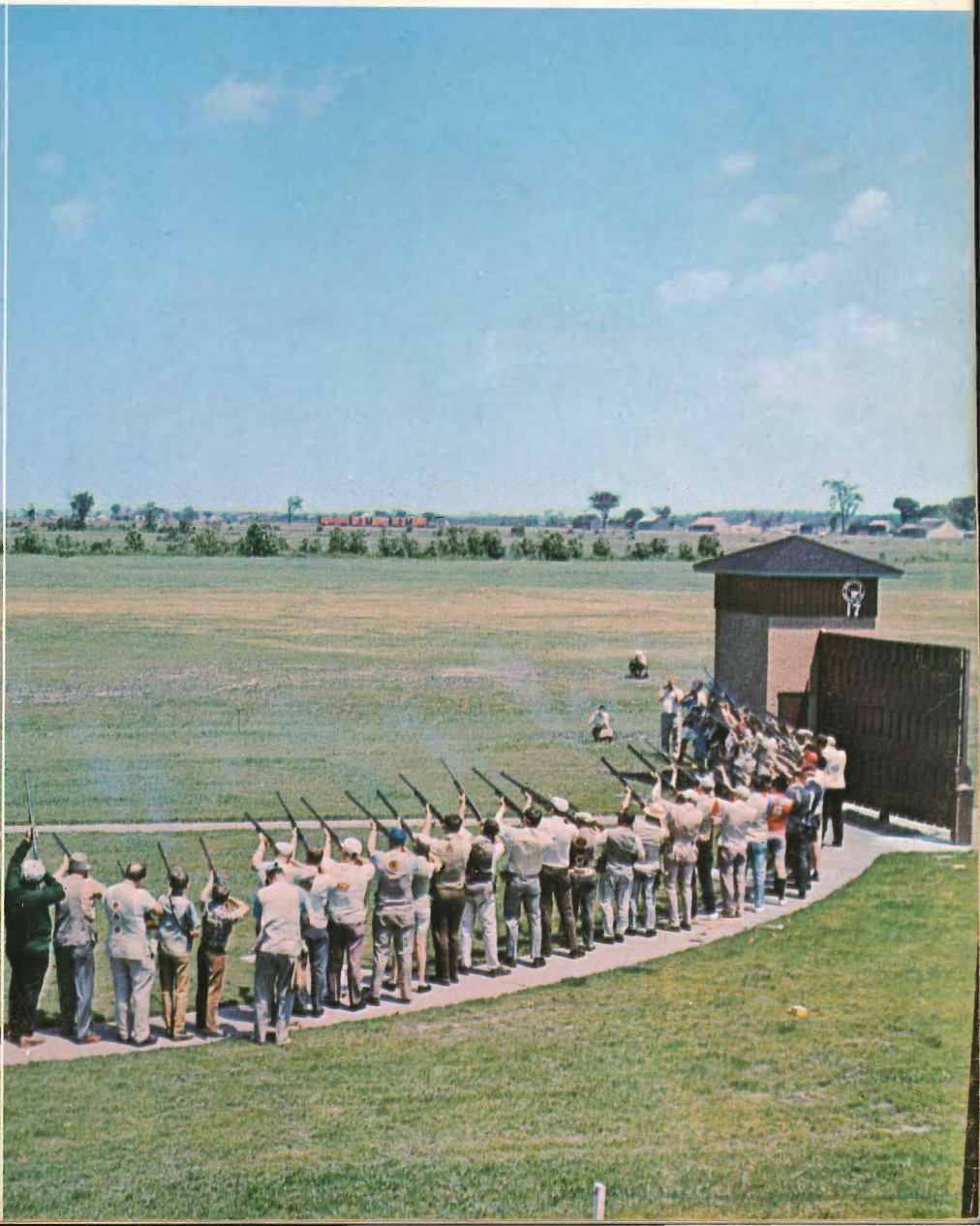


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### THE COVER

One hundred trapshooters fired a 100-gun salute in honor of Canada's 100th birthday July 1, 1967. The tribute—participated in by Canadian and United States gunners alike—took place during the 12th Canadian Trapshooting Championships, held June 29-July 2 at the Montreal (Que.) Skeet Club. This scene of the actual salute was taken from the balcony of the club overlooking the spacious grounds. Other photographers (note right background) chose to stand in front of the line to capture the moment on film. Only a portion of the line could be caught by one camera in the short time it took for the 100 shooters to fire simultaneously. The line of shooters extended as far to the left (not shown) as it did to the right.

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## THERE IS SO MUCH . . .

. . . in this issue that we'd like to call attention to some small items you might miss during the busy time of the year. (We know most of you read every page thoroughly, but sometimes you can't get around to it when you're embroiled in making the news for us.)

Don't miss the announcement of what may prove to be a historic confrontation. East will meet West in trapshooting with a special competition planned for Sept. 8 in the Lincoln Co. GC, North Platte, Neb. It's a shoot few in that area will want to miss.

The two five-man teams firing against one another have trapshooting accomplishments to their credit that would practically occupy this entire issue if we started to list them. Look for the story and read their names. You'll see what we mean.

MEANWHILE, IF YOU WANT TO SEE ALL THESE AND MORE IN ACTION—AND MAYBE WIN SOME REALLY BIG PRIZES FOR YOURSELF—COME TO THE GRAND AMERICAN.

Entering the big handicaps will be made easier this year by pre-registration. In fact, there is a \$10 penalty for *not* entering in advance. Write the ATA now for applications. That way you can know your squad and position number before you go to the Grand. No more hunting on the big board for your name. No more hurrying to get gun and shells as they're calling you to the line. All you have to do is send for an entry form from the ATA office BEFORE you go to the Grand. Sit down and do it now!

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Gun Club Officials—please note. In order for the ATA office to process as many permanent handicap cards as possible before the Grand, they must have your cooperation. File shoot reports promptly. IT IS ESSENTIAL AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR.

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Also, we know you're busy with shoots you've already planned, but please give some time to either registering another one or making one already scheduled into an OPERATION RED WAGON Shoot. Your organization has begun an exceptionally worthwhile project, and it deserves your full support. More details on page 70.

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Watch out for the women and juniors, they say. A bulletin this month confirms this. One of the few 99s in doubles shot this year has been entered by a woman. Find this score—and all other high scores shot throughout the country this season—on the board above the TRAP & FIELD booth at the Grand American. Stop by and renew your subscription, sign up for a buddy or just say "hello" if you're one of our paid-far-in-advance-friends. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

Betty Ann Foxworthy  
 Editor

# Ontario Shooters Dominate Winner's Circle At Canadian Championships in Montreal

Shooters from 7 provinces, 23 states and Wales competed for 167 trophies and special awards during the 12th Canadian Trapshooting Championships, held June 29-July 2 at the Montreal SC, located near St. Janvier, Que.

