

# THE WRIGHT WIN

Hot weather prevailed, when Victoria's sixteen Union held their yearly prize meeting on Sunday 15th February. Complimenting the shoot, a record turn up of 92, pleased organizers, in particular, Joe Lucas, Number 16 DRA secretary, now in his second term.

Barry Wright of Port Campbell, who had flown in from the Western District with fellow shooter Col Boyd of Pomborneit, was outstanding in securing the daily aggregate with 148.13 from Gwen Williamson (Crouch) 147.13. Col Boyd went pretty well too, coming twelfth, 145.10, and eleventh spot had Bill McArdle of Casino, NSW, the furthest travelled competitor, making 145.11.

Equally impressive in shooting form, the B and C grade riflemen got their act together despite "Old Ben Cairn's" mysterious phenomenon (mirage and unknown breezes) playing havoc with the scores. Diamond Valley's young man of target shooting, Fred Greenslade (C) 143.7 bettered the (B) grade score put in by Jim Wilkinson of Lilydale by exactly one point.

The harsh temperatures seemed to slow proceedings, as expected a late finish culminated, and experienced markers — volunteers, from within the union were absolutely buggered come knock off time. They marked in trying conditions, never giving in to the elements. Lunch prepared by the womenfolk was superlative and delicious. Several shooters snuck back for seconds. Thank you ladies.

The VRA Silver Teapot was won by Lilydale marksman Bob Smith — a worthy prize for a worthy champion.

## Results

**300 yds.** A: R. Smith 50.6; D. Walters 49.6; C. Boyd 49.5. B: J. Wilkinson 49.4; J. Kirkwood 48.5; L. McLennan 48.5. C: F. Greenslade 49.3; T. McGrath 48.3; R. Lawrence 47.5.

**500 yds.** A: B. Wright 50.5; D. Walters 50.4; C. Hayes 50.2; G. Penberthy 50.2. B: W. Hall 50.5; G. Downie 50.3; G. Longmuir 49.6. C: T. McGrath 49.3; R. Meaney 48.2; R. Edwards 47.4.

**600 yds.** A: B. Wright 50.4; G. Williamson 49.7; R. Smith 49.4; C. Abbott 49.3. B: R. May 48.3; G. Longmuir 48.2; N. Blair 48.1. C: F. Greenslade 48.2; R. Meaney 47.5; P. Kay 46.0.

**Aggregate:** A: B. Wright 148.13; G. Williamson 147.13; R. Smith 147.13; C. Abbott 146.10; D. Walters 146.10; A. Williamson 146.9; C. Hayes 146.8; J. Reither 146.6; G. Eales 145.13; G. Kay 145.11. B: J. Wilkinson 142.7; W. Hall 141.8; J. Kirkwood 141.7; S. Whitelaw 141.5; Z. Poskaitis 141.5. C: F. Greenslade 143.7; T. McGrath 142.7; R. Meaney 140.8; R. Lawrence 137.8; B. Jackson 137.5.

## GOING ON 77

'Pull good shots and don't let the wind frighten you'. That sound advice came from Glen Mackereth just after he won Werribee's annual sweepstakes shoot, Saturday, Feb. 28th, 1981.



Glen Mackereth: 'Pull good shots and don't let the wind frighten you'.

At 76, going on 77, Glen acts and thinks like a young man. Werribee's captain, Graham Eales commended Glen on this attribute then presented him the number one prize. When responding Glen said that the greatest pleasure an older person could feel is being appreciated. He

added with a 'concerned look' that certain folks want to restrict your activities as you get into retirement and some even tell you what you should or shouldn't do, not realising you still have control of all your faculties.

Visitors experienced a tricky rear fishtail throughout proceedings and results were anything but startling. The match was attended by interstate shooters W. Richardson of Hornsby, Bill McArdle of Casino and international globe trotters Earl and Edith Brown, who shoot with the Kings Own Calgary Regiment RC in Canada. Earl and his charming wife are touring Australia, taking in all the Queens prize meetings plus as many district/club OPM as possible during their stay. They have been guests of several Australian target rifle shooters since arriving, a fact that Earl says has made their trip most pleasurable and memorable.

## RESULTS

**500 A:** B. Austin 50.3. B. L. McLennan 48.4. C. K. McGinn 46.2. **600 A:** G. Mackereth 54.2. B: L. McLennan 53.2. C: T. Jamieson 50.1.

**Aggregate:** A: G. Mackereth 102.4. B: L. McLennan 101.6. C: T. Jamieson 96.1.

## Military Competition

An Army apprentice by the name of Woad has won the Tri-Service Prize meeting, held on the 4th of March 1981, prior to the Queens prize meeting. Civilian Target Rifle Shooters certainly enjoyed watching the military marksmen go through their paces. Many of these men shoot with civilian rifle clubs.

### MATCH NO. 1 — 300 metres APPLICATION.

F. Sgt. Longmore, R.A.A.F. Laverton, 50.4; Maj. Burkhil, 1 R.T.B., 50.3; L. Cpl. Cleasby-Jones, 3 Base Wks., 47.2; Cap. Frith, P.E.E., 47.2; W.O.2 Docksey, 3 M.D., 46.3.

### MATCH NO. 2 — 300 metres RAPID.

App. Woad, Army App., 47.4; Sgt. Hislop, M.U.R., 44.0; Cpl. Macdonald, CARO, 43.2; Cap. Watts, 3 M.D., 42.1; Maj. Mooridge, 3 M.D., 42.0.

### MATCH NO. 3 — 300 metres SNAP.

P. O. Potter, H.M.A.S. Cerberus, 45.1; W.O.1 Read, 3 M.D., 45.1; A. B. Nowakowski, H.M.A.S. Cerberus, 42.2; App. Woad, Army App., 41.2; Cpl. Boag, Vic. Air T.C., 39.1.

### MATCH NO. 5 — TEAMS

#### ARMY OFFICE

Spr. G. Ristow, 113.2; Spr. S. Elliott, 102.1; Pte. G. L. Day, 96.2; Lt. Col. B. Hodge, 104.3; Cpt. R. G. Skelton, 119.6.

#### H.M.A.S. CERBERUS

W. O. Dann, 115; CPO. Dowd, 82; P. O. Potter, 122.5; P. O. Smith, 104.4; Seaman Skinner, 88.2.

#### C.A.R.O. 2

Staff Sgt. Weston, 76; Sgt. Gibbons, 107.4; Cpl. Adamis, 97; Cpl. Macdonald, 112.4; Pvt. Ball, 107.4.

#### ARMY APPRENTICES SCHOOL

S. Sgt. Knight, 82.2; App. Sgt. Scholz, 85; App. Woad, 129.7; App. Carter, 85; App. Mossman, 102.3.

#### M.U.R./3M.D.

W.O.2 J. Gordon, 101.1; Sgt. W. R. Hislop, 110.2; Pte. M. D. Taylor, 51.1; Pte. J. D. Lambert, 111.2; Pte. S. A. Tomkins, 102.6.

#### C.A.R.O. 1

Maj. Litchfield, 97.1; Maj. Matheson, 77; Maj. Phillips, 107.3; Cpl. Toohey, 94.2; Cpl. Whitmarsh, 89.3.

### SCHOOL OF SIGNALS

Cpl. Dewar, 64.1; Sign. Matthews, 117.3; Cpl. Hindle, 104.3; Sign. Tessler, 79.1; Capt. Lake, 93.4.

### VIC. AIR T.C.

Sqn. Ld. R. Grandy, 82.00; Plt. Off. M. Regan, 96.2; Sgt. G. Murray, 72.0; Cpl. N. Boag, 117.2; Cpl. G. Sheppard, 85.4.

### 3BASE WKSP. BTN.

Sgt. Walters, 84; Cpl. Schreck, 113; Cpl. Devisser, 103; L. Cpl. Cleasby-Jones, 86; App. Langford, 59.

### 26 TPT. SQN.

Lt. Hopkins, 106.2; Sgt. Hosking, 93.2; Cpl. Crane, 73.2; Cpl. Massie, 67.1; L. Cpl. Fleming, 82.2.

### MATCH NO. 4 — AGGREGATE

App. Woad, Army App., 128.7; W.O.1 Read, 3 M.D., 125.2; P. O. Potter, H.M.A.S. Cerberus, 122.5; Capt. Skelton, Army Office, 119.7; A. B. Nowakowski, H.M.A.S. Cerberus, 117.4; Cpl. Boag, Vic. Air T.C., 117.3; Sig. Matthews, 3 M.D., 117.3; W. O. Dann, H.M.A.S. Cerberus, 115.3; Spr. Ristow, Army Office, 113.2; Cpl. Schreck, 3 Base Wks., 113; Cpl. Macdonald, CARO, 112.4; Maj. Burkhil, 1 R.T.B., 111.4; Pte. Lambert, 3 M.D., 111.2; Pte. Ball, CARO, 110.4; Sgt. Hislop, M.U.R., 110.2; Capt. Watts, 3 M.D., 109.3; Cpl. Kelly, 21 Support, 109.2; Sgt. Gibbons, CARO2, 107.4; Maj. Phillips, CARO, 107.3; App. Mossman, Army App., 106.5; Lt. Hopkins, 26 Tpt. Sqn., 106.2; Capt. Frith, P.E.E., 105.3; P.O. Smith, H.M.A.S. Cerberus, 104.4; Cpl. Hindle, 3 M.D., 104.3; Lt. Col. Hodge, Army Office, 104.3; Cpl. hort, H.Q.S.C. (RAAF), 103.4; Cpl. Devisser, 3 Base Wks., 103.2; Pt. Tomkins, 3 M.D., 102.6; Spr. Elliott, Army Office, 102.1; W.O.2 Gordon, 3 M.D., 101.1.