUBLE BARREL POINTS CHAMPIONSHIP**

Graded A, B & C; Trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd each grade.

HIGH GUN TROPHY OVER EVENTS 1 & 2.

TAX CONCESSION ON NOMINATIONS

**LUNCH, AFTERNOON TEA & REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE ON GROUND.**

SUNDAY, 12th FEBRUARY

EVENT 1.

**20 TGT. YOU YANGS
DOUBLE BARREL GRADED CHAMPIONSHIP**

EVENT 2.

**20 TGT. YOU YANGS
SINGLE BARREL GRADED CHAMPIONSHIP**

12.30 p.m. start

President: W. ABBOTT.
Phone 741-2003.

Secretary: T. FOLEY,
10 Bernhardt Ave.,
Hoppers Crossing.

FRANKSTON-AUSTRALIAN, 13-11-77 — Warm and fine (52). 10t Pts: divided. 15t Novelty DB: 'A' R. McGillivray 26-27, M. Green 25-27; 'B' J. Davis 20-20, S. Bell 19-20; 'C' M. Hammond 15-16, J. Flentjar 20-21. 15t DB: 'A' B. Dawe 38-38, R. McClelland 35-36; 'B' G. Walker 37-38, L. Cornell 22-23; 'C' A. Clarkson 27-28, M. Hammond 16-17.

FRANKSTON-AUSTRALIAN, 20-11-77 — Fine (60). 10t DB Hcp CD: 11 divided 10-10. Lord Birdwood Cup: S. Bickford 39-39, P. Heywood 38-39, G. Bruce 36-37; BM R. Allen 34-37. 15t Cranbourne DB C'ship: 'A' G. Morgan 46-47, N. Salemah 40-41; 'B' J. Palmer 47-47, B. Flower 36-37; 'C' A. Clarkson 23-24, B. Woodward 20-21; OA J. Palmer 47-47. Novice: P. McCarthy 10-13, N. Wheatley 9-13.

FRANKSTON-AUSTRALIAN, 27-11-77 — Wet. 10t Pts: J. Goulden, K. Dawson, R. Allen, G. Ash, B. Dawe. 10t DB C'ship: 'A' A. Isaac 33-34, N. Salema 32-33; OA & 'B' M. Whitelaw 34-34, B. Faux 15-16; 'C' G. Bruce 18-19, A. Hendriks 15-16. 10t SB C'ship: 'A' G. Ash 11-12, R. Allen 17-18; OA & 'B' M. Whitelaw 12-12, B. Faux 11-12; 'C' C. Holt 11-12, A. Hendriks 10-12. 10t Hcp: A. Hendriks 23-24, R. Bomer 22-24, G. Ash 11-12. 10t Novice: 'C' McGillivray 6-10, S. Matthews 4-10. 10t Novelty 5t off 11 5t off 25: B. Faux, B. Webuey, J. Goulden, I. Hale, A. Heathcote 10-10.

HAMILTON, 17-12-77 — Fine and windy (60). 10t EO: 9 divided G. Schmidt, C. Crawford, D. Burger, J. Van Dooren, W. Hetherington, P. Cleggett, G. Smith, R. Millard, H. Durbridge. 20t Christmas DB C'ship: L. Howlett 41-41, F. Taylor 40-41, J. Charman 29-30; FM K. Martin 18-20. 10t Christmas Trophy Hcp: G. Schmidt, B. Papst, F. Taylor, A. Flack, D. Mayfield, V. Beyer, T. Gould, W. Hetherington, J. Aitken, A. McSweeney.

A good attendance of shooters found difficult conditions with a strong wind from behind. Six possibles in the C'ship and 13 in the Hcp this being shot down to 10. All enjoyed a barbecue and a few drinks afterwards.

HEATHCOTE, 19-11-77 — Calm cloudy (28). 5t EO Hcp Pts: J. Farley, R. Edmonds. 20t DB Hcp: J. Maxwell 30-30, K. Tuohy 29-30, F. Doyle 23-24; FM R. Bennett 18-20; BM T. Clark 16-20. 5pr DR off 16m: J. Maxwell 9-10, J. McCarthy 9-10, H. Barnes 8-10. Off The Fence: N. Carboon.

New trap going well. John Maxwell in good form.

HEATHCOTE, 17-12-77 — Warm, strong gusty north winds (43). 10t DB off Hcp 10t SB off 16m 5t SR and 5t Gun Down off 16m, all one event: Winner after short shoot-off was Max Barnes (Bendigo), 2nd R. Edmonds of Kyneton, 3rd C. Leask of Heathcote.

Most shooters participated in something. Barbecue and refreshments at completion very good. New president Rob Clouston; ex-president now V. P. Children enjoyed Santa.

JEPARIT, 20-11-77 — Windy (53). Champions of Champions shoot, outright winner Rodger Bull of Goroke 74-75 (\$35 cash and sash), 1st 25 90% divided D. Flavel and N. Hinneberg, 10% div E. Hall & T. Pitt, 2nd 25 60% R. Newell 40% div W. Wallace and E. Hall, 3rd 25 90% div R. Bull, F. Pitt, 10% div D. Flavel, T. Pitt and J. Wagg (\$75 cash each 25 tgts). Best 11-14m shooter R. Dellar 67-73; best 15-17m shooter J. Wagg 71-77; ladies trophy Margaret Pitt 60-75; junior trophy Mark Dellar 66-75.

D. Flavel received a one metre penalty for cash winnings on the day. 1977 Club Aggregate trophy won by David Flavel, with 648-705. 1977 Club Aggregate trophy for the ladies won by Margaret Pitt 260-375.

JEPARIT, 18-12-77 — 1st event: 'A' F. Pitt, J. Hinneberg, F. Heinz; 'B' J. Gawith, C. Jarred, D. Fisher; 'C' K. Gaulke, H. Flavel, D. Witney. 2nd event: 'A' T. Pitt, D. Flavel, A. Cammeron; 'B' C. Jarred, C. Budde, C. Nuske; 'C' P. Hewitt, C. Schorback, L. Krelle. 3rd event Hcp: W. Wallace, R. Porter, C. Budde, D. Harris, D. Hicks, C. Jarred, D. Fisher, P. Clark, J. Clark.

Col. Jarred of Kaniva was the outright High Gun winner after shooting the possible in every event, a great performance as it was a shocking day with strong winds and lots of

HAMILTON GUN CLUB

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

SATURDAY 18th FEBRUARY

1.00 p.m. start

**ELEY VICTORIAN TEAMS
PREMIERSHIP SOUTH WEST
ZONE ELIMINATION**

Event 1 Nom. \$5.00

20 TGT IMI PS C'SHIP
2 Optional 50c Sweeps (\$1.00)

Event 2 Nom. \$7.00

20 TGT IMI TROPHY HANDICAP

PLEASE NOTE:

THE DATE IS 18th FEBRUARY

and not as advertised in the January C.T.S.N. or
Western District and State program books.

Ground Location: 3 km sth on the Pt Fairy Rd.

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MORNINGTON CLAY TARGET CLUB

**FEBRUARY
PROGRAM**

February 11th

Event 1 Nom. \$3.00

10 TARGET POINTS

Event 2 Nom. \$5.00

20 TARGET POINTS
CHAMPIONSHIP Graded

Event 3 Nom. \$5.00

20 TARGET HANDICAP

February 25th

Event 1 Nom. \$3.00

10 TARGET POINTS

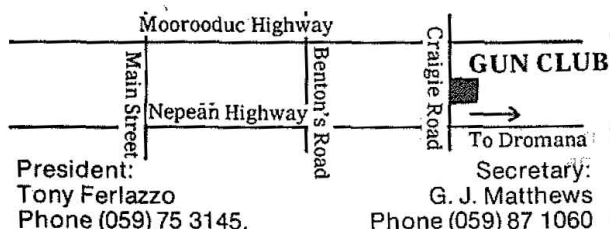
Event 2 Nom. \$5.00

20 TARGET
SB CHAMPIONSHIP Graded

Event 3 Nom. \$5.00

20 TARGET
HANDICAP

OVERALL SASH,
RIBBONS OTHER GRADES
PLUS TROPHIES



dust. This still did not keep the keen shooters home as 75 took part in the days events and many stayed for the BBQ tea. Doug Harris and Rob Porter of Horsham both shot a 50 break. Presentation of our Club Aggregate trophies followed with David Flavel winner of the mens section and Margaret Pitt winner of the ladies. Thanks to all the shooters who visited our club throughout 1977.

KANIVA, 27-11-77 — Hot and windy (57). Kaniva DB C'ship: 'A' & OA B. England (Bordertown) 60-60, T. Scott 59-60, T. Pitt 37-38; 'B' N. Block 43-44, R. Pitt 37-38, D. Hicks 24-25; 'C' C. Williams 19-20, B. Pitt 19-21, K. Wallis 18-21. \$150 Hcp: \$50 on first 10, \$50 on 2nd 10, \$50 overall. OA winners D. Hicks, R. Pitt, R. Dellar, F. Heinze, R. Denby.

KERANG, 25-11-77 — Fine and warm (41). 20t Alf Richmond Mem. Shoot 16m: possibles shot by A. James, L. Brown, G. Wilkinson, K. Fletcher, R. Wilkinson, C. Penno; shoot off results - L. Brown 64-64, C. Penno 63-64, R. Wilkinson 41-42; FM R. McBain 19-20. 15t Hcp Trophy: possibles shot by M. Arstall, R. Saunders, G. Kerr, R. Wilkinson; shoot off results M. Arstall 41-41, R. Saunders 40-41, G. Kerr 17-18. 10t Hcp SS: divided by M. Arstall, P. Parsons, L. Saunders, I. Napier, T. Hill Jnr, A. Turner, B. Billing, A. Mills, N. Napier, A. Kerr.

KERANG, 10-12-77 — Hot (51). Christmas Shoot - 10t Hcp: 22 possibles shot down to 4 equal trophies. Winners L. Brown, R. Saunders, J. Dunstan, R. Ridgeway all 33-33. Each won a turkey. 10t off 16m: 18 possibles shot down to 4 equal trophies. Winners J. Dunstan, J. Saville, G. Kerr, N. Featherby all 21-21 each won a turkey. FM cake I. Napier 10-10; BM cake L. Brown 20-21. 10t 5 off 11m 5 off 20m: divided by A. Stevens, C. McDougall, G. Wilkinson, C. Schwencke, K. Horkings, N. Napier, K. Burton, F. James, G. Biggs, B. Knight, L. Brown, L. Baker, I. Smith, R. Peacock.