Ontario shooters dominated the shoot, winning all major championships but the women's singles. That title was won, for the 10th time in 12 years, by Vera Holdsworth of Alberta. Her 279x300 topped the Canadian and open women and earned for her the Caldwell trophy, awarded to her permanently this year.

Doug Norton of Ontario successfully defended his 1966 singles title, winning this year with 295. Norton also topped all shooters in the all-around, claiming both the Canadian and open trophy there with his 379x400. (A new ruling this year made Canadians eligible to win more than one trophy in each event, so the trophy list in many instances for open and closed awards are duplicated. Sometimes the Canadian placed slightly under an open score, moving down one notch in that trophy list.) Norton also won the runner-up Canadian award in the high-over-all with 565x600.

Errol Duke was another from Ontario faring well in the competition. He won the Canadian doubles championship with 95, was runnerup in the all-around closed

race with 376, topped all Canadians in the high-over-all with 568 and won the runnerup award in the open H-O-A classification after two shootoffs.

Ron McGarry, 15-year-old who started the week trying to dispose of a new gun he wasn't shooting too well, got the hang of it well enough by the last two days to total 188 in the handicap championship and become the new Canadian champion. His score was tied in the open race by George Pensell, Maryland shooter who has been in competition just one year. In the shootoff for the open trophy, Ronnie lost his first target out—a straightaway—but remained calm and determined. Pensell followed with losses on his 4th and 15th birds, settling for the runnerup open award with his 23. Ronnie won by breaking the

rest of them. It was the first shootoff triumph ever for the boy.

Ronnie's win in the handicap also gave him the junior awards in that race, stopping his 17-year-old brother from making a clean sweep of all the top junior awards throughout the four days. Ricky McGarry, captain of the 1965 sub-junior All-America team, won the Canadian and open junior singles, doubles, all-around and high-over-all titles.

A similar situation to the McGarrys' existed in the veterans' races. Earl Marvin won both open and closed awards there in the singles, doubles, all-around and high-over-all. The only one stopping him from making a grand slam was Ed Sayers, who broke 182 in the handicap championship to take the Canadian and open vet trophies.

## Hurley Sweeps S-J Awards

John Hurley, an Ontario student (as are the McGarry boys), did win across the board in his classification. He took all sub-junior trophies available to him throughout the four days—10 of them.

Another Ontario shooter doing well was Frances Searle, who in 1966 became the first woman to win the Canadian handicap championship. This year she captured all the women's titles—both open and closed—but the singles. Her scores topped all feminine competitors in the doubles, handicap, all-around and H-O-A.

The outstanding shooters from the States were Frank Little, Joe Devers and Peter Kennedy. Little is current chairman of the Central Handicap Committee, Devers has shot well but not registered enough targets to qualify for national honors since 1960, and Kennedy first came into prominence several years ago by winning a major prize in the ATA's New Member contest in the new member division.

Little, from New York state, won the open doubles crown with 96, the open H-O-A with 569 and came out runnerup in the open all-around competition after losing a shootoff to Devers. They tied originally with 378. In the extra innings, Little broke 20 of the 16s, 9 of the handicap from the 27 and 9x10 doubles for a 38 total. Devers' 19 in the 16s, 10 straight from 27 and 10 straight in the doubles beat him by one.

Devers attended the Canadian shoot and the Alaska State Shoot in place of Dan Orlich, fellow worker at Harolds Club who had made reservations. Orlich was unable to come due to added responsibilities given him at the Reno club after the death of Raymond I. Smith.

Joe Devers, who has registered only 2,900 ATA singles targets in the past seven years, broke 299 of the 300 Canadian

Junior Ron McGarry (left) broke 188 of the 200 handicap championship targets to earn the trophy awarded by Vera Holdsworth (right), in memory of her father. Ronnie will keep it for a year, have his name engraved on it, then return it next year in Vancouver to be presented, full of red roses, to the new Canadian handicap champion. Vera herself retired the Caldwell trophy, winning it for the 10th year. Helping hold the handicap trophy is Harry Willsie, president of the Canadian trap association who planned the shoot. In the background is Ricky McGarry, Ron's older brother, who captured every junior award available to him except the ones his brother took.





Displaying some of the Canadian handicraft awarded as trophies at the shoot are Ivan Balla, Joe Torti and Doug Norton (in the usual order). Balla won a copper cup and a ceramic ashtray for his Class C win in the open and closed divisions of the singles championship. He later also collected open and closed divisions of the singles and the same classification in the high-over-all and all-around. Torti won

championship targets to win the open 16-yard title. He lost a shootoff to Duke for RU honors in the H-O-A, ending tops in open AA with 568, and won the aforementioned shootoff with Little for the open all-around laurels.

The shootoff with Duke ended in a tie the first time, with Devers breaking 20 singles, 9 handicap and 8 doubles. Duke scored on 19 of the 16s, 8 of the handicap and all 10 doubles. The next time around Duke didn't make a mistake of any of the birds, breaking all 40. Devers ran the singles and lost one each of the handicap and twin-birds.

Peter Kennedy of Rhode Island broke 295 of the singles targets, tying the score that won the Canadian championship for Norton, to capture the open A award. He also topped open A shooters in the H-O-A with 561 and won a shootoff for the open A all-around award over Al Beckingham after they knotted with 370. Beckingham won the Canadian trophy with no further contest.

In their shootoff for the open A all-around, Beckingham missed an early 16-yard bird, then Kennedy lost his 16th. Al followed suit, and also missed his 19th, ending with 17x20, two behind Pete. He gained one in the handicap, running all 10 while Pete missed one. They tied with 9x10 in the doubles, giving Kennedy the edge with 37x40 to Beckingham's 36.

The shootoff between Devers and Little for the all-around open runnerup took place Sunday between the 16-yard race and the handicap. (The all-around was determined on 200 singles, shot 100 each Friday and Saturday, plus Friday's doubles and Saturday's handicap.) It was held after a slight rain had come and gone—but it didn't get far. During the first-post birds, a cold wind started whipping the Canadian and American flags around

their tall poles, and by the end of 8 shots (two posts in the 20 singles) the game had to be called for a while because of heavy dew.

In this same shootoff were Gil Henderson, Harry Willsie and Ed Wladichuk, fighting it out for the Canadian AA all-around. Willsie won, with 38x40 to Henderson's 35 and Wladichuk's 37. Willsie's only two losses were on 16-yard birds, breaking the handicap and doubles straight. Henderson lost one singles, three handicap and one doubles. Wladichuk missed one 16-yard bird, two handicap and ran the doubles.

In addition to Willsie, Quebec shooters making the trophy list included Joe Torti and Ivan Balla. They each earned six trophies. Torti won the Class B open and closed singles, all-around and high-over-all, and Balla captured the same awards in Class C.

