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Shilen winner at Canberra

DOVER, New Jersey – "A tremendous success" is the way Skip Gordon, Director of Boars Head Marketing Services summed up his impression of the first DESTINATION DOWN UNDER. Skip and his Company organized and conducted the unique shooting holiday last October, giving Canadian and U.S. bench rest shooters a chance to compete side-by-side with Australia's top bench rest competitors.

The DESTINATION DOWN UNDER event was divided into a two-part excursion with plenty of time for competition and sight-seeing. The first shooting event was the Annual Speer Matches previously held in the U.S. The Lovelock-Speer Matches were restricted to Heavy and Light Varmint Class rifles and were conducted over the weekend of November 8/9 1975 at the Canberra, Australia range.

Try as they might the Australians were unable to capture top honours in either class of the first stage of competition. First place in the H.V. category went to trip host Skip Gordon with a Grand Aggregate of .3617 while L.V. winnings were taken by Ed Shilen with .5591. Shilen also won top spot in the Two Gun Aggregate with a combined aggregate of .4952 for both classes. The balance of the top ten in the Two-Gun Agg., in order of descending finish were: Lee Six - .5047; Jack Shelley - .5170; Mike Valentine - .5427; John Giles - .5461; Chet Brown - .5556; Anne Brummell - .5859; Syd Miller - .6040; K. Edwards - .6145; Bill Minneman - .6213; Over half of the top ten in the Two-Gun were Australians - a fine finish considering they shot against some of the best shooters the U.S. has to offer. Charlie Womack, the only Canadian in the group, finished 29th in the H.V. category and 13th in the L.V. class. A total of 59 shooters entered the H.V. class - 50 shot in the L.V. class. Full results of the top ten in each class and the equipment used is in this issue.

Results of the Queensland Varmint Championships held at Brisbane on November 15, 16 are not available at this time due to the untimely death of Mr. Harry Madden on Dec. 5, 1975. Mr. Madden was one of the founders of bench rest shooting in Australia, a director of the S.S.A.A. and a well-known booster of bench rest activity. His sudden death had a very profound effect on all Australian shooters and caused considerable delay in getting the final results tabulated and forwarded to the U.S.

Pictured above is one of two identical trophies presented at the Lovelock-Speer and Q.V.C. Championships in Australia. The trophies were donated by Wally Hart, son of the late Robert W. Hart of Pennsylvania, one of the founders of I.B.S. and a man who always dreamed of the day when there would be true International competition between countries in the sport of bench rest shooting. The first R.W. Hart Memorial Trophy, presented in Canberra, was won by Jack Shelley of Melbourne. Nev Madden, son of the late Harry Madden, won the second Hart Memorial Trophy one week later in Brisbane at the Queensland Varmint Championships. Nev Madden is the top bench rest gunsmith in Australia today.

The President's Page...

On this occasion, my first opportunity of communicating with you as your President, I would like to thank all who voted for me and assure you that I will strive to fulfill my obligations as your chief Executive officer. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best of luck for the coming competition season and hope that you will make a sincere effort to attend all matches scheduled for your region.

Unfortunately, due to personal and business obligations on my part, I will not be as effective as I should be during my early months of office. However once I have re-established my home and started a new business in Kamloops, B.C. about the middle of April, I will find more time to attend to the several important issues of our Organization which are in dire need of attention. I ask you to be patient and permit me and the other members of the B.R.S.C. Executive to persue a proper and correct course of action in our efforts to resolve the few difficulties which we face. Of course, your comments, suggestions and any input you may wish to make are more than welcome. Your Executive can only be as effective as you want it to be.

It is apparent to me that the Eastern Region of B.R.S.C. is certainly in no danger of becoming lethargic - you people are certainly carrying your weight. I will be sorry to leave Alberta but the Namaka Club is healthy and will continue its' good work. I have hopes that the Lethbridge bench rest group will continue on after a good start last year, I think we can rely on Frank Leffingwell to see that Lethbridge has at least one Registered Match. Alex Bulman tells me that there is a Registered Match in the works for early spring in the Vancouver area and Wayne Miller from Leader, Saskatchewan thinks they may be able to stage a match in their area sometime in August. It should be an exciting year with plenty to take in so start setting aside your travelling and match fees and don't miss any of the action.

Meanwhile see to it that your dues are renewed in plenty of time and I look forward to seeing many of you in person later in the year. Till next month,

Best Regards,

Bob Hobbs

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Don't give in to the gun lobby

Effective gun control laws in Canada are long overdue. Solicitor-General Warren Allmand has hemmed and hawed on the issue for far too long. Now, apparently, he is ready to bring legislation before Parliament.