Off the fence cake won by L. Baker of Boort. After the shoot the Ladies Committee provided an excellent tea which was enjoyed by all. After the tea George Biggs gave a very informative talk on gun handling and shooting stances along with slides. This talk proved very beneficial to old and new shooters alike. The entire day was voted a great success by all.

KORUMBURRA, 5-11-77 — Gusty tail wind, showers (24). 10t DB CD: T. Gannon, L. Mostert, T. Wilkinson, B. Woodward. 10t DB & 10t SB C'ship: N. Court 20-20, J. Chapple 27-28, J. Fowler 26-28. 10t Hcp: 11-15 B. Harmer 20-20, 16-20 J. Fowler 18-18, 21-25 M. Edgar 18-18. 10t Cont off 16m, winner take all: C. Wilkinson 10-10. First cake shoot: C. Wilkinson. Second cake shoot: T. ("I let the lad win the first") Wilkinson.

KORUMBURRA, 26-11-77 — Very hot for day shoot, thunderstorms for night shoot (43 and 22). 10t Hcp Pts: B. Harmer (13) 30-30 1, 9 shot 29-30. 15t Hcp DB: J. Shellcot (17) 31-31, J. Chapple (18) 30-31, G. Roberts (19) 22-23, 11-15: B. Harmer 15-15; 16-20: L. Bradley 52-52; 21-25: R. Allen 20-20. 20t Cont. C'ship: M. Green 21-21, P. Green 20-21, R. McGilvray 19-20. 15t SB off 16: J. Green 25-25, J. Chapple 24-25, L. Bradley 22-23. Cake shoot and High Gun: J. Chapple.

Night 10t off 16 Pts: M. Edgar, T. Gannon 29-30, W. Jolly, W. Olsen, R. Whykes 27-30. Night Pts C'ship: P. Green 56-60, L. Skinner 56-63, B. Harmer 55-63.

By winning the two championships and the single barrel event, father John, son Philip and nephew Malcolm reinforced the adage that when you compete at Korumburra "Yer gotta beat the Greens." Genial Jack Shellcot, Tidal River cafe proprietor, won the anniversary handicap with its \$150 first prize — a painting by Frankston-Australian G.C. member Roland McMillan.

KERANG CLAY TARGET CLUB FRIDAY, 17th FEBRUARY

commencing at 8.30 p.m.

Event 1 20 Tgt North West Zone
Mini DB Championship
Graded AB & C Nom. \$5.00

Event 2 15 Tgt Gilbert Club Hotel
Handicap Trophy Nom. \$3.50

Event 3 (Time permitting) 10 Tgt Handicap Sweepstake
Nom. \$3.00

FRIDAY, 3rd MARCH

commencing at 8.00 p.m.

Event 1 20 Pair North West Zone
Deauville Doubles C'ship Nom. \$5.00

Event 2 15 Tgt Pts Dec Hcp Trophy Nom. \$3.50

Event 3 (Time permitting) 10 Tgt Sweepstake
5 off 11 m, 5 off 20 m Nom. \$3.00

THREE TRAPS OPERATING

Club reserves right to alter program if necessary.

Refreshments & Cartridges available
at ground.

President:
Frank James.
Phone 52 1107.

Secretary:
Chris Penno,
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GEELONG CLAY TARGET CLUB

(Affiliated A.C.T.A.)

FEBRUARY 1978 PROGRAM

FEBRUARY 4th 1 o'clock start

Event 1 Nom. \$2.50

1/2 ROUND SKEET EO

Event 2 Nom. \$5.50

25 TGT GRADED SKEET C'SHIP Badge & Trophy 1st each grade.

* AGGREGATE EVENT *

Event 3 Nom. \$5.50

MICK HEHIR GRADED SKEET CHAMPIONSHIP Sashes each grade & Trophy, Trophy 2nd 0-1 2-5 6-10.

OTHER EVENTS TIME PERMITTING

FEBRUARY 11th 1 o'clock start

Event 1 Nom. \$2.50

5 PR DOUBLE RISE EO

Event 2 Nom. \$5.00

10 PR DD STH WEST ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP

1st Sash & Trophy; Trophy 2nd pair.

Event 3 Nom. \$5.00

CLUB DR CHAMPIONSHIP

1st Badge & Trophy; Trophy 2nd & 3rd FM

Event 4 Nom. \$5.00

CLUB SB CHAMPIONSHIP

1st Badge & Trophy, 2nd & 3rd Trophy. FM
OTHER EVENTS TIME PERMITTING

FEBRUARY 26th 1 o'clock start

Event 1 Nom. \$2.50

10 TARGET POINTS EO

Event 2 Nom. \$5.00

20 TARGET DB CHAMPIONSHIP 1st Sash & Trophy, 2nd & 3rd Trophy & FM AGGREGATE EVENT

Event 3 Nom. \$5.00

20 TGT SB CHAMPIONSHIP 1st Badge & Trophy, 2nd & 3rd Trophy & FM

Event 4 Nom. \$5.50

25 TGT GRADED SKEET C'SHIP Badge & Trophy 1st in each grade. 0-1 2-5 6-10.



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MANSFIELD, 18-12-77 — Warm overcast windy. Christmas shoot. 10t EO Hcp CD: A. Spence, W. Ward, J. King, V. Mills 10-10. 20t Hcp 3 equal hampers: A. Petersen, T. Apps, G. Foster 40-40. 20t 16m ham 1st turkey 2nd chicken 3rd: Ray Lambden 27-27 won the ham, G. Boote 26-27 won the turkey, T. Newman 25-26 won the chicken. 11m Back To 20m CD: 5 shooters shared R. Davenport, A. Spence, R. Lambden, J. King, G. Foster.

Congratulations to G. Foster and T. Apps for shooting their 50 break badges.

MARYBOROUGH, 26-11-77 — Tropical (52). 10t EO DB: A. James, R. Milne, R. McKinnon, R. Wright, G. Solomano, D. Howden, H. Barnes, D. Robinson, R. McCarthy, G. Bilson. 20t DB Novelty C'ship: J. Landry 61-61, B. Rafferty 60-61, J. Shepherd 59-61. Inter J. McLeish 30-30. 10t DB Schoolboy C'ship: M. Leech 9-10, R. Durbridge 9-11, R. Solomano 8-11. 15t DB Hcp: A. O'Connell 40-41, G. Scarce 39-41, P. Tate 35-36; BM B. Rafferty 20-21.

Good attendance for the Schoolboys Championship and congratulations to Mark Leech, move over Dad and take up bowls. Annual meeting Don Robinson was made a Life Member for services rendered and to be rendered.

MELBOURNE, 26-11-77 — Hot, strong north wind (75). 25t November Trench Graded C'ship: 'A' W. Iles 36-38, R. Boyce 25-27; 'B' & OA S. Stevens 37-38, N. Berry 23-25. 20t Tarawarra DB Pts Graded C'ship: 'A' & OA W. Iles 81-81, N. Berry 80-81; 'B' W. Finnigan 63-66, L. Park 57-60; 'C' M. I. Crockett 57-60, M. Hammond 58-63, 11-13m W. Meadows 55-60. 20t Hcp: 11-16m G. Smart 20-20, M. Derose 30-32; 17-21m A. Crikis 22-22, J. Michelini 21-22; 22-25m N. Berry 20-20, A. Isaac 19-20. 20t Tarawarra DB Graded C'ship: 'A' & OA G. Long 91-91, A. Isaac 90-91; 'B' F. Cuartero 44-45, R. A. Clark 33-34; 'C' M. DeRose 37-38, M. Crockett 20-21; 11-13m J. Tozer 23-24. 50t Tarawarra Skeet Graded C'ship: 'A' G. Smart 49-50, M. Moore 56-58; 'B' W. Finnigan 47-50, K. Sagers 46-50.

MELBOURNE, 3-12-77 — Overcast and windy (80). 25t Trench Hcp CD: The following shooters divided the cash dividend - L. Nuzzolese, M. Vipond, I. Hale, M. Whitelaw, R. Devries, Mrs J. Young, F. Spinosa, P. Heywood and A. Tallentyne. 20t Club December DB Pts Graded C'ship: 'A' & OA S. Henwood 64-66, W. Abbott 71-75; 'B' D. Brown 63-66, J. Bull 69-72; 'C' Miss K. Williams 55-60, 11-13m T. Haines 51-60, 2nd 'C' W. Jolly 53-60. 20t Club December DB Graded C'ship: 'A' & OA K. Calder 40-40, R. Hansen 36-37; 'B' P. Heywood 35-36, G. Rath 37-38; 'C' R. Henwood 25-27, S. Caldwell 24-27. 11-13m W. Meadows 18-20. 20p Club December DD C'ship off 20m: 1st pair K. Calder and A. Zarro 23-23; 2nd pair B. Webley and M. Delorenzo 22-23. 50t Club December Skeet Graded C'ship: 'A' T. Preston 54-54, R. Buchan 53-54; 'B' C. Stiles 48-50, J. Tailby 46-50. 20t Ladies Hcp: Miss I. Coghillan 18-20.

MELBOURNE, 10-12-77 — Fine and steady breeze (90). 25t Trench Hcp CD: 19 shooters divided the cash dividend. 20t DB O'Callaghan SB Graded C'ship: 'A' N. Berry 23-24, W. Attwood 22-23; 'B' & OA L. Smith 24-24, M. Mollica 18-20; 'C' A. Tallentyne 18-20, J. Patterson 19-22. 11-13m D. Hayes 17-24. 20t DB O'Callaghan Hcp: 11-16m 1st & OA R. McAuliffe 33-33, 2nd W. Jolly 26-27; 17-21m S. Stannell 32-33, A. Heathcote 27-28; 22-25m W. Iles 17-20, A. Spence 23-27. 20t DB O'Callaghan DB Graded C'ship: 'A' 1st & OA W. Dalzell 82-82, 2nd N. Berry 81-82; 'B' W. Finnigan 22-23, Miss K. Williams 19-20; 'C' R. McAuliffe 30-31, Mrs M. Hammond 29-31. 11-13m W. Meadows 18-20. 20t DB O'Callaghan Ladies Hcp: Mrs M. Hammond 19-21, Miss K. Williams 18-21. 50t DB O'Callaghan Skeet Graded C'ship: 'A' W. Iles 50-50, S. Daymond 58-59; 'B' G. Boyd 47-50, J. Vale 45-50. High Gun over events 2 3 4 6: 1st W. Attwood 102-110.