The shoot began Thursday, June 29 with 100 each of singles, handicap and doubles, officially named the Expo 67 trap championship, in honor of the world's fair being held in Montreal. Canadian artcraft was awarded to the high gun and runnerup on all 300 targets in each of five divisions: men, women, veterans, junior and sub-junior.

### Snellenberger Tops Men

George Snellenberger topped the men's division with 282, breaking 98 singles, 90 handicap and 94 doubles. Harry Barr was runnerup with 100 straight in 16s, 85 in handicap and 93 in doubles—for a 278 total.

Lucy Epstein won out over the women competitors with 260, entering 93 in 16s, 94 in handicap and 73 in doubles. Mrs. D. H. Wigle was next with 235.

The program definitely stated that "division must be declared at time of entry."



exactly the same trophies in Class B. Norton is holding a woven rug produced to commemorate Canada's 100th birthday. It features crests of all the provinces in vivid colors, and turned out to be one of the most sought-after prizes. Norton won the Canadian singles championship, the open and closed all-around and was runnerup in the Canadian high-over-all.

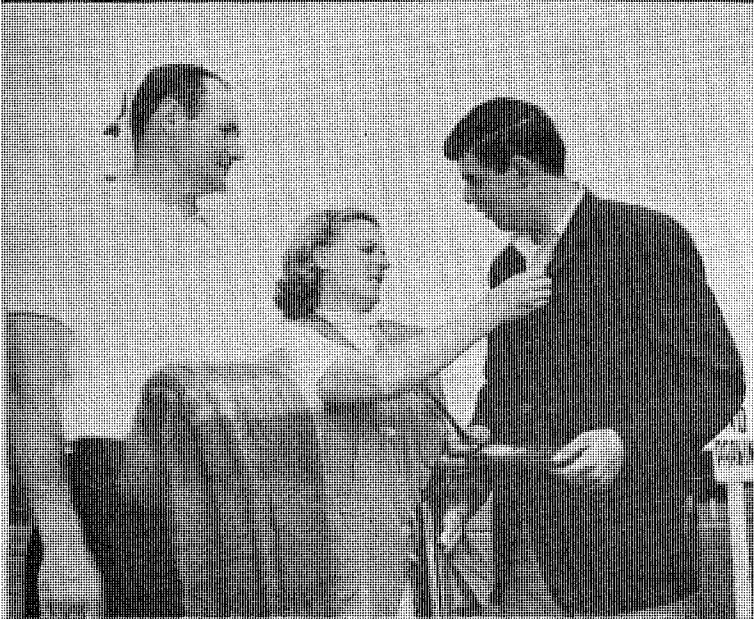
Roy Finnell forgot to tell them he was a veteran that one day, so Earl Marvin won the first of a long line of trophies. Marvin, who actually was born in the U.S. but has been in Canada since he was seven, lost the rib on his gun during the doubles Thursday and broke just 69. With his 94 in 16s and 86 in handicap it added to 249 and was enough to beat the veterans who had declared themselves. Charles Schenkel was runnerup with 234.

Ricky McGarry was high junior with 95 in the 16s and 88 in each of the other races. His 271 had no competition. John Hurley was sub-junior high with 248, and Billie Willsie was second.

In the preliminary 16s Thursday, Gil Henderson and Harry Barr broke them  
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Frances Searle shows off two of the many women's awards she won at the Canadian Championships. One is a wood carving done by Quebec craftsmen, and the other is a mohair stole woven in the tartan pattern that was designed especially to honor the Canadian Centennial.





Lucy Epstein (center), high woman on the first day's shooting, admires the medal won by George (Tip) Cline for his Class B open win in the doubles championship. His trophy was the walnut desk set he holds, in which was embedded a complete set of the silver coinage issued this year especially for the Canadian Centennial. Watching is George Snellenberger, who won several awards on early days. One of his prizes was a blanket of the Canadian Centennial tartan. On



the far right, Harry Barr looks at the medal won by Yvon Bourassa in the competition for the Harry Willis trophy. Bourassa came out third in a shootoff. Barr broke 100 in the first day's competition to win the A trophy. On the left in the right photo is Rolland Plante, who won Class D in the prelim doubles. One of the many Canadian and American flags which lined the trapline can be seen in the background.

## CANADA CHAMPIONSHIPS

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all. (It was Henderson's first straight of the year.) Errol Duke was the only one to enter 99, and Snellenberger, Yvon Bourassa and Doug Norton scored 98.

Verne Thornborrow, who broke 88 in the 16-yard race immediately preceding the handicap, moved back to the 23-yard line and smothered 95 of them. Richard Pontbriand earned his first yardage ever (a half) with his 94 from 20, and Mrs. Epstein matched this score from the same place. There were no 93s, and Claude Genet posted the lone 92. The scores skipped again, to 90, with four breaking

that many. The first one in with 90 was Tudor Thomas, the visitor from Wales, who shot from the 20. David Miller, Snellenberger and Bob Caldwell were the others with the fourth-high score.

Ceramic mugs, created especially for Expo 67, were awarded to high on each yardage in the handicap. Winners were as follows: 18—Ron Holdsworth, 88; 19—Foster Bonnell, 87; 20—Richard Pontbriand, long run over Lucy Epstein, 94; 21—Jacques Brunet, 89; 22—Gilbert Jarrot, 86; 23—Verne Thornborrow, 95; 24—Bob Caldwell, 90; 25—Ed Wladichuk, 85; 26—Ricky McGarry, 88, and 27—George Snellenberger, 90.

One trophy per class was at stake in the prelim doubles race that followed.

There Gil Henderson lost a first-bird on his third field to break 99. No one came close to him for the A award. With 96 was Russ Saathoff, and Norton and Snellenberger broke 94s.

Duke topped B shooters with 95, and the next man down was Bob Caldwell with 88. The wide margin here also kept Bob from coming close to another trophy. A five-bird loss on his second field meant he ended six targets from Duke's winning score in the Willisie trophy competition.

Dick Johnston was high in C doubles with 87, and next-high scorers there were M. J. Ruddy Jr. and George Pensell with 84s.

Rolland Plante topped D prelim doubles shooters, with Paul DuVal coming in next with 84.

