

## Maleny Rifle Club

Articles published in the Chronicle and North Coast Advertiser show that the Maleny Rifle Club held an annual ball on 26th May when C Dinning stated that 'the club had only been open a few months, the 10<sup>th</sup> February being the official opening day' ...at the time 'it had 60 members and by May there was 97 members'..."

The article reporting on the competition (4 Oct 1918) also provides some details regarding the members of the club.

The Range was off Bridge Creek Road.



Maleny Rifle Club members at Bridge Creek Road Rifle Range, C1920.

Summary: A group of men and boys gathered around the 200 yards mound.

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**MALENY.**

**RIFLE CLUB BALL.**

The Maleny Rifle Club ball in the Maleny School of Arts, on Friday May 19th, proved a great success, there being about 75 couples present. Music was supplied by the Friarom band, and the secretary of the club (Mr. E. Pattemore) acted as M.C. The hall was decorated by the committee of the club. In the centre of the stage was hung the good old Union Jack, kindly lent by Mr. A. Cooke, while directly under were piled three rifles, the 1st being used throughout the night as a dance programme rack. The rest of the hall was decorated with palm leaves and small flags.

Dancing started at 8.30 and kept going till 2 a.m. Supper was handed round at 11.30. Directly before supper Mr. C. Dinning spoke on behalf of the club, and apologized on behalf of the captain (Mr. G. Watson) for his unavoidable absence. He said that the club had only been opened a few months, the 10th Feb. being the official opening day. On the opening morning the club membership was 60; now it had 87 members, and he could see no reason why with a flourishing district like Maleny the membership shouldn't be 100 before the twelve months are up. He also stated that the treasurer (Mr. W. Simmons) had plenty of application forms, and was always ready and willing to swear members in at any reasonable hour. Those present included visitors from Caloundra, Pascheater, Witta, Landsborough and other places. All the members of the club wore purple ribbons, this being the club colour.

**MUSKETRY COURSE.**

The series of the musketry course of the club was concluded on May 20th, a big percentage having pass-

ed as "first class shot."

The club decided on prizes for musketry as follows: 1st prize (donated by Mr. H. O. Rees, £1), 2nd prize 15s., 3rd prize donated by Mr. D. Rooke, 10s 6d., 4th prize 7s 6d., 5th prize 5s., and 5 prizes at 2s 6d. each; and for B class one prize at

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Members were handicapped by the handicappers, Captain G. Watson, Mr. A. Skerman, and Mr. Clarence Cook, but up to the present the winners are not known.

**MALENY.****RIFLE CLUB ANNUAL**

The second annual meeting of the Maleny rifle club was held in the School of Arts on the 28th ultimo, at which a large gathering of members was present. The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and adopted, and the financial statement, showing a credit balance of £43/9/9 was also adopted with applause. Mr. A. W. Thomason presided over the meeting, at which the following appointments were made: Patron, Mr. J. Cork; captain, Mr. A. W. Skerman; secretary, Mr. B. Breusch; treasurer, Mr. W. H. Simmons; committee, Messrs A. W. Thomason, C. Thow, E. Skerman and W. Guthrie. The retiring secretary, Mr. E. Pattemore, was voted an honorarium of £5 5s. It was decided to introduce the practice of coaching in "B" series' competitions, and Messrs. C. Thow and W. Guthrie were appointed coaches.

Rule 20 was altered to read: That members using the peep sight be allowed no concession, but those shooting with the open v to receive one point per range. The system of time limiting was insisted upon, and the bursting point fixed at 18 at all ranges for ten shots. It was decided to handicap members on the two highest out of the three last shoots and the captain and secretary were appointed handicappers. Rule 29 was altered, and the Q.B.A. Rules, (that two ties shoot off again) was adopted in place. On account of the conditions stipulated (i.e. that single eligibles be ineligible as competitors) Mr. J. Fliteroff's proffered donation of £1/1 prize money was the subject of a motion to decline it, but an amendment that the previous committee's acceptance be adhered to, was carried by seventeen to nine, and it was decided that the club donate £1/1- for competition amongst those debarred from competing for Mr. Fliteroff's prize.

A committee meeting was held at Mr. W. Simmons' on Thursday evening, 10th inst., at which were present Capt. Alf. Skerman (chair), Messrs. W. H. Simmons, A. W. Thomason, C. Thow, W. Guthrie, E. T. Skerman, and the secretary (Mr. B. Breusch). The 3 new committeemen, Messrs. Thow, Guthrie, and Breusch were cordially welcomed by the captain, and the minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

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The secretary was requested to write to the late committeemen, Messrs. E. Hapgood, E. Pattemore, and C. Cork, expressing the committee's thanks and appreciation for the assistance they had rendered the club in the past.

It was decided to accept Mr. Simmons' generous offer to hold the meetings in his house. The number of competitions for the ensuing twelve months was fixed at 12, and the entrance fee, including cartridges for each competition at 2/-. The date of the annual shooting was fixed for Thursday, 23rd May, 1918, as it was considered that more genial weather conditions might be expected during that month. The following special prizes were generously donated: Mr. J. Cork £5/5/-. Messrs A. W. Skerman, A. W. Thomason, C. Thow, B. Breusch, J. Tytherleigh, J. H. Skerman and R. Gibson, one guinea each, and Mr. W. H. Simmons 10/6. The average last year's disclosed the following "A" grade men: Les. Cork, A. Skerman, N. Madden, Lin. Cork, E. Skerman, W. Pattemore, C. Thow, J. Skerman, C. Cork, W. Guthrie, N. Dixon, A. W. Thomason, C. Underhill, A. Aplin, J. Flessner, J. Beacom, and A. Beacom.