MELBOURNE, 11-12-77 — Fine windy (40). ISU Skeet State Elim.: The team consisted of A. Crikis, G. Gauld, W. Iles, P. Avison, R. Buchan, M. Little. High Gun team P. Avison 48-50. 25t Trench Graded C'ship: 'A' W. Iles 25-25, H. Eldridge 25-30; 'B' R. Polese 25-25, C. Madsen 23-25. 25t Trench Hcp CD: The following divided B. Ireland, M. Beaton, J. Rowe. 50t Trench Graded event: 'A' G. Long 49-50, 'B' P. Morton 47-50. 50t Summer Skeet C'ship: 'A' S. Caldwell 48-50, 'B' G. Boyd 47-50.

CORIO BAY GUN CLUB

GEELONG

Friend In Hand Road (off Hamilton H'way)

— OFFICIAL OPENING —

Saturday 4th February 1978
12.30 p.m.

Event 1—EYE OPENER 10t Cont 18m PS	Nom \$2.50
Event 2—VIC STATE CONT. SB C'SHIP 18m Gded	Nom \$8.00
Event 3—CORIO BAY DB C'SHIP 20t Graded	Nom \$4.00
Event 4—10t HANDICAP CD (time permitting)	Nom \$2.50

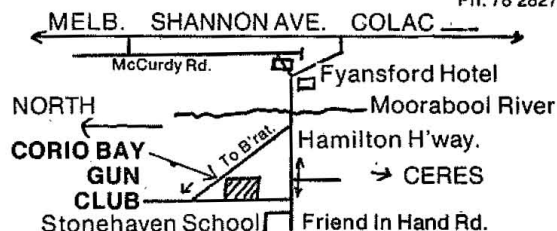
Saturday 11th March 1978

Event 1—10 T EYE OPENER off 16m B/O	Nom \$1.50
Event 2—15t SB C'SHIP 1st 2nd 3rd & FM	Nom \$3.50
Event 3—15t DB HANDICAP	Nom \$3.50
Event 4—15t DB CONTINENTAL 16m	Nom \$3.50

(Optional Sweeps Events 2 & 4)

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Secretary:
Ken George,
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FEBRUARY PROGRAM 1978

FEBRUARY 1st WEDNESDAY

commencing 7 p.m.

Event 1	15 TGT SB E/O	Nom. \$4.00
	TWILIGHT. Cash Divided.	

Event 2	15 TGT DB C'SHIP	Nom. \$4.00
	NIGHT SHOOT. FM Sash	

FEBRUARY 4th SATURDAY

commencing 1 p.m.

Event 1	10 TGT HANDICAP	Nom. \$3.00
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Event 2	10 TGT DR C'SHIP	Nom. \$3.00
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Event 3	10 TGT SILENT RISE C'SHIP	Nom. \$3.00
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Event 4	10 TGT DB C'SHIP	Nom. \$3.00
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FM Sash on all Championships.

FEBRUARY 8th WEDNESDAY

commencing 7 p.m.

Event 1	15 TGT DD EO	Nom. \$4.00
	TWILIGHT. Cash Divide 20m	

Event 2	15 TGT DD C'SHIP	Nom. \$4.00
	NIGHT SHOOT. 20m	

FEBRUARY 15th WEDNESDAY

commencing 7 p.m.

Event 1	15 TGT HANDICAP E/O	Nom. \$4.00
	TWILIGHT. Cash Divide.	

Event 2	15 TGT DB C'SHIP	Nom. \$4.00
	NIGHT SHOOT. FM Sash.	

FEBRUARY 22nd WEDNESDAY

commencing 7 p.m.

Event 1	15 TGT NOVELTY CD	Nom. \$4.00
	TWILIGHT 8tgs from 16m, 7tgs from 20m	

Event 2	15 TGT SILENT RISE (gun down)	Nom. \$4.00
	NIGHT SHOOT.	

The above program can be affected by light and weather conditions and can be altered by the committee at its discretion.

• Nominations will not be accepted from shooters who are unable to produce a current registration card.

FEBRUARY 22nd WEDNESDAY

commencing 7 p.m.

Event 1	15 TGT NOVELTY CD	Nom. \$4.00
	TWILIGHT 8tgs from 16m, 7tgs from 20m	

Event 2	15 TGT SILENT RISE (gun down)	Nom. \$4.00
	NIGHT SHOOT.	

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MELBOURNE, 17-12-77 — Hot and windy (115). 20t Christmas DB Graded Trophy Event: 'A' R. Boyce 78-78, S. Daymond 77-78; 'B' D. Kidd 20-20, F. Spinosa 33-34; 'C' J. Tozer 28-28, D. Fisher 28-29. 20t Christmas Hcp: 11-14m M. Bamford 30-30, G. Braid 29-30; 15-18m D. Brown 20-20, W. Jolly 29-30; 19-21m R. Lambden 22-22, M. Lewis 27-29; 22-25m A. Rowe 20-20, A. Spence 19-20. 25t Christmas Skeet Graded Trophy Event: 'A' A. Summers 54-54, N. Moore 53-54; 'B' R. McGillivray 32-34, W. Henwood 31-34; 'C' W. J. Hamilton 30-33, W. Dalzell 26-30. 20t Christmas Ladies Hcp: Mrs M. Hammond 18-20, Miss K. Taylor 17-20, Miss I. Coghlan 15-20.

METROPOLITAN, 12-11-77 — Fine (17). 10t EO Pts CD: M. Zovi 30-30 \$8.40, N. Perazzelli 28-30 \$5.60. Preston DB Pts C'ship: J. Smith 60-60, E. Lobley 58-60. 15t Hcp CD: F. Scotta 15-15 \$10, K. Calder 15-15 \$10; 11-12m C. Ranaletta 14-15 \$1, 13-14m M. Zovi 14-15 \$1.

METROPOLITAN, 13-11-77 — Fine (19). 10t Thornbury Tower Pts C'ship: M. Mollica 33-36, E. Lobley 35-36. 20t Thornbury DB C'ship: G. Sammut 27-27, J. Smith 26-27. 25t Thornbury Skeet: K. Patterson 25-25, J. Smith 24-25.

METROPOLITAN, 19-11-77 — Fine (67). Metro Marathon 100t DB: K. Calder 102-103, E. Lobley 101-103, K. Sagers 136-138; 11-12m P. Watkins 95-100, 13-14m G. Ranaletta 95-100. Coburg Skeet C'ship 50t: R. Hall 58-58, K. Sagers 54-58, W. Harvey 88-89; 2-4m J. Atherton 45-50, 5-10m B. Williams 44-50.

METROPOLITAN, 26-11-77 — Wet (31). Diamond Creek Twilight Pts C'ship: W. Iles 72-72, A. Peterson, M. Piccolo. Diamond Creek DR C'ship: L. Park 18-20, E. Lobley 17-20, C. Kneebone 16-20. Diamond Creek TR: W. Iles, K. Sagers, J. Napoli, S. Sacchetta.

METROPOLITAN, 27-11-77 — Very wet (19). DB C'ship: A. Zorzi (Inter) 22-22, K. Paterson (Open) 32-32. DR C'ship: open G. Michelini 19-20, inter. L. Cavallo 17-24, DD C'ship: J. Smith and G. Michelini, K. Sagers and L. Park. Tower Pts C'ship: M. Mollica 156-156, S. Arcaini 50-51. High Gun G. Michelini.

METROPOLITAN, 3-12-77 — (64). EO 10t Pts CD: R. Shipperlee \$15, L. Park \$15. Diamond Creek DB C'ship: R. Evans 56-56, J. Frattantaro 55-56, W. Attwood 31-32; 11-12m J. Mills 19-20, 13-14m N. Mollica 29-30. 30t Hcp: C. Kneebone 33-33, G. Sammut 32-33, J. Paterson 68-69; 21-25m E. Lobley. Woodstock Skeet C'ship: S. Richards 50-50, S. O'Connor 61-62, J. Atherton 59-62; 5-10m N. Hume 45-50, 2-4m D. Rolfe 40-50. High Gun J. Atherton 106-110.

METROPOLITAN, 10-12-77 — Fine Night (35). Mernda Twilight Pts C'ship: W. Iles 71-75, L. Park 70-75, R. Evans 56-60. Mernda Cont. DB C'ship: L. Park 23-23, J. Napoli 22-23, A. Zorzi 21-22. 20t Cont. Night Hcp: G. Michelini 20-20, J. Napoli 19-20, 3rd shared E. Lovley, S. Fenech, F. Scotta, C. Oteri 18-20.

METROPOLITAN, 17-12-77 — Hot and windy (139). Harry Belmore C'ship: 'A' W. Iles 49-49, T. Bradshaw 48-49, B. Dawe 40-41; 'B' J. Natoli 30-31, M. Piccolo 29-30, L. Hubbard 23-24; 'C' R. Brown 21-22, M. Beaton 18-19, J. McVicar 15-16. Cyril College Hcp: 11-14m J. Binks 60-60, B. Scotta 59-60, J. Rist 42-43; 15-18m P. Serafin 38-38, M. Beaton 37-38, D. Hobill 27-28; 19-21m W. Pilkington 54-54, T. Peterson 53-54, I. Wright 20-21; 20-25m K. Lowry 20-20, R. Evans 19-20, N. Berry 17-18. Best Lady T. Jones 14-15. Christmas Novelty Event: 11-14m S. Hinds 28-28, G. Ranaletta 27-28, J. Monk 17-20; 15-18m G. Michelini 21-24, M. Berton 20-24, R. Sagers 18-20; 19-21m W. Pilkington 19-20, E. Lobley 25-28, F. Cuartero 22-28; 22-25m R. Lowry 19-20, R. Evans 26-29, R. Burgess 25-26. Christmas Skeet: 0-1 W. Iles 39-39, R. Lowry 38-39, J. Morrell 36-37; 2-4 C. Santalucia 33-34, N. Berry 31-35, A. Peterson 28-29; 5-10 Brian Williams 23-25, R. Shipperlee 21-25, A. Bradshaw 21-25.