### Duke Wins Willisie Trophy

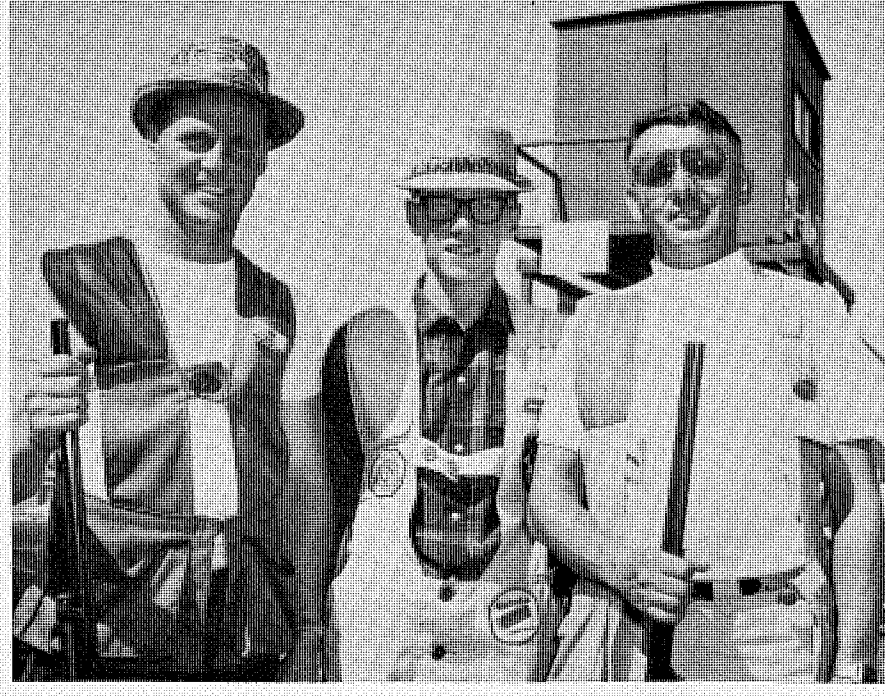
The Willisie trophy, awarded on the 100 singles and the first 50 each of the handicap and doubles on preliminary day, went to Errol Duke for his 191x200 total. He broke 99 singles and entered 44x50 in the handicap and 48x50 in the doubles.

The closest anybody could come to this total was six targets. With 185s were Yvon Bourassa, Bob Caldwell and Ed Wladichuk. Bourassa broke 98 in the singles and the others entered 96. Bourassa followed with 43x50 in the handicap and 44x50 in the doubles. Caldwell broke 42 in the doubles and 47 in the handicap, while Wladichuk had 46 in the twin-bird contest and 43 in the first 50 of the yardage clays.

Caldwell ended up with fourth spot and a medal in the shootoff for breaking 16x20 singles, 10 handicap and 7 doubles for a 33 total. Bourassa and Wladichuk tied up again, after Yvon lost three of his first four birds out and Ed lost one of the 16-yard ones. Bourassa picked up one on him in handicap, breaking 9 to Ed's 8. He gained another one in the doubles, hitting 9, to tie it up again at 35-all.

The shootoff continued, with a slight sprinkle starting as the two fought it out

Bob Caldwell (left) won Class B in the Canadian doubles championship and came out fourth in the shootoff for the runnerup spot in the Willisie trophy competition. John Hurley (center) won every sub-junior trophy available during the week—nine of them. Verne Thornborrow (right) fired the high 95 in Thursday's handicap.



again. This time Wladichuk lost only one doubles target for a 39 total and second place. Bourassa took the third-place medal with 18, 9 and 7. They were barely finished when the rains came down and cleared the field.

Missing the shootoff for the three places by one target were four with 184: Henderson, Norton, Bob Howson and Ricky McGarry.

Friday's 16-yard race was Event No. 1 on the program and marked the first one-third of the Canadian singles championships. There were no trophies as such awarded on this event. Leading the pack with 100 straight were industry rep R. A. Henderson, Peter Kennedy (breaking his second 100 straight ever), Norton, Devers, Wladichuk and Thornborrow. With 99s were: Oliver Erdman, Ron Holdsworth (breaking his highest score ever), Gil Henderson and Beckingham.

These scores took care of the leader and runnerup spots in Classes AA, A and B. In Class C Jiggs Amstutz, all the way from Pinehurst, N.C., lost his 78th and 79th birds to end with 98 for high there. Frank Turner trailed by two.

Ron Holdsworth, who had never shot higher than a 92 before (and that was in handicap—85 had been his previous high in 16s), was leading D with his 99. Charlie Pearce was next with 98.

### Doubles Championship

The second event on Friday's agenda—and on the program—was the doubles championship. This is the only major Canadian championship settled on 100 targets and in one day.

Errol Duke had broken 95 Thursday in the prelim doubles for his highest doubles score ever. Friday he was two down in 80, then he lost three of the final 20 to tie that pinnacle. He won the Canadian crown with no further struggle, using a gun his wife had given him as an Easter present. The gift had been a complete surprise to Errol, and she announced it with the words, "Here's an Easter egg for you."

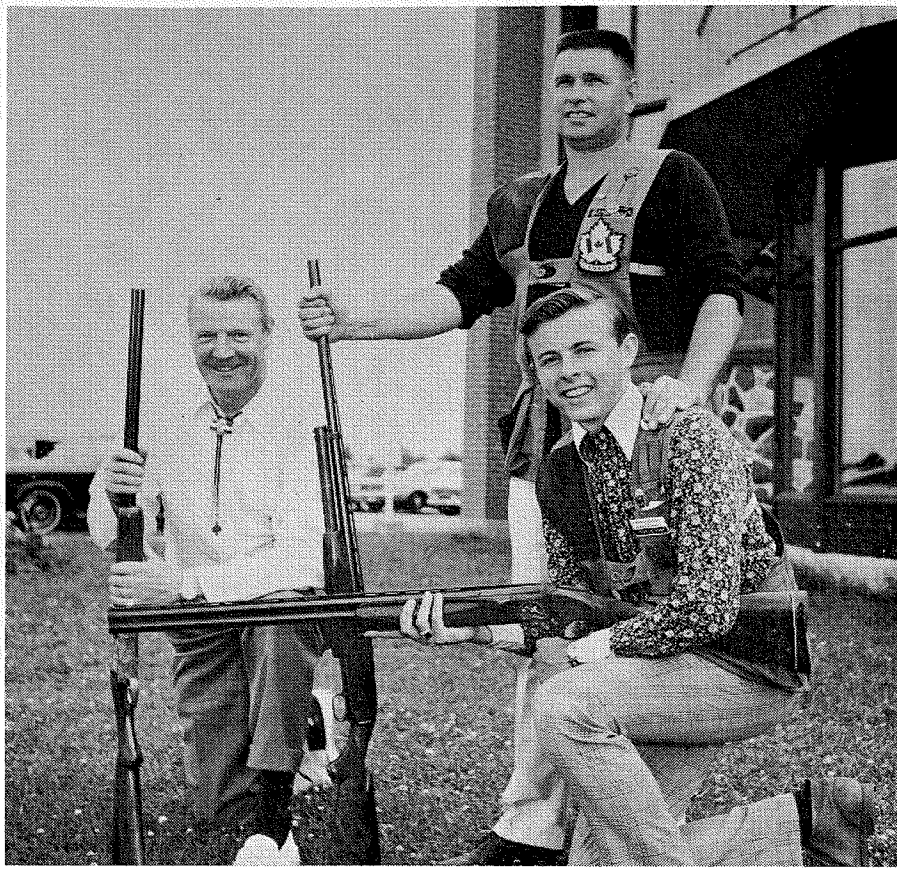
Gil Henderson, who had lost one first-bird the day before to break 99, lost his first two second-birds in the main title bout and four more down the line to enter 94 for the closed A award.