The prize list, conditions, and dates of competition shooting, were carefully compiled, and ordered to be printed for distribution among members.

The secretary was directed to write to Messrs. J. and G. McCarthy, thanking them for their kind permission to shoot off the 600 yards mound in their property. As a result of their action the interests of rifle shooting in Maleny will be furthered.

An attempt is being made to arrange a match with Woombye for 1st September.

Rule 27 was brought under the officers' notice for its enforcement, and time limiting is to be insisted on from the 14th inst. A lengthy meeting of four and a half hours, pleasantly intercepted by welcome refreshments by Mrs. Simmons, ended at midnight.

The sub-committee in charge of the Rifle Club Ball, which eventuates on the 1st proximo, have arrangements well in hand, and granted fine weather there will be a record gathering.

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**RIFLE CLUB.**

Another competition of this year's programme was shot off on Saturday last, 28th inst., from the 200 and 300 yds ranges. The following are the winners:

A Grade:	200	300	H's.	T.H.
A. W. Skerman ..	37	37	6	75
N. Madden .. ..	34	37	5	75
C. D. Underhill ..	35	32	8	75
B. T. Skerman .. .	32	38	4	74
J. Flesser .. . . .	36	34	4	74
B Grade:				
J. Thomason .. . .	34	37	8	75
E. Ewin .. . . . .	35	33	11	75
C. Cork .. . . . .	34	31	12	75
P. Madden .. . . .	32	32	13	75
W. Ewin .. . . . .	35	26	11	72

Interest in Rifle shooting is being well maintained, and the new arrangements whereby the various sportsmen are enabled to complete their shoots at the two ranges and yet have ample time to reach home for their dairy duties appear to be giving entire satisfaction.

**TENNIS MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Maleny Tennis Club was held on the School Court on Saturday, 28th inst., and a very representative number of tennis enthusiasts were present. The president, Mr. D. Sirl, gave an interesting account of the past year's activities. His announcement that he was unable to remain with us as he was about to leave the district, was received with general expressions of regret. Many difficulties have arisen in local tennis circles during the past twelve months, and it is only doing justice to Mr. Sirl to say that it is due to his diplomatic efforts that all matters of dispute have been successfully negotiated, and that a spirit of unanimity now prevails. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. A. M. Hunt; secretary, Mr. A. McLean; treasurer, Mr. Jack Simpson; captain, Mr. Clarence A. Cook; committee members, Mesdames. Brusch and Hunt, and Miss Bowen.

It was decided to secure the tenure of the school court for the next twelve months, and as the old factory site is considered very unsuitable, it was agreed upon to abandon the semi-completed courts there, and to authorize the committee to enter into negotiations with Mr. G. Trai for a site upon his ideal property. Application is to be made to the factory directorate for permission to remove the club's property off what is known as the factory site.

**RED CROSS.**

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The local Red Cross Branch has not slackened in its activities. At the recent Ambulance Sports the lady workers were well to the fore again, for with uniforms crisp and business brisk they netted the fine sum of £15/13 which will be duly forwarded to headquarters. Many thanks are due to the numerous ladies who donated cakes. At the last Red Cross meeting a letter was read from the Red Cross Kitchen stating that considerable difficulty was being experienced in obtaining sufficient poultry for the needs of the invalid soldiers, and soliciting assistance from the country branches. Consequently it was decided to endeavour to secure a crate or two of fowls by the next meeting on 10th inst., and donations of fowls, which may be left with Mrs. A. McLean, will be gratefully accepted by the local Red Cross Committee.

**AMBULANCE DONATIONS.**

The following is the list of donations towards the cost of the Maleny Ambulance Motor Waggon, which has arrived and is duly housed in the building on the Shire Council's allotment.

Landsborough Shire Council	£8/8
both Bros. and W. H. Aplin	£2/2
Hunt & Co., John Tytherleigh, Tesch	
Pros, P. E. Moodie, E. Curry, B. Church, M. Murphy, R. Crawley, R. How, W. Booker, F. Riordan, J. Priger, H. O. Rice, L. Halley, F. Webster, P. Warn, L. Tesch, F. Vandreihe, Peters, G. Sympathiser and Well	
each	£1/1
W. Simpson, S. McMonore, A. C. K. Cooke, Dr. Sampson, M. A. Murphy, H. Butt, J. McCarthy, R. King, W. Guthrie, A. Webster, H. O. Rice, Jr., Mrs. Lowenthal, J. Scan, R. Kiddle, W. Lodesman, J. H. Hoff, E. Hunt, B. Cranney, F. Hoffmann, J. Fleiter and R. Gibson,	
each	10/6
K. Bryce, W. Bergann, P. McCall, A. McLean, A. McDonald, W. J. Brown, Mr. Charles, P. Daley, G. G. T. Porter, C. Nothling, M. Nothling, M. Nothling, H. Clarke, C. Boberchen, Mrs. Ruppert, T. Donovan, E. G. Ohmichen and Mr. Boxsell	
each	0/-
J. Colley G/-, O. Brooker, J. Jackson, W. Ohmichen, W. Ball and Mrs. Powell	each 5/-

The waggon is one of the Ford pattern, and the left half of both seats can be flattened so as to permit a patient to lie full length. Part of the back is also removable, to enable a

This “shotting box” belonged to Benjamin George Hapgood. His daughter Gwen Davis isn't sure if it was from Maleny or Milton, NSW.

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