When he does, Canadians will be watching to make sure the legislation has not been watered down in response to pressures from gun lobbyists.

Guns are weapons capable of killing, maiming or wounding people. The more guns there are in circulation, the greater the possibility they will be used to commit crimes or lead to accidental deaths and injuries. For years gun lobbyists have tried to prevent registration and other safeguards while dismissing the growing evidence of the use of guns in crime.

WARREN ALLMAND

Now that they realize some kind of law is in the works, there is the danger gun lobbyists will try to make sure it does not impose too many restrictions on owners of guns.

Allmand should resist this kind of pressure. His first responsibility, as Solicitor-General, is to curb crime in this country.

Indications are that Allmand plans to make any purchaser of a shotgun or rifle first obtain a license and to pass a competency test.

This is a big improvement over the current situation where anyone can walk in off the street and buy a rifle or shotgun, with ammunition, without any check whatever. But under Allmand's reported plan, getting a license will be too easy.

It would simply require character references from two people. This is hardly a sufficient safeguard; too many people will vouch for an acquaintance without knowing very much about him. Anyone wanting to buy a rifle or shotgun should also be required to get approval from the police, stating that the person has no criminal record or history of mental illness.

The license should bear a picture of the owner, should be renewed on a regular basis, and there should be severe penalties for misuse. The same license would have to be used to buy ammunition.

Merchants should also be required to keep a record of all ammunition sold, with the name, address and license number of the buyer—just as a pharmacist who sells a poison has to keep a record of it in the "poison book."

In the case of automatic weapons—machine-guns, sub-machine-guns, automatic rifles and the like—the simplest and best answer is to prohibit the sale and possession of these weapons altogether. What conceivable legitimate use could anyone—outside the armed forces and the police—have for a machine-gun?

Allmand's gun control legislation will also have to deal with the problem of revolvers and pistols. The present licensing system just doesn't work and should be scrapped. Allmand should simply ban all such guns, except for police officers, certain security guards, hobbyists (but under very strict conditions) and, of course, members of the armed forces.

The onus is on Allmand to produce a gun control law that will effectively control the use of guns in Canada. In pursuit of this he should not allow himself to be sidetracked by vested interests.

The Editor
The Toronto Star
1 Yonge St.
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Sir:

Your editorial on January 21st regarding gun control should have Joseph Atkinson spinning in his grave.

Notwithstanding the need to sell papers, an editorial is expected to comment knowledgeably and hopefully direct public opinion and actions to their benefit.

Gun controls are necessary, everyone agrees on this, but to say that the present licensing system for pistols and revolvers "doesn't work and should be scrapped" is displaying an abysmal ignorance and lack of research. The Canadian police forces and courts all have stated frequently that the present system is excellent and many foreign countries, particularly the U.S. have expressed the opinion that our system is one that they envy.

If anything should trigger an avalanche of resistance from gun owners it is this sort of editorial. The comments on what is wrong with Allmand's "reported" plan, and the dictatorial instructions as to what the regulations should be, appears to the knowledgeable public as the rantings of an ignoramus in view of the comments expressed.

Face facts and admit them to your readers, there is no "gun Lobby" from "vested interests" in Canada and anyone saying so is talking through the seat of their pants.

David S. Coles

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A LETTER TO THE EDITOR - ONE MAN'S VIEWS ON GUN CONTROL...

February 3, 1976

Dear Reg:

Just thought I'd drop you a note to let you know what's happening in Kingston area re: Gun Control. It appears that as of late considerable drive has been put into pushing Gun Control. Just what "Gun Control" is, most people couldn't even begin to define, except to say "tougher laws, or something." The driving force is to me unknown, except that the CBC is taking an active role as are various TV stations such as CJOH Ottawa, etc.

The message that appears to be coming across is that "Gun Control" is desirable; "Gun Control" is necessary; "Gun Control" is supported by the majority of people across the country; "Gun Control" will be seen as an end to the wave of killings with firearms and that those who do not support "Gun Control" are to be given a wide berth and even looked on as dangerous to society. What is very disturbing is that we, the serious shooters who derive a considerable amount of pleasure from sports involving guns, have lost the initiative and momentum in this issue.

Nowhere do you see an equally loud voice informing people of the other side of the coin. What the sportsmen of this country must realize is that any form of a gun Bill handed down to us from above is <u>just the beginning</u>, for it takes considerably less effort on the part of Government, especially a government as big and treacherous as the present Trudeau administration, to propose an amendment to the Bill, the effects of which would be even more far reaching than you presently realize! Licensing is just a smoke-screen for what is to come later. Bill Jones and his lackeys in F.A.R.O. have apparently been sucked in by this play already; in fact it wouldn't surprise me if he and his Organization are as much a part of this propaganda pitch as is the CBC.