Winning the open championship was Frank Little with 96, losing one on each field. Junior Ricky McGarry, who started with 29-20 and ended 26-18, was the only one breaking 93, and entering 92s were Harry Barr, Bruce Stephens (who won open and closed C) and industry rep Dick Baldwin.

Earl Marvin, 30 years a constable, borrowed a gun (since he had lost his rib the day before) and broke 82 for the two vets' awards at stake.

(All winners in this and all other championship races are listed on the trophy winner's page near the end of the story.)

In addition to the regular trophies, there were special prizes to be won on the doubles championships. Corby's Special Selected awards (40 oz.) went to high and low in each class. Winning in A was



Gil Henderson (standing) broke 99 in the preliminary twin-bird event, won Class A in the doubles championship with 94 and was AA runnerup in the Canadian high-over-all. Roy Cole (left) fired a 294 to be Class A Canadian champion in the singles, while Ricky McGarry won all but one junior trophy throughout the four days and was Class A runnerup in the resident high-over-all. (Shooters noticing Ricky's mod clothes commented on his short hair, inconsistent with this style. Ricky testified that his mother wouldn't let him have long hair, so he was going to have to buy a wig to be allowed to play his guitar in a modern music group.)

Little for high, while Roy Cole claimed low. Duke topped B, while D. H. Brown was low. In C Bruce Stephens was high, and Al VanHorn finally took the bottle for low after he and Bob Laurendeau tied on reverse short run. They both missed their 100th birds. Officials then started with short run at the front, and Al came out ahead (or should that be "behind?"). In D Claude Genet was high, and sub-junior Billie Willsie probably had to turn his prize over to his dad.

The only 100 entered during Event #3—Saturday's 16-yard race and the second-third of the championships—was by Devers. Norton fired the only 99, and with 98s were George Levkovitz, Dick Johnston, Duke and Snellenberger. Scoring 97 were: Ed Chastenay, Nick Stamos, industry man R. G. Kemp, Russ Saathoff, Roy Cole and Little.

There were no trophies for this race alone, but it was this 100 that counted for Canadians competing for the Mackintosh trophy. The award is vied for annually by teams from Canada, England, Australia and New Zealand, with all official firing being done before the British Isle championships.

The Canadian team was determined by the 20 high scores in Friday's 16s. Totaling 1,849 on Saturday (and having no idea where that placed them internationally) were: Norton, Wladichuk, Thornborrow, R. A. Henderson, Gil Henderson,

Beckingham, Ron Holdsworth, Willsie, Ricky McGarry, Cole, D. H. Wigle, George Freeman, Torti, Pearce, Lloyd Libke, Duke, Bob Caldwell, James Mingle, W. O. Widmeyer and Marvin.

There were Corby's Special Selected awards (40 oz. again) for high and low in each class on the combined total of the 200 16s Friday and Saturday. Topping AA with 200 was Devers, while  
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Robert Lawry was runnerup to the Canadian handicap champion with 187. He is holding one of the trophies, another example of Quebec handicraft. The candlesticks are walnut and ceramic.





Errol Duke (center) earned the honor of having his name engraved on the Willsie trophy by outgolfing all other Canadians the first day on 100 singles and the first 50 each of the handicap and doubles. Ed Wladichuk (left) won the second-place award in a three-way shootoff. On the right is Harry Willsie, donor of the trophy, who won a shootoff himself. Willsie captured the AA all-around trophy after tying with Gil Henderson and Wladichuk.

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Ralph Bevis broke only 10 less for low. The rules specified no repeat winners on any of these prizes, so Roy Cole forfeited to Peter Kennedy for high in A when they tied with 195. Gilbert Jarrott was low. In B Ed Chastenay was high with 193 and J. Kaytor won the same prize with many less. Class C had another tie with Guy Beauvais and Frank Turner breaking 187s. J. T. Burns was low. Ron Holdsworth was high in D with 188, while Louis DePocas won low since Billie Willsie couldn't repeat. (Actually, if there had been an award for most-improved shooter during the meet, Billie would have won that. He broke 40 of the first 50 in the final handicap and almost ended up beating his dad. Everytime he went past 70, he also collected \$1.00 from his mother.)

A most spectacular celebration of Canada's 100th birthday took place Saturday

between the singles and handicap events. The date was July 1—Dominion Day as it is known in that country and the day of their confederation. July 1, 1967 marked the 100th anniversary of that independence (comparable to the U.S.' Fourth of July), and shoot officials saw that it was marked in accordance with its importance. One hundred shooters lined the field in front of the clubhouse to fire a 100-gun salute simultaneously. Americans joined with Canadians in wishing Canada this ear-shattering "Happy Birthday."

### Alex Ross Hits 97

The 100 handicap event Saturday was the first half of the Canadian yardage championships. Leading at the end of the half was Alex Ross, with 97 from 20 yards. George Pensell of the States was the only one with 96, fired from the 21. Breaking 95s were Jim Hughes, Ivan Balla and Bob Lawry. With 94s were industry

rep W. O. Widmeyer, S. M. Schellinger and Rowland Peterson.

Saturday's handicap marked the end of the 400-bird all-around race, which Norton won with 379. Runnerup Duke lost three of his last five birds in the handicap to end with 376. (All other winners reported on trophy page.)

At this point in the class high-over-all, Devers and Little were 10 birds ahead of their nearest competition in AA. Harry Barr and Ricky McGarry were two behind A leader Beckingham. Torti's 368 in B was followed by Bruce Stephens with 364 and Sam Baber with 363. A close race was being run in C with Balla's 356 nudged by Claude Genet's 355. Plante was next with 353 and Bourassa totaled 352. George Hawkins was following the D lead of 354, set by sub-junior Hurley, by three.

Peter Kennedy broke his third straight ever in the final third of the 300-bird singles race Sunday. Matching his score were rep Kemp and Little. With 99s were: Glenn Foltz, Russ Saathoff, Roy Cole, Wladichuk and Devers. The latter lost his only one of the three hundred 16-yard clays on his second field.

With 98s were: Levkovitz, Ricky McGarry, Balla, Marvin, Johnston, Gil Henderson, Barr, Chester Snarski, Howson, rep Baldwin and J. L. Grunder.