MILDURA, 18-11-77 — 19-11-77 20-11-77 — Good (75). Sunraysia Dist Universal Trench C'ship: Jim Finis 46-50, Fred Heinze 44-50, Ken Lowry 43-50, Trevor Byrne 65-75. Club Points Score Night C'ship: Ken Lowry 72-72, David H. Moore 69-72, Geoffrey Mark 65-66. Vic Uni. Trench C'ship: 'AA' Ken Lowry 94-100 OA & sash, 'A' Jim Finis 94-100, 'B' Peter Dimasi 86-100, 'C' Jim Blythman 85-100. Sunraysia District Skeet C'ship: Ken Lowry 32-33, Devan Johnston 29-30, David H. Moore 32-33; best 4-10 'Tup' Pedersen 27-29. Trophy Shoot: Fred Heinze 20-20, Dez Gosztoiangi 21-22, Kieron Vale 20-22, Murray Valley DB Night C'ship: 'A' Les Brown 51-51 OA & Sash, 'B' Leighton Martin 40-41, 'C' Geoff Izard 22-22. Winchester Tournament: Trevor Byrne 100-100, Ernie Evans 99-100, Robbie Robertson 75-76, Les Brown 72-73, Gordon Wakefield 56-57, Peter Dimasi 53-54, Bert Knight 50-51, Ken Burton 44-45, Jim Vale 44-45, John Groves 42-43; best 11-15 'Tup' Pedersen 31-32; best lady Deserie Wakefield 28-30; best junior Bronte Evans 28-30.

MORNINGTON, 26-11-77 — Extremely hot and windy (25). 10t Pts CD: T. Ferlazzo 28-30, J. Irons 28-30. 20t Graded C'ship: 'A' S. Hansen 19-20, 'B' C. Carrol 23-24, 'C' & OA G. Roxburg 24-24. 20t Hcp: G. Matthews 24-24, A. Hendricks 23-24, S. Hansen 22-23.

MORNINGTON, 10-12-77 — Fine and sunny (35). 30t Pts best 25 to count: Peter Davis 105-105, Chris Carrol 104-105, Tony Fonti 103-105. 10t off 16m Graded: 'A' J. Irons 21-21, 'B' B. Brooks 10-10, 'C' A. Hendrich 10-10.

This shoot was our Christmas shoot and all trophies were crayfish and were keenly shot for. We finished off the year with a barbecue afterwards.

MORWELL, 19-11-77 — Fine and warm (22). 10t Pts 16m CD: R. Lawrence 30-30, R. Whykes 29-30, D. Missen 29-30. 20t Latrobe Valley DB C'ship: E. Fower 20-20 'A' & OA, D. Lyell 24-25 'B', D. Missen 19-20 'C'. 20 tgt DD: A. Hansen D. Missen 17-20, L. Hine D. Luelf 16-20. 10pr DR: M. Brown 18-20, N. Lapham 16-20, G. Williams 15-20. Cake Shoot: R. Marriott.

MORWELL, 2-12-77 — Fine night (21). 5t Pts 16m CD: A. Pitts, B. Crane 15-15, L. Hine 14-15. 20t Gippsland SB C'ship: D. Missen 18-20, W. Pryde 18-21, M. Edgar 17-21. 10t DB Hcp CD: J. Farmer, B. Crane, L. Hine, D. Luelf, D. Missen, R. Whykes, W. Pryde, R. Lowater 9-10.

MT BOGONG, 6-11-77 — Fine warm (33). Kiewa Valley Mixed Tgt C'ship: OA & 'B' S. Pickering 23-25, 'A' G. Whitam 22-25, 'C' G. Fuge 20-25. Event 2 cancelled due to trap problems. Event 3 10t SB 16m: 'A' J. Sojkowski 10-10, 'B' R. Christie 9-10, 'C' A. Wait 10-10.

MILDURA CLAY TARGET G.C.

(Affiliated A.C.T.A.)

SATURDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1978

commencing at 1.30 p.m.

Event No. 1 Nom. \$5.00

NTH. WEST ZONE ISU SKEET C'SHIP

25 targets

Event No. 2 Nom. \$5.00

TROPHY SHOOT 20 tgts off Hcp

1st, 2nd, 3rd Trophy.

Hon. Secretary: Laurie Connors.

Phone 23 2567. Box 19 Mildura 3500.

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Australian writers have been invited to enter the international John M. Olin Award worth \$US2500.

The Award, for an unpublished book-length, non-fiction manuscript dealing with some aspect of the outdoors, has been established by Winchester Press, the book publishing subsidiary of the Winchester Group of Olin Corporation.

The first Award will be announced in October this year, for the best manuscript dealing with outdoor recreation, wildlife or nature study, conservation, hunting, fishing or any participant sport.

Australian entries should be forwarded to Winchester Australia Pty. Ltd., P.O. Box 720, Geelong, 3220, to arrive prior to June 15th for on-forwarding to New York for judging.

Manuscripts should consist of 30,000 words or more. Illustrations are desirable but not mandatory.

The author of the award-winning manuscript will receive a prize of \$US2500 of which \$1000 constitutes the Award and \$1500 an advance on royalties under the terms of a Winchester Press contract to publish the work.

Manuscripts will be evaluated, and the award winner selected, by a panel of six judges including a number of distinguished figures from the writing and publishing fields.

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For further information contact: Paul Kerr, International Public Relations Pty. Ltd., 117 Collins Street, Melbourne, 3000. (Telephone: 63-3322).

BOSS: "How come you are only carrying one sack when the other men are carrying two?"

SLAVE: "Well, I suppose the others are too lazy to make two trips the way I do!"

PUCKAPUNYAL AREA ARMY GUN CLUB SUNDAY, 26th FEBRUARY

Event 1 Nom. \$10.00

**50 TGT D.B. GRADED
CHAMPIONSHIP**

practice from 11 a.m. — 12.00.

START 12.00 NOON SHARP

1st and OA Sash and Trophy value \$50; two other grade winners Sash & trophy value \$50; 2nd in each grade Trophy value \$25; FM 11-13m trophy Value \$18. Sweeps each 25 tgts \$1.00.

Event 2 Nom. \$4.00 ea

10 PR DEAUVILLE DOUBLES

1st value \$50 split; 2nd value \$25 split. Sweep \$1.00 Overall.

Event 3 Nom. \$4.00 ea.

10 PR DOUBLE RISE

This event subject to time.

Ammo. Available on the Grounds.
Meals, Luncheon and Refreshments
available throughout the day.

President:
O.C.P.T.U.
Phone 93 7167.

Shoot Secretary,
Cpt. Allison RACT Centre
Puckapunyal.

AROUND THE TRAPS

Saturday, 5th November, 1977

A General Meeting of the North West Zone was held at the Birchip Gun Club on this day, prior to an afternoon shoot. The meeting commenced at 10 a.m. and it was most gratifying to the Zone Council to see such a number of clubs represented, and taking an interest in our Zone activities. Keep it up fellows. As a Zone, we are well on the road to success.

The major topic discussed was shoot dates and programs for our State and Zone Booklet.

Twenty-two clubs were represented at this meeting, five of them were from outside the North West Zone. Because of their association with clubs in the Wimmera area, prior to zoning of our State, their shoot dates and programs will also be advertised in the North West Zone booklet.

At the completion of the meeting all adjourned to the Birchip hotel for a counter lunch and then returned to do battle on the shooting tracks.

The wind had sprung up by this time and made targets most difficult for the sixty-eight shooters in attendance, particularly for a single barrel event. Only two shooters notched the possible and one of them was that likeable and popular lass, Pauline Clark from War-racknabeal. After a shoot off Pauline with 26-27 finished second to Ron Corbett, Birchip 27-27, third was Roger Lehman, Birchip 39-40. Graham Leslie, Ararat, John Aitken, Natimuk and Roger Lemon, Birchip all shared the equal trophy event with scores of 54-54.

Sunday, 6th November, 1977.

Shepparton Gun Club had their trap doors open this day and were hosts to 74 shooters who turned up for a double barrel championship, and handicap trophy shoot.

The championship featured a car fridge as first prize along with a sash. About 15 shooters put the first 20 on the board and there were some good shots amongst them. The car fridge was what they were after and it was not long before the battle was down to two. Reliable single shot from Cosgrove, Vin Ryan, was one, and the other who has been making his presence felt wherever he shoots Richard Allen, the Sports Store man from Kyabram, was the other. It went to 86-86 before Vin was able to collect the valued trophy. A Ladies double barrel championship was also on the card and Ross Allen from Kyabram, Richard's wife took this one out. The handicap trophy was won by Russell Newby, Shepparton.

My last visit to Shepparton Gun Club impressed me with its progress and facilities for shooters and their families. Progress is still on the up. The Clubrooms feature carpet on the floor, creating attractive atmosphere. Scones (and cream) specially baked and provided by their ladies' committee were on for afternoon tea. Very tasty. Keep it up girls. I'll be back again.

Talking to some of the Shepparton Committee, I was informed a hole was going in the ground about the size of a 15-trap trench

ALEXANDRA GUN CLUB (Vic)

SATURDAY, 4th FEBRUARY

commencing at 1 p.m.

20T DB LAKE EILDON C'SHIP (\$6)

20T DB HANDICAP (\$5)

8.30 p.m.

20T CLUB SB C'SHIP (\$6)

15T NOVELTY (\$4)

Meals & Refreshments — Country Setting

President: Barry Pyke.
Phone (057) 72 1189.

Secretary: Sue McNair
Phone (057) 74 2118.

SWAN HILL/NYAH GUN CLUB

Saturday, 11th February, 1.30 p.m.

No. 1 — 10 tgt SS DTL 16m

No. 2 — 20 TGT TOWER div ea 10

No. 3 — SKEET HANDICAP

Saturday, 25th February, 1.30 p.m.

No. 1 — MID MURRAY SKEET C'SHIP 25 tgts.

No. 2 — 10 TGT TROPHY HANDICAP DTL

No. 3 — 10 TGT SS 16m DTL

R. Canny, Secretary (050) 32 4031.

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VICTORIAN TEAMS' PREMIERSHIP

Please Note the following changes to dates shown on page 61 of January CTSN:—

SOUTH WEST ZONE

Hamilton Gun Club -
Saturday 18th February

SOUTH EAST ZONE

Melbourne Gun Club -
Saturday 3rd June.

THE FINAL WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE
STATE TRAP CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT
BENDIGO CLAY TARGET CLUB IN AUGUST.

PREPARE FOR THE '78 NATIONALS —

Apsley and Kaniva Gun Clubs have combined to provide a "WARM-UP" for the '78 Nationals:

FEBRUARY 25th & 26th, 1978

Saturday 25th Feb (commencing at 12.30 p.m.)

