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GRAND CENTENNIAL SHOOT

3 DAYS

FRIDAY, 14th AUGUST

SATURDAY, 15th AUGUST

SUNDAY, 16th AUGUST

You are invited to attend the above shoot which is being held on the occasion of South Canterbury's Centenary.

Shooting will commence each day at 9.30 a.m.

PROGRAMME

Friday, August 14

Skeet Matches and 5 Track Shooting.

Match 1. £1. Sweepstake plus Targets. (One Round.)

Match 2. £2. Sweepstake plus Targets. (One Round.)

To be followed by further Sweepstakes. Two Fields in use. Commencing at 1 p.m. Five Track Shooting will take place on Traps 3-4-5-off

Open Handicap Marks.

Match 1. £1. Sweepstake plus Targets. 15 Targets.

Match 2. £2. Sweepstake plus Targets. 20 Targets.

To be followed by further Sweepstakes.

Saturday, August 15

Match 1. £1. Sweepstake plus Targets. 10 Targets. 4 Traps.

Match 2. £300. South Canterbury Centennial Trophy Match—40 Targets. Open Marks. Entry fee according to sliding Scale.

Nomination Fee will not exceed £5. Optional Sweep 10/-. Targets Extra.

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5th Prize.	4-Piece Silver Service with Tray.	Value £18 0 0
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7th Prize.	Remington Super 60 Electric Shaver.	Value £11 11 0
8th Prize.	Bevelled Frameless Mirror.	Value £9 17 6

The Winner and Runner-up will receive Centennial Medals.

Match 3. £2 Sweepstake plus Targets. 25 Targets. 5 Traps

To be followed by other Sweepstakes.

Sunday, August 16

Match 1. 10/-. Sweepstake plus Targets. 10 Targets.

Match 2. £1. Sweepstake plus Targets. 20 Targets.

Match 3. £2. Sweepstake plus Targets. 25 Targets.

Match 4. £3. Sweepstake plus Targets. 25 Targets.

All Sweepstakes will be divided as follows:—50%, 25%, 15%, 10%. Refreshments—Meals—Ammunition available on the Ground.

All matches will be shot under the rules of the New Zealand Gun Clubs' Association. All shooters will be required to hand in their Handicap Certificates. In Clay Target events entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Club. (This refers to the closing time of entries.)

Any nomination may be declined.

It shall be condition of entry that persons entering agree to accept all official decisions and to comply with the rules and regulations covering each event.

Programme Approved by N.Z. Gun Clubs' Assn. Inc.

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Comment on the Championships

"O wad some Power the giftie gie us
To see oursels as ithers see us!"

Those who live north of the Waitaki River will be forgiven if they fail to attribute these lines to the Scottish Bard, Robert Burns. But the veriest Sassenach (a collective which includes the writer) will at least get the drift of the saying. And it is in an endeavour to show shooters how they appear to others at a National Championship that Gunshot presents its first signed editorial. There has been no split between the co-editors. It is just that championships are old stuff to Stewart, a brand new experience to Parry.

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That the 1959 Championships were efficiently organised and controlled is no news to anyone who was there. Indeed, shooters probably take it for granted that there will be few hitches, and that any problems will be rapidly ironed out. To a stranger it was little short of miraculous that so many competitors could be so skilfully handled, so comprehensive a programme run according to schedule, with a minimum of harrying, badgering and hectoring.

It is easy to understand why shooters travel long distances and spend considerable sums in order to compete at such meetings. The trite old saying about the game being above the prize was perfectly true at Hamilton. Everyone tried to shoot his best, to win a national title or a trophy or a handicap event.

But the sportsmanship was remarkable, the spirit of good fellowship a delight to see, the congratulations of vanquished to victor always warm and sincere. The cheerful and friendly competition of club shooting was carried to top level at Hamilton, where the standard of sportsmanship was on a par with the shooting.

To win a major title must be a tremendous thrill, but it is also a never-to-be-forgotten experience simply to compete in the company of such skilled shots and determined but sporting rivals. The absence of bickering, the cheerful acceptance of misfortune, the happy sessions when tension was off and tongues were loosened—these were notable qualities of a notable event.

Those shooters who have been deterred from attending National Championships by the thought that they are not Streeters or Hartleys have missed a great deal. I found it one of the happiest weeks I have spent—and I didn't fire a single shot.

A. G. P.

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NORTH CANTERBURY CLUB HAS GROWN STEADILY

In spite of gaps in the records it is possible to piece together a good deal of the history of the North Canterbury Gun Club which has had, in its time, a number of members who made their mark as leading shooters and administrators.

The club was formed in 1914, a Mr. Dix being convener of the inaugural meeting. On his motion, which was seconded by Mr. A. Prestney, the club actually came into being. The first president was Mr. B. Edwards, the first secretary and treasurer Mr. H. H. McNelly.

Mr. Prestney is believed to be the only foundation member still living. Now a life member, he has been associated with club activities for 45 years. He served as a referee for about 30 years and was for a time a New Zealand referee. At the last annual meeting he was elected patron of the club.

In the early days most of the shooting was at live birds, clay pigeons being introduced only when the supply of live birds ran short. The first clay pigeon trap was presented to the club by Mr. J. Skilling, one of the best-known shooters in the Dominion. Mr. Skilling was president of the club for a number of years and his death in 1933 was a severe blow to the club. In his memory a shield was purchased (with the assistance of a grant from the Dominion Council) and it is still competed for each year.

Harking back to the original members of the club, names which come to mind are those of O. Nemes, F. and H. Truscott, Dr. T. A. Will, G. Bruere and G. Rutherford, some of whom will be remembered by present-day shooters.

One of the best shots in the Rangiora district was "H. Price", whose name appears in the records as winner of the 1909 New Zealand Pigeon Championship. This was actually Harry Stone, who was elected a life member of the club in 1927, at which time he was one of the oldest shooters in the country.

BUILDINGS

During the latter years of the First World War the club got to work on a building programme.

Things were beginning to flourish and the annual club championships were decided by shooting at live pigeons, clay pigeons and sparrows, with a gold medal valued at £5 5s presented to the winner.

By 1920 the club had progressed to the stage of holding the New Zealand Pigeon Championships on its grounds, the winner being Mr. G. Bruere, an active member for many years and later club president.

It is of interest to note that in 1921, when Mr. Skilling became a life member, Mr. A. B. Kerr was elected vice-president. Now 82, Mr. Kerr is the father of the well-known shooter and official, L. W. Kerr.

In 1924 the club bought its first Western Clay trap capable of throwing double rise targets. The cost—£20! About this time, too, the practice of regularly meeting with sister clubs and arranging shooting dates so that there were no clashes was introduced. It has worked satisfactorily ever since.

By the end of 1925 the club had 146 members and, as it prospered, so were the grounds and buildings improved. In 1927 the first automatic angling trap was installed. A future New Zealand champion, D. W. Davison, appeared on the scene about this time. He was only 13 when he started shooting with the club.

The first-ever South Island Clay Pigeon Championships were conducted by North Canterbury in 1929 and that fine shot I. G. Watkins took the title for the next three years. He was later a South Island Council member.

SHOOTING DECLINE

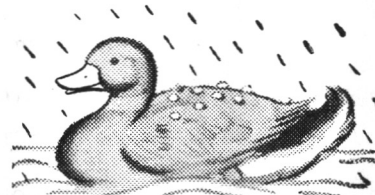
Some stalwarts were lost in the next few years, including Mr. H. D. Bettger, who had been secretary for a considerable time. Shooting went into a decline, possibly as a result of the depression, and there was also difficulty in leasing suitable grounds. Eventually the club was successful in buying a property of its own and the club still stands on this site.

The New Zealand Championships were allocated to North Canterbury in 1940 but the war intervened and

it was not until 1946 that this event took place. Entries constituted a record up to that time.

Improvements have continued to be made, and the club now has an up-to-date skeet field, three traps for down-the-line shooting, and a much improved pavilion.

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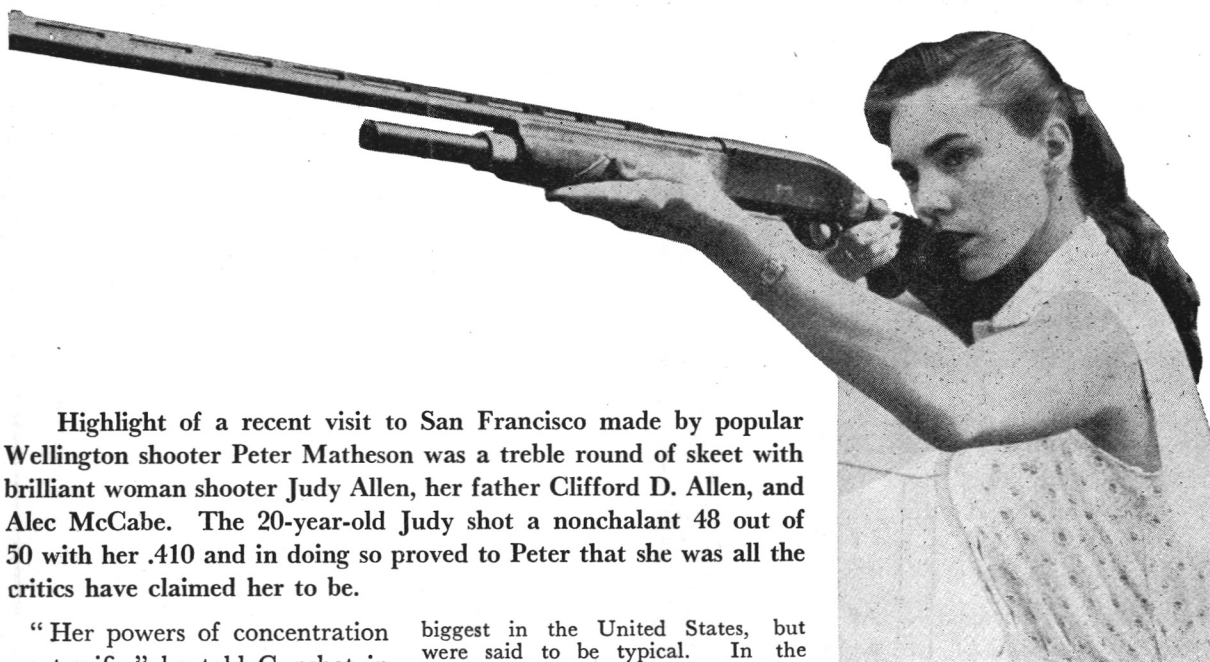
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BOOKINGS CLOSING SHORTLY

MODERN ANNIE OAKLEY



Judy Allen . . . her powers of concentration are terrific

Highlight of a recent visit to San Francisco made by popular Wellington shooter Peter Matheson was a treble round of skeet with brilliant woman shooter Judy Allen, her father Clifford D. Allen, and Alec McCabe. The 20-year-old Judy shot a nonchalant 48 out of 50 with her .410 and in doing so proved to Peter that she was all the critics have claimed her to be.

"Her powers of concentration are terrific," he told Gunshot in an interview at the national championships. "She is a charming and delightfully natural 20-year-old, but when she is on the mark she completely shuts out everything else. When she is concentrating on her next shot she is oblivious to what is going on around her."

Peter Matheson, on his way to England to take delivery of a Viscount airliner for N.A.C., broke his journey at San Francisco and, through the good offices of George W. White, secretary of the National Skeet Shooting Association, met Mr. Allen, a leading light in the executive of the association and also a prominent shot.

Hospitality was magnificent. "I remember paying for a cup of coffee for myself," said Peter reflectively, "but it must have been an accident." He travelled by Cadillac and was wined and dined in extremely generous fashion throughout his stay.

On his first afternoon he was taken by Mr. Allen to two skeet clubs near San Francisco. Each had five or six skeet ranges superimposed on a similar number of down-the-line traps. They were not the

biggest in the United States, but were said to be typical. In the matter of traps and equipment they were first-class with rather more concrete than is usual on New Zealand fields, but the club houses were not at all elaborate.

Next afternoon Peter Matheson had his skeet rounds with Mr. Allen, Mr. McCabe and Judy, who is all-American lady champion. It was his first experience of shooting skeet with a .410 shotgun and he confessed to feeling a little overawed by the company, but managed to score one creditable 23 with a 12-gauge.



Peter Matheson . . . now a keen advocate of the .410 gun.

The fact that the .410 contains only half an ounce of shot and that it forms a very tight pattern makes it tougher shooting than with the

12-gauge usually used. Leading shots usually practice with the smaller gauge gun.

High Standard

The quality of targets and ammunition was similar to that in New Zealand and prices were comparable, he said. Most popular birds on the East Coast are White Flyers, while Eclipse is in use at many clubs on the West Coast.

"The standard over there is infinitely higher than in this country," said Peter Matheson, who reminded his interviewer that skeet shooting is controlled by a different body from that in charge of the administration of down-the-line trap shooting. There are, he said, about 6,000 skeet shooters in the States, about 60,000 trap shooters, and 6,000,000 shooters who take out some form of game licence each year.

One of the secrets of the high standard in the States is the amount of practice. Judy Allen will, during the off-season, shoot something like 15 rounds a week. This off-season lasts six months as the game season is of that duration and most clubs cease competitions during that period. The most popular guns used

are automatics, with a few under-and-overs and a minority of pump guns.

Interest is kindled and maintained by a wide variety of competitions. There are team shoots between teams of five as well as two, parent and child competitions, husband and wife contests and a whole gamut of junior, sub-junior, senior, sub-senior and other graded competitions.

It was as a result of what he learned from Mr. Allen about the enthusiasm for competition that Peter Matheson brought forward his remit at the annual meeting about the introduction of five-man team shoots in this country.

Automatic Traps

He also noted while he was away that the majority of traps are automatically loaded. This results in a

slightly higher percentage of break-ages but is generally considered to be well worth while.

American shooters are not quite so unconcerned about bad weather as our own and shoots are quite frequently cancelled because of inclement weather.

His stay in San Francisco had been made immensely enjoyable by the kindness of his American friends, said Peter Matheson and, if he had done nothing else it would have been worth while just to see a slim, small 20-year-old girl breaking targets with the utmost precision and skill.

Just to instance her ability he recalled that she and her father hold the parent-and-child record of 299 skeet targets out of 300. Judy broke a possible, her father dropped his last bird—and has been ribbed about it ever since!

In case her skill proves too depressing to New Zealanders reading about it, Peter Matheson mentions the fact that, quite apart from her great amount of practice shooting, Judy was spotted by a "talent scout" and had two years of concentrated professional coaching before she began to hit the headlines.

Officers of the Wanganui Gun Club for the coming year are as follows:—Patron, C. K. Ross; president, W. Glenn; vice-presidents, B. Donald and R. Spooner; club captain, J. L. Robertson; secretary-treasurer, Jack Tremaine; honorary auditor, F. Walton; committee, B. Handley, J. C. Bagby, I. Goldsmith, E. Whale, W. Simson, B. Flight, K. Breuer, C. Lound, B. Summerhays and I. Willoughby; referees, R. Spooner, B. Flight, I. Willoughby and B. Handley.

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N.Z. Championships

Brilliant Shooting, Excellent Organisation

In spite of fog on the first morning and a period of heavy rain during the Skeet Championship, conditions were generally excellent for the 1959 National Trapshooting Championships conducted by the Hamilton Club between April 15 and April 22. Splendid organisation and facilities, a uniformly high standard of pulling, and the usual spirit of camaraderie among competitors made the championships an outstanding success.

There were many brilliant performances, none more so than the 300 point possible scored by popular shooter and official L. W. Kerr in the international sealed shoot.

J. C. Streeter, of Amberley, was the winner of the A. N. Turner Memorial Trophy for high gun in the three championship events, in the course of which he won both the Single Rise and Double Rise titles.

The Skeet title was taken by J. McKenzie (Seaward Downs) who made a dramatic second-round bid to win the championship.

South Island retained the inter-island trophy and, indeed, southern shooters took all the top honours at the championships.

Here is a day-by-day account of events:—

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15.

This was a pipe-opener for the major events, but the day's programme included an important trophy match which was won by the Tauranga shooter, C. Hartley at the 70th target in a shoot-off with J. A. Dalton, I. G. Smith and P. Rose.

Results:—

Fifteen-target Handicap (77 entries).—Possibles: W. J. McMiken (Hamilton), J. F. Syme (Ormandville), G. Brinkworth (Hamilton), C. E. McKay (Manaia), D. W. Hudsphith (Kaikohe), W. R. Robinson (Clive), J. Costello (Tauranga), B. Clinch (Huntly), N. Bossad (Huntly), H. C. Walker (Hakataramea), R. E. McIlwrick (Temuka), T. Neil (Huntly), C. J. Benton (New Plymouth), W. B. Cattanch (Wellington), E. Benton (Te Awamutu), J. C. Streeter (Amberley), C. Hartley (Tauranga), I. G. Smith (Prebbleton), N. Rutherford (Rotorua), J. R. Russek (Whangarei), A. Wansbone (Whangarei), S. G. Holmes (Methven).