Roy Cole, who ended one bird off Norton's winning pace in the 300, was the only one late in the race with a chance to tie. He lost his 78th bird for his 99.

Sunday morning's 16-yard race also decided another championship—the five-man team race. Winning was a quintet from Ontario composed of Norton, Duke, Wladichuk, Ricky McGarry and Gil Henderson. Norton's 295 was followed by Duke's 292 and the others' 291s. Their 1,460 total was 50 birds above the closest team, also composed of Ontario shooters and led by Cole's 294. One fivesome from British Columbia and two from Quebec were also entered in the race.

The Ontario winners claimed silver cigarette dishes, awarded by Ivan Balla, Quebec provincial high-over-all champion.

It was Sunday afternoon that Ron McGarry decided he didn't want to sell his new gun. He broke his first 25 straight with it in the second half of the handicap championship and ended with 96. That

Al Painter (left, left photo) won the D Canadian singles title for his 277x300, while Bruce Stephens (right) captured Class C awards in the doubles championship. Earl Marvin (left, right photo) won eight veteran's trophies during the shoot, including those in the singles, dou-

bles, all-around and high-over-all. Frank Little (right) was open AA high in the singles, open doubles champ, open Class AA all-around and open high-over-all winner.



added to his 92 of the day before placed him above all Canadian competitors.

George Pensell, who tied for the open trophy and ended with runnerup spot in the shootoff, entered his 188 exactly the opposite way—96 on Saturday and 92 on Sunday.

Matching Ronnie's 96 in the last half were George Freeman (in the second squad; Ronnie had been in the first), Glen Culp and vet Sayers. With 95s were: rep R. E. Shortt, C. G. Dowler, R. Kendall, Duke (from the 26-yard line) and Torti. Breaking 94s were: Frank Turner, Ralph Swyers, Bob Caldwell, D. H. Wigle, Frances Searle, A. H. Barnhart, John Burns, J. L. Grunder and Jean Langevin. (The last-named had started out in the last squad with 24-25-24, then fell to 21. "I got tired," he said. He had worked 110 hours that week.)

The Canadian Trapshooting Association held its annual meeting following the close of shooting Sunday. Elected as president was Gil Henderson. Verne Thornborrow will serve as secretary-treasurer. It was reaffirmed that next year's championship (as voted on in 1966) would be held in Vancouver, B.C. Edmonton, Alta. was chosen as the site for the Olympic trials.

## CANADIAN NOTES

Jean Langevin wasn't the only one tired by Sunday evening. Harry Willsie, outgoing president, had expended a tremendous amount of effort for two years for this championship. He wanted it near the site of Expo 67, Canada's World Fair to end all World Fairs.

To accomplish this, the Montreal Skeet club (which has five permanent trap houses but which has never had a registered trapshoot before) put in 13 temporary trap houses. The clubhouse, probably the finest in all North America, and grounds were in excellent shape. The walkways and driveways were lined with flags. The official Canadian Centennial banner hung in the trophy room.

And in that room were trophies unlike those offered anywhere before. There were desk sets with the new Canadian coinage set in them. Wooden tray and coaster sets sported real maple leaf decorations, the Canadian national symbol. Other wooden trays were covered with leather, held on by brass nailheads, which had outlines of game burned into the fabric. Hand-hooked pictures were waiting to be claimed and framed. Striking Centennial rugs proved to be one of the most popular awards, and there were also blankets and stoles in the special tartan designed for Canada's birthday. Hand-carved wood pieces included figures of animals and of hunters. There was also a model of the Bluenose, Canada's famed racing schooner. There were pottery, ceramic ashtrays and copper goblets.

The program of the shoot carried a welcome to the shooters from L. B. Pearson, Prime Minister of Canada. Gilles Barrette, Quebec trap president, and Willsie also officially welcomed the shooters through the pages of the program, point-



This happy group came quite a distance to take home some Canadian honors and trophies. Far left is John Epstein, who packed up his own Illinois State Shoot to visit Canada. Second from left is Tudor Thomas, who traveled 3,500 miles from his home in Wales for this meet. (Thomas was one of three Englishmen to attend the Grand in 1965.) George Hawkins (center) came from Indiana and took home with him a wood carving, his trophy for winning the open D singles with 278. Joe Devers (second from right) came the farthest to shoot. He flew 2,300 miles from Reno, Nev. to attend the Alaska State Shoot, then came another 6,400 for the Canadian Championships. Entering an entire shoot for the first time in many years, Joe won several trophies, including the open championship on the 300 singles with 299, open runnerup in the all-around via shootoff and open AA runnerup in the high-over-all. Dick Johnston (right) also traveled 6,400 miles from Alaska, his home, winning the Class C doubles trophy on the first day.

ing out that special Centennial pins would be awarded for any 100 straight.

Officers and members of the Montreal Skeet Club turned out enmasse to help during the shoot. C-I-L pros did their usual magnificent job, with every race broken down into all classifications. (And can you imagine the job that Frank McCormick had to do on Sunday, when 76 trophies were decided on that one day! He even took time when it started raining to go to the microphone and call all the shooters' attention to that fact—since many were in the clubhouse—so they could close their car windows.)

One of the tired persons Sunday was one who had just arrived. Clarence Thacker, driving in from Toledo, O., got lost in the driving rainstorm that delayed the shootoff between hundreds that day. He did get there in time to get in the last squad in the handicap. Thacker improved as he went along, however, breaking 20-20-24-23.

Some of the most exhausted people around were not shooters. It was their families. Most of the wives spent at least part of every day at the Expo grounds. Many of the men spent evenings there, and some families had come ahead of time to see the exhibition while some were staying afterwards. In all cases, the comments were the same: fantastic, fabulous, exciting, wonderful.

The most popular pavilions with the shooters—as with most of the world in general—seemed to be the Canadian telephone building and the Czechoslovakian one. Getting a lot of attention also were the national pavilions erected by the

United States, Great Britain, Russia, France and Germany.

The telephone building contains a new concept in filming, produced by the Walt Disney studios. On a 360° screen, 270' in diameter, scenes of Canada are shown while the viewer stands in the middle of the room. It is spectacular and stirring. "It makes you proud to be a Canadian," was the consensus of citizens who saw the film.

The Czech pavilion displays its famous glass. Another feature is a huge wood carving depicting about every type of life imaginable, created over a 40-year period by two men.