I am not in favor of any "Gun Control" law that has been formulated by this Government or any other Government. We do not need any laws beyond those which we already have. What we do need is for these laws to be <u>stringently enforced</u>!

Do not think for a minute that any Bill put forward in the House of Commons will become law. This is also part and parcel of "the Big Sell"; to create the impression and provide the solution, all in the same stroke! Almost every town and city in Canada has a gun club of sorts. What these clubs must do and do very fast is to respond with polite, terse and to-the-point letters to their MP's, news media, Senators and heads of government on a municipal, provincial and federal level. This response must be absolutely overwhelming. The impression must be created that not only is the "Gun Bill" unpalatable to every thinking, intelligent Canadian, but also "politically dangerous" for any MP to support such a measure. As soon as the details of this Bill are made public we must act. DO NOT THINK THAT OTHERS WILL DO THE WORK FOR YOU. THEY WILL, BUT NOT IN THE WAY YOU WILL LIKE!

Our cousins to the south are in much the same position as we are but their opposition is much more organized. The NRA has a lobby second to none - we don't. The American shooters realizes what is coming down the road - we don't. We do, however, have pens, paper and the intelligence to write what we feel. (And, at present, the freedom - Ed.) We shouldn't tarry much longer.

BENCH REST SHOOTERS

TOURNAMENT LOVELOCK-SPEER MATCHES
"DESTINATION DOWN UNDER"
CLUB CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA
S.S.A.A.

DATE NOVEMBER 8,9, 1975
CLASS HEAVY VARMINT
TOP TEN
RANGE 100 & 200 YARDS

COMPETITOR	YDS.	WARM UP	MATCH 1	MATCH 2	MATCH 3	MATCH 4	MATCH 5	100 YD. AGG.	200 YD. AGG.	300 YD. AGG.	GRD. AGG.	PLACE
Skip Gordon	100		.308	.382	.264	.326	.280	.3060				
	200		.956	1.026	.662	.610	.920		.4174		.3617	1
Anne Brummell	100		.254	.368	.380	.300	.222	.3048				
	200		.734	.586	1.260	.816	.952		.4348		.3698	2
Mike Gibbon Jr.	100		.430	.390	.232	.612	.290	.3908				
	200		.656	.400	.622	.722	1.304		.4204		.4056	3
Ron Marsden	100		.420	.316	.612	.210	.192	.3500				
	200		1.510	.536	.693	.950	1.200		.4888		.4194	4
Jack Shelley	100		.326	.390	.388	.266	.596	.3932				
	200		1.112	.762	1.122	.996	.682		.4668		.4300	5
Ed Shilen	100		.688	.380	.322	.494	.406	.4880				
	200		.462	.830	1.090	.826	.788		.4046		.4318	6
Mike Gibbon Sr.	100		.326	.614	.600	.408	.368	.4632				
	200		.692	.636	.822	.706	1.372		.4228		.4430	7
Lee Six	100		.724	.316	.242	.402	.488	.4344				
	200		1.230	.418	.904	1.418	.590		.4560		.4452	8
Jack Reynolds	100		.484	.374	.246	.400	.336	.3680				
	200		1.274	.642	.882	1.334	1.260		.5392		.4536	9
John Giles	100		.422	.362	.408	.410	.400	.4004				
	200		1.252	.790	.726	1.048	.546		.4362		.4583	10

BENCH REST SHOOTERS

TOURNAMENT LOVELOCK-SPEER MATCHES

DATE NOV. 8,9, 1975

CLASS LIGHT VARMINT

TOP TEN

CLUB

RANGE 100 & 200 YARDS

COMPETITOR	YDS.	WARM UP	MATCH 1	MATCH 2	MATCH 3	MATCH 4	MATCH 5	100 YD. AGG.	200 YD. AGG.	300 YD. AGG.	GRD. AGG.	PLACE
Ed Shilen	100		.540	.678	.644	.333	.290	.4968				
	200		1.470	1.488	.972	1.072	1.212		.6214		.5591	1
Lee Six	100		.546	.652	.500	.330	.358	.4772				
	200		.826	1.224	1.916	1.454	1.394		.6514		.5643	2
Mike Valentine	100		.710	.414	.342	.554	.462	.4964				
	200		1.466	1.310	.840	1.290	2.110		.7016		.5990	3
Jack Shelley	100		.610	.400	.538	.540	.518	.5212				
	200		1.836	1.046	1.250	1.563	1.174		.6868		.6040	4
Chet Brown	100		.450	.392	.666	.350	.388	.4492				
	200		1.496	2.400	1.973	.682	1.492		.8042		.6269	5
Bill Menneman	100		.422	.366	.420	.500	.458	.4332				
	200		1.620	1.316	2.390	1.444	1.714		.8484		.6408	6
John Starkey	100		.572	.480	.406	.510	.538	.5012				
	200		1.730	1.316	1.472	1.630	1.712		.7860		.6436	7
John Giles	100		.370	.356	.340	.592	.524	.4364				
	200		2.658	1.478	2.335	.912	1.730		.9113		.6730	8
Syd Miller	100		.530	.328	.412	.810	.598	.5356				
	200		2.144	1.394	2.410	.592	1.826		.8366		.6861	9
Bruce Treloar	100		.742	.630	.562	.316	.372	.5244				
	200		1.604	1.684	1.694	1.962	1.746		.8690		.6967	10