Twenty-target (94 entries).—Possibles: J. P. Gilmore (Christchurch), W. L. Brinkworth (Te Rapa), R. G. Brown (Anama), G. W. Lauer (Te Puke), G. Brinkworth, G. M. Doyle (Southbridge), E. Bogun (Hamilton), C. E. McKay, A. Corbett (Eltham), J. B. Thomasen (Taihape), W. R. Robinson, G. C. Nevill (Moa Creek), J. Costello (Tauranga), B. Clinch,

A. S. Garland (Hakataramea), F. G. Lewis (Timaru), J. C. Streeter, V. Flowerday (Te Aroha), P. Cullen (Te Aroha), A. K. Pretty (Matangi), Allan Brown (Lauder), J. Sutherland (Seaward Downs), C. R. McCrostie (Spar Bush), M. I. Boyce (Amberley), and J. R. O'Hearn (Te Rapa).



Colin Streeker . . . the smile of victory!

Thirty-target (94 entries).—Possibles: T. M. Glenn (Ohaupo), G. C. Shefford (Makikihi), C. E. McKay, A. Corbett, R. James (Auckland), C. Darrall (Morrinsville), W. R. Robinson, J. Costello, J. C. Streeter, C. Hartley (Tauranga), A. J. C. Donald (Otahuti), J. Sutherland, M. I. Boyce, W. T. Morton (Blenheim), M. Middlemiss (Renwicktown).

Twenty-target Trophy Match (83 entries).—J. R. O'Hearn, B. W. Williams, W. R. Counsell (Taihape), F. W. Menzies (Hastings), D. W. Hudsphith, L. Radford, J. A. Dalton (Parnassus), J. Costello, B. Clinch, R. E. McIlwrick, I. G. Smith, C. Hartley, P. Rose (Waimate), G. Caie (Maramua), V. Flowerday, Allan Brown, A. J. C. Donald, W. T. Morton, and F. McDonald broke possibles and contested the shoot-off for the major trophies.

Twenty-target Double Rise (79 entries).—M. I. Boyce and C. W. Stott (Darfield) were the winners with 19. C. Hartley, J. Sutherland, C. R. McCrostie, J. C. Streeter, G. C. Shefford, E. Benton, and R. K. Lourie (Marton) all scored 18.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16.

High scoring was a feature of the Double Rise event, which was won by J. C. Streeter. He had to shoot off against R. Stowell (St Andrews) and G. C. Shefford (Makikihi), each of the three having broken 29 out of 30 targets. This was the highest score since the championship was altered from 20 targets to 30 in 1955. Streeter broke nine targets in the shoot-off, Stowell eight and Shefford seven. B. G. Begg and S. R. Marston, who had held the double rise championship between them for the previous four years were out of the running on this occasion.

Results were:—

Double Rise Championship (30 targets; 113 entries).—G. C. Shefford, R. Stowell and J. C. Streeter each scored 29. Shoot-off resulted: Streeter 1, Stowell 2, Shefford, 3. The following broke 27 targets: S. R. Marston (Christchurch), C. F. Gunn (Fernhill), R. Cavanagh (Wellington), F. J. Joblin (Nuhaka), E. M. Green (Mata-mata), Allan Brown (Lauder), J. Sutherland (Seaward Downs). Scores of 26 were registered by T. W. Elliott (Dunedin), L. W. Kerr (Rangiora), W. T. Morton (Blenheim), P. A. Matheson (Wellington), J. L. Robertson (Wanganui), F. N. Washbourne (Kiwitahi), C. J. Benton (New Plymouth), E. Benton (Te Awamutu), B. Anderson (Rotorua), W. Valentine (Huntly).

Twenty-target Open Handicap (127 entries).—Possibles: C. H. Smaill (Balclutha), T. M. Glenn (Ohaupo), J. F. Parkin (Sedgmere), W. A. P. Baker (Katikati), W. J. McMiken (Hamilton), R. Craig (Huntville), C. F. Gunn (Fernhill), R. W. Gunn (Fernhill), A. Don (Fairlie), J. T. Wiske (Otorohanga), T. Neil (Huntly), E. J. Jones (Waikiekie), C. J. Benton, R. James (Auckland), C. W. Stott (Darfield), R. J. McGregor (Gisborne), F. J. Joblin, N. Choveaux (Matawai), B. Clinch (Huntly), D. Dalton (Rakaia), R. G. Brown (Anama), G. C. Shefford, B. Anderson, Allan Brown, J. Sutherland, D. V. Gallagher (Kaikohe), J. R. O'Hearn (Te Rapa), R. A. Cathcart (Pukekohe), C. E. McKay (Manaia), J. Plamus (Whakataane), J. Costello (Tauranga), and E. F. Bearman (Christchurch).

Twenty-target Handicap (118 entries).—Possibles: W. A. P. Baker, K. Prentice (Frankton), J. L. Robertson, I. W. Bryce (Marton), W. A. Aitken (Morrinsville), C. Darrall (Morrinsville), C. F. Gunn, W. M. Holland (Timaru), H. C. Walker (Hakataramea), S. Keen (Otatau), P. Matheson, B. W. Williams (Hastings), T. Neil, E. J. Jones, F. N. Washbourne, C. J. Benton, C. W. Stott, B. G. Begg (Kirwee), C. Hartley (Tauranga), A. J. Cameron (Gisborne), G. Roberts (Huntly), S. G. Holmes (Methven), G. W. Shaw (Huntly), G. W. Platt (Maungatapere), R. Stowell, P. Rose (Waimate), B. Anderson, Allan Brown, C. R. McCrostie (Spar Bush), J. R. O'Hearn, R. A. Cathcart, G. Brinkworth (Hamilton), B. Cattanch (Wellington), R. H. McKay (Manaia), J. Costello, E. F. Bearman, G. M. Douglas (Pukekohe).

Ten-target Sweepstake (30 entries).—Possibles: J. R. O'Hearn, J. Gamble (Hamilton), G. W. Shaw, J. Plamus, R. M. Spooner (Wanganui), R. Lourie (Marton), J. L. Robertson, F. J. Horgan (Leeston), L. V. Hanson (Waipukurau), C. Hartley, L. J. Williams (Ngatea), and J. I. Clayton (Otatau).

FRIDAY, APRIL 17.

Heavy rain during the morning made conditions difficult for some of the competitors for the Skeet championship, but the standard of shooting continued to be high. J. McKenzie, coming from behind after a 24 in the first round, was the last to shoot and coolly collected a possible to give him an outright victory. This was an almost exact repetition of his performance in 1957. D. G. Wareham, four-time winner of this title, had a perfect score in the first round but unaccountably dropped three targets in a row in the second round.

Results were:—

New Zealand Skeet Championship (50 targets; 69 entries).—J. McKenzie (Seaward Downs) won with 49 breaks. Those who scored 48 were: A. R. Kingsbury (Timaru), B. G. Begg (Kirwee), D. P. North (Whangarei), C. J. Benton (New Plymouth) and E. Benton (Te Awamutu). North won the shoot-off for second place. The following scored 47: D. G. Wareham (Blenheim), H. C. Walker (Hakataramea), C. F. Gunn (Fernhill), and C. Hartley (Tauranga). Those scoring 46 were: A. de Lacey (Hamilton), A. W. Fraser (Christchurch), J. C. Streeter (Amberley), G. C. Sheppard (Makihihi), F. Butler (Auckland), and A. J. C. Donald (Otahuti). M. H. Otway (Te Awamutu), R. Cavanagh (Wellington) and R. G. Brown (Anama) each scored 45.

Ten-target Sweepstake (47 entries).—Possibles were scored by J. R. O'Hearn (Te Rapa), W. R. Robinson (Clive), D. Fremlin (Auckland), R. Fremlin (Auckland), R. O. Turkington (Te Awamutu), C. W. Reid (Auckland), L. M. Dickson (Auckland), D. S. Boreham (Kaitia), D. D. Hudspith (Kaikohe), J. Plamus (Whakatane), G. G. Chester (Sydney), J. L. Robertson (Wanganui), A. Corbett (Eltham), A. G. Mitchell (Auckland), L. G. Curtis (Auckland), I. W. Brice (Marton), R. Craig (Hunterville), T. Windle (Lower Hutt), A. S. Garland (Hakataramea), and F. J. Horgan (Leeston).

Twenty-target Match (59 entries).—Possibles were scored by J. I. Clayton (Otatau), W. R. Robinson, L. M. Dickson, J. Hammonds (Hamilton), D. W. Hudspith, V. Flowerday (Te Aroha), A. G. Mitchell, N. Choveaux (Matawai), A. J. Cameron (Gisborne), L. Radford (Matamata), C. E. McKay (Mania), E. C. Cooke (Hamilton), R. Cavanagh, W. R. Counsell, R. Homes (Bulls), W. Pritt (Ohakune), R. Stowell (St Andrews), J. Costello (Tauranga), C. B. King (Rotorua), B. J. Anderson (Rotorua) and G. E. Gorrie (Lower Hutt).

Final Twenty-target Handicap (29 entries).—Possibles were scored by N. Choveaux, A. J. Cameron, E. F. Bearman (Christchurch), P. Rose (Waimate), and R. G. Brown.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18.

There were large number of visitors from all points within driving distance of Hamilton and entries in the two handicap events and the trophy match were excellent. The latter went to the 69th extra target before J. R. Thomson (Tokoroa) won from R. Chittick (Hawkes

Bay), G. Brinkworth (Hamilton) and J. I. Clayton (Otatau).

Results:—

Forty-target Handicap Match (141 entries).—Possibles: E. G. Scott (Pukekohe), J. Costello (Tauranga), R. Stowell (St Andrews), C. W. Stott (Darfield), J. B. Thomasen (Taihape), R. James (Auckland), R. E. McIlwrick (Temuka), W. R. Counsell (Taihape), W. A. Aitken (Morrinsville), L. Choveaux (Matawai), R. Hughes (Putara), W. Pritt (Ohakune), M. I. Boyce (Amberley), K. D. Prentice (Frankton).

Twenty-target Trophy Match (118 entries).—The following who scored possibles took part in a shoot-off: E. G. Scott, P. Rose, W. A. P. Baker (Katikati), E. S. Jones (National Park), J. L. Robertson (Wanganui), A. S. Garland (Hakataramea), B. W. Williams (Hastings), W. T. Morton (Blenheim), N. Middlemiss, L. W. Felts (Huntly), G. Brinkworth, C. B. King (Rotorua), J. R. Thomson, W.

Hopkins (Taumarunui), J. R. Russek (Maunu), J. I. Clayton (Otatau), W. Blair (Eltham), C. Darrall (Morrinsville), C. F. Gunn (Fernhill), G. C. Nevill (Moa Creek), R. J. McGregor (Gisborne), W. M. Holland (Timaru), C. H. Smaill (Balclutha), W. I. Boyce (Amberley), J. W. Sinton (Auckland), N. Hanson (Palmerston North), C. Hartley (Tauranga), G. Caie (Maramara), R. Chittick (Patangata) and S. Thomas (Whangarei).

Eighteen-yard Handicap (15 targets with 118 entries).—Possibles: W. J. McMiken, E. G. Scott, P. Rose, B. G. Begg, E. J. Jones, E. Benton, R. James, H. C. Walker, W. R. Counsell, C. Hartley, R. G. Brown, F. J. Horgan, N. Bossad, B. Clinch, J. R. Thomson, A. Wansbone, J. R. Russek, L. M. Ward, W. L. Brinkworth, J. T. Wiske, C. Darrall, R. Gunn, C. F. Gunn, C. Caie, E. Brown, W. M. Holland, D. Dalton, J. C. Streeter, R. Holmes, R. Hughes, F. McDonald and E. C. Cooke.

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MONDAY, APRIL 20.

Colin Streeter took his second title when he won the Single Rise from a field of 197 and also became high gun of the championships. He had to shoot-off against R. James (Auckland) but the fourth target decided the issue. James missing and Streeter scoring with his second barrel. Conditions were again ideal.

Results:—

New Zealand Single Rise Championship (50 targets; 197 entries).—J. C. Streeter (Amberley) and R. James (Auckland) each broke 50 targets, Streeter winning the shoot-off.

Those who broke 49 were: R. G. Brown (Anama), B. Craig (Hunterville), E. Benton (Te Awamutu), H. C. Walker (Hakataramea), E. Green (Matamata), J. Richards (Tuatapere), H. MacDonald (Morrinsville), F. W. Washbourne (Kiwitahi), N. A. Johnson (Taupo), R. Hawkins (Thames), J. McLean (Australia), J. McKenzie (Seaward Downs).

On 48 were: B. G. Begg (Kirwee), D. W. Hudspith (Kaikohe), A. Corbett (Eltham), D. Missen (Ngongotaha), R. Cavanagh (Wellington), H. Prentice (Frankton), W. Valentine (Huntly), C. F. Gunn (Hastings), J. R. O'Hearn (Hamilton), B. Caie (Ngatea), J. Sutherland (Seaward Downs), C. Hartley (Tauranga), G. Platt (Maungatapere).

On 47 were: S. R. Marston (Christchurch), L. W. Kerr (Rangiora), J. B. Thomassen (Taihape), I. Brice (Marston), J. Plamus (Whakatane), D. G. Wareham (Blenheim), J. L. Robertson (Wanganui), B. Williams (Hastings), P. A. Matheson (Wellington), R. Gray (Tauranga), W. I. Brinkworth (Hamilton), P. Rose (Waimate), W. J. McMiken (Hamilton),

G. E. Gorrie (Lower Hutt), L. Palmer (Matamata), G. E. McKay (Manaia), H. Brown (Stratford), C. J. Benton (New Plymouth), N. Choveaux (Matawai), B. J. Anderson (Rotorua).

A. N. Turner Memorial Trophy.—Aggregate over three championships, possible total 130: J. C. Streeter, 125; E. Benton, 123; J. McKenzie and C. F. Gunn, 122; C. J. Benton, B. G. Begg, 121; R. Cavanagh and G. C. Shefford, 120.

Twenty-target Match off 16 yards (118 entries).—Possibles: B. G. Begg, S. R. Marston, T. M. Glenn (Ohaupo), R. G. Brown, J. B. Thomassen, W. Hopkins (Taumarunui), I. D. James (Timaru), S. G. Holmes, J. R. Russek (Whangarei), A. Wansbone (Whangarei), J. A. Wright (Marston), H. C. Walker, R. E. McIlwrick, W. A. Aitken (Morrinsville), E. M. Green, O. Hynds (Tauranga), B. Anderson, D. Mitchell (Hamilton), B. Clinch (Huntly), F. G. Lewis (Timaru), N. Bossad (Huntly), J. R. Thomson (Tokoroa), R. M. Spooner (Wanganui), R. W. Gunn (Hastings), J. S. McLeod (Tauranga), R. J. McGregor (Gisborne) and A. J. Cameron (Gisborne).

TUESDAY, APRIL 21.

The 1959 international team was selected on the usual basis—score in the Single Rise plus scores in two thirty-target qualifying rounds in which three points were scored for first barrel breaks, two for second-barrel breaks. Once again that consistent shooter H. C. Walker topped the qualifiers, this year sharing the honour with J. McKenzie. A score of 219 out of a possible 230 was needed to secure inclusion in the 30-man team, the scoring being a good deal

higher than last year thanks to fine shooting, good pulling and perfect conditions.

Top scorers were.—228, H. C. Walker (Hakataramea), J. McKenzie (Seaward Downs); 227, W. Valentine (Huntly); 226, R. Cavanagh (Wellington); 225, B. Anderson (Rotorua), C. Hartley (Tauranga), E. M. Green (Matamata), C. F. Gunn (Fernhill); 224, S. G. Holmes (Methven); 223, B. G. Begg (Kirwee), D. W. Hudspith (Kaikohe), K. A. Johnson (Taupo), P. A. Matheson (Wellington), W. J. McMiken (Hamilton), L. W. Kerr (Rangiora); 222, E. Benton (Te Awamutu), J. B. Thomassen (Taihape), B. W. Williams (Hastings), J. C. Streeter (Amberley), R. G. Brown (Anama), G. C. Shefford (Makikihi); 221, M. I. Boyce (Amberley), E. J. Jones (Waikiekie), N. Washbourne (Kiwitahi), E. L. Stone (Te Aroha); 220, L. J. Curtis (Auckland), C. Darrall (Morrinsville), R. James (Auckland), C. K. Lane (Mangatainoka); 219, P. Rose (Waimate).

Also on 219 but balloted out and listed as emergencies were T. W. Elliott (Dunedin), F. McDonald (Morrinsville), J. Costello (Tauranga) and W. Hopkins (Taumarunui).

First International Qualifying Match (30 targets; 90 points; 135 entries).—Possibles: W. J. McMiken (Hamilton), L. W. Kerr (Rangiora), W. Valentine (Huntly), C. Hartley (Tauranga), J. McKenzie (Seaward Downs).

Second International Qualifying Match (same conditions; 124 entries).—Possibles: R. Cavanagh (Wellington), H. C. Walker (Hakataramea), R. G. Brown (Anama).

Twenty-target Trophy Match (69 entries).—Thirty-five broke possibles



J. McKenzie receives the congratulations of the Dominion president after winning the Skeet Championship. Looking on is Ian D. Jack, North Island secretary.

and the shoot-off resulted: J. A. Dalton (Parnassus), 1; C. W. Stott (Dartfield), 2; B. W. Williams (Hastings), 3; B. Clinch (Huntly), 4.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22.

There was much fine shooting when the 30 chosen shooters competed in the international match. It was a tremendously exciting day for L. W. Kerr. Under the strain of an illness in his family, and the tension of trying to maintain his perfect scoring, he battled through to a remarkable possible, the first ever scored in such a match.

The highest scorers in the New Zealand team were—L. W. Kerr (Rangiora), J. McKenzie (Seaward Downs), E. M. Green (Matamata), D. W. Hudspeth (Kaikohe), B. G. Begg (Kirwee), C. Hartley (Tauranga), P. A. Matheson (Wellington), H. C. Walker (Hakataramea), J. B. Thomasen (Taihape), C. Darrall (Morrinsville), and G. C. Shefford (Makikihi).

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Thoroughly deserved their high honour

Two fine sportsmen were honoured recently at Hamilton, Mr. Darcy Dorreen when he was appointed patron of the New Zealand Gun Clubs' Association, and Mr. T. M. Glenn, who was re-elected president and made a life member.

Mr. Dorreen started shooting back in 1913 on the grounds of the Christchurch Club. The targets were live pigeons and sparrows, there being no traps to throw clay targets.

His first shoot with clays was in Greer's paddock, at Harewood, about the same time. The Greers were well known for their association with the Styx Gun Club.

About 1919, Mr. Dorreen went to the United States. Following his return two years later he became closely associated with clubs throughout Canterbury. Before becoming associated with the Dominion Council he was patron of

North Canterbury and president of both Belfast and Christchurch Clubs. A sportsman and a gentleman, Mr. Dorreen is a worthy choice as patron for he has the respect of every shooter he has met.

Mr. Glenn has also had a distinguished career as an administrator and competitor. For 20 years he has been president of the Hamilton Gun Club and for the past 10 years he has been New Zealand president.

Never a man to ask others to do what he would not do himself, he has been an exceptionally devoted worker for the good of the sport sparing neither time nor money in his efforts to promote and improve shooting in New Zealand.

Neither of these two able administrators has won a New Zealand championship, but it is safe to say that their work for the sport will be remembered when some of the names in the record books have been forgotten.



Mr. T. M. Glenn congratulates Colin Streeter after the Double Rise Championship. Next to Streeter is R. Stowell, of St. Andrews, runner-up, and G. C. Shefford (Makikihi), who was third.

CHAMPIONSHIP CHATTER

Some sidelights from the National Championships

Three moments of extreme tension at the championships:

1. When Jim McKenzie, requiring a possible to take the Skeet title outright got such a "skinny" break on his third-last bird that it was barely possible to see the flying pieces.

2. In the shoot-off for the Single Rise title when R. James missed his fourth target and J. C. Streeter missed with his first barrel.

3. The dead silence as a white-faced Les Kerr prepared to shoot at his last target in the International match—the one that gave him a possible.

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The first "holder" of the Luigi Franchi Trophy was one of the editors of Gunshot. He held the trophy while Frank Greenaway screwed the pieces together. Watching with a gleam in his eye was Jim McKenzie, who soon after became the first man to have his name engraved on the handsome cup.

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One shooter who had driven hundreds of miles to Hamilton made the alarming discovery that he had not been registered although he had paid his registration fee. He might have been disqualified because of a club secretary's error had it not been that two council members who knew him and his club were prepared to vouch for him. Secretaries please note!

One of the most popular contestants at the tournament was J. R. O'Hearn, the former Waikato Ranfurly Shield team winger. This cheerful sportsman may go even further as a shooter than he did as a rugby footballer.

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The feature of the meeting was the speedy service given by Howden's, the Hamilton jewellers who were responsible for engraving the trophies. The general rule was that winners of trophies received them next day with their names inscribed.

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One of the trap boys at the meeting (an employee of Tom Glenn's) thoughtfully refrained from wearing his Old School Tie and stuck to open-necked shirts. He is an old boy of Clifton, one of England's most celebrated public schools, and incidentally played scrum-half for his school.

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More than one shooter at the championships was past 70 years of age, and there were one or two barely out of their teens—an age range of more than 50 years among the competitors.

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Only Tom Glenn could properly tell the story of how much effort went into preparing the grounds at Melville for the championships—and Tom isn't talking. He and his club did a wonderful job.

The 27 shooters and wives traveling on the special N.A.C. plane from Palmerston North to Hamilton on the day prior to the national championships were highly appreciative of the pilot's action in giving them a grand view of snow-covered Ruapehu, Tongariro and Ngauruhoe, the last named playing up very nicely. The only other passengers on the plane, two American tourists, were also very impressed.

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North Island and Hamilton Club Secretary, Ian Jack, did not waste any time in forwarding long run applications following performances at the Dominion tournament. If you consider you registered long runs at this tournament and your name does not appear on the long run awards elsewhere in this issue, then write to Mr. Jack advising details of your run.

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It was noticed that Stan Marston of Christchurch was very excited at Colin Streeter's national single rise championship success. It is thought that he had more than a provincial interest in Colin's achievement.

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Winston Brinsley of Dunedin, the new South Island Vice-president, had the misfortune to suffer a bad attack of tonsillitis in the middle of the national championships, and as a result spent the last few days of the tournament in bed, missing the annual meeting. It is pleasing to report that he has now fully recovered, which may not be the case with some other members whose troubles were self-inflicted.

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On the afternoon the championships finished at Hamilton, Bill Counsell—"Mine host" at Taihape—appointed himself photographer for Gunshot. Although results of his efforts have not yet been seen, it is very doubtful whether the pictures will measure up to the standard required for Gunshot—in fact it is doubted if anyone will appear at all on the film as the camera had a tendency to wander skywards.

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Wilson Elliott had so much experience driving Peter Matheson's Jaguar at Hamilton that he considers he is now an authority on these models.

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Australia was well represented in the office at the 1959 national championships. Sydney-ites John Merrigan and John Anderson, who were on a working holiday in New Zealand, assisted Graeme Chester who hails from Geraldine but is now working with the head office of the Bank of N.S.W. in Sydney. Graeme registered a 50 long run during the shoot—he already holds the 100 badge. He is still a registered member of the Timaru Club.

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Ernie Bearman of Christchurch who worked so hard setting traps at Hamilton received many condolences when it was announced that he missed his 100th target. However, a check of the score sheets after the championships shows that his arithmetic was not as good as his shooting as he did register the coveted 100.

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One of the most popular successes at the 1959 championships was achieved by Mrs. Barbara Baigent, Hamilton representative of the N.Z. Herald. It will be recalled that Barbara in company with a friend, Mrs. McMillan, put up a grand show in a tough Australian car reliability trial last year. At the conclusion of this year's championships, Barbara was talked into having a shot at a clay target by Hawkes Bay members. Although it was the first time she had handled a shot gun she broke the target to pieces, much to the delight of the large crowd watching. She retired from further competition with a 100 per cent. record. The Editors of Gunshot take this opportunity to express their appreciation to Mrs. Baigent and Mr. Phil West, News Editor of the Waikato Times, for their assistance and co-operation during the championships.



Mr. E. R. Tabart appears to be explaining to last year's Single Rise champion, B. G. Begg (centre) and R. James, runner-up in this event at Hamilton, exactly what the tankard is for!

Statistics of the type of guns used at the Hamilton National Championships this year make interesting reading. Of the 191 guns checked in the single rise championships there were 95 under and overs, 38 side by side and 58 automatics. The check of 150 guns in the major handicap of the tournament showed 70 under and overs, 25 side by side and 50 automatics.

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It was just as well Colin Streeter took his car to Hamilton in April. He needed it to carry home his bag of trophies which included the N.Z. Bronze, Single Rise Medallion, Pewter mug, Breda trophy, English Association plaque, A. N. Turner Memorial Cup and miniature, two silver ferns, one bronze fern, two championship sashes and finally a very well filled wallet which no doubt took him and Mrs. Streeter on a very pleasant holiday in the North after the championships finished.

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By the way, Gunshot owes an apology to Colin's brother Ivan. In the March issue Colin was credited with winning the 1958 Marlborough single rise championship, whereas this honour was achieved by Ivan. After all, Colin has won so many honours in the sport during the last year he will not mind handing over one to his brother.

Still More New Clubs

The sport of clay target shooting is expanding rapidly in Otago. Recently a gun club was formed up at Wanaka and it is noted that a public meeting was held in Cromwell last month to discuss the possibility of the formation of a club in that district.

Office-bearers of the newly formed Wanaka Club are:—Patron, Mr. Lindsay Taylor; President, Mr. W. J. Gillespie; Secretary, Mr. W. J. Hudson; Vice-presidents, Messrs. E. W. Anderson and R. Scaife; Club Captain, Mr. W. J. Templeton; Coach, Mr. W. J. Gillespie; Referee, Mr. J. W. Haugh; Committee, Messrs. G. Scaife, I. Bruce, A. Morris, D. Nicholl, G. Studholme, Bryce Templeton, J. W. Haugh, W. Howjohn, D. Templeton, J. Walker and T. Templeton; Hon. Auditor, Mr. J. Wilson.

New Club Secretaries appointed since the last official schedule of affiliated clubs was issued are:

AWARUA: Mr. M. BARRETT, C/o Mr. A. R. Overton, Pukeokahu, Taihape.

PATANGATA: Mr. T. J. W. WILLIAMS, Aramutu, P. B. Hastings.

RANGITIKEI: Mr. John TAYLOR, Bull Street, Bulls.

TISBURY: Mr. Lindsay PADDON, Oterimika Road, Invercargill.

Best wishes to the Dannevirke Gun Club which has now affiliated. Secretary is Mr. N. SMITH, 19 York Street, Dannevirke.

North Island Champs. . . .

The Hawke's Bay Central Gun Club held the 1959 North Island Clay Target Championships on its grounds at Longlands on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 27 to March 1. Many leading shooters from all over New Zealand attended and the championships were dominated by South Island competitors.

The Skeet Championship was held on Friday and resulted in a win for D. Wareham of Blenheim. Five shooters broke a possible of 25 and in the shoot-off Wareham completed another possible round. G. Shaw of Huntly was runner up.

The North Island Double Rise Championship was held on Saturday morning and was won outright by J. McKenzie of Southland with a score of 19 out of 20. C. Hartley of Tauranga was runner-up after a shoot-off with I. G. Field and J. Robertson. McKenzie then went on to complete a notable double by winning the North Island Single Rise Championship title. Eight competitors broke a possible of 25 targets but McKenzie won the shoot-off on the 12th target. A Meehan of Palmerston North was runner-up.

The main event on Sunday was a £75 trophy match over 20 targets. Eleven shooters broke a possible and the resulting shoot-off went to 46 targets before ending in a win for C. F. Gunn of Fernhill. I. Sutherland of Palmerston North was second and D. Wareham of Blenheim was third.

Details of the shoot are as follows:—

1959 Skeet Championship (29 entries).—D. Wareham (Blenheim) 1, G. Shaw (Huntly) 2.

1959 Skeet Championship Sweepstake (24 entries).—R. James, D. Wareham, G. Shaw, J. McKenzie and B. W. Williams scored possibles.

10-target Sweepstake, No. 1 (35 entries).—R. O. Hughes, R. J. Peddle, P. Beachen, R. A. Wells, T. I. Choveaux, T. M. Glenn, R. H. Liddle, C. Hearn, W. R. Robinson, G. Shaw, A. Brown, J. McKenzie, C. Benton, all possibles.

10-target Sweepstake, No. 2 (47 entries).—J. Harris, R. O. Hughes, P. Beachen, W. H. Ellis, B. Clinch, E. H. Liddle, W. R. Robinson, F. L. Joblin, C. Hartley, L. Ward, G. Shaw, C. J. Benton, W. Throp, R.

W. Gunn, C. F. Gunn, B. W. Williams, all possibles.

30-target Sweepstake (49 entries).—R. H. Liddle, C. J. Benton, R. J. Peddle, F. L. Joblin, G. L. Scott, all possibles.

10-target Sweepstake, No. 3 (48 entries).—T. Glenn, E. Benton, W. R. Robinson, D. Wareham, T. Harris, J. Simmons, C. F. Gunn, R. W. Gunn, T. G. Field, G. Shaw, B. Clinch, S. Perry, C. Denson, C. Hartley, W. Throp, P. A. Wells, F. W. Menzies, E. Brown, B. Wickham, R. Craig, E. Papworth, all possibles.

Double Rise Sweepstake (59 entries).—D. Wareham 1, with one down. Those with two down were B. Clinch, R. W. Gunn, N. Choveaux, C. Hartley.

Double Rise Championship (53 entries).—J. McKenzie 1, C. Hartley 2.

1959 Double Rise Sweepstake (53 entries).—J. McKenzie 1, with one down. I. G. Field, J. Robertson and C. Hartley 2 (equal) with two down.

Single Rise Eye-opener (74 entries).—19 possibles: J. R. Thomson, W. R. Robinson, N. Heynes, G. Shaw, J. B. Thomasen, I. G. Field, C. Hartley, C. Lane, B. J. Anderson, C. Wood, C. J. Benton, E. Benton, P. Matheson, J. McKenzie, L. McLaren, C. Jones, E. Crown, T. Ryan, N. P. Hanson.

1959 N.I. Single Rise Championship (74 entries).—Winner: J. McKenzie (Southland). Runner-up: A. Meehan (Palmerston North).

1959 N.I. Single Rise Championship Sweepstake (74 entries).—R. H. Liddle, A. Meehan, D. Wareham, A. Paddy, C. J. Benton, E. Papworth, J. McKenzie, R. Sherwood, scored possibles.

20-target Sweepstake (52 entries).—Twelve possibles.

15-target Eye-opener (63 entries).—Fifteen possibles.

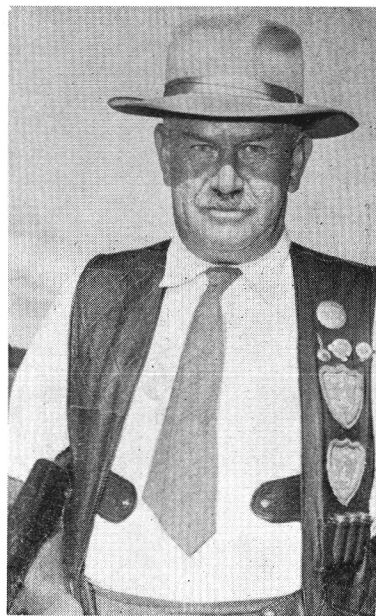
30-target Sweepstake (64 entries).—R. Cruickshank, G. Shaw, B. Clinch, I. G. Field, D. Wareham, J. McNab, A. Brown, all possibles.

20-target Trophy Match Sweepstake (56 entries).—J. R. Thomson, J. Wright, D. Hughes, R. Cruickshank, I. Sutherland, C. Gunn, D. Wareham, N. Fenwick, I. McLaren, C. Wood, A. Brown, scored possibles.

Advertisers and clubs who wish to advertise in the next issue—September—should note that copy is required by August 9. Results and articles are also required by that date.

Just one cheerful Aussie!

One of the most popular figures at the national championships this year was genial Jack McLean, the only Australian to take part in the whole week's shooting. The burly Aussie with his broad-brimmed hat, leather jacket, grizzled moustache and ready grin failed to take home a trophy but he did take home some very happy memories.



Member of two clubs in Northern New South Wales, Jack was most impressed with the organisation of the championships, with the good sportsmanship, and with the high standard of shooting. And he maintains that he will be back again in the future.

He will be more than welcome—and so will any of his Australian friends he can bring with him.

Many North Islanders at Hamilton wanted the national championships as early in the year as possible, in the better weather and in good time before the duck shooting season. South Island farmers wanted them as late as possible because of the pressure of work earlier in the year. Said one of them, amidst laughter: "Make the championships early and the North Islanders will win championships galore. We won't be there to oppose them."

... and South Island too

After months of perfect weather the Belfast Gun Club was unfortunate to suffer bad shooting conditions when the 1959 South Island Clay Target Shooting Championships commenced at Belfast on March 13. Rain squalls and a strong south west wind tossed the targets about at awkward angles. In spite of the inclement weather, entries received for each event were high. All provinces in the South Island were represented by their leading trap shooters and there was a small Wellington contingent.

The South Island Skeet Championship proved an excellent win for the well known Southland shot A. J. C. Donald (Otahuti). As the last competitor out of a field of 57, Donald realised that he had to break a possible to take the major honours as six previous shooters had already registered 24 out of a possible 25.

Showing excellent shooting temperament Donald performed this task in spite of his gun malfunctioning several times. Although he was runner-up in the National Single Rise Championship at Hamilton in 1957 this title was his first Island success.

S. R. Marston (Christchurch), T. A. Everett (Christchurch), A. R. Kingsbury (Timaru), D. S. Harrison (Methven), J. F. McPherson (Cheviot), and S. W. Geddes (Christchurch), having broken 24 in the match contested a shoot-off over a full round to decide the runner-up. This position was taken by Everett with a score of 23, other scores being McPherson 22, Marston, Kingsbury and Geddes 21, and Harrison 19.

Conditions were at their worst when the South Island Double Rise Championship was shot. This event attracted a record entry of 80, and resulted in a surprise but well merited win for D. A. Oliver (Hororata) with a score of 17 out of a possible 20 targets.

Many prominent shooters found difficulty in deciding in what manner to attack the targets in the gusty wind prevailing during this match, but Oliver shooting very well under the circumstances, produced the best effort of his shooting career to take the title. The runner-up in this event was J. T. Clouston (Lauder) with a score of 16.

FRIDAY

Skeet Championship, Taylor Cup (25 targets; 57 entries).—A. J. C. Donald (Otahuti), 25; S. R. Marston (Christchurch), T. A. Everett (Christchurch), A. R. Kingsbury (Timaru), D. S. Harrison (Methven), J. F. McPherson (Cheviot), and S. W. Geddes (Christchurch), 24; D. G. Wareham (Blenheim), H. C. Walker (Hakataramea) and J. McKenzie (Seaward Downs), 23.

Double Rise Championship (20 targets; 80 entries).—D. A. Oliver (Hororata), 17; J. T. Clouston (Lauder), 16; T. A. Everett, I. Smith (Prebbleton), J. C. Streeter (Amberley) and C. R. McCrostie (Spar Bush), 15; L. J. Eden (Motukarara), B. G. Begg (Kirwee), H. C. Walker, J. S. Richards (Tuatapere), 14.

Fifteen-target Handicap (76 entries).—P. Coleman, H. C. Walker, R. E. McIlwrick (Temuka), J. Sutherland (Seaward Downs), L. G. Taylor (Oamaru), C. W. Stott (Darfield), B. G. Begg and R. W. Burnett, all possibles. A. Don (Fairlie), D. G. Wareham, W. T. Morton, J. Gilmore (Christchurch), J. W. Haugh, J. T. Clouston, I. B. Stocks (Amberley), L. G. Taylor (Oamaru), G. K. Ross (Ashburton), A. Hawken (Styx), J. B. Sluis (Christchurch), T. A. Everett, M. Jenkins (Kirwee) and J. Hughes (Geraldine), 14.

Conditions were perfect on the second day. The feature of the day's shooting was the record entry of 114 competitors for the blue riband of the meeting—the 1959 South Island Single Rise Championship.—This entry was the highest in the history of the event.

This championship shot over 25 targets off 18 yards was won by Allan Brown (Lauder) who was the only shooter to register a possible. Considering the good shooting conditions prevailing it was surprising that more perfect scores were not produced as the field comprised most of the leading trap shooters in the southern provinces, including several national champions.

However Saturday proved to be Brown's day and once victory was in sight he never let up. Although his win was his first Island single rise championship success he already had an Island double rise title to his credit, having won this event in 1948.

R. G. Brown (Anama), D. G. Wareham (Blenheim), A. S. Garland (Hakataramea), R. E. McIlwrick (Temuka), L. G. Taylor (Oamaru), C. W. Stott (Darfield), P. Rose (Waimate), J. C. Streeter (Amberley), D. Dalton (Methven), and J. McKenzie (Seaward Downs), contested a shoot-off for runner-up in this championship and after a further 14 targets Taylor emerged the victor.

The 15 target trophy match produced one of the longest shoot-off trap shooters can remember. S. R. Marston (Christchurch) had to shoot 101 targets before annexing the first trophy. Thirty-four shooters, out of a field of 111 who shot possibles in the match competed in this shoot-off.

Marston was chased all the way by one of the oldest competitors in the grounds, R. E. McIlwrick (Temuka), who has been shooting for over 55 years. McIlwrick did not admit defeat until after he had completed a "long run" of 100 targets shot in succession. First year shooters M. Foster (Ladbrooks) and W. Ford (Southbridge), took third and fourth trophies respectively. The performance of these inexperienced shots in top class company was excellent.

SATURDAY

Single Rise Championship (25 targets; 114 entries).—Allan Brown (Lauder), 25; R. G. Brown (Anama), D. G. Wareham (Blenheim), A. S. Garland (Hakataramea), R. E. McIlwrick (Temuka), L. G. Taylor (Oamaru), C. W. Stott (Darfield), P. Rose (Waimate), J. C. Streeter (Amberley), D. Dalton (Methven) and J. McKenzie (Seaward Downs), 24; T. A. Everett (Christchurch), A. Don (Fairlie), G. W. James (Nightcaps), G. K. Ross (Ashburton), B. G. Begg (Kirwee), N. Inwood (Belfast), M. Foster (Ladbrooks), R. G. Allan (Southbridge), G. M. Doyle (Leeston), F. Amyes (Ashburton), D. Lilley (Ashburton), L. W. Kerr (Rangiora), A. J. Tomson (Prebbleton) and H. A. Cromie (Rakaia), 23.

Fifteen-target Trophy Match (111 entries).—W. T. Morton (Blenheim), D. M. Maw (Rakaia), J. Manson (Hanmer), J. R. Roy (Palmerston), N. Barr (Christchurch), A. S. Garland, K. J. Chartres (Mosburn), S. R. Marston (Christchurch), G. K. Ross (Ashburton), R. E. McIlwrick, K. P. O'Sullivan (Hororata), M. W. Holland (Timaru), F. G. Lewis (Timaru), G. M. Gallagher (Darfield), R. T. Whitham (Rangiora), W. Ford (Southbridge), I. Taylor (Christchurch), A. G. Hahn (Ahaura), J. W. Haugh (Wanaka), K. Busch (Christchurch), M. Foster, A. J. Stuart (Moa Creek), N. Hunt (Christchurch), J. Sluis (Christchurch), A. A. Greenwood (Southbridge), E. L. Donald (Leeston), P. J. Coleman (Amberley), J. C. Streeter, C. R. J. Crawford (Rangiora), Allan Brown, L. W. Kerr, E. Chignall (Hari Hari), L. B. Powell (Waimate), J. S. Richards (Tuatapere), broke possibles. The shoot-off for the trophies resulted: Marston first, McIlwrick second, Foster third and Ford fourth.

Fifteen-target Match (57 entries).—G. K. Ross, J. Sluis, A. Don, C. E. Stott, B. G. Begg, I. Whyte (Amberley), A. Mortimer (Ashburton), S. R. Marston, K. Busch, M. Foster, W. I. C. Streeter (Amberley), R. G. Brown, G. W. James, R. G. Allan, H. C. Walker (Hakataramea) and N. Barr shot possibles.

Long Run Awards

As might have been expected, some well-known names are among those listed as qualifying for the first issue of Skeet long-run badges. C. F. Gunn has the honour of receiving No. 1 Gold badge in this series.

Another batch of down-the-line shooters have qualified for their badges, many of them achieving the honour during the National Championships at Hamilton.

SKEET

GOLD 100 BADGES

BADGE No.	NAME	TOWN	SCORE	DATE
S/G/1	C. F. Gunn	Hastings	113	July '58
S/G/2	D. G. Wareham	Blenheim	189	Oct. '58
S/G/3	R. H. Cruickshank	Auckland	100	Mar. '59

SILVER 75 BADGES

S/S/1	J. Costello	Tauranga	75	Nov. '58
S/S/2	C. J. Benton	N. Plymouth	84	Mar. '59

BRONZE 50 BADGES

S/B/1	C. J. Benton	N. Plymouth	50	Feb. '59
S/B/2	R. H. Cruickshank	Auckland	61	Feb. '59
S/B/3	J. McKenzie	Seaward D.	55	Nov. '58
S/B/4	A. J. C. Donald	Otahuti	52	Feb. '59
S/B/5	B. G. Begg	Kirwee	50	Apr. '59
S/B/6	B. W. Williams	Hastings	50	Jul. '58

DOWN-THE-LINE

GOLD 100 BADGES

G/72	E. Pratt	Opotiki	101	Nov. '58
G/73	A. J. Cameron	Gisborne	100	Oct. '58
G/74	A. J. C. Donald	Otahuti	100	Nov. '58
G/75	B. Clinch	Huntly	117	Feb. '59
G/76	M. Foster	Ladbrooks	106	Mar. '59
G/77	L. Radford	Matamata	105	Apr. '59
G/78	C. Hartley	Tauranga	110	Apr. '59
G/79	E. F. Bearman	Christchurch	100	Apr. '59
G/80	N. Choveaux	Matawai	100	Apr. '59

SILVER 75 BADGES

S/150	N. Choveaux	Gisborne	88	Jan. '59
S/151	I. Sutherland	Sanson	78	Feb. '59
S/152	C. W. Robinson	Invercargill	80	Mar. '59
S/153	D. A. Tippet	Nightcaps	79	Mar. '59
S/154	W. Ford	Southbridge	85	Mar. '59
S/155	A. Corbett	Eltham	82	Mar. '59
S/156	H. Julian	Inglewood	80	Mar. '59
S/157	J. Wright	Bulls	88	Mar. '59
S/158	J. Costello	Tauranga	118	Apr. '59
S/159	R. A. Cathcart	Pukekohe	77	Apr. '59
S/160	W. A. Aitken	Morrinsville	88	Apr. '59
S/161	M. I. Boyce	Amberley	77	Apr. '59
S/162	G. Brinkworth	Hamilton	87	Apr. '59

BRONZE 50 BADGES

B/470	R. A. Cathcart	Pukekohe	64	Feb. '59
B/471	L. J. Tecofsky	Hawera	51	Feb. '59
B/472	T. Hartis	Huntly	59	Oct. '58
B/473	G. Platt	Maungatere	52	Oct. '58
B/474	L. Wickham	Stratford	51	Oct. '58
B/475	W. H. Ellis	Gisborne	62	Nov. '58
B/476	M. T. Ross	Opotiki	64	Nov. '58
B/477	F. Amyes	Ashburton	51	Dec. '58
B/478	W. G. Maw	Rakaia	50	Dec. '58
B/479	I. L. Crossan	Gore	57	Feb. '59
B/480	R. W. Wright	Rangitata	50	Mar. '58
B/481	L. S. Bennett	Greenpark	72	Nov. '58
B/482	R. O. Hughes	Putaruru	55	Nov. '58
B/483	J. Gamble	Hamilton	61	Oct. '58
B/484	W. Baker	Katikati	50	Dec. '58
B/485	R. McGregor	Gisborne	53	Jan. '59
B/486	N. Choveaux	Matawai	65	Jan. '59
B/487	T. H. Nixon	Onehunga	60	Feb. '59
B/488	C. B. Inwards	Auckland	50	Feb. '59
B/489	C. Booker	Christchurch	53	Mar. '59
B/490	G. Scott	Taihape	50	Mar. '59
B/491	K. Chatfield	Opotiki	51	Mar. '58
B/492	C. Hunt	Hororata	57	Nov. '58
B/493	N. Hunt	Christchurch	59	Jan. '59
B/494	J. Castle	Huntly	65	Mar. '59
B/495	S. Perry	Huntly	59	Mar. '59
B/496	I. Willoughby	Wanganui	56	Mar. '59
B/497	D. Goodin	Opunake	61	Mar. '59
B/498	P. A. Wells	Taihape	56	Mar. '59
B/499	K. Hancock	Awapuri	56	Mar. '59
B/500	N. Middlemiss	Blenheim	53	Mar. '59
B/501	D. J. Cruickshank	Palmerston N.	50	Feb. '59
B/502	N. P. Hanson	Palmerston N.	52	Feb. '59
B/503	A. J. Cameron	Gisborne	50	Apr. '59
B/504	J. I. Clayton	Otautau	70	Apr. '59
B/505	W. J. Glenn	Wanganui	50	Apr. '59
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The Matamata Gun Club's first attempt at staging a major competition, when it held the Auckland Provincial Championships at Easter, was most successful. Weather conditions were not good but the standard of shooting was high and the organisation most efficient.

Local shooters were delighted when Ezra Green of the Matamata Club won the Single Rise Championship by shooting his 25 targets straight off, just heading R. Cavanagh of Wellington.

Cavanagh was in good form and on the Sunday took the Waikato East Cup after a long battle with E. Benton and P. Wells in the shoot-off. Young Wells did extremely well against the two more experienced shooters, earning his 50 badge in the event. Cavanagh won at the 73rd target.

In the Skeet Championship C. J. Benton of New Plymouth was in fine form, beating J. R. Thomson (Putaruru) and the ubiquitous Cavanagh.

The results which follow are printed as supplied, no actual scores being given:

SATURDAY

Sweep.—Possibles: W. Counsell, G. Brinkworth, I. Fenwick, P. Wells, E. Benton, D. M'issen, G. Shaw, H. Clinch, B. Aitken, P. Johnson, J. Thomson, J. Barlow, P. Cullen, V. Flowerday, J. Hudspith, E. Cooke, L. Williams.

Sweep.—Possibles: R. Hughes, R. Cavanagh, T. Neil, N. Washbourne, J. Wiske, P. Cullen, R. Menzies, R. Gray.

Single Rise Championship won by E. Green (Matamata) outright with R. Cavanagh, Wellington, runner-up.

Double Rise Sweep.—Possibles: W. Baker.

Double Rise Champion.—Possibles: R. Cavanagh, B. Caie. Shoot-off results: R. Cavanagh 1, runner-up, B. Caie.

Gimcrack.—Possibles: L. Radford, P. Wells, C. Benton, R. Cavanagh, J. Barlow, W. Scott, G. Shaw, W. Baker, E. Green. Gimcrack: E. Green, P. Wells.

SUNDAY

Sweep.—Possibles: L. Radford, E. Green, R. Cavanagh, P. Wells, R. Hughes, J. O'Hearn, T. Neil, E. Benton, C. Benton, G. Shaw, W. Mayo, P. McMillan, V. Flowerday.

Sweep.—Possibles: N. Washbourne, C. Benton, G. Brinkworth.

Trophy.—Possibles: E. Green, W. Hopkins, R. Hughes, J. O'Hearn, T. Neil, E. Farmiloe, G. Brinkworth, C. Benton, E. Benton, V. Flowerday.

Shoot-off results.—E. Benton (Te Awamutu), 1; W. Hopkins (Taumaranui), 2; C. Benton (New Plymouth), 3.

Waikato East Cup.—E. Green, R. Cavanagh, P. Wells, G. Shaw, N. Washbourne, E. Benton, C. Benton, W. Mayo, E. Cooke, G. Brinkworth, V. Flowerday.

Gimcrack.—Possibles: L. Radford, W. Hopkins, E. Benton, G. Brinkworth, N. Robinson, T. Neil, E. Farmiloe, Hudspith, E. Cooke, J. Farmiloe.

MONDAY

Skeet Championship.—Possibles: P. Cavanagh, J. R. Thomson, C. Benton. Shoot-off results: C. Benton (New Plymouth); runner-up, J. R. Thomson (Putaruru).

Sweep.—Possibles: L. Radford, R. Cavanagh, J. McMiken, P. Wells, C. Benton. Trophy, possible: J. McMiken, R. Hughes, C. Benton, G. Shaw. Shoot-off results: R. Hughes, 1; G. Shaw, 2; C. Benton, 3.

Gimcrack.—Possibles: J. O'Hearn, T. Neil, C. Benton, S. Perry.

Double Rise.—Possible: L. Radford, E. Green, W. Baker.



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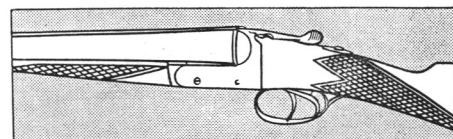
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At the time of writing, B. A. Aitken (Morrinsville) is leading for the special cash award of £50 donated by Ammunition House Ltd., for the shooter registering the highest long run over 150 targets for year ended May 31, 1939. Aitken's score, registered last September, was 210 and if any member considers he has achieved a longer run he should ensure that an application is lodged on his behalf before the closing date—June 30, 1959.

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Congratulations to Belfast Club President, Ces Booker and his strong committee, on a very successful South Island Championship shoot this year. This occasion was the first on which this club had conducted a major tournament and we can do no better than quote from the club's annual report: "From President to Trap Boy—spud peelers and cooks—the women folk who cooked corned beef and carrots—hogget and "haggis"—the washer-uppers and waitresses, you all did a great job. The splendid co-operation from all made this one big effort a worthwhile success."

Shooters attending the South Island Championships at Belfast were shocked to hear of the terrible accident suffered at his employment by Christchurch member, Arthur Berry, which resulted in the loss of his right eye and other severe injuries. Many expressions of sympathy were heard and it is grand to be able to report that Arthur has recovered sufficiently to attend a shoot where he registered a possible, shooting from his left shoulder.

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The Belfast Club is very insulting to our old friend, Les Kerr. A series of coat pegs are installed in the pavilion at normal height with one marked "L. W. Kerr" about three feet from the ground. Incidentally, his achievement as "High Gun" at this year's International with a brilliant possible must have been one of the most popular successes ever. The spontaneous acclamation which greeted his hitting of the 100th target with the first barrel was something Les and his many friends will never forget.

When Gordon Bateman resigned as Secretary of the Morrinsville Gun Club in February he severed a connection with the club after a stewardship of 18 years. This loss was a sad blow, not only to the club but to many Waikato shooters who have enjoyed the benefit of Gordon's sound administration. On behalf of your many shooting friends, Gunshot says "Thank you" to Mr. Bateman for a job well done. His successor is Mr. N. Anderson, 219 Thames street, Morrinsville.

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Well-known Hamilton member, W. J. McMiken, is away to Great Britain this month well armed with letters of introduction to shooting administrators in the overseas countries he hopes to visit. Gunshot wishes him a pleasant holiday abroad.

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Elsewhere in this issue appears an advertisement for the 1959 Melbourne Cup shooters' tour. Several members have stated their intention to join this party but have not sent forward their deposit yet. They are



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advised to do so without delay. It is probable that unless this tour whose numbers are limited, fills by closing date, no other trips abroad can be arranged. If interested, you are encouraged to make a decision soon. Those members who made this tour last year will recommend it very strongly.

☆ ☆ ☆
Recent news from Australia states that the well-known Newton Thomas is still finding it difficult to miss targets. After winning the Australian Single Barrel Championship early last month he proceeded to be "High Gun" in the Australian International team with a possible 300 points.

☆ ☆ ☆
Elsewhere in this issue, the report of the Rangitikei Club's first night shoot appears. This shoot was held early in March but the Mataura Club has the honour of holding the first night shoot in New Zealand, some little time before Rangitikei.

☆ ☆ ☆
Arthur Pretty, President of the Cambridge Club, seems partial to the name of Irene. In addition to his wife bearing this name he has a most efficient Club Secretary in Mrs. Irene Green. It is hoped that there is no truth in the rumour that the club may soon lose the services of this valuable officer.

☆ ☆ ☆
The Kokatahi Club does not allow the grass to grow under its feet. The programme for the 1960 Westland Championships to be held on January 2 and 3, 1960, has already been arranged. The 1959 tournament was a great success and the 1960 shoot is expected to attract a great number of visitors. Details of programme will appear in September Gunshot.

Many other clubs could well follow the good example of the Kokatahi Club by arranging their programmes for open shoots, particularly provincial championships, at an early date.

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Hard working Tom Glenn, our N.Z. President, took time off from

Luigi Franchi Trophy Is A Handsome Cup

At the 1959 annual meeting, the President, Mr. T. M. Glenn, announced that a trophy had been presented to the association by the Luigi Franchi Arms Co. of Italy through their New Zealand representatives, The Empire Trading Co. (N.Z.) Ltd. This handsome trophy, which is awarded annually to the highest qualifier for the International team, was airmailed from Italy and fortunately reached Hamilton the day before it was required for the first presentation to the winner Jim McKenzie. The thanks of the association and members are extended to the donors for their interest in our sport.

Conditions for this trophy are:—

1. A Challenge Cup to be awarded each year to the shooter who achieves the highest aggregate scores in

(a) N.Z. Single Rise Clay Target Championship and

(b) The two qualifying rounds of the Mackintosh International Teams Match.

2. Points to be awarded according to the rules governing these matches respectively.

3. In the event of a tie the tie-ist who scores the greater number of points in the Mackintosh Trophy International Teams Match will be declared the winner. Remaining tie-ists will shoot off in matches of five birds each under Mackintosh Team Match rules until the winner is found.

4. The Cup will be handed in at the next succeeding N.Z. Championships meeting when an engraved tankard will be presented to the Cup holder for his permanent keeping.

5. The Cup was presented by the Luigi Franchi Arms Company of Italy and the Empire Trading Company of N.Z. Limited, to the N.Z. Gun Clubs' Association and is the Association's absolute property.

6. The Cup will be engraved each year with the name and score of the winner.

7. The Tankard will be presented each year by the Empire Trading Company of New Zealand Limited.

his many official duties at the national championships to record excellent possibilities in several of the big handicap matches at the commencement of the tournament. To prove that all the shooting ability in the family is not confined to Tom, his brother W. J., who is president of the Wanganui Club, produced a 50 long run at his club's March and April shoots.

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As will be seen in the Association notes section, the 1959-60 registration year commenced on July 1, and

Club Secretaries have been requested to register all active members on or before that date. Each member can assist his Secretary by ensuring that his subscription is paid. By paying his dues promptly a member is also assisting himself as his registration means he is on the mailing list for programmes and other Association privileges, not forgetting Gunshot which is sent free of charge to each registered member. However, you must be registered to receive this free copy of the Association's official magazine.

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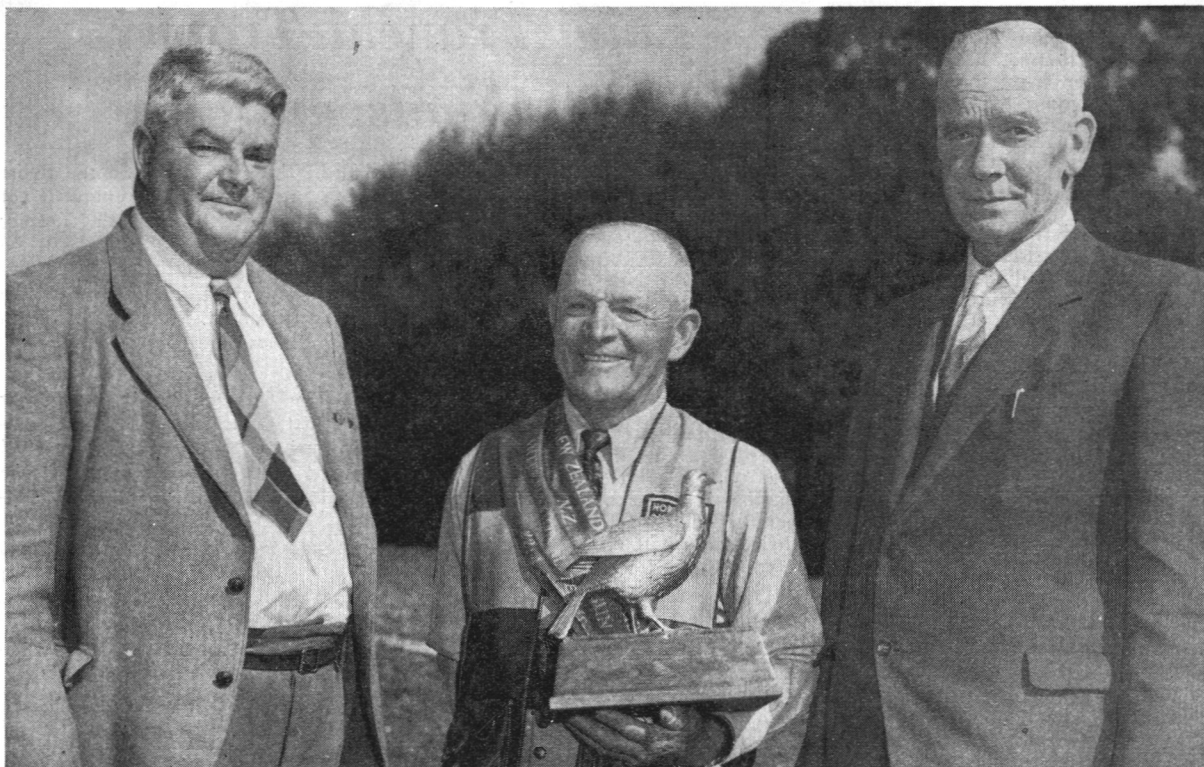
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Three men who won high honours at the National Championships. From left, Mr. T. M. Glenn, who was made a life member, Mr. L. W. Kerr, who shot a possible in the International Shoot, and Mr Darcy Dorreen, who was elected patron of the N.Z.G.C.A.



Winners and runners-up at the 1959 South Island Championships with the president of the host club. From left: J. T. Clouston (runner-up Double Rise), D. A. Oliver (winner Double Rise), C. Booker (Belfast president), Allan Brown (winner Single Rise), L. G. Taylor (runner-up Single Rise), T. A. Everett (runner-up Skeet), and A. J. C. Donald (winner Skeet).

(Photograph, J. W. Simpson.)

A Few Hints For Beginners

By Capt. F. J. ALLEN.

I expect a good many of the younger generation are interested in shooting with the shotgun. If so, perhaps a few hints from an old hand may be useful to them.

First of all I would warn them about buying a gun. All guns are now very high-priced, so it is essential to get the best value they possibly can. They may buy a gun made by any of the well-known makers and give a lot of money for it, and then find that they shoot badly with it, for it is not the price given for the gun which makes a good shot.

I strongly advise them to go to someone experienced in trying and fitting guns. This can be done at a very reasonable price, and will make all the difference to their shooting, even if they are already fairly good shots.

Some years ago a friend showed me a very nice high-priced gun which he had bought and asked me to try it out at clay pigeons. On picking up the gun I told him I did not think I could shoot with it, as it did not fit me at all well. He said: "If you are a good shot, you ought to shoot with this, as it is one of the best you can buy." I tried it out on some clay pigeons and only smashed two out of 20.

So he offered to shoot a match with me for £10, I said I would take him on if I shot with my own gun, which I had been fitted for. A few days later I took my gun and smashed 19 out of 20 and won his £10.

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Gun shooting is very different to shooting with a rifle. You have not time to take careful aim along the barrel through sights as with the rifle; in fact, the gun should come up on the object shot at without aiming along the barrel at all, which it will do if it has been properly fitted.

There have been a lot of letters to the sporting Press in England about aiming ahead of birds crossing at right-angles or thereabouts, so I do not want to say anything very definite about this, but in my opinion it all depends on swing. Personally I do not aim in front of any bird, and I think it all depends if, when you have swung on to the bird, you stop for a second or two and press the trigger whilst you are still swinging.

Just to pop up the gun and take an aim feet or even yards in front

is, in my opinion, fatal to good shooting. A fast bird coming straight towards you low down is very often missed; here, again, I find that to swing on to the head and keep swinging until the bird just disappears under the barrels and pull when still swinging is the best way for this difficult shot.

GUN SAFETY

Before finishing this little lecture for the young, I should like to give a few warnings about carrying a gun. Do not carry it in the crook of the arm, with the muzzle raking

all your neighbours right and left, and when carrying it on the shoulder, keep the trigger-guard upwards so that the slope of the barrel points upwards, not downwards, where it is likely to blow somebody's head off.

You cannot beat carrying it with the barrels pointing to the ground, a few feet in front of you; in this position it is quite safe and can be very quickly got to the shoulder. When getting through a hedge or over a fence, it is best to unload and not trust to the safety-catch being at safe.

South Canterbury Championships

An interesting feature of the South Canterbury Championships was the emergence of G. C. Shefford as winner of the F. G. Lewis High Gun Trophy although he did not win any of the three main events. There were some outstanding performances but the general standard of shooting was not as high as on some previous occasions.

In the Skeet Championship W. A. Lewis and J. McKenzie (Seaward Downs) each scored possibles but Lewis was declared the winner. McKenzie being ineligible. R. E. McIlwrick and A. R. Kingsbury, who scored 23, shot off for second place. McIlwrick taking the honours.

There were 30 entries for the Single Rise, of 25 targets off 18 yards. Top scorers were P. Rose, McKenzie, R. W. Wright and H. C. Walker. Walker won the shoot-off, with Rose second and Wright third.

R. Stowell had an outright win in the Double Rise, with 17 breaks. G. Shefford and W. Stone each broke 16, Stone winning the shoot-off.

Shefford's "high gun" score was 59 out of a possible 70, with Stowell next on 57.

In a Skeet handicap event A. R. Kingsbury and McKenzie each broke 24 off the gun. On handicap, the shooters who divided the sweepstake were F. E. Kelly, McKenzie, A. Houston, L. J. Wills, Kingsbury and W. E. Brehaut.

CLUB CHAMPION.

R. Stowell took the Timaru Gun Club Championship, decided on aggregate, when he shot possibles in all five rounds of the competition. C. Smith (three down) was second, and W. E. Brehaut and J. Lawrence (each five down) tied for third place.

On the day of the final round F. G. Lewis won the Skeet event from R. Stowell and L. J. Wills. On handicap, possibles were scored by these three and W. A. Lewis, F. E. Kelly, R. E. McIlwrick, W. J. Bowrie, W. M. Robertson, S. Smith, R. Selbie, C. Jackson and A. Don.

In a trophy match F. W. Stevenson

and Stowell both shot possibles, Stowell winning the shoot-off. W. A. Lewis, A. Copland, A. R. Kingsbury and A. Houston were each one down.

C. Jackson and R. Selbie shot ten targets in a novelty event where contestants sat on boxes. Six shooters were only one down.

More than 80 shooters turned out for the Christmas shoot. One of the most encouraging efforts was that of M. Brehaut. In the last event of the day this young shooter broke ten targets with his first barrel and in the shoot-off broke 19 more before being eliminated.

Winners were:—

Skeet.—A. R. Kingsbury 1, F. Manson 2, followed by S. Holmes, L. Wills, C. Jackson, A. Fenwick, and W. A. Lewis.

First Match.—E. Garland 1, R. Baker 2, J. Howat 3, L. Kerr 4, R. Batchelor 5, J. Shea 6, A. Copland 7, I. D. James 8, W. J. Borrie 9, A. Lancaster 10. There were 21 possibles shot in the match.

Second Match.—G. Shefford 1, M. Gorman 2, J. McCrostie and J. Frewen equal 3, E. Bearman 4, P. Rose 5, F. Aymes 6, F. Medlicott 7, R. Stowell 8, E. Garland 9, A. Don 10. There were 24 possibles.

Third Match.—F. Aymes 1, C. H. Tallott 2, M. Brehaut 3, W. M. Holland 4, P. Rose 5, A. R. Kingsbury 6, S. Holmes 7, A. Lancaster 8, A. Houston 9, L. Wills 10. There were 24 possibles.

Special prizes were presented for the highest aggregate, and the highest score off the first barrel, and also for the local shooter with the highest score in the two classes.

Winners were:—

Open Aggregate.—E. Garland 1, A. Lancaster 2, J. McCrostie 3.

Local Aggregate.—G. Shefford 1, E. Garland 2, J. McCrostie 3.

Open First Barrel.—G. Shefford 1, E. Garland 2, L. Kerr 3.

Local First Barrel.—G. Shefford 1, E. Garland 2.

Pairs Match.—S. Holmes and R. Baker, 58 out of possible 60.

Annual Meeting of N. Z. G. C. A.

The annual general meeting of the New Zealand Gun Clubs' Association (Inc.), was held in the Wintergarden, Hamilton, at 8 p.m. on Monday, April 20. Mr. T. M. Glenn presided.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year as the result of the postal ballot held amongst all affiliated clubs:—

President, Mr. T. M. Glenn (Wai-kato); North Island Vice-president, Mr. S. D. Perry (Huntly); South Island Vice-president, Mr. W. R. Brinsley (Dunedin); North Island Executive, Messrs. C. Darrall (Morrinsville), P. A. Matheson (Wellington), J. R. Russek (Whangarei), B. W. Williams (Hastings), J. Wright (Mar-ton).

South Island Executive: Messrs. E. F. Bearman (Christchurch), Allan Brown (Lauder), T. W. Elliott (Bal-clutha), D. S. Harrison (Methven), L. W. Kerr (Rangiora).

North Island Referees: Messrs. R. G. Brader (Huntly), W. B. Cattana-ch (Wellington), A. D. Meaney (Morrins-ville), R. C. Morris (Masterton), H. B. Newman (Hastings), I. Sutherland (Palmerston North).

South Island Referees: Messrs. E. G. Amyes (Dunsandel), C. Booker (Christchurch), L. J. Eden (Motuku-rara), D. N. Elliott (Balclutha), L. W. Kerr (Rangiora), W. J. Leask (Lauder).

Auditor: Mr. H. T. Weir (Dunedin).

Allocation of 1960 N.Z. Champion-ships and International Match: Appli-cations for all Championships were received from the Christchurch and Timaru Gun Clubs and as a result of a ballot, the 1960 New Zealand Cham-pionships and International Match were allocated to Christchurch. The voting was as follows: Christchurch, 256; Timaru, 99.

Remits:

Amberley Gun Club: That the system of voting for Association Executive Officers and Referees be modelled on exact lines to a General Election vote, enabling every regis-tered member to cast his own vote. (Lost)

Christchurch Gun Club: That all Provincial Championships to be open to those shooters residing within the Province ONLY. (Lost)

Ellesmere Gun Club: That shooters should be issued with some form of Receipt when paying nominations at N.Z. Championship meetings. (Carried)

Hutt Valley Gun Club: That the N.Z. Gun Clubs Association consider the introduction of Skeet teams Championships in New Zealand in accordance with the procedure fol-lowed in the U.S.A. Teams to consist of two men and five men units. Such teams championships to be run con-currently with the present N.Z. Skeet Championships. A feature of such team championships is that it is not necessary for a team to shoot in the same squad unless desired. (Carried)

That the N.Z. Gun Clubs consider the introduction of a Skeet Cham-pionship in .410 gauge as an interest-ing variant of the present 12 gauge championship. (Lost)

That the referee at the N.Z. Cham-pionship meeting shall be a referee of the Association and that the Official Referees officiate at the N.Z. Single Rise, Double Rise and Skeet Championships. (Carried)

That the Official Referees of the Association shall officiate at all Island, District and Provincial Cham-pionships. (Lost)

That the N.Z. Gun Clubs Cham-pionships be completed before the end of March each year. (Lost)

That for the assistance of Secre-taries of Gun Clubs holding Open Shoots and Championships that the names and clubs of all registered shooters be published at regular in-tervals in "Gunshot". (Lost)

That Sweepstakes be made compul-sory for the Single Rise, Double Rise and Skeet Championship in New Zealand and Island Championships. (Carried)

Methven Gun Club: In voting for Referees and the Executive all Clubs must vote for the full number re-quired in each case. (Carried)

Morrinsville Gun Club: That the Executive nominate a committee to bring down an official handicapping system for Skeet. (Carried)

That if a gun malfunctions a shooter must not open his gun until the referee has examined it. Other-wise a bird shall be declared lost. (Carried)

North Canterbury Gun Club: That the Council of the N.Z. Gun Clubs' Association consider the introduction of a panel of Junior Referees in addition to the 12 official referees elected by the vote of Clubs as at present. It is suggested that Clubs could for-ward the names of any persons con-sidered competent, these men would be expected to act at open shoots when required, for at least 12 months, the Council to have power to appoint a limited number of approved per-sons at an Annual Meeting of the Association. (Carried)

Timaru Gun Club. That in view of the introduction of five traps for N.Z. championships the panel of referees in both Islands be increased. (Carried)

Waihora Gun Club: That all straight clay shoots be entered on the Handi-cap certificate with the exception of Christmas shoots and Club Champion-ships. (Lost)

That Clubs vote for no more and no less than the number required for Island Referees and Island Execu-tives, otherwise their vote to be declared invalid. (Withdrawn)



Registration, Affiliation Fees.

The 1958-59 registration and affilia-tion year expires on June 30, 1959, and dues for the coming year, com-mencing July 1, 1959, should be paid on or before that date. The annual registration fee per member is £1 and the club affiliation fee is £1 1s. Clubs will appreciate that it is an immense task issuing approximately 2,200 regis-tration certificates, so it would be helpful if club's remittances could be

sent soon. Please ensure that a list of members, in ALPHABETICAL ORDER, showing full addresses of members to be registered, are sent with registration fees. It would help considerably if lists could be typed or printed clearly. Full postal addresses are absolutely necessary to ensure certain delivery of registration certificates and copies of Gunshot.

Grading of Clubs: The following clubs have been regraded as shown: North Island, Taumaranui, Grade C; Rangitikei, Grade D. South Island, Maniototo, Grade D; Tisbury, Grade D. Several North Island clubs have received provisional gradings, subject to inspection when improvements have been carried out.

Standard Grading: The following standard of grading has been laid down. Clubs whose facilities do not measure up to the standard will have until April 1960 to make the neces-sary improvements in order to retain their present grading.

N.Z. Championship Standard: At least four concrete traphouses and concrete lanes with automatic traps; laid out on level ground with clear background, two Skeet fields with electric traps etc. A Pavilion to in-clude Secretary's Office, N.Z. Secre-tary's Office, N.Z. President's Room. Luncheon room attached, to seat at least 70 at one time, with ample kit-chen facilities to cope. Large area of standing room for spectators out of rain and able to view shooting. Re-freshment bar of adequate size if li-cence procurable and to have hot water etc., to comply with health regula-tions. Toilet facilities to include two water lavatories for Gents etc., and one for Ladies; both conveniences to have basin with running water. Ample car parking space on ground. Accommodation of good class in city within 12 miles radius. Telephone and electric power laid to ground.

Island Championship Standard: At least two concrete traphouses and concrete lanes with automatic traps; laid out on level ground with suitable background. One Skeet field with electric traps etc. Pavilion to include Secretary's Office and room for Island Secretary. Luncheon room attached to seat at least 45 at one time and kitchen facilities to suit. Adequate standing room for specta-tors out of rain and able to view shooting. Refreshment bar on ground if licence procurable and to have hot water etc., to comply with health water etc., to comply with health regulations. Toilet facilities to include two hygienic lavatories etc., for Gents and one for Ladies, both to also in-clude basin with running water. Ample car parking space on ground. Accommodation available within 20 miles.

Provincial Championships: At least two concrete traphouses and concrete lanes with automatic traps laid down on level ground. A third trap on hand in case of major breakdown. One Skeet field with electric traps etc. Secretary's office with standing room out of rain available for shooters. Luncheon facilities available to seat at least 30 at one time. Toilet facilities of hygienic requirements for

Ladies and Gents. Parking for cars on ground. Hotel accommodation within 20 miles. Refreshment bar not essential but if installed to comply with health regulations.

Open Shoots: At least two automatic traps with tracks laid out on level ground with good footing. Secretary's office and room for shooters to stand out of rain. Catering of morning and afternoon tea and adequate luncheon provided under cover. Toilet facilities for Ladies and Gents in good order.

Club Shoot: Safe shooting conditions re safety of boy in trap etc.

Note: Each Club conducting a N.Z., Island or Provincial Championship must have a spare down the line trap and skeet trap available in case of breakdown.

Skeet Rules: In the past the Association has used the rules of the National Skeet Shooting Association of America as a guide, any amendments by the American Association having to be approved by the Council before coming into force in N.Z. In future, the American Association rules will be accepted without the necessity of confirmation by the Council. As amendments are received from the United States, the information will be passed on to clubs.

"Gunshot": "Gunshot" is now the official magazine of the N.Z. Gun Clubs' Association Inc.

Fast or Slow Pull: The present by-law under this heading reads: "A shooter may refuse a target when the trap is pulled at a material interval of time before or after the word 'pull', or where the trap is pulled without any call of 'pull', but if he fires, the target must be deemed accepted and he must abide by the

result, the referee still having power to declare a 'Lost Bird' if in his opinion it was not a genuine fast or slow pull."

An interpretation of this by-law is as follows:—"If a shooter does receive a slow pull but still fires at the target, he cannot be given another target even if the referee deems it a slow pull."

Malfunction of Gun in Skeet Shooting: (Ref. Page 51 of 1957 Rule Book—Section 4) Interpretation of this by-law reads: "The failure of the automatic gun to load a second cartridge is to be deemed a malfunction in skeet shooting." This interpretation has been referred to the National Skeet Shooting Association for confirmation. Meantime the ruling above must be accepted.

Open Shoots of Ungraded Grounds: Permission will not be granted in future to Clubs to conduct Open Shoots on grounds other than the club's own shooting grounds unless such alternate grounds have been graded as suitable for open shoots.

Official Referees: As from 1960 there will be eight official referees for each island.

Hawkes Bay Central Shield: Condition 4 applying to the Hawkes Bay Central Shield Provincial Teams match, has been altered to allow each team to shoot as a squad.

Allocation of 1960 Championships: 1960 Island and Provincial Championships were allocated by the Island Executives as follows: (Each Club will conduct the Single Rise, Double Rise and Skeet Championships named).

North Island, Huntly: Auckland Provincial, Auckland; North Island

West Coast, Ohingaiti; Hawkes Bay Provincial, Hawkes Bay Central; Wellington Provincial, Palmerston North.

South Island, Southland: Marlborough Provincial, Marlborough; Westland Provincial, Kokatahi; Canterbury Provincial, North Canterbury; Otago/Southland Provincial, Nightcaps.

Almost . . .

Stan Marston and Roddy McIlwrick, both near enough to teetotallers, were engaged in a dour struggle in a shoot-off at Belfast, both men shooting 100 straight before a decision was reached. Dick and Laurie, two of the spectators, decided to duck away for a couple. They emerged a few minutes later to find the two finalists still going shot for shot. So they popped back into the bar. After another period of refreshment they returned to the grounds to find the battle still being waged.

"What do you know?" said Dick.

"Well," said Laurie thoughtfully, "this is damn nearly enough to make a man vote Prohibition."

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Continuing in the same vein as characterised his "Timaru Titbits" last year, North Island secretary, I. D. Jack, contributes another selection of barbed humour entitled . . .

HAMILTON HANDOUTS

Tom Glenn (the New Zealand President) maintained his intake throughout but his mileage per gallon was somewhat uneconomical.

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It is not infrequent for athletes to jump their own height but who-ever heard of a shooter breaking 100 first barrel birds with a gun almost as long as himself? Kerr-ful what you say!

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In the regrettable absence of Father Kelly of Temuka Roy Cavanagh of Wellington carried the blarney stone as to the manner born.

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Mick Clayton of Otatau, whether on the mark or at the office window paying out (not being paid out), always had a smile on his face. And that for a public accountant and a Southlander to boot, says something.

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Don Hudspith of Kaikohe shot not only his 100 birds in the International match but also the other 400 of his squad colleagues. His perspiration was exceeded only by his concentration.

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Bulging barrels had an opposite effect on Ernie Tabart. His brow was furrowed with wrinkles.

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Bill Stewart (the New Zealand Secretary) sustained his reputation as the most sober secretary on the grounds.

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Those who thought Johnny Dalton of Parnassus was overtrained realised their mistake when he brilliantly won the last trophy match.

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The reason for the North Island secretary's baldness is that the hair was blasted off him by the president.

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The Antarctic Contingent (Alan Donald, Bob McCrostie, Spencer Richards and Jack Sutherland) tried for a double on the Saturday. They unsuccessfully contested the big Open and equally unsuccessfully attended the Te Aroha races. On Monday cheques were the order of the day.

So Bill Robinson of Hastings has been banished to the wilderness! It is to be hoped for the sake of trap-shooting generally that he will show phoenix-like qualities and rise from his ashes.

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The two Gunn-men of Hastings were always knocking at the door but never found anyone at home.

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Celebrations by Peter Matheson of Wellington on making the International team made him a bad bet for any aeroplane, let alone a Vis-count.

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The three Aussies in the office did not relish New Zealand beer but they were amply compensated by beverages from even further afield.

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The South Island shooters must have been brushing up their Latin—undoubtedly it was a case of "Veni, vidi, vici". In the meantime the Northerners are learning French—"Honi soi qui mal y pense", which on a very free translation means "Every dog has its day".

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Len Pole, ex-North Island Secretary, was a visitor to the championships. For the first time he did not put any shooter in the corner to stand with bowed head.

Darcy Dorreen, "le nouveau patron," was his serene and gracious self throughout the championships.

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It was remarkable the number of shooters, not only Mainlanders, who liked talking to Noel Pope, with monetary accompaniment.

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Hamilton seems to have a hoodoo on Winston Brinsley, the new South Island Vice-president. He missed the 1957 championships through the death of a business associate while he missed half of these championships through an organic (not inorganic) indisposition.

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This year's annual meeting was a millpond compared with last year's maelstrom. Is there something in the Caroline Bay air which makes one fighting fit?

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Gordon Parry, co-editor of Gun-shot, met a large number of the shooters for the first time. He now appreciates that a plea of justification will afford an adequate defence for any defamatory remarks he may in future make about them.

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At Cambridge the North Island Secretary showed how to win a trophy without using a gun or paying for targets. What a "ham" he proved to be!

OPEN SHOOT CALENDAR

The following Open Shoots have been authorised to be held in the next few months:—

June 6 and 7—Marlborough, Provincial Championships.

June 13—Dunedin, Law Shield Match and Open Handicaps.

June 14—Te Puke-Taurange, Open Handicaps.

June 20 and 21—Nightcaps, McGregor Shield and Open Handicaps.

June 21—Amberley, North Canterbury Annual Teams Match and Open Handicaps.

July 4—Mataura, Open Handicaps.

July 11—Lauder, Central Otago Championships and Open Handicaps.

August 7—Lauder, Open Handicaps.

August 8—Moa Creek, Bodkin Shield and Open Handicaps.

August 9—Alexandra, Open Handicaps.

August 14, 15 and 16—Timaru, Centennial Open Shoot.

October 24—Geraldine, Open Handicaps.

January 2 and 3, 1960—Kokatahi, Westland Provincial Championships.

RESULTS OF CLUB SHOOTS

Hawkes Bay Central . . .

The Hawkes Bay Central Gun Club held its monthly Club Shoot on its grounds at Longlands on Sunday April 19. Although a number of shooters were away in Hamilton at the New Zealand Championships there was a good attendance of members to have a practice before the duck shooting season. A. Roberts was the most successful shooter of the day with an aggregate of 28 out of a possible of 30. Details of the days shooting is as follows:—

Five Target Eye-opener (21 entries).—Nine scored possibles.

Ten Target Sweepstake, No. 1 (23 entries).—Possibles were scored by A. Roberts, S. Kittow, J. G. ay, G. B. Stephenson, D. Stephenson, W. M. Stephenson, A. Wotherspoon, C. Atkins, L. Tucker, D. Hursthouse, R. MacDonald.

Ten Target Sweepstake, No. 2 (22 entries).—Possibles were scored by A. Roberts, S. Kittow, J. Gray, G. B. Stephenson, W. J. Stephenson, W. M. Stephenson, D. Hursthouse, T. Ryan, J. Brownlie, C. Ward.

Ten Target Sweepstake, No. 3 (17 entries).—G. B. Stephenson and N. McGaffin scored possibles.

Dunedin . . .

Shooting conditions were not good at the Dunedin Gun Club's shoot on the Brighton Road grounds on March 7 due to the strong north west wind which disturbed the flight of the targets.

Results:—

Skeet Match (25 Targets; 20 entries).—W. R. Mills, A. L. Begg, H. T. T. Weir, R. C. Hollamby and H. E. McArthur, 23. H. A. Sinclair, 22.

Eye-opener match (5 targets; 42 entries).—10 possibles.

Fifteen-target Handicap A Grade (25 entries).—D. Campbell, H. T. Weir, W. J. Irving and J. D. Fletcher, 15 possibles.

B Grade (17 entries).—R. C. Larsen (Mosgiel) won with a possible.

Ten-target Double Rise Match, A Grade (18 entries).—H. E. McArthur and B. L. Dunning, 8.

B Grade (15 entries).—R. C. Hollamby, 9; J. W. Peterson, 8.

Ten-target Double Rise Match No. 2, A Grade (13 entries).—B. C. Turnbull and H. T. Weir, 9.

B Grade (11 entries).—R. Milligan and G. J. Swallow, 7.

First Miss Out Match: Won by B. C. Turnbull.

Conditions were perfect for the club shoot conducted by the Dunedin Gun Club on their shooting grounds, Brighton Road on April 4. Brilliant sunshine prevailed all day and the absence of wind ensured that the clay targets were not disturbed in flight.