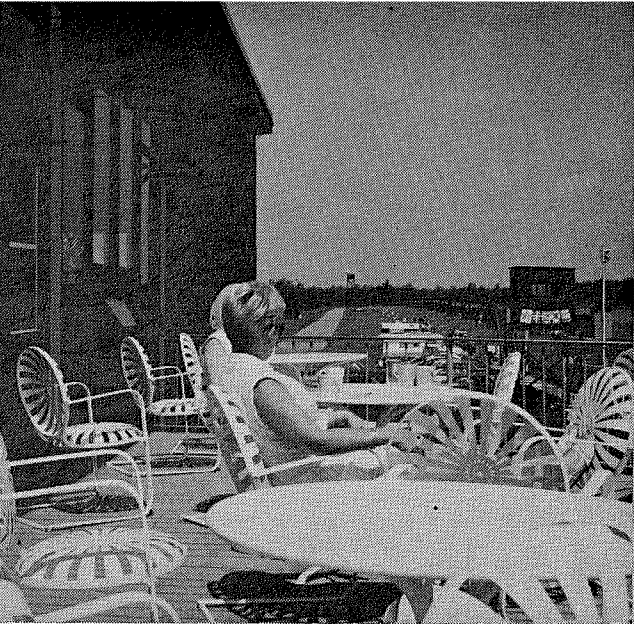
The lines were long to get into all buildings at Expo, but for 25¢ you can ride right through the middle of the U.S. pavilion. The transportation system at the fair is well-planned and swift. The Expo Express whisks you from one island to another (the exposition is on two islands and a part of the mainland) in seconds at no charge. There is practically no waiting for the express; one runs every few minutes apparently.

Just to see every film shown on the grounds, from start to finish, would take six months. And this is a small part of what is available to do and see. So there's no point in attempting to explain all Expo has to offer.

One marvelous bit of entertainment which fair-goers who arrived after July 4th won't get to see is the Military Tattoo, performed in the huge new stadium which will become the permanent home of Montreal's football team. A cast of 1,700

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Spectators at the Montreal Skeet Club could get a clear view of the firing line from the balcony of the clubhouse. On the right is another view of the clubhouse. All entering and business procedures were taken care of downstairs, while the upstairs was reserved for eating and relaxation. Shooters and friends gathered on the balcony to watch the traditional Canadian trophy presentations to their champions, held at the completion of firing Sunday.



## Trophy Winners 12th Canadian Trapshooting Championships — Montreal (Que.) SC, June 29-July 2

### SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

#### 300 Targets

##### Canadian Champions

Chmp:	Doug Norton	295
Wom:	Vera Holdsworth	279
Vet:	Earl Marvin	288
AA:	Errol Duke	292
A:	Roy Cole	294
B:	Joe Torti	289
C:	Ivan Balla	282
D:	Al Painter	277

#### 200 Targets

Jr:	Ricky McGarry	193
S-J:	John Hurley	174

#### 300 Targets

##### Open Champions

Chmp:	Joe Devers	299
Wom:	Vera Holdsworth	279
Vet:	Earl Marvin	288
Jr:	Ricky McGarry	291
S-J:	John Hurley	268
AA:	Frank Little	295
A:	Peter Kennedy	295
B:	Joe Torti	289
C:	Ivan Balla	282
D:	George Hawkins	278
IndR:	Dick Baldwin	291

### DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

#### 100 Targets

##### Canadian Champions

Chmp:	Errol Duke	95
Wom:	Frances Searle	79
Vet:	Earl Marvin	82
Jr:	Ricky McGarry	93
S-J:	John Hurley	83
A:	Gil Henderson	94
B:	Bob Coldwell	86
C:	Bruce Stephens	92
D:	Claude Genet	91

##### Open Champions

Chmp:	Frank Little	96
Wom:	Frances Searle	79
Vet:	Earl Marvin	82
Jr:	Ricky McGarry	93
S-J:	John Hurley	83
A:	Gil Henderson	94
B:	George Cline	86
C:	Bruce Stephens	92
D:	Claude Genet	91
IndR:	Dick Baldwin	92

### HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP

#### 200 Targets

##### Canadian Champions

Chmp:	Ron McGarry	188
RU:	Robert Lawry	187

Wom:	Frances Searle	184
Vet:	Ed Sayers	182
Jr:	Ron McGarry	188
S-J:	John Hurley	175

##### Open Champions

Chmp:	Ron McGarry (24x25)	188
RU:	George Pensell (23x25)	188
Wom:	Frances Searle	184
Vet:	Ed Sayers	182
Jr:	Ron McGarry	188
S-J:	John Hurley	175
IndR:	R. E. Shortt	186

### ALL-AROUND CHAMPIONSHIP

#### 400 Targets

##### Canadian Champions

Chmp:	Doug Norton	379
RU:	Errol Duke	376
Wom:	Frances Searle	345
Vet:	Earl Marvin	360
Jr:	Ricky McGarry	368
S-J:	John Hurley	354
AA:	Harry Willsie (38x40)	368
A:	Al Beckingham	370
B:	Joe Torti	368
C:	Ivan Balla	356
D:	John Hurley	354

##### Open Champions

Chmp:	Doug Norton	379
RU:	Joe Devers (39x40)	378
Wom:	Frances Searle	345
Vet:	Earl Marvin	360
Jr:	Ricky McGarry	368
S-J:	John Hurley	354
AA:	Frank Little (38x40)	378
A:	Peter Kennedy (37x40)	370
B:	Joe Torti	368
C:	Ivan Balla	356
D:	John Hurley	354
IndR:	Dick Baldwin	373

### HIGH-OVER-ALL CHAMPIONSHIP

#### 600 Targets

##### Canadian Champions

Chmp:	Errol Duke	568
RU:	Doug Norton	565
Wom:	Frances Searle	530
RU:	Vera Holdsworth	514
Vet:	Earl Marvin	545
RU:	Louis DePocas	488
Jr:	Ricky McGarry	555
RU:	Rick Bate	539
S-J:	John Hurley	526
RU:	Billie Willsie	400
AA:	Ed Wladichuk	558
RU:	Gil Henderson	548
A:	Al Beckingham	560

RU:	Ricky McGarry	555
B:	Joe Torti	560
RU:	Ido Evangelisti	552
C:	Ivan Balla	545
RU:	Frank Turner	538
D:	Frances Searle	530
RU:	John Hurley	526

##### Open Champions

Chmp:	Frank Little	569
RU:	Errol Duke (37x40)	568
	(40x40)	
Wom:	Frances Searle	530
RU:	Doris Barr	521
Vet:	Earl Marvin	545
RU:	Louis DePocas	488
Jr:	Ricky McGarry	555
RU:	Rick Bate	539
S-J:	John Hurley	526
RU:	Billie Willsie	400
AA:	Joe Devers (37x40)	568
	(38x40)	
RU:	Ed Wladichuk	558
A:	Peter Kennedy	561
RU:	Al Beckingham	560
B:	Joe Torti	560
RU:	Ido Evangelisti	552
C:	Ivan Balla	545
RU:	Frank Turner	538
D:	Frances Searle	530
RU:	R. E. Peterson	529
IndR:	Dick Baldwin	559
RU:	R. A. Henderson	553



Peter Kennedy (left, left photo) won a shootoff over Al Beckingham (right) for the open Class A all-around honors, but Beckingham copped the Canadian trophy in that class with no further contest. Kennedy also was open A high in the singles, and they both won Class A high-over-all trophies. George Pensell (left, right photo) tied the high



Canadian score in the handicap championships but settled for an open trophy since he was from Maryland. Ed Sayers (right) was the only veteran who could stop Earl Marvin from taking all those trophies. Sayers broke 182 in the handicap championship for that open and closed award.