APSLEY GUN CLUB

S.W. ZONE DB C'SHIP

and Pre-Nationals 50 tgt event

Graded from 16m. 1st in each grade - Noms for Nationals or \$110 in cash; 2nd in each grade - cartridges, sash for OA winner.

Sunday 26th Feb (commencing at 1 p.m.)

KANIVA GUN CLUB

WEST WIMMERA DB CHAMPIONSHIP

50 tgts from 16m - graded. Trophies for 1st 2nd & 3rd in each grade.

J. Wagg Sec.
KANIVA GUN CLUB
Phone 349.

P. Cleggett Sec.
APSLEY GUN CLUB
Phone Langkoop 86 4236.

Around The Traps — Cont'd

layout. Five trap Universal Trench is to be installed and will be in operation shortly. The idea is to convert to 15-trap at a later date when more funds are available. Good idea fellows, you can't go wrong. You are in an area where trench is needed and will be well patronised.

Saturday, 12th November, 1977

Each year Mildura Gun Club members are guests of the Sunraysia Field and Game Association. A shoot for the Annual Mallee Cup teams event is eagerly contested between both organisations over their simulated range.

This year in perfect shooting conditions sixty shooters in teams of five entered and shot for their individual club. The result was a draw, and will stay that way until 1978. At the completion of the shoot program a barbecue with refreshments was provided and made a fitting end to an enjoyable afternoon's shooting.

Saturday, 3rd December, 1977

Another shooting day off from my home club and returned to the International Gun Club in S.A. for more of their hospitality.

They were running preliminary events prior to their hosting a section of the Winchester Tournament the next day.

In the 25 target Trench Championship, their idol in trench shooting Dino Olivero was A Grade and O/all winner, B Grade, Phillip Mules and C Grade, Pat Browne. Another aptly named event which was well contested for, and the top placings eagerly sought, was the Graded Italian Festival DB C'ship. Although a great number of their countrymen contested and were amongst the top, they were unable to fill any of the major placings. First in A Grade was Leighton Martin 32/32, B Grade Ron Surfield 20/20, C Grade Ivan Maywald 20/20. With everything set for the Winchester Tournament, only four shooters out of 103 entries could manage the possible 30/30. After one of the shortest shoot offs I have witnessed for a long time on such a major event, Gary Bollen came through the winner on 34/34, second Bob Baker 33/34, third Frank Taylor 34/35 and fourth Peter Settwertdt 33/35. To prove that clay busting is still on the go, 138 shooters attended the two day shoot.

Even the National President and the National Secretary of the A.C.T.A. were there, selling public relations as well as attending to matters of importance concerning the Nationals to be held at the S.A. Gun Club in 1978.

One major item finalised and one I have been associated with personally, were the arrangements for our presentation night to be held on Wednesday 15th March, 1978, after the completion of the National Titles. The Venue will be held at the South Australian Italian Association, 262 Carrington Street, Adelaide. The building is centrally situated to those staying in Adelaide and attending the Nationals, and is not difficult to get to. It features a most attractive dining room where people can be seated and catered for. If you wish to dance as well as dine, a reasonable sized dance floor is situated in front of a stage which provides for an orchestra, and where presentations can be made in full view of those in attendance. A lounge bar where drinks can be purchased while waiting for friends to arrive, instead of going direct to the dining room, will also be available for those who wish to take advantage of this service. The orchestra engaged includes a vocalist and is easy to listen to while dining, so it should make for a very pleasant evening, even if you are not a ballerina.

This is the first time to my knowledge, your Executive have endeavoured to provide this type of presentation and entertainment night for you, the shooter and your friends. Book for your party or club at the A.C.T.A. information office at the Nationals. It has the elements of being the best show ever.

See you where there is shooting.

Laurie Connors,
North West Zone Victorian Executive.

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Victorian Gun Club Christmas Party . . .

Victorian Gun Club's annual children's party proved the old saying that "the boy in us never dies" as these photos show members Ron Patterson and Don Snell confiding their Christmas desires to Santa — fellow member Alf Powell.

A most enjoyable and entertaining afternoon was provided by the Ladies Committee for members and their families, with Santa handing gifts with his traditional Yoh, Ho, Ho and Klappo the Clown (John Braybrook) holding a captive young and adult audience with juggling and a bag full of magic tricks.

Late afternoon saw the traps open with novelty events as a prelude to the evening shoot in which twelve hams, a dozen chickens, Christmas cakes, bottles of wine and free cheer blissfully disintegrated with the setting sun.

MAL SHIELDS, Victorian Gun Club.



Don Snell with Santa; Sue Cutajar looks on.



There were real kids there too!

Handicap Doesn't Worry Young Shooter . . .

Very few shooters who have "hung up their guns" after years of competition can call to account a success story to equal that of fifteen year old Barry Patterson of Victorian Gun Club.

Barry, sponsored and encouraged by father Ron, who is Shoot Marshal at Victorian, notched up his first success in the under twelve Schoolboy Championships with a second place. He won the next three annual competitions outright.

When fourteen, Barry's first major win was a deep freeze unit, shot in open competition from 16m. His score was 57 straight. Three months later a \$1000 Bernadelli joined the trophy list.

Now at the ripe old age of fifteen, a handicap mark of 23m doesn't seem a bad price for twelve open championships, fifteen seconds, ten thirds and unknown numbers of handicap prizes.

MAL SHIELDS, Victorian Gun Club.



QUEENSLAND

BALLANDEAN, 20-11-77 — Good, threatening rain (84). 5pts 16m EO: 15 possibles. 20pts 16m: M. Patti 99-99, D. Stranieri 96-99; best 11-12m D. George 54-60, 20pts Hcp: D. Stranieri, K. Murphy; best 11-12m F. Lofaro. 10pts: N. Baker, L. Day. 5 Mini Tgt DB Hcp: 15 possibles. The High Gun was won by D. Stranieri 59-60. The FM High Gun was won by C. Jones.

BLACKWATER, 19 & 20-11-77 — Good. Annual 2-Day Shoot (33). Brochtrup Mem 20t SB: L. Tselepy 19-20, R. Jones 19-20, D. Carter 18-20. Blackwater Dist DB C'ship: 'A' L. Tselepy 19-20, 'B' T. Cahill 20-20, 'C' J. Edwards 20-20; OA badge T. Cahill. 20t Pts Hcp: I. Hohn 59-60, W. McLeod 58-60, B. D. Glazbrook 57-60. Thiess Bros. Shield Teams: N. Waine, D. Carter, J. Edwards, D. Wyland, N. Grewe 251 pts overall. Blackwater Dist SB C'ship: B. D. Glazbrook 18-20, 'B' L. Murphy 17-20, 'C' J. Lacy 18-20; OA badge J. Lacy. \$400 Cash Hcp 30t: C. Jones 30-30, L. Robinson 30-30, 7 shooters shot 29-30.

At our last meeting prior to the annual event Mr K. Cross a shooter of some 30 years and M. J. Taylor a foundation committee member of the club were honoured with Life Membership; badges were to be presented at the annual shoot but did not arrive on time. A Ladies 20t Hcp with sapphires as trophies was conducted. Results were: Mrs R. Carter 1st Miss C. Carter 2nd and Mrs A. Glazbrook 3rd. Five days prior to the shoot our clubhouse was destroyed in a severe storm. Temporary repairs were effected and two days of excellent shooting was enjoyed by members and visitors from the 9-Mile and Rockhampton Gun Clubs. High Gun R. Jones 99-110; FM D. Carter 98-110.

BRISBANE, 11-12-77 — Hot 32°C Christmas Shoot (81). Shafston Hotel Carlton United Brewers Trophy 20t DB Hcp: P. Keidge 51-51, A. J. Potts 50-51, D. Dibartolomeo 31-31; best 11-14m S. Valastro 30-31. 5t each sitting kneeling and SB 16m: G. J. Eldridge 15-15, B. Nelis 15-15, K. Stevens 15-15. 10pr DR 16m: D. Smith 17-20, R. Lowry 17-20, L. James 16-20. 5pr Skeet from 25m: D. Dibartolomeo, G. Mawer, A. Page 9-10. High Gun Doug Smith 59-65.

BUNDABERG, 4-12-77 — Windy (36). 10pr DD off 16m: R. Duffy and B. Assmussen, R. Berry and A. Aitchison, C. Benson and J. Waldoock. 10pr DR off 16m: P. Somerville, R. Fluerty, J. Milne. Cont kills off 16m: R. Fluerty, R. Duffy, R. Rehbein. 10t DB kills off Hcp: M. Petrou, J. Waldoock, J. Johnson. 10t SB kills off Hcp: R. Berry, G. Pearce, R. Fluerty.

The High Gun for the day was won by R. Fluerty 51-55. The annual High Gun was won by a comparatively new shooter J. Milne 183-200. Naturally Santa attended and distributed gifts to the children. On behalf of the Club I would like to wish all shooters the very best for the festive season and good shooting in the new year.

CAIRNS & DISTRICT, 13-11-77 — Sunny, wind after lunch (31). 10t DB Hcp: 10-10 F. Poggio, L. Parisi, G. Kidd, G. Lee Sye, D. Irvin (Cairns); M. DiMauro (Silkwood); S. Spina (Ravenshoe). 15t Pts Score off Hcp Trophy: F. Poggio, L. Parisi, J. Holmes (all from Cairns). 15t SB off 16m: 15-15 R. Pill (Cairns); 13-15 S. Spina, G. Stephens (Ravenshoe); M. DiMauro (Silkwood); D. Irvin, S. Marino, M. Marino, S. Arcidiacono (Cairns). 20t DB Hcp: 20-20 S. Marino, J. Holmes, R. Simpson (Cairns). 10pr DR off 16m: 17-20 M. DiMauro (Silkwood); 16-20 G. Stephens (Ravenshoe); D. Catalan (Silkwood); G. Marino, G. Kill (Cairns). Skeet: possibles W. Irvin, G. Lee Sye, L. Parisi, G. Kidd, P. Underwood (Cairns), G. Stephens, S. Spina (Ravenshoe), D. Catalan, M. DiMauro (Silkwood). Skeet: possibles S. Coca, M. DiMauro (Silkwood), G. Stephens (Ravenshoe), F. Poggio, G. Lee Sye, C. Marino, G. Kidd, W. Steel, J. Marino (Cairns). High Gun: M. DiMauro (Silkwood).

Visitors: G. Rooney (Eton Club, Mackay); P. Garrod (NSW Club, North Curl Curl). **CALLIDE-DAWSON, 11-12-77** — Fine, hot (51). 10t DB SS: 16 shared 10-10. 20t DB Pts Presidents Trophy: W. Nioa (Gladstone) 60-60, D. Lacky (Rockhampton) 59-60, D. Burns (Gladstone) 59-60 after shoot-off. 10t SB: D. Burns (Gladstone) 10-10, S. Whitehead (Gladstone) 10-10, I. Hohn (Rockhampton) 10-10 after shoot-off. 5pr DR: C. Talbot (Rockhampton) 10-10, L. Raymond (Callide-Dawson) 10-10 after shoot-off, K. Midgley (Gladstone) 9-10 after shoot-off. High Gun G. Talbot (Rockhampton) dropping only two targets for the day.

The members of the Callide-Dawson Clay Target Club would like to thank all visiting shooters who attended our opening shoot and making it such a success it was. Visitors came from Rockhampton, Nine Mile, Gladstone, Bundaberg, Maryborough and Central Burnett. A special thanks must go to wives of visiting shooters who helped with the catering for the day. As we only have a small number of wives in our club this was very much appreciated. The club will now commence shooting regularly and will hold monthly shoots on the second Sunday of each month.

CENTRAL BURNETT, 18-12-77 — Hot and stormy (46). 5t Cont 5t SB off 16m: G. Rowles, A. Williams, B. Thompson, R. Duffy, K. Vicary. 10t DB Pts off Hcp: B. Steger, J. Hile, K. Zopf, R. Fluerty, W. Kimber. 5t SR 5t kneeling off 16m: K. Vicary, O. B.B., L. Tibbit, G. Darlington, N. Wilson. 10t DB off Hcp: L. Barker, C. Cavanagh, N. Fluerty, B. Steger, M. Zopf. 10t DB move back 1 metre after each shot: G. Darlington, M. Zopf, G. Dolelo, C. Percival, K. Zopf. High Gun: R. Duffy.

This was the Club's Christmas Shoot and was well supported by local and visiting shooters. All events carried five prizes with no shooter being able to take the same prize twice. A Christmas tree and Santa Claus was there for the children. A BBQ was held at the close of the shoot.

CHARTERS TOWERS, 6-12-77 — Clear (45 - 60). 10t DB Hcp: Gordon Bell, David Griffiths, Joe Zambon (T'ville), Col Fanning, Graham Phipps (T'ville). 15t DB Hcp Patrons Trophy: R. Sadds (T'ville), Peter Bell, Bruce Scott. 20t DB 16m C.T. DB C'ship: Robert Titley, Michael Bell, Tom Comerford (T'ville). 5t SB Hcp: 6 hampers for each event. 8-9 5 target SB Handicap: 6 hampers for each event. 4 prs DD drawn partners: W. Eggerstedt and L. Chisnell, F. Leeds and D. Crawford.

CUNNAMULLA, 17-12-77 — Terrible - hot and gusty (33). 10t DB EO: R. McLaren 10-10, D. Dunsdon 10-10. 20t DB Hcp Christmas Hamper: Col Austin 19-20, D. Dunsdon 21-22, W. G. Dunsdon 20-22; FM N. Veivers. 5t SB and 5t DB Hcp CD: O. Schmidt 9-10, C. Austin 9-10, N. Veivers 9-10. Night Shoot - 10t DB Hcp CD: G. Dunsdon, D. Palmer T. Ecroyd A. Schmidt C. Austin G. Goodwin. Night Shoot - 5pr DR 16m CD: O Schmidt G. Dunsdon N. Palmer N. Veivers D. Dunsdon

DYSART, 27-11-77 — Fine (34). 10t SB EO Hcp: SS shared by L. Powell 9-10, M. Chapman 9-10; J. Simpson 8-10, J. Hume 8-10, D. Wyland 8-10, F. Shreck 8-10. 15pr DR C'ship: 'A' B. Nasser 20-30 1 OA G. Wright, 'B' A. Daly 20-30 OA A. Daly, 'C' G. Wright 23-30 3 OA D. Casagrande. 20 pair Deauville Doubles C'ship 20m: 1st D. Wyland and G. Wright 18-20, 2nd C. Ennis and T. Williams 17-20. 20t DB Hcp: Sweepstakes only on this event shared by B. Murphy 20-20, D. Wyland 19-20, A. Springer 18-20, J. Walsh 18-20, D. Casagrande 18-20, B. Nasser 18-20.

Thirty-four shooters turned out to contest the Broadsound and District Double Rise Championship and the Broadsound and District Deauville Doubles C'ship. B. Nasser won A Grade, A. Daly B Grade, G. Wright C Grade in the Double Rise. D. Wyland and G. Wright 1st in the DD with C. Ennis and T. Williams running a very close 2nd. The day started out as being very overcast but fined up later on. The day finished with a very nice barbecue and sing-a-long.

TOOWOOMBA

GUN CLUB

OPEN SHOOT

EASTER FRI. SAT. SUN.

24th 25th 26th MARCH 1978

★ ★ 4 Electric Traps ★ ★

FRIDAY 24th MARCH

commencing 2 p.m.

PRACTICE SWEEPSTAKES

SATURDAY 25th MARCH

commencing 9 a.m.

Event 1 Nom. \$5.00

DARLING DOWNS DB C'SHIP

20 Targets DB off 16m Graded.

Badge OA. Trophies A B C grades. Optional Sweeps 50c each 10 targets.

Event 2 Nom. \$15.00

\$500 CASH HANDICAP

30 Targets DB off A.C.T.A. Handicap. Divided 60% 30% 10% on 30 targets.

Event 3 Nom. \$8.00

HANDICAP TROPHY

20 Targets DB off A.C.T.A. Handicap Trophies 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

Saturday Night - Dinner & Calcutta

SUNDAY 26th MARCH

commencing 9 a.m.

Event 4 Nom. \$5.00

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20 Targets DB Pts off 16m Graded.

Badge overall. Trophies A B C Grades. Optional Sweeps 50c each 10 targets.

Event 5 Nom. \$21.00

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40 Targets DB off A.C.T.A. Handicap.

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Event 6 Nom. \$6.00

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ANNUAL 2 DAY SHOOT AND WINCHESTER TOURNAMENT

Saturday and Sunday, 25th and 26th February, 1978

SATURDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, 1978 — 12 noon

Event 1

30 TARGET DOUBLE BARREL HANDICAP
SOUTH BURNETT DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

Nomination \$7.00

Trophy 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Best 11 and 12 metre shooters Opt. \$1 sweep on each 10 targets.

Event 2

30 TARGET POINTS HANDICAP

Nomination \$10.00

Trophy 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Calcutta and Dinner — Saturday Night

SUNDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1978 — 9 a.m.

Event 1

\$600 CALCUTTA HANDICAP 30 TARGET DOUBLE BARREL
\$200 for each 15 targets, \$200 overall.

Nomination \$15.00

Event 2

WINCHESTER TOURNAMENT 30 TARGET DOUBLE OFF 16 METRES

Nomination \$18.00

★ 1st 1051 Winchester Super X 5 shot Automatic with 30" full choke barrel plus spare 26" skeet barrel Value \$511 ★ 2nd Little Big Horn 44-40 Commemorative Rifle Value \$299 ★ 3rd 140085 Model 1400 Auto. Shotgun (Vent Rib with Winchokes) Value \$269
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Event 3

30 TARGET DOUBLE BARREL CONTINENTAL OFF 16 METRES
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DYSART, 18-12-77 — Fine and hot (38). 10t Mixed EO Hcp: Sweepstakes shared by J. Rowe 10-10, N. Quince 10-10. 25t Mixed C'ship 16m: 'A' B. Nasser 1 OA N. Quince, 'B' A. Daly 2 OA A. Daly, 'C' N. Quince 3 OA D. Casagrande. 10t SB Hcp: A. Springer 10-10, R. Anderson 9-10, B. Watt 9-10. 10t DB Hcp: A. Daly 10-10, B. Nasser 10-10, N. Low 10-10. 10t DB Pts Hcp: S. Turco 30-30, J. Hume 29-30, R. Anderson 29-30. 5t DB Ladies Hcp: M. Casagrande 4-5.

Christmas Shoot extremely hot and still. Thirty-eight shooters turned out to make for a really competitive shoot. The day saw many shoot-offs conducted as the shooters were really keen and good scores were evident. Trophies were presented by Gavin Wright. President Norm Quince and ACTA executive Noel Massey both gave a short wind-up speech. Members and guests enjoyed a barbecue and refreshments.

ETON-MACKAY, 11-12-77 — Fine, hot (27). 10t DB Hcp: P. Camilleri, C. Nielsen, E. Searly. 20t DB Pts Hcp: P. Camilleri, J. Maloy, D. Takagaki. Diamond Builders Shield 20t DB Hcp: J. Maloy, P. Vella, D. Takagaki. 10pr DR 17m J. Maloy, R. Fenton, M. Pietzner.

MARYBOROUGH, 27-11-77 — Windy and cool (23). 5t DB Pts: D. Bennett 32-32, 15t W-U C'ship: A. Bott 18-18, E. Kath 17-18, M. Taylor 14-18. 15t DB Pts: N. Faraway 51-51, M. Taylor 48-51, L. Mitchell 43-45. 10pr DD 20m: J. Johnson, S. Ginnegan 9-10. High Gun: M. Taylor 31-35.

MARYBOROUGH, 18-12-77 — Very hot and windy (33). 10t DB off 20m: (11-16m D. Neilsen 9-10, 17-25m M. Taylor 12-12. 20t DD C'ship off 20m: M. Taylor and N. Faraway 34-35, J. Collins and A. Aitchison 32-35. 10t DB Cent. off 11m: 11-16m I. Casperson 30-30, 17-25m M. Mengel 36-36. 5t SR: M. Mengel 20-20. High Gun: A. Bott 24-25.

MOUNT ISA, 13-11-77 — Fine and hot (53). 5t DB pts off 16m: T. Giles, J. Storch, L. C. Wilcocks, W. Wood, K. Jensen, F. Paza, G. Burchler, M. Donald, A. Lord, P. Leddick, J. Roseberry, J. Hart, T. Kitta, R. Burton, P. Baron, E. Sebastiani, B. Hart; possible with 15-15 points. Mt Isa G.C. SB C'ship off 16m: P. Leddick 20-21, R. Rockett 19-21, E. Sebastiani 32-35; best 11m G. Cooke 16-20. 5t DB off Hcp: A. Borks, J. Campbell, Mrs B. Lord, J. Storch, K. Wyld, W. Nioa, L. C. Wilcocks, R. Rockett, M. Byrne, G. Lasley, W. Canning, F. Panza, P. Snowton, M. Donald, J. Hart, R. Burton, E. Sebastiani, J. Nowman, B. Hart, N. Kuskopf; possible with 5-5. Special Ladies Trophy won by Mrs Campbell with a score of 9-10. CWB Perpetual Trophy 30t DB off Hcp: N. Kuskopf 36-36, J. Hart 35-36; best 11m no decision; best 12-14m P. Baron 36-38. 15t DB Pts off Hcp: N. Filopolous, K. Wyld, R. Rockett 45-45 points.

Congratulations to Phil Leddick for his win in the CWB SB C'ship; also to Noel Kuskopf winning the Perpetual Trophy. Bad luck still following Richard Rockett. Richard gets the shoot-off blues. Missed both his first targets in the shoot-off for the Championship and High Gun. Our skeet houses now finished — we hope to be shooting our first round in January.

MOUNT ISA, 10-12-77 — Fine Night shoot (34). 10t DB Cent 55 off 18m: no scores available. Queensland Night SB C'ship off 18m: M. Donald 26-30, A. Lord 25-30, P. Leddick 24-30; best 11m shooter T. Giles 19-30; best 12-14m shooter N. Kuskopf 23-30.

MOUNT ISA, 11-12-77 — Christmas shoot. Fine, hot, light breeze (57). 5t DB off Hcp PS: possible with 15-15 points G. Cooke, A. Borks, K. Wyld, W. Channing, R. Bentley, J. Storch, N. Filopolous, K. Ford, F. Panza, S. Linton, R. Rockett, R. Street, N. Kuskopf, C. Selke, V. Vrashtil, A. Fenk, L. C. Wilcocks, B. Hart. Mt Isa G.C. DB C'ship off 16m: 9 possible after a lengthy shoot-off G. Buerchler 33-33, R. Rockett 32-33, T. Kittila 28-29. Patrons Trophy 15t DB off Hcp: 9 possible after another long shoot-off K. Wyld 32-32, G. Cooke 31-32, M. Donald 28-29; best 11m G. Cummings; best 12-14m A. Bories. Christmas hamper 30t DB off Hcp: 11m shooters 7 shooters shared first; 7 placings T. Bond, A. Wilcocks, C. Casley, H. Kavanagh, W. Onton, W. Channing, J. Campbell; 12 to 13 metre 7 shooters shared first 7 placings - G. Cummings, M. Byrne, A. Burics, J. Storch, P. Snowden, G. Cooke, J. Kent; 14 to 16 metres 5 shooters shared first 5 placings - F. Panza, N. Kuskopf, P. Barun, V. Vrashtil, R. Rockett; 17 to 25m 5 shooters shared first 5 placings - A. Edmondson, A. Lord, G. Buerchler, E. Sebastiani, M. Donald.

Our Christmas Shoot exceeded all expectations. Our special Night Shoot on Saturday 10th saw M. Donald win the Queensland Night SB Cent. C'ship. A. Lord was second and P. Leddick third. Sunday 10 a.m. fine and hot. The first event on the program 15pts EO was concluded for the year with Vic Vrashtil taking out the aggregate for the Secretary's Trophy with the score of 117-120. J. Hart was 2nd with 116-120. Gus Buerchler won the club DB C'ship 33-33. R. Rockett 2nd 32-33. T. Kittila 3rd 28-29. Congratulations to Ken Wyld for winning the Patron's Trophy after a lengthy shoot-off with his brother-in-law Garry Cooke. Murray Donald was third.

The 30 target Christmas event saw some of our up and coming shooters take home the goodies. It's great to see our FM's and new shooters coming up and beating us old guys. If you boys keep busting targets like you did last week - end we are in for a great year in 1978. Frank Panza one of our Junior shooters aged 15 years won the Grassland Aggregate Shield for 1977 with the great score of 236-240. Frank was so far ahead of the rest of us that his final score of 30-30 wasn't needed for him to win the shield outright. Mrs Lord won the Ladies Trophy after a shoot-off with Mrs Campbell. There was no High Gun but Alan Edmondson shot 69-70. Noel Kuskopf and Frank Panza were in top form. Frankie breaking 114-116 and Noel 104-106 targets on program and shoot-offs.

Merry Christmas to all our club members and shooters everywhere. Good shooting for 1978.

MURGON, 4-12-77 — Hot (35). 30t DB Hcp 10 trophies: J. Cavanagh (Gympie), F. Hall (S. Coast), G. Lilley (S. Coast), Barry Stolberg (Gympie), G. Harvey, B. Grice (S. Coast), R. Cavanagh (Gympie), C. Taylor, C. Bott (M'borough), J. Frahm. 30t DB Christmas C'ship: 'A' & 'B' S. Angel 30-30, 'B' G. Lilley (S. Coast) 28-30, 'C' J. Hayne 29-30. 30t Pts Hcp 12 trophies: C. Bott (M'borough), S. May (S. Coast), B. Rowsell, Bev. Grice (S. Coast), G. Lilley (S. Coast), Bill Stolberg (Gympie), B. Frahm, J. Cavanagh (Gympie), T. Hansen, G. Stolberg (Gympie), M. Tipman, Barry Stolberg (Gympie). 10pr DR 16m: 'A' C. Bott 16-20, 'B' Bill Stolberg 17-20, 'C' V. Newcombe 17-20.

High Gun C. Bott who forgot his card and shot A Grade. Our new member J. Frahm, a Junior, gained a metre as did Grant Lilley.

NINE MILE, 4-12-77 — 20t DB Pts off 16m: D. Burns 60-60, Lex Murphy 59-60, L. Tseley 57-60. 20t DB kill off hcp: D. Wyland, L. Robinson, L. Dalton, B. Dalton 20-20. 3rd event: D. Burns 40-40, D. Wyland 39-40, W. Nioa, D. Kell 38-40. 4th event: R. Janes, R. James 20-20, J. McKeough 19-20. High Gun: D. Burns 97-100.

PORT DENISON, 18-11-77 — Cool, calm (22). 10t DB off 12m: B. Malone, I. Menzies 10-10, R. Burnes, I. Facey, D. Pugh 9-10. 10t PS off 14m: V. McDonnell 30-30, A. Maltby 29-30. 10t SB off 16m: B. Malone 9-10, R. Burnes, N. Sleeman, A. Maltby 8-10.

Night shoot. Quite a number of beginners.

PORT DENISON, 27-11-77 — Windy, overcast (50). 10t DB off 16m: P. Camilleri, J. Scalia, R. Falco, C. Haller, F. Bonano, L. Bishop, P. Fyhn, B. Malone, D. Pugh 10-10. 20t Pt Denison DB C'ship: OA & 'C' Max Nicolaides (Burdekin) 20-20; 'B' Steve Nicolaides (Burdekin) 20-20; 'A' Peter Fyhn (Burdekin) 20-20. 20t Pts Score Hcp "Claude Harpur Memorial": Greg Maltby (Port Denison, Junior) 57-60, L. Kovacich (Burdekin) 56-60, R. Burnes 56-60. 15t SB Hcp: P. Fyhn 15-15, A. Bishop 14-15.

Event 1 was also the Junior C'ship and this was won by Allan Bishop. This event was also the final event for the Northern Electronic Services Trophy and this was won by Raymond Falco of Burdekin.

ROCKHAMPTON, 19-11-77 — Hot, muggy (29). 20t DB (kills): tie 1st T. Gulley and A. Mace 19-20, tie 2nd D. Wust, K. Mackay and M. Morgan 18-20. 20t DB (points): D. Burns 59-60 (G'stone), G. Wagner 57-60, G. Huff 54-60. 5pr DR: J. Watson 9-10, tie 2nd T. Gulley and G. Huff 7-10. 10t Medley: tie 1st S. Whitehead (G'stone), D. Goltz, G. Taylor 9-10.

CHINCHILLA GUN CLUB

1st & 2nd APRIL, 1978

SATURDAY

Event 1 Nom. \$2.00

10 Tgt Single Barrel
Sweepstakes off 16 m

Event 2 Nom. \$5.00

20 Tgt Single Barrel
Chinchilla District C'ship 16 m

Sponsored by Watsons Auto. Elect.
Badge & Trophy 1st, trophies 2nd & 3rd.

Event 3 Sweeps \$1.00
Nom. \$10.00

30 Tgt Medley off 16 m
15 Tgts Double Barrel 15 pts.
60% of noms. to shooters divided 60% 30% 10%
11 to 16, 17 to 21, 22 to 25 metres.

SUNDAY

Eye Opener

5 Tgt DB Mini Tgts off 20 m

Event 4 Nom. \$9.00

COMMONWEALTH
DOUBLE BARREL POINTS
MINI TGTS CHAMPIONSHIP

40 Targets off 20 metres
Badge and Trophy 1st, Trophies 2nd & 3rd.
Sponsored by Watson's Auto Elect.

Event 5 Sweeps \$1.00
Nom. \$18.00

\$500 Cash Handicap
40 Targets off A.C.T.A. Hcps
\$200 1st 20 tgts.
\$200 2nd 20 tgts.
\$100 Overall 40 Tgts.
All divided 60% 30% 10%

Total Noms. \$46.00

Calcutta on event 5 Saturday night
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The Committee reserve the right to alter or cancel any event.

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ROCKHAMPTON, 4-12-77 — Hot (29). 20t Medley: D. Goltz 60-60, D. Robinson 59-60, R. Smithwick after a four way shoot off between A. Powell, C. Power and J. Lacey 58-60. 15t SB: R. Smithwick 15-15, L. Busby after shooting off with K. Mackay, G. Whitfield, G. Huff, C. Power, J. Lacey and W. Warner 14-15; 3rd K. Mackay. 15t DB (kills): W. Warner after two way shoot off; J. Lacey 15-15; 3rd J. Watson shoot off with G. Huff, D. Robinson, C. Power, R. Smithwick, N. Goltz and B. McLeod.

High Gun won by R. Smithwick 49-50 after shooting off against John Lacey, better luck next time John.

ROCKHAMPTON, 17-12-77 — Fine and hot (50). 20t DB swap guns: R. Smithwick 20-20, D. Goltz 20-20, J. Ryan (Bildela) 19-20, G. Talbot 19-20. 15t DB Chair Shoot: G. Huff, G. Whitfield, D. Goltz, G. Wagner 15-15. 15t DB SR: N. McLeod, W. Warner, B. Smart, R. Hannah (Gladstone) 15-15. 20t DD TR: S. Whitehead (Gladstone) and B. Nioa (Gladstone) 17-20, 2nd G. Wagner and K. Mackay 14-20.

Good attendance attributed to good weather and an excellent program. This was our Christmas Shoot and shoot off's were eliminated in favour of drawing straws to determine placings. We thank all visitors for their support and congratulations go to all trophy winners.

ROMA, 17-12-77 — Hot, fine (22). 15t DB Hcp: V. Tipman 26-26, J. Bickers 25-26, K. Mount 22-23. 15t DB Pts: M. Thompson 44-45, V. Tipman 43-45, R. Dean 42-45. 15t SB 16m: R. Dean 15, G. Bryant, V. Tipman. 10pr DR Maranoa C'ship: OA V. Tipman; 'A' R. Dean, 'B' V. Tipman, 'C' E. Makinson. Ham Slam: G. Bryant, R. Dean, B. Bryant; Low Gun A. Carne. OA High Gun R. Dean; Inter: High Gun B. Harris.

Congratulations to Vic Tipman on winning the Maranoa Double Rise C'ship. Even though numbers were low, a good time was had by all.

SCRUBBY CREEK, 11-12-77 — Hot, gusty southerly wind (32). 10t SB: D. Davidson, G. Akers, J. Hamilton. 15t Pts: T. Jarvis, G. Jarvis, P. C. Bredhauer. 20t DB: M. Jarvis, B. Marks, R. Elkington. 15t DB Progressive: B. Marks, D. Lloyd, T. Jarvis.

During the day R. Elkington (new A.C.T.A. member) completed a break of 41 and B. Marks has an uncompleted break of 79.

SOUTH BURNETT, 4-12-77 — Hot and windy (38). 25t DB C'ship 16m: D. Campbell 25-25, G. Cairns 24-25, L. Ivins 23-25; best 11-12m J. Rodden 23-25. 15t DB Pts Hcp SS: 1st and 2nd shared by P. Crowe, E. Anderson 44-45; 3rd D. Fitzgibbons 42-45. 10pr Double Rise 16m: E. Anderson 18-20, N. Black 16-20, S. Horn 15-20; best 11-12m C. Casswell 15-20. DD 10pr SS: shared by P. Crowe and Casswell, S. Horn and D. Rackemann, P. McDonald and D. Buchholz, W. Priddey and E. Anderson 10-10. Teams Match: won by D. Schultz, D. Campbell, J. Rodden, W. Schultz, W. Alexander 114-150. High Gun: E. Andersson 52-60.

A very good attendance for our Annual Christmas Shoot, despite the expected visitors who did not make it. A very exciting finish to Patron George Lewis' Trophy when Paul Crowe bobbed up with 121 to finish in front of Dave Fitzgibbons 120 and Bill Priddey 119. Our thanks to Carlton United for providing that beautiful stuff that comes in glass for the trophies for the Deauville and Teams events. Thanks also to the ladies who supplied the luncheon and evening BBQ. Looking forward to seeing State and Interstate visitors for the big Winchester event 25th and 26th February, 1978.

TOOWOOMBA, 13-11-77 — Fine and windy (55). Skeet 2 rounds Graded: 0-1 E. Hass 49-50, 2-4 S. Mylne 62-68, 5-10 F. Thygesen 45-50. Trap Toowoomba DD C'ship: N. Gowland, W. Durham 18-20; D. Hatley, S. Kentish 18-20. 30t DB 16m: 'A' S. Kentish 37-37, 'B' S. Mihalka 29-32, 'C' P. Nielsen 29-30.

E. Hass unbeatable in the Skeet, to win his division with 49-50 shot his first 25 break and won skeet High Gun. The two BMers N. Gowland and W. Durham won the DD C'ship unopposed with 19-20 during windy conditions. Best 11 metre shooter K. Walker with 23-30. Overall High Gun C. Kassulke 75-80. Rossini skeets traps should be operating early in 1978. A 10 metre tower has been installed in preparation for night lights and tower trap.

WARWICK, 5-12-77 — Fine (48). 20t DB 16m: 'A' R. Middleton, G. Newey; 'B' R. Potter, D. Bartley; 'C' P. Nielsen, T. Middleton. 15t Pts 16m: 'A' G. Newey, R. Middleton; 'B' L. Bartley, K. Miller; 'C' D. Cox, A. Self. 15t SB 16m: 'A' A. Sceresini, G. Turner; 'B' E. Hass, S. Mihalka; 'C' D. McMaster, A. Self.

Lovely weather made conditions very enjoyable for the many visitors who came to our Christmas Shoot. Scores were very good and best Front Marker for the day was Alan Self and High Gun was Greg Newey.

WARWICK GUN CLUB

SUNDAY, 5th FEBRUARY

commencing 10.00 a.m.

Main Event:—

30 TGT POINTS 16m Graded A B C

1st Outright .222 Remington Rifle, courtesy "Warwick Outdoors & Sports"; Trophies for 1st and 2nd each grade.

PLUS OTHER GRADED EVENTS

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The A.S.A. News — Cont'd from page 23

Aside from the items listed above, the meeting felt the most important issue to come out of the discussions was the need to have complete forward planning in all specialities, such as administration, coaching systems, competitions both at home and abroad. The Government requires this for their own systems relevant to funds, and the Australian Olympic Federation are moving quickly along the same lines. Each Delegate around the table was very much aware of the changing face of Australian sport, and if we are to advance with the others, then shooting will need to keep on the mettle, to maintain a strict vigil and to gain the chances when they present themselves.

Concentration, Determination, Psychology — or What? Cont'd from page 4

but if you examine the problem, we are trying to get shotgunners away to the 1980 Olympics, and D.T.L. is simply NOT FIRED in an Olympic games. To me then the choice is obvious and I make not bones about where my affiliations lie. In spite of the fact that 90 per cent of A.C.T.A. membership are D.T.L. shooters, this makes not one iota of difference to the standard prescribed by the world shooters and whom we, as a prospective member of an Australian Olympic team have to justify in the eyes of the committee responsible in the Australian Olympic Federation.)

So, faced with the knowledge that ALL Australian shooters are not really good enough to win overseas, we do have shooters in our midst, either in their own fields, be they shotgun, rifle or pistol, that are . . . These are the shooters that ultimately will make it much easier to gain berths because these shooters, by simply being a little better, lift the standard inadvertently with other shooters trying to keep up.

So who? Can you apply yourself?

The rewards are great.

"CHATTERBOX"

C.T.S.N. welcomes the appearance of "Chatterbox", who is a well-known Australian of international shooting repute — but in another discipline! In fact, it is undoubtedly this person who would have the best chance for a medal at the 1978 Commonwealth Games. "Chatterbox" has talked a lot of sense in other types of shooting, especially in relation to the psychological approach. In line with CTSN's policy of developing better competitive standards, he has agreed to produce material that will be of benefit to our readers.

Big Bertha of the Barmah Lakes — Cont'd from page 7

The use of Big Bertha and all the lesser punt guns, and the big bore shoulder guns came to an abrupt end in 1928, when legislation was passed outlawing any firearm bigger than a 12 bore.

Needless to say the use of such guns went on in an illegal fashion, and raids by the diligent game officers of the time literally drove them underground. The duck poachers merely buried them in a convenient spot in the bush, ready for their next shoot.

A party of Aborigines driven upland by a sudden flood, dug a hole to make a place for a fire and found Big Bertha, but left the gun near the fire, never guessing it was fully charged. After several hours had elapsed the gun became hot enough to explode! To put it mildly, the camp dispersed in a most frantic manner, some of the more fleet of foot made the Barmah pub 2½ miles away in even time, and paled with shock they related the incident to some of the late drinkers, who next day duly directed (not of course escorted by our dusky brothers) found the monster lying in the forest several yards from the camp fire and in its propulsion had cut an impressive swath through the red gum saplings. The bushmen, knowing it was an illegal weapon and too big to hide by ordinary means, waited for darkness and returned the gun to a grave in another part of the forest.

From a collectors point of view, this is a most tantalising subject; much inquiry and research has gone into the whereabouts of the old monster. Some of the lesser punt guns have been recovered and restored, and lie unused in a few of the local private museums to tell the tale of those days when the duck hunters were not troubled with bag limits.

Some of the big guns locked away range in size, in the muzzle loader group from 1½ inch, one inch, which is 4 bore to 6, 8 and 10 bore. One is a classic Manton of Calcutta and still in good shooting condition; another 8 bore double by Bates & Son London shows considerable rough use and judging by the splits in the stock, both barrels were often discharged at once.

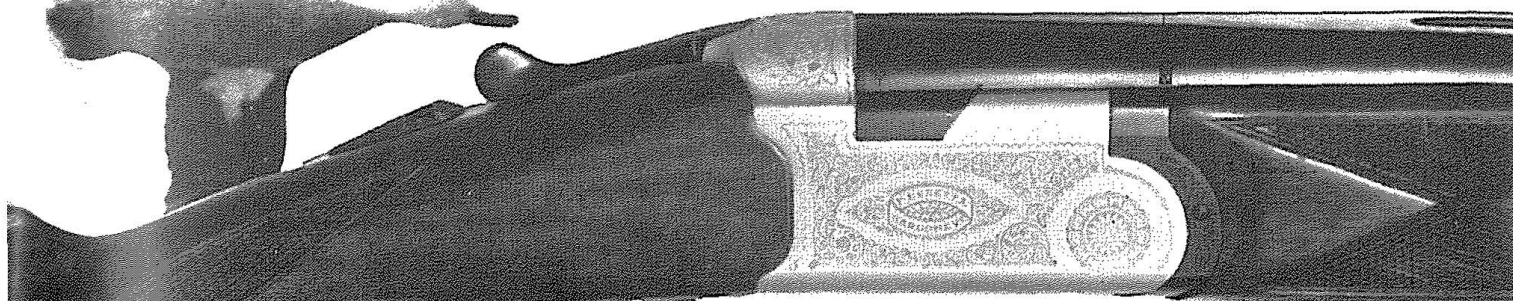
The lighter breech loader shoulder guns bear the legendary names of Greener, Holland & Holland, Bland, Cashmore, Riley, range in bore from 8 to 10 with barrel lengths from 36 to 48 inches.

One, a hammerless Chas. Boswell double barrelled 8 bore cased with accessories, must have been made by that firm about the time the big bores became illegal, as it shows little more than slight wear, perhaps the last of the big guns no longer legal in Australia.



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