EQUIPMENT and COMPONENTS - Top 10

Heavy Varmint

Name	Cartridge	Action	Scope	Barrel	Bullet Mfr.	Primer	Load
Skip Gordon	.222	Shilen	Red. 3200	Shilen	Shilen	CCI	23.5 4895
Ann Brummell	.222	Remington	Unertl	McMillan	Remington	RWS	20.5 4198
	.308	Sako	Unertl	McMillan	McCracken	RWS	40.0 4895
Mike Gibbon	.308	Winchester	Remington	McMillan	McCracken	CCI	42.0 4895
Ron Marsden	30 Win.	Remington	Remington	McMillan	Detsch	Rem	46.0 4831
	6x47	Remington	Remington	Hart	McCracken	Rem	29.0 748
Tony Powell	.222	Remington	Lyman	Hart	Remington	CCI	20.5 4198
Ed Shilen	.222½	Shilen	Lyman/Sieb.	Shilen	Shilen	CCI	25.0 4895
Mike Gibbon Sr.	.308	Winchester	Remington	McMillan	McCracken	CCI	42.0 4895
Lee Six	.222 Mag.	Benchmaster	Lyman	Hart	Shilen	Rem	26.3 4895
Jack Reynolds	.222 Mag.	FFV	Red. 6400	Shilen	Remington	CCI	27.0 4895
John Giles	.308	Remington	Remington	McMillan	McCracken	RWS	42.5 4895

Light Varmint

Ed Shilen	6 x 47	Shilen	Lyman/Sieb.	Shilen	Shilen	CCI	27.0 4895
Lee Six	.222 Mag.	Shilen	Lyman/Sieb.	Shilen	Shilen	Rem	27.0 4895
Mike Valentine	.222	Remington	Lyman	McMillan	Nosler	Rem	26.0 748
Jack Shelley	6 x 47	Remington	Lyman	McMillan	McCracken	Rem	23.5 4198
Chet Brown	.222 Mag.	Shilen	Lyman/Sieb.	Shilen	Shilen	Rem	27.0 4895
Bill Minneman	6 x 42	Remington	Lyman	Shilen	Detsch	Fed	27.0 4198
John Starkey	.222	Remington	Lyman	Douglas	Sierra	Rem	20.5 4198
John Giles	.222	Remington	Lyman	McMillan	McCracken	CCI	20.8 4198
Syd Miller	.222	Sako	Unertl	McMillan	McCracken	CCI	24.8 4895
Bruce Treloar	.222	Remington	Remington	McMillan	Remington	Rem	21.0 4198

CANBERRA - Equipment & Components

Heavy Varmint - 59 competitors (65 guns)

Calibers:			Actions:		
.222	36	(55.4%)	Sako	6	(9.2%)
22/45	1	(1.5%)	Winchester	2	(3.1%)
222.5	3	(4.6%)	Remington	33	(50.8%)
.222 M	5	(7.7%)	Shilen	12	(18.5%)
22/250	1	(1.5%)	Hart	4	(6.2%)
6 x 27	1	(1.5%)	Benchmaster	2	(3.1%)
6 x 47	7	(10.8%)	Mauser	2	(3.1%)
.308	9	(13.8%)	BSA	1	(1.5%)
30 Win	1	(1.5%)	Husqvarna	1	(1.5%)
Unknown	1	(1.5%)	FFV	1	(1.5%)
			Unknown	1	(1.5%)

Scopes:			Primers:		
Lyman	23	(35.4%)	CCI	26	(40.0%)
Remington	13	(20.0%)	Remington	32	(49.2%)
Redfield	10	(15.4%)	Federal	2	(3.1%)
Leupold	7	(10.8%)	RWS	4	(6.2%)
Unertl	11	(16.9%)	Unknown	1	(1.5%)
Weaver	1	(1.5%)			