## CANADA CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Army, Navy and Air Force personnel acted out Canada's history on the mammoth field. Gilles Barrette and Harry Willisie took their wives there for a night out after the Canadian Championships were completed. Giselle Barrette, pleased at not having to be a trapshooting widow for one night, wailed as the firing began in one scene telling of Canada's history: "I knew we'd end up at a shoot again!"

Gilles and Harry actually were taking just a few hours off from shooting. During the day they were still embroiled in holding the Canadian International Championships at the Italian club, near the Montreal SC grounds. This club has been built by Italian-Canadians, who still received home-town newspapers from Italy after they arrived in Canada. They kept reading about the exploits of famed Olympic shooters Mattarelli and Rossini, and they determined to learn how to shoot that type of competition. With no background in shooting at all, they built International layouts. Their club was open for practice during the Canadian Trap Championships, and many shooters tried their hand over a regulation Olympic field for the first time. One of these was George Fontes, who came all the way from California with his mother and the Richard Daleys for this shoot. He broke 19 the first time he shot over the 15-trap layout, astounding the Italians.

Both the Italian club and the Montreal SC are easily reached by auto-routes, which make 30 miles seem like nothing compared to locating some backwoods clubs in the United States. The connecting routes were lined with places to stay, and those who feared trouble obtaining reservations need not have worried. Frank and Sandy Little came without reservations and found a brand-new motel close

to the club, which featured reasonable prices.

Another event of importance besides Expo 67 (which continues until Oct. 28) and the Canadian Trapshooting Championships took place in Canada during June. On June 30 Kitty Ebner, shooter from Pittsburgh, Pa., and George Snellenberger, shooter from Angola, Ind. were married at St. Jerome, Que.

They appeared later in the afternoon to shoot the handicap. "I don't know why you couldn't have told us ahead of time," remarked Willisie to the newly-weds. "The field in front of the clubhouse was free, and you could have had the ceremony there and George wouldn't have missed his squad." Harry had pulled Squad 27, position no. 1 for George, but George didn't show up that morning.

The trapshooting honeymoon reminded Suzanne Willisie of her honeymoon with Harry. It was spent in a gooseblind, with her father-in-law along.

When news of why George missed his squad spread, Doug Norton commented, "That's not a reason for missing a squad, but it's a good excuse."

Doug himself would have had an excuse to miss his squad in the final handicap. Weather changes rapidly in Quebec, and when the torrent of rain hit Sunday between hundreds, Doug ran to his car. In doing so, he slipped on the grass and wrenched an ankle that had been broken before. A doctor on the grounds gave him pain killers so Doug could finish the program, but it was the next day before the limping champion would take time to get proper treatment for the foot.

After Ricky McGarry lost his first targets in the 16s Friday, he said he just knew he was going to end with 98. He did, by virtue of missing his 100th bird \* \* \* Molly McNinch, who usually doesn't shoot 16s, was talked into it by

her husband. She broke her first 25 straight ever in Friday's race.

Bill Fisher, who left brother Bud at home running the club in Findlay, O., recently went to a double release for his doubles shooting. He shot 50 practice with it the first time—and broke all 50. Several days later he fired at another practice 50, breaking them all.

Peter Kennedy was on a squad where it actually happened—the puller called a disintegrated target lost because he didn't see a piece fall from it \* \* \* Richard MacPherson, who broke his leg months ago in a skiing accident, was encouraged by the recent article in T&F about handicapped shooters. He shot from a stool and broke his first 25 straight Saturday \* \* \* George Hawkins of Indiana was pleased with his last 50 straight in that same race. It was his first in a long time.

George Levkovitz was having a great time and was shooting well, but he had some problems along the way. In the handicap Saturday he ran 24 straight on the first field, then lost the 25th. In the doubles championship he had been having trouble hitting them, then his gun doubled. After that he hit them all! George and Ricky McGarry keep tying each other at Canadian shoots. They both broke 98s Sunday, with Ricky losing his 99th bird after an interruption on the field. George lost two right off the bat after a mixup about what post he was to start on. After the race he showed squad-members a "dust shell" he had in his pocket. (It's used in International shooting when you have to miss the first shot.) He thought he must have had two more like it that got mixed up with his regular shells.

George Snellenberger was one down in 40 in Saturday's handicap and ended with an 84. At one point he lost three out of four targets. "I would have felt bad, ex-

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## CANADA CHAMPIONSHIPS

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cept Joe (Devers) missed four out of four," commented George.

Joe Devers was one of the first 20 shooters in ATA history to be advanced to the 27-yard line. That was in 1956, and he hasn't budged from there since, in spite of the fact he's registered just 3,800 handicap targets since 1959. His average on those targets would figure out to about 90%. He's maintained a high 98% average on 16s in those years, and fired at 1,750 doubles. Except for 1963, when he shot at 100 doubles and broke 85 of them, he hasn't had a doubles average below 93%.

Joe Devers has been a fine shot since has was a sub-junior in Ohio. In 1944 he won the sub-junior NACT championship at the Grand American with 94 (the year after Roy Foxworthy beat him by one to win with 95), and he was named the sub-junior member of the All-America team the next year. (In those days just one was picked.) In 1946 and 1948 he was on the men's second team, advancing to the first team in 1949. He made it again in 1951 (there was no team in 1950, since Jimmy Robinson advanced the year designation a year at that time) and then again in 1958 and 1959. Since then he has not shot enough targets to qualify.

Russ Saathoff was another having trouble in Saturday's handicap. He was six down in 75, then lost eight on his last field. Seven of those eight were from posts 4 and 5 \* \* \* Tudor Thomas, who came across the Atlantic Ocean for this shoot, finished strong Saturday with a 48 of the last 50 in handicap \* \* \* Vera Holdsworth thought she might finally be learning about the 24-yard line. She broke 25 straight on one field \* \* \* Roy Finnell, after an 86 in the 16s, proceeded to blast most of them in the handicap. He was down four in 75 and lost four on the final field. He has been attending Ontario Provincial shoots for more than 20 years—"longer than any of their shooters, I think," he testified \* \* \* Sam Baber, traveling