Leading performer of the day proved to be a Christchurch shooter, C. Booker who, after producing the best score in the morning's skeet match proceeded to share winning honours in each of the afternoon's events, excluding the double rise.

During the day B. L. Dunning (Dunedin) completed a "long run" of 58 targets shot in succession commenced at Palmerston two weeks before.

Skeet Match (25 targets; 20 entries).—C. Booker and D. Campbell, 24; H. T. Weir, 23; H. A. Sinclair, R. C. Hollamby, H. E. McArthur, J. C. Geddes and V. G. Patterson, 22.

Eye-opener Match (5 targets; 34 entries).—18 possibles.

Fifteen-target Handicap, A Grade (27 entries).—C. Booker, E. D. Fraser and B. C. Turnbull scored possibles.

B Grade (16 entries).—H. F. Aburn, R. A. Milligan and D. A. McLeod, 14.

Ten-target Match, A Grade (21 entries).—C. Booker, C. H. Law, V. G. Patterson, E. D. Fraser, W. J. Hayes, D. G. Innes, B. L. Dunning, C. H. Smail and J. K. Geddes, possibles.

B Grade (13 entries).—R. A. Milligan, 10; L. M. Sproull, H. C. Reid and D. A. McLeod, 9.

Ten-target Double Rise Match, A Grade (17 entries).—D. G. Innes and H. E. McArthur, 10; R. E. McIlwrick, 9.

B Grade (10 entries).—R. M. Marshall, 9.

In spite of torrential rain on May 16, the regular club shoot was fairly well patronised. Members donned waterproof clothing and shot surprisingly well in the conditions.

Fifteen-target Handicap, A Grade (17 entries).—W. C. Geddes, J. S. Torrance, R. C. Walker and V. G. Patterson, possibles.

B Grade (8 entries).—R. C. Hollamby won with 14 breaks.

Fifteen-target Single Barrel Match (Donald Campbell Trophy Series; 21 entries).—R. C. Hollamby, 13; E. D. Fraser, W. J. Hayes, J. S. Torrance and C. Geddes, 12.

Ten-target Double Rise Match, A Grade (12 entries).—C. H. Law, A. L. Begg and D. G. Innes, 7; J. C. Geddes, H. E. McArthur and J. S. Torrance, 6.

B Grade (6 entries).—G. C. Geddes won with 8 breaks.

Wanganui . . .

Five-bird Eye-opener (15 entries).—9 possibles.

Ten-bird Aggregate (17 entries).—J. L. Robertson, B. Summerhays, W. Glenn and I. Willoughby shot possibles.

Trophy Shoot, 10 birds (18 entries).—J. L. Robertson, B. Summerhays, W. Glenn, I. Goldsmith and I. Willoughby shot possibles.

Ten-bird Sweepstake (17 entries).—J. Bagby, J. L. Robertson, I. Willoughby and B. Handley shot possibles.

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Ten-bird Double Rise (17 entries).—I. Willoughby, 9.

First Miss Out.—J. L. Robertson.

As the club president won the trophy the presentation was made by J. L. Robertson.

Palmerston . . .

The Palmerston Gun Club held a shoot on March 21 under perfect conditions as there was no wind to worry the shooters. "High Gun" for the day was B. L. Dunning of Dunedin who shared major honours in each event.

Five-target Eye-opener Match.—W. K. Roy, Ashley Aitcheson, Allan Orbell, B. L. Dunning, D. G. Innes and E. J. Quarterman, all possibles.

Ten-target Match.—W. K. Roy, M. Heffernan, B. L. Dunning, All possibles.

Fifteen-target Match.—B. L. Dunning, 15; J. R. Roy, 14; D. G. Innes, 13; W. K. Roy and A. Orbell, 12.

Tisbury . . .

The Tisbury club championships were held on March 8.

Results:—

Five-bird Eye-opener (29 entries).—Thirteen Shot possibles.

Novice Trophy.—Rob Blair, 9; A. Crossland, R. Counsell, 8.

Ten-bird Trophy (29 entries).—J. Gorton, D. Saunders, J. McKenzie, R. Fleet, I. L. James shot possibles. In the shoot-off R. Fleet won the club trophy, I. L. James the visitors' trophy.

Fifteen-bird Trophy (25 entries).—T. Fleet, A. Robinson, J. McKenzie, A. Donald, R. L. Thwaites, L. Gorton shot possibles. In the shoot-off T.

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Fleet took the club trophy and J. McKenzie the visitors' trophy.

Double Rise Trophy (21 entries).—J. McKenzie, 18; I. James, J. Gorton, G. James, 16 J. Gorton won the club trophy, J. McKenzie the visitors' trophy.

Belfast . . .

With southerly conditions prevailing there was a high standard of shooting at the combined Christchurch and Belfast Gun Clubs clay target matches at the Belfast grounds on Saturday, April 11. Shooters faced the skeet traps in the morning and continued with straight clays in the afternoon. Results were as follows:—

First Round Skeet (15 entries).—Best scores: T. Everett, 24; C. Booker, N. Barr, 23.

Second Round Skeet, Handicap (25 entries).—Best scores: C. Tallot, 24; F. Inwood, 23; C. Booker, 22. Handicap winners: G. Parker, A. Lancaster, L. Manion, R. Crawford, C. Tallot, F. Inwood.

Straight Clays, Ten-bird Eye-opener (43 entries).—13 all ons.

Fifteen-targets (38 entries).—N. Barr, K. Busch, R. Crawford, I. B. Stocks scored possibles.

Five-pair Double Rise.—A. Lancaster, T. Everett, R. Meyer, 9; G. Parker, N. Barr, J. Berry, I. B. Stocks, 8.

Ten-bird Gimcrack (33 entries).—C. Booker, A. Hawken, A. Lancaster, K. Busch, T. Everett, C. Tallot 10 scored possibles.

First Miss Out (16 entries).—I. B. Stocks, 16 targets; R. Crawford, 15.

Palmerston North . . .

A club shoot was held on Sunday, March 15. Cloudy weather with a strong wind made good scores difficult to attain. Nevertheless, some possibles were shot and enjoyable shooting was had by the 17 shooters present. Results for the day were as follows:—

Five-bird Eye-opener.—Possibles were shot by A. Paddy, E. W. Mills, J. Thomson, L. Forester and B. Aitken.

W. Warner Fifteen-bird Trophy.—First Trophy: B. Aitken from Morinsville shot 14 birds. Second trophy: J. Thomson, 13 birds, and winning a shoot-off from R. Scott and K. Thomson.

First Ten-bird Shoot.—Possibles were shot by L. J. Thomson and L. Macpherson.

First Novelty Match.—Two birds off each of 11, 15, 18, 21, 24 yards. First: E. W. Mills with a possible 10. Second: R. Scott, L. Macpherson, B. Aitken, A. Meehan, R. Duncan with 9.

Second Novelty Match.—R. Scott, B. Aitken and A. Meehan shot 9 birds out of 10.

At a club shoot held on Sunday, April 5, a sunny still day favoured approximately 20 shooters, plus their relatives and friends who attended. Prominent amongst visiting shooters was S. R. Marston from Christchurch. Some excellent shooting was seen and possible scores were numerous.

First Skeet Match.—Possible 100's were scored by I. Sutherland, E. W. Mills, S. R. Marston, A. Paddy and W. J. Broughton.

Second Skeet Match.—I. Sutherland again scored a possible 100.

Five-bird Eye-opener.—All targets were broken by I. Sutherland, S. R. Marston, K. Hancock, A. Paddy, N. Hanson, K. Thomson and B. K. Thomson.

W. A. Thomson Trophy.—After an excellent shoot-off by the four shooters of fifteen-bird possibles, W. J. Broughton finally out-shot D. J. Cruickshank. The other two shooters of possibles were B. K. Thomson and I. Sutherland.

First Ten-bird Match.—Possibles were scored by K. Hancock, A. Paddy and W. J. Broughton.

Second Ten-bird Match.—N. Batchelor, S. Murray, K. Hancock, A. Paddy, J. Anderson and B. Aitken all broke 10 targets.

Ten-bird Novelty Shoot.—B. Aitken, R. H. Scott and N. Batchelor broke all targets.

On Sunday, April 19, favoured with fine weather, over 25 shooters together with friends and families spent an enjoyable day getting their eye in for the duck shooting season. A gusty wind together with variable light conditions tended to make shooting tricky, particularly in the skeet.

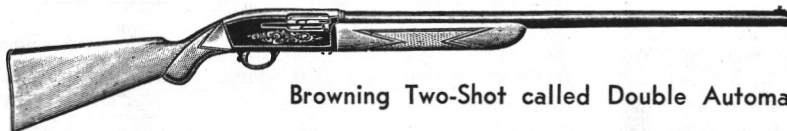
Skeet Match.—Possible 100's were scored by W. J. Broughton, E. Lacey, T. Hyland, C. Buckley and J. Anderson.

Five-bird Eye-opener.—All targets were broken by E. Lacey, K. Hancock, N. Batchelor, T. Hyland and A. H. Wall.

R. G. Harper Trophy.—K. Hancock, H. Aislanie, W. J. Broughton and L. Forester all broke 15 birds. In the shoot-off L. Forester came first with W. J. Broughton second.

First Ten-bird Straight.—All birds were broken by R. Scott and L. Forester.

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Auckland Metropolitan . . .

Results of recent club shoots:—

February 28:

Skeet Championship Silver Pheasant.—A. L. Byrne, 49. In the shoot-off for second, R. Cruickshank and D. P. North (48) shot 25 and 24 respectively.

Trophy Match.—B. Anderson, 1.

Trophy Match.—W. S. Holmes.

Best scores off gun were Cruickshank, 25, 23, 25, 25 and Byrne 24, 24, 25, 24.

March 14:

Single Rise Championship Silver Pheasant.—J. Sinton, 1 L. Curtis, 2.

Double Rise Championship, Drysdale Memorial Cup: R. James, 1; W. Valentine, 2.

O'Loighlen Statuette, Aggregate taken over the Skeet, Single Rise and Double Rise Championships.—F. Butler, 1; L. Curtis, 2.

April 4:

Sparrow Clay Championship over 3 traps spaced 5 yards apart.—J. Sinton, 15; S. Knibb, 14.

Sparrow Clay Trophy Match.—Possibles, S. Knibb, V. Hansen. Shoot-off won by V. Hansen.

Fifteen-target Straight Clay Trophy Match.—A grade, S. Knibb, 15; B grade, H. J. Macartney, 14.

Marlborough

Results of the March shoot were as follows:—

Skeet Eye-opener (4 entries).—D. Wareham and P. Matheson scored possibles.

Skeet Sweepstake (8 entries).—W. Morton and D. Wareham scored possibles.

Five-bird Eye-opener.—Five scored possibles.

Twenty-bird Trophy (17 entries).—W. Morton, A. Murray, I. Wilkey scored possibles.

Five-pair Double Rise (16 entries).—E. Gifford, 9; D. Wareham, W. Morton, I. Wilkey, 8.

Ten-bird Sweep, No. 1 (15 entries).—W. Morton, G. Sixtus, N. Middlemiss, R. Neal, E. Gifford, I. Wilkey, A. Collett, R. Kennedy, I. Jones. Pheasant was won by D. Wareham scored possibles.

Ten-bird Sweep, No. 2 (10 entries).—G. Sixtus, N. Middlemiss, R. Kennedy, D. Wareham, Possibles.

Ten-bird Sweep, No. 3 (7 entries).—W. Morton, N. Middlemiss, F. Horgan, Possibles.

The Club Championships were held in windy conditions in April but there was a good attendance and the shooting was keen. The Skeet Championships was won by D. Wareham who shot the only possible in the A grade Championship. D. Heffer won the B Grade title in a shoot-off with F. Horgan and G. Sixtus. N. Middlemiss won the Double Rise Championship shooting 15 of the 20 birds. The club was using for the first time its new auto trap and concrete tracks.

Results:—

Skeet Championship (7 entries).—D. Wareham, 25; W. Morton, 24.

Ten-bird Eye-opener (16 entries).—N. Middlemiss, D. Wareham, D. Morrell, F. Horgan, Possibles.

B Grade Championship (15 targets).—G. Sixtus, D. Heffer, F. Horgan, Possibles.

A Grade Championship (25 targets).—D. Wareham, 25; N. Middlemiss and W. Morton, 24.

Ten-pair Double Rise.—N. Middlemiss, 15; R. Kennedy, 14.

Ten-bird Sweep.—N. Middlemiss, D. Wareham, W. Morton, D. Heffer, Possibles.

Mataura . . .

The club held a Ladies' Day Shoot on February 21. The shooting was not of high standard although conditions were good. The Mitchell Cup was shot for off special handicaps (back 4yds.).

Results:—

Ten-bird Eye-opener, No. 1.—F. J. Medley, J. Archibald, T. McGowan, J. Sutherland, Possibles.

Five-bird Eye-opener, No. 2.—I. Crossan, J. Mawdsley, D. McDonald, John Mawdsley, R. E. McGowan, T. McGowan, A. Richardson, Possibles.

Fifteen-bird Ladies' Shoot and Mitchell Cup.—J. Sutherland, 15; I. Crossan and R. E. McGowan, 14.

Five-pair Double Rise.—J. Sutherland, 9; J. Archibald, 8; I. Crossan, 7; T. McGowan, 7.

Miss Out.—T. McVicar.

Shooting at the club shoot on April 11 was of a high standard considering that light rain and breeze made the targets hard to see.

Results:—

Five-bird Eye-opener, No. 1.—D. Hawthorn, W. Sadlier, T. Fleet, Possibles.

Five-bird Eye-opener, No. 2.—J. Mawdsley, R. B. Bannerman, T. McGowan, J. McKenzie, R. Fleet, H. Rance, P. Christie, M. Hellier, J. Richardson, Possibles.

Ten-bird Sweep, No. 1.—W. Sadlier, J. McKenzie, I. McDonald, Possibles.

Ten-bird Sweep, No. 2.—J. Mawdsley, I. McDonald, Possibles.

Ten-bird Sweep, No. 3.—J. McKenzie, J. Archibald, J. Ashworth, Possibles.

Five-pair Double Rise.—T. Fleet, 10; R. McCrostie, 9; J. Sutherland, 8; T. McVicar, 8; A. Richards, 8.

Miss Out.—R. McCrostie.

Nightcaps . . .

The April shoot at Nightcaps was held in perfect weather. A highlight was club president, W. Cleghorn's possible in the Kirkwood Trophy. This is being run on an aggregate basis and Mr. Cleghorn is one target ahead of the field with one shoot to go.

Results:—

Ten-bird Sweep, No. 1 (22 entries).—J. Eden, T. D. Eden, R. Cochrane, T. Fleet, Possibles.

Fifteen-bird Kirkwood Trophy.—W. Cleghorn, H. A. Boulton, T. Fleet, D. A. Tippet, Possibles.

Ten-bird Sweep, No. 2 (28 entries).—I. J. Clayton, J. Eden, S. Hawkes, R. B. Stroud, R. Simons, D. A. Tippet, S. Wilson, E. Taylor, I. D. Eden, J. Nicholson, all Possibles.

Five-pair Double Rise, No. 1.—I. D. Eden, 10; I. James, A. Boulton, R. McIvor, 9.

Five-pair Double Rise, No. 2.—S. Hawkes, G. James, D. Saunders, J. Eden, 9.

Moa Creek . . .

The Moa Creek Gun Club held its first match for this year on March 6. Allan Brown recorded an outstanding performance in scoring the only possible in the Hotel Cup Match as he was shooting from the 24 yard mark. The shoot-off for the Double Rise Championship resulted in a win for I. J. Corrigan.

Best scores were:—

Moa Creek Hotel Cup (15 targets; 18 entries).—Allan Brown, 15; I. J. Corrigan, Arch. Brown, 14; L. T. Anderson, R. D. Reid, G. N. McIntosh, G. C. Nevill, R. J. Nevill, D. R. Matheson, 13.

Club Double Rise Championship (10 pairs; 17 entries).—I. J. Corrigan, V. M. Leith, A. J. Stuart, Possibles. Stuart, 15; Allan Brown, 14; Arch. Brown, 13.

Ten-target Match.—Arch. Brown, V. M. Leith, A. J. Stuart, Possibles.

First Miss Out.—J. T. Clouston.

An afternoon of skeet shooting was held on March 20. Best scores were:—A. J. Stuart, 22 and 21; Allan Brown, 21 and 22; V. M. Leith, 22; A. J. Scott, 22; J. T. Clouston, 20; H. A. Sinclair, 20.

A record field of 43 shooters competed on May 8. In fine sunny conditions a very high standard of shooting was maintained. Seven possibles were scored in the Stuart Memorial Shield match with the shoot-off for the shield resulting in a win for J. W. Haugh (Maungawera).

The shoot-off for the Ladies' Trophy was won by John Leith after shooting a further 35 targets. J. W. Haugh, who was runner-up in this match, was the outstanding shooter of the day with a long run of 81 consecutive breaks.

Best scores were:—

James Stuart Memorial Shield (15 targets; 43 entries).—J. W. Haugh, E. Mee, Arch. Brown, W. J. Stuart, Allan Brown (24 yards), E. A. Pirie, John Leith, Possibles.

Ladies' Trophy Match (15 targets; 42 entries).—John Leith, J. W. Haugh, D. R. Matheson, C. H. Hughes, T. Anderson, A. H. Macdonald, M. Blakely, Possibles.

Novice Cup (shot in conjunction with the Stuart Shield).—D. Scott, C. M. Forrester, 12; W. R. Paterson, P. Craig, 11; R. Briggs, L. Webster, 9; R. A. Helm, 8. D. Scott won the shoot-off.

Southland . . .

March 7, Club Championships.

Skeet Championship (15 entries).—A. J. C. Donald 24, M. H. Stewart 23, R. Lamb 23, N. Saunders 23, J. McKenzie 22, G. South 22, D. Tippet 22. Stewart won the shoot-off for runner-up from N. Saunders after two rounds.

Ten-target Novice Championship (7 entries).—L. Gorton 9, J. Smith 8, R. Munro 8.

Five-pair Double Rise Sweepstake (15 entries).—A. C. Robinson, 10; D. Tippet, R. Lamb, 9.

Ten-pair Double Rise Championship (12 entries).—J. McKenzie, 19; S. Richards, 18; D. Tippet, 17; D. Saunders, 17.

Ten-target Sweepstake (19 entries).—A. J. C. Donald, C. R. McCrostie, J. Sutherland, D. Tippet, J. A. Clayton, R. Munro, R. Lamb, E. Robinson, Possibles.

Twenty-target Single Rise Championship (21 entries).—M. H. Stewart, D. Tippet, R. Lamb, L. Hunter, J.

Sutherland, A. J. C. Donald, J. McKenzie, C. Robinson, S. Richards, possibles. Tippet beat Robinson at the 49th target of the shoot-off.

April 12, Skeet Shoot.

No. 1 Match (23 entries).—Scores off the gun were A. J. C. Donald, W. Saunders, 24; M. Aspinall, C. W. Robinson, 23.

No. 2 Match (20 entries).—Scores off the gun were J. McKenzie, 25; Aspinall, 23; Robinson, 22.

April 26.

This shoot is known as "the Duck Shooters", the last before the opening of the season. There were 43 competitors, including a number of non-members who were invited to take part in a special novice shoot.

Five-target Novice (16 entries).—C. Munro, 5; S. Clark, R. Gibson, 4.

Ten-target Sweepstake (36 entries).—J. Rogers, B. Sheddon, W. Saunders, A. Robinson, possibles.

Ten-target, No. 2 (37 entries).—W. Cleghorn, T. Fleet, R. Munro, H. Scott, W. Saunders, S. Keen, possibles.

Five-pair Double Rise (25 entries).—I. James, L. Gorton, 9.

First Miss Out.—J. Eden.

Rangitikei . . .

The Rangitikei Gun Club got away to a flying start with its night shooting programme recently, attracting shooters from Wellington, Taihape, Wanganui and surrounding clubs. It is not proposed to hold another night shoot until October, when the winter is well past, but there seems little doubt that the white clays will be in great demand in future.

Among those who came from Wellington was Mr. E. R. Tabart, manager of Ammunition House. It happened that there was not even a whisper of breeze, which meant that a smoke haze was created, but "Tab" was able to smile his way through some good-natured ragging about smokeless ammunition. He and trap-shooting stalwarts Triplow and Anderson went back to Wellington with no trophies but memories of an excellent shoot.

They were welcomed by the club president, Mr. Hansen, who followed a witty speech, by breaking the first bird with his first barrel. More than a thousand "white tops" were thrown during the evening. Judging by the number of possibles scored, night shooting has come to stay.

Trophies were donated by Messrs. Hansen and Wilson and Mrs. McManaway.

Results of Open Shoots

Gore

Perfect weather prevailed on March 21 when the Gore Gun Club conducted an open shoot on the shooting grounds, East Gore Domain.

In spite of the excellent shooting conditions and a good Otago representation, entries were disappointingly small in each event. Prominent shooters J. McKenzie (Seaward Downs) and Allan Brown (Lauder) were amongst the prize winners in the majority of matches.

Results:

Ten-bird Sweepstake (25 entries).—Possibles: R. B. Bannerman (Gore), R. C. Walker (Dunedin), Allan Brown (Lauder), J. R. Byars (Gore), C. W. Robinson (Dacre), D. Macdonald (Edendale), J. McKenzie (Seaward Downs) and J. Sutherland (Seaward Downs).

Twenty-target Handicap (27 entries).—Possibles: P. R. Smillie (Gore), R. C. Walker, Allan Brown, J. R. Byars, R. C. Hollamby (Wingatui), J. McKenzie and P. Christie (Oteramika).

Twenty-target Open Handicap Match (25 entries).—Allan Brown, J. McKenzie, J. Sutherland, W. B. Telford (Waiwera) and J. Archibald (Brydone) registered possibles.

Ten-target Double Rise Match (21 entries).—W. B. Telford and C. R. McCrostie (Spar Bush) shared the honours with possibles.

Twenty-target Double Rise Match (20 entries).—J. McKenzie, 18; C. W. Robinson, A. C. Robinson (Kapuka) and W. B. Telford, 17.

Final Fifteen-target Sweepstake (24 entries).—Possibles: W. H. Sadlier (Gore), W. B. Telford, A. C. Robinson, R. E. McGowan (Mataura) and J. Sutherland.

Kirwee . . .

In ideal shooting conditions the Gun Club held its first annual match of 20 targets for the Craigieburn Cup. It was donated to the club by Mr. James Manson, who at one time farmed in the district. This match and a £25 trophy match open to all shooters residing in Canterbury, drew an attendance of 54 shooters, from all parts of the province. Results were as follows:—

Craigieburn Cup (20 targets off 16 yards).—Possibles were shot by R. W.

Wright, L. Blatchford, J. Dillon and C. W. Stott. After a short shoot-off Stott won from J. Dillon.

£25 Trophy Match.—The following shot the possible of 15 targets: H. A. Cromie, J. T. Matson, M. D. Bailey, C. D. Bailey, J. Sluis, N. Barr, J. Berry, J. Dillon, B. G. Begg, K. Wilson, L. W. Kerr, A. Tomson, J. Gardiner, H. C. Bloor, N. Hunt and M. Eden. The shoot-off was won by J. Gardiner on the 43rd target from J. Berry. B. G. Begg was third after dropping his 38th target and H. A. Cromie fourth.

Ten Target Match.—M. Eden, C. D. Bailey, J. W. Robinson, G. K. Ross, W. K. Jenkins, A. W. Fraser, T. D. Harrison, J. Sluis, D. Bell, J. Berry, F. Radford, C. Stott and J. Dillon. All scored possibles.

Opotiki . . .

Held under ideal weather conditions on Sunday, February 15, the Opotiki Gun Club's Open Shoot provided probably the best display ever seen on their grounds at Victoria Park. A strong contingent from Gisborne, Matawai and Hamilton gave the local shooters stiff opposition and scores were high throughout the day. Three shooters qualified for long-run badges.

R. J. Peddle (Matawai) 100, R. McGregor (Gisborne) 75 and G. Bennett (Opotiki) 50 were right on the ball. In the main event of the day, the Waioeka Jack Memorial of Ten-birds, seven competitors shot the possible and only after 62 birds in the shoot-off did Peddle head off Rod McGregor.

Ten-bird Eye-opener.—Eight possibles.

Ten-bird Sweep, No. 1.—N. Choveaux, T. Porter, R. Grayson, T. Pratt, R. Young, G. Young, G. Bennett, G. Appleton, J. Watkins, R. McGregor, J. Harris, J. Heggarty, M. Dodds, possibles.

Ten-bird Waioeka Jack Memorial.—R. J. Peddle, N. Choveaux, R. Grayson, G. Young, R. Young, G. Bennett, R. McGregor, possibles.

Ten-bird Sweep, No. 2.—R. J. Peddle, N. Choveaux, R. Grayson, G. Batey, G. Appleton, R. Young, E. Pratt, J. Watkins, J. Harris, G. Young, possibles.

Fifteen-bird Sweep, No. 3.—R. J. Peddle, R. Grayson, G. Batey, G. Bennett, J. Watkins, R. McGregor, K. Chatfield, possibles.

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A Page for Women

Watch for these films . . .

The introduction of some brief film reviews on the Women's Page last issue proved popular. Here are some more suggestions for film evenings, either when the men are at a post-shoot gathering or to which they ought to be made to take their wives as a penance.

Auntie Mame: Story of a gadabout guardian played by Rosalind Russell. Based on the book, but rather larger than life as presented in Technirama. Good fun though the farce is sometimes mechanical.

Gigi: Brilliantly costumed and staged musical telling how a young Parisienne tames a playboy, to the surprise of cynical, faded and jaded elders. Definitely good value and one of the films of the year.

The Horse's Mouth: Adventures and misadventures of dauntless, disreputable artist as played by ebullient Alec Guinness, with excellent supporting cast, good incidental music and excellent paintings.

I Was Monty's Double: Tight, suspenseful melodrama with humour and human touches, with Clifton James playing himself and Montgomery, whom he impersonated

briefly during World War II to help British Intelligence perpetrate a successful hoax.

Inn Of The Sixth Happiness: Epic achievements of heroic missionary Ingrid Bergman in China. Beautifully photographed, with Robert Donat playing his last role.

Separate Tables: Rattigan's two-part play skilfully adapted and effectively acted out in slightly shabby English hotel setting. Themes of boozy loneliness and spinsterish frustration not solved by pat ending.

South Pacific: Enchanting wide-screen version of famous musical beautifully filmed in Hawaii, translating story of American nurse and French planter into fresh and sparkling movie.

Rally Round The Flag Boys: Comic film on the thesis that a civic-minded housewife's place is in the home. Lots of slapstick, lots of laughs.

Perfect Furlough: Sometimes funny, sometimes silly, occasionally leering farce about GI who wins army-sponsored holiday with movie star in Paris.

NOVEL TYPE OF LIPSTICK

A cosmetic firm has dreamt up a new idea in the way of lipsticks. It is going to be fun to use—though it may take a little time to acquire the art.

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For special gifts a limited number of precision Swiss-made cases are being shown with the new lipstick. One has a fascinating centre band which swivels to show your initial through a small slot. The other is a very decorative thing with gold flowerettes sprinkled on a silver case.

THEY DID FINE JOBS

This issue contains a great deal of information about the National Championships at Hamilton. But those championships could not have been anything like such a success had it not been for the splendid work done by the womenfolk. The catering was absolutely first class, the dining room was kept spotless and the service was admirable. No matter how late the shooters came in their meal was piping hot and the ladies cheerful and obliging.

Five of the workers were employed by the Hamilton Gun Club, the others were members of a Ladies' Committee led by Mrs. T. M. Glenn, wife of the Dominion president. They worked long hours uncomplainingly and earned the gratitude of every shooter present.

RECIPE CORNER

Continuing our series of recipes provided by the wives of shooters, here is a contribution from Mrs. J. R. Russek, of Maunu, Whangarei. Her husband, better known as "Mick", is a North Island Executive member.



LEMON PIE

YOU NEED:

1 large cup breadcrumbs
1 cup sugar

2 egg yolks, beaten
juice and rind of 2 lemons

METHOD:

Pour over all 1 cup boiling water. Stand, while you make a short pastry and line the dish. Pour in mixture and bake in moderate oven. Make meringue topping with egg whites and 1 tablespoon sugar.

Murray Pratt Can Still Break Clays

His face may be a little lined, his hands gnarled, but the eye of 72-year-old Murray Pratt is as clear as ever—and he was definitely one of the personalities at the New Zealand Championships. Although muscular trouble in his right shoulder prevents him from taking a very active part in shooting nowadays he took his gun to Hamilton, and, in one or two sweepstakes, showed that much of his old skill is still with him.

It is exactly 40 years since Mr. Pratt began shooting at Otorohanga where he still lives and he had his first competitive shoot in 1921. He is the only survivor of the original membership of the Hamilton Gun Club which was formed in 1920.

His first championship success was in 1929 when he won a club title, but four years earlier he had been runner-up to H. J. Nitz, of Masterton, in the New Zealand Clays at Marton. And in 1930 he took the Dominion Pigeons title—the first of six national titles he was to gain in his distinguished shooting career.

In 1931 he won the N.Z. Clays at Hamilton, and in 1933 he scored a possible in the national Sparrows event. He took the title in a shoot-off which went to eight further targets. Two years later he did exactly the same thing, right down to the number of targets in the shoot-off, and in 1946 at Rangiora he showed that eight was his lucky number, again winning the Sparrows at the eighth round. He won his last title in 1950 when he again took the Pigeons championship.

During all those years of competitive shooting he won a total of 31 important championships and had it not been for his shoulder trouble might have added more to his bag. And he watched the fields grow and grow until now twice as many competitors are entering for championship events.

Mr. Pratt thinks the standard of shooting today is really high and he has the utmost admiration for the shooting of latter-day toplineers. But he makes a few quiet reservations.

"The targets were thrown further by at least 10 or 15 yards a few years ago," he told Gunshot. "Undoubtedly this makes shooting easier than it used to be. And I am sure the ammunition is better than it used to be."

"Nevertheless, this is not at all a bad thing. Because the shooting is easier than it was there are more shooters. I feel sure half the shooters today would not be competing if things were as difficult as they used



to be. The more we have in, the better for the sport."

Mr. Pratt has been a genuine all-rounder. In his younger days he won many chopping events and he was also a prominent bowler, taking the Waikato Champion of Champions title on one occasion.

However, it is as a shooter that he is honoured in this edition of the shooters' own magazine. He has taken a lot out of the sport but he has also put a great deal in. Murray Pratt's name will always be recorded in the annals of trap shooting and be remembered as the name of a true sportsman.

Every tournament has to have a tale that goes the rounds. One that was rapidly passed around at Hamilton concerned a woman who went to see her doctor to say how worried she was because Grandpa, who was 91, had started chasing girls.

"Don't you worry about it," said the doctor. "I've had a dog that has chased cars all his life and I often wonder what he would do if he caught one."

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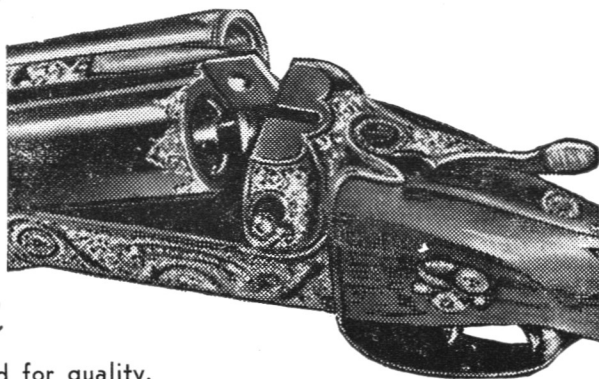
Early in April, Roy Rapley of the McKenzie Gun Club was taken ill with appendicitis. He begged his doctor to operate at once so that he could be sure of being fit for the opening of the duck shooting season. The doctor, however, sent him home to await another attack. Three weeks later, on April 23, 10 days before the season opened, Roy was operated on. He came home the day before the opening—and scored one less than a limit bag next day!

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That keen sportsman Rev. Father Kelly, of Temuka, makes a suggestion for clubs not wanting to shoot a full round of skeet. His proposal: a 12-bird match, with singles shot from stations 3, 4 and 5, then doubles from the same stations. Should there be a trophy it could be shot off at doubles from station 4.

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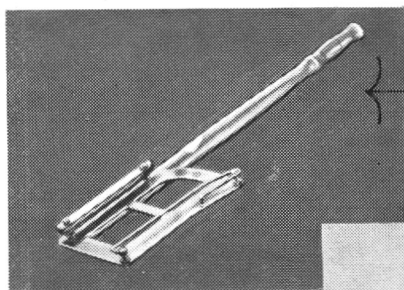
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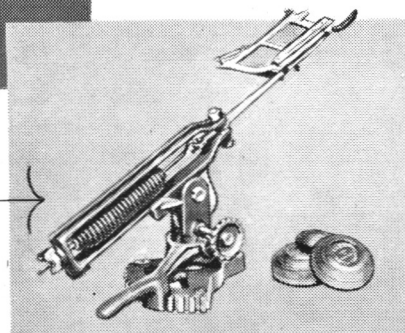
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