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Barrels:			Bullets:		
Shilen	16	(24.6%)	Shilen	11	(16.9%)
Hart	13	(20.0%)	Sierra	12	(18.5%)
Douglas	10	(15.4%)	Remington	14	(21.5%)
McMillan	16	(24.6%)	Detsch	2	(3.1%)
Remington	6	(9.2%)	McCracken	19	(29.2%)
Winchester	2	(3.1%)	Speer	3	(4.6%)
Husqvarna	1	(1.5%)	Simonson	2	(3.1%)
Atkinson	1	(1.5%)	Nosler	1	(1.5%)
			Unknown	1	(1.5%)

Light Varmint - 50 competitors

Calibers:			Actions:		
.222	30	(60.0%)	Remington	30	(60.0%)
.222.5	1	(2.0%)	Husqvarna	1	(2.0%)
.222 M	3	(6.0%)	Shilen	11	(22.0%)
6 x 42	1	(2.0%)	Hart	2	(4.0%)
6 x 47	13	(26.0%)	Tikka	1	(2.0%)
22/250	2	(4.0%)	Sako	5	(10.0%)

Scopes:			Primers:		
Remington	7	(14.0%)	Remington	21	(42.0%)
Leupold	7	(14.0%)	CCI	23	(46.0%)
Lyman	29	(58.0%)	Vit.(Finn)	1	(2.0%)
Unertl	2	(4.0%)	Federal	2	(4.0%)
Tasco	1	(2.0%)	RWS	2	(4.0%)
Bushnell	1	(2.0%)	Unknown	1	(2.0%)
Unknown	3	(6.0%)			

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Barrels:			Bullets:		
Remington	8	(16.0%)	Sierra	9	(18.0%)
McMillan	14	(28.0%)	McCracken	16	(32.0%)
Husqvarna	1	(2.0%)	Remington	7	(14.0%)
Shilen	14	(28.0%)	Shilen	8	(16.0%)
Douglas	4	(8.0%)	Speer	1	(2.0%)
Sako	1	(2.0%)	Detsch	4	(8.0%)
Tikka	1	(2.0%)	Nosler	1	(2.0%)
Hart	4	(8.0%)	McMillan	1	(2.0%)
Atkinson	2	(4.0%)	Simonson	2	(4.0%)
Unknown	1	(2.0%)	Unknown	1	(2.0%)

DATES REMAINING IN 1976 NORTHERN LIGHTS WINTER SHOOT SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 29 - MARCH 14 - MARCH 28 - APRIL 11 (AWARDS DAY)

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NORTHERN LIGHTS BENCHREST CLUB

WINTER SHOOT 1

Competitor	M 1	M 2	M 3	M 4	M 5	Range Score	100 yd. Agg.	Pl.
Richard Brownell	.266	.530	.580	.308	.378	2.062	.4124	1
Ray Thomas	.625	.259	.440	.410	.599	2.333	.4666	2
Al Pelletier	.520	.494	.361	.398	.595	2.368	.4736	3
Andy Neatby	.458	.647	.445	.419	.437	2.406	.4812	4
Clint Benedict	.575	.620	.360	.433	.670	2.658	.5316	5
Alan LaFranchise	.371	.480	.690	.556	.745	2.842	.5684	6
Karel Van Duyse	.840	.240	.407	1.021	.440	2.948	.5896	7
Jack Hutchison	.600	.470	.480	.735	.861	3.146	.6292	8
Colin Matheson	.695	.960	.415	.635	.560	3.265	.6530	9
Linda Benedict	.524	.995	.955	.758	.825	4.057	.8114	10

NORTHERN LIGHTS BENCHREST CLUB

WINTER SHOOT 2

Competitor	M 1	M 2	M 3	M 4	M 5	Range Score	100 Yd. Agg.	Pl.
Al Pelletier	.510	.350	.410	.532	.426	2.228	.4456	1
Linda Benedict	.591	.680	.355	.600	.310	2.536	.5072	2
Clint Benedict	.765	.430	.382	.600	.385	2.562	.5124	3
Richard Brownell	.491	.650	.374	.475	.590	2.580	.5160	4
Ray Thomas	.542	.300	.600	.520	.660	2.622	.5244	5
Alan LaFranchise	.935	.231	.550	.320	.820	2.856	.5712	6
Karel Van Duyse	.571	.671	.604	.380	.640	2.866	.5732	7
Jack Hutchison	.451	.225	.758	.730	.770	2.934	.5868	8
Andy Neatby	.476	.740	1.200	.640	.941	3.997	.7994	9

NORTHERN LIGHTS BENCHREST CLUB

WINTER SHOOT 3

Competitor	M 1	M 2	M 3	M 4	M 5	Range Score	100 Yd. Agg.	Pl.
Allan King	.487	.580	.402	.589	.355	2.413	.4826	1
Garry Fields	.326	.314	.437	.637	.879	2.593	.5186	2
Judy Brownell	.550	.482	.388	.810	.403	2.633	.5266	3
Andy Neatby	.316	.520	.574	.779	.567	2.756	.5512	4
Linda Benedict	.612	.407	.760	.585	.514	2.878	.5755	5
Ray Thomas	.513	.835	.274	.588	.727	2.937	.5874	6
Richard Brownell	.597	.830	.614	.569	.401	3.011	.6022	7
Al Pelletier	.720	.468	.523	.615	.799	3.125	.6250	8
Colin Matheson	.482	.409	.480	.886	.950	3.207	.6414	9
Wayne Tubman	.572	.677	.489	.600	1.172	3.510	.7020	10
Alan LaFranchise	.662	.545	.807	.737	.885	3.636	.7272	11
Clint Benedict	.633	1.108	.473	.485	.987	3.686	.7372	12
Jack Hutchison	.781	1.410	.493	.576	.600	3.860	.7720	13
Tony Gurniak	.856	.995	.313	.943	.979	4.085	.8170	14
Karel Van Duyse	.885	.676	1.360	1.265	.567	4.703	.9406	15

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Competitor	M 1	M 2	M 3	M 4	M 5	Range Score	100 Yd. Agg.	Pl.
Allan King	.322	.542	.396	.291	.392	1.943	.3886	1
Richard Brownell	.418	.342	.340	.599	.309	2.008	.4016	2
Garry Fields	.611	.465	.419	.277	.391	2.163	.4326	3
Ray Thomas	.457	.352	.419	.587	.449	2.264	.4528	4
Jack Hutchison	.413	.565	.462	.573	.327	2.340	.4680	5
Andy Neatby	.599	.670	.369	.584	.288	2.510	.5020	6
Linda Benedict	.326	.600	.575	.504	.757	2.762	.5524	7
Tony Gurniak	.891	.660	.460	.815	.413	3.239	.6478	8
Colin Matheson	.786	.440	.715	.754	.616	3.311	.6622	9
Al Pelletier	.577	.711	DISQ	.501	.560	DISQ	DISQ	-

The Membership Chairman wishes to inform the following people that their membership expired as of Jan. 31, 1976. To continue your subscription without interruption your dues must be received no later than March 12, 1976. We hope that you will remit right away and continue to be one of our regular readers. Be sure to include your postal or zip code.

Mr. R. Watson - Mr. J. Kleisinger - Mr. & Mrs. T.J. Brummell - Mr. W.J. Soloman - Mr. F. Donaldson - Mr. C. Stancer.

Membership Chairman

Miss Linda Benedict, R.R. #1, Stittsville, Ont. K0A 3G0

renewal notice:

we have attempted to hold the line on costs and dues increases but the time has come when something has to give.

effective immediately dues are up $2 a year.

if you have not renewed for 1976 please remit your $10 today.

if you renewed at the old rate of $8, we would appreciate your extra $2 right away.

thank you!

The following commentary was written and broadcast by newsman Bill Moyer over Station CHYM Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario at noonhour Monday June 2, 1975. When we are almost daily assaulted by anti-gun and pro-restriction comments from various media sources it is exceptionally surprising and comforting to realize there are people like Moyer who take the time to think over such matters and make realistic and truthful observations of the conditions which are causing so much concern.

This broadcaster deserves credit for having the convictions to speak the truth, even though his sentiments run contrary to the popular opinions spouted by many in the broadcast and print media.

I thought you would be interested in knowing what was said.

"Through the past few months we've been hearing major appeals for stricter abortion controls. Now...in the past few days there's been a chorus of cries for tighter gun control laws.

Why do we insist on following this idiotic trail of treating the results of a morally decaying society rather than attempting to treat the real ills?

Not only is our society in a constant state of change...for better or worse,...but it also is becoming completely permissive. That brings about a materialistic society in which many people say "my neighbour be damned"; and other such sick thoughts. There is a complete lack of concern for the other person and his rights or needs. Even our highways and streets indicate that lack of concern.

We seem surprised that certain things are actually happening now in Canada and we look in every direction to find something or someone to blame.

The blame lies nowhere but in ourselves and so...in our society.

As moral values decline so does the society.

When a youngster shoots a teacher and other young people; when a young unwed mother looks for an abortion; when a prosperous woman who can afford a family opts for an abortion....to keep her life-style....and when family units break down at an unbelievable rate....we have trouble! But.... let's start dealing with the real problems, the root causes. Let's stop hollering for cosmetic solutions to deep-rooted trouble."

THE ABOVE FIRST APPEARED IN THE B.R.S. NEWS IN THE JULY 1975 ISSUE AND IS REPRINTED HERE BECAUSE OF ITS TIMELY MESSAGE...

Under The Bench

by Reg Gale

Looks like a couple of my New Year's resolutions are being kept...here it is February 18 and I've nearly got Wally Siebert paid off...I've been in touch with George Wachmann on a couple of matters...the newsletter is out on time! Now all I have to do is pay McCracken for last year's bullets and be a good boy at Stittsville this year. I hope everything is good with you.

Some things I hear on the grapevine; Lyman's 25 power LWBR A.A. scope might be on the market by April or May of this year. It was originally announced as "coming soon" in Jan. of 1974. It will retail at about $200.00 U.S. and may be bought for considerably less through various sources...Both Remington and Ruger make heavy-barrelled .308 Police Team tactical arms. Apparently the Hunter Class shooters are on to them as they shoot exceptionally well, as shipped. They call these their SWAT weapons...the Remington will be out by about June of this year. Prices are about $225.00 for either. Ruger has a 24" barrel, rings and mounts included.

Charlie Womack writes from a hide-away in California and complains that he has to get his eyes checked! After that performance at the Namaka Super Shoot I should guess so! He says: "We came down to get in a little shooting over in Phoenix against those dead-eye hot shots but as you know I have to have my eye-sight corrected as I cannot even see beyond my bolt handle. After this week I have improved quite a bit as I can see through my scope to the end of the barrel. I still have hopes to be able to see the target before going to some registered shoots. " Thanks for the letter Charlie...now we know what happened in Canberra. Safe travels...

Was up to visit Harold Reger last week to see his new bullet-making operation. Yes, another has joined the ulcer brigade. He's building FLAT BASE 70 gr. .243's and says he'll have his equipment and gear all paid for after selling only 25,000 bullets! He'll be selling a few to selected friends at about $10 a hundred, later in the spring. He's got a lovely set-up with three A-2's...one for each die...the dies are never removed from their press. Once a fellow gets that heavily committed you know he's smitten but good!

Ray Thomas says he'll be running a Winter Postal match yet this year with details to follow soon. The classes will be for Heavy Varmint and combined Light and Sporter. A placque will be awarded the top man in each class...it will be kept by the winner for one year with an engraved nameplate added each year. Crests will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places finishers. More details as soon as Ray gets it more organized.

Jack Peer has left Remington of Canada...personal reasons. Sold all his guns and quit shooting...

I still get the odd complaint about slow mail delivery. Small wonder; I see postal rates are due to go up shortly to 10¢ a letter. 7¢ for storage and 3¢ for delivery!

I hear Guy Wilson will soon have available a MILLED STEEL TRIGGER GUARD & FLOOR PLATE for Remington 600's. Long overdue as they're great Sporter actions but have been a bear to make attractive from that aspect. Around $18 each, I hear. This should improve torqueing down of these actions too, when used unsleeved in a glass stock...

Forslund Brothers are putting a new McMillan barrel and Brown glass stock on Charlie Womack's sporter. Because of this Charlie decided against attending the Arizona State Sporter Championships the first week in April and will stay home instead and spare Dave Wolfe the agony of losing to him. The Forslund's are also trying to convince Wally S. to install an 80-X scope for Charlie...

Ken McCurdy writes from Florida on the topic of mail delivery..."I somehow feel that somewhere the mail is held until a number of letters collect before it is distributed... similar to mail every two days..One day we get none and the next day we get a whole pile of it. Two letters can be mailed at the same time at home and arrive here two days apart. Air mail from here takes 5 days to reach home when a plane does it in a little over three hours..."

I concur with MCurdy...and I've noticed that there's hardly ever any mail on a Friday...plenty on a Monday. Ever noticed that? And virtually none on Sundays!

I hear some people are having troubles getting Remington un-primed .222 and .222 Mag. brass. Is that so...I had no idea it was scarce as I bought loads of it last summer and am still going strong on my stockpile. Good but unwitting foresight, I guess. One thing I do know is that the new Federal 6x47 un-primed brass is still not available...it's expected in late April or May. The .222 and .308 variety has been well received by the buying shooters to date. It evidently has exceptionally uniform neck thickness and concentricity. Too bad they touted the 6-by as soon as they did...imagine all the fun you could have had necking-up Remington brass all this time???

Still not heard any more on any registered action for this summer, other than the dates announced in the last newsletter for Stittsville and Waterloo. I would hope you people responsible for your club's activity are getting your stuff together as far as match requests, contracts, targets, forms etc. goes... The Match & Records Chairman awaits your requests!

McCurdy rides unconventional bicycles at most times...particularly while in Florida. He builds and rides 3-wheelers - trikes - he calls them. He writes..."Have only 57 miles on my trike and the wife has nearly 2 on hers...in 10 weeks. Going to the flea market tomorrow...usually go over there to see what bargains are there. Guns are quite common there but not as bargains. The gun show in Lakeland had a few guns at only $3000.00 How many do you want of that grade? Got some Wisconsin cheese one day ...set a trap with it as bait and caught a Wisconsin mouse! As it had six legs it had to be from Wisconsin. Had fore legs in front and two behind... 4 + 2 =6! Not like the mule what had two legs behind and the two he had before...but you stand behind before you find what the two behind before!"

(Please read the above paragraph twice - Ed.) (Then you <u>should</u> laugh!)

I would be interested in hearing from any of you in the firearms and supplies trade as to whether or not you could use extra copies of the B.R.S. News. Perhaps there are some shooters in your area who regularly visit your shop who might be interested in our little magazine...maybe even take out a subscription. Promotional copies are available at no charge...just drop me a post card. We overrun each month with this in mind.

While at the Canadian Super Shoot at Namaka I had an interesting chat with Albert Forslund about an ingenious-sounding wind-doping machine he had rigged up back home in Lumby, B.C. He explained the principle of operation very briefly and then one month later, during a phone conversation, we discussed it some more. He promised to send me a detailed sketch of how it works along with a written explanation and I am still waiting for this. I want to include it in a future issue of the newsletter. From what I remember it is basically a very taught wire stretching between the bench and the target frame. On this wire is suspended a thin but stiff aluminum plate, say 15" deep by 8" wide. Above the wire is a guage divided off into m.p.h. increments. A pointer attached to the fulcrum end of the plate registers wind velocity via the indicator on the scale. There's more to it than this but it sure sounded plausible to me. I wish Albert would come through with his promise of sketches etc.

Another Life Membership in B.R.S.C. has been issued. As of this month WALLY SIEBERT joins the exclusive Life Membership list bringing to 3 the total of lifetime memberships to be issued since 1974. Mr. Jim Paton of Vancouver became a Life Member in January of 1975 and one month later Mike Joanisse of Ottawa signed up to become our second Life Member. The Executive has asked me to personally express our sincere appreciation to Wally in acknowledging his generous contribution. Wally, your certificate, card etc. are being prepared at this time by our Membership Chairman and will be forwarded shortly. If anyone else is interested in becoming a Life Member of B.R.S.C. we invite you to write to Miss Linda Benedict, Membership Chairman, R.R. #1, Stittsville, Ontario K0A 3G0 for full details.

A friend has asked if I can help him locate a good supply of KYNOCH 172 Berdan primers. They must be the 172's that mic. .254"...he will buy a couple of thousand if the price is reasonable and the supply is assured. Write to me if you know of any...

Did you ever wonder how hard your action is? One of Bob Brownell's customers wrote to him to explain that he had sent an action to another gunsmith for rebarrelling. The gunsmith wrote the dealer back saying he would not install one of his barrels as the action checked out at 59 Rockwell C, it was too hard and they would not install a barrel. Bob B. checked with Walter Howe, former editor of The Rifleman and Howe replied - "59RC is too hard for any alloy! It is brittle and that's a fact. If it is 4140 steel, chrome moly, a draw to 800 degrees F. (2 hours) and a fast cool might give 45RC. But such a treatment is for someone with the equipment." Well, it doesn't really reveal whether 45 RC is correct or too soft but at any rate 59RC is definitely too hard. Interesting food for thought....

B.R.S.C. will be well represented at the next Ontario Sportsmen's Show at the C.N.E. grounds in Toronto. The show opens in March and runs for 10 days. We are setting up a display along with the other shooting sports in the Ontario Council of Shooters booth. Ray Thomas and Bob Watson will be representing bench rest; answering questions, handing out our literature, showing equipment and pictures etc. from about 3 p.m. till show closing each weekend. I need two volunteers to man the booth in the middle of the week from Monday through Thursday. Anyone out there care enough about furthering our association by helping out at the show for a few hours one or two evenings? I'll arrange for your grounds pass etc. if you'll just drop me a card and let me know. The dates will be announced shortly but you Toronto-area shooters can find out by phoning the C.N.E. box office. We sure do need your help, especially those of you who live in the Metro area...

Ray Thomas is also going to represent B.R.S.C. at the upcoming Ottawa Sportsmen's Show opening Feb. 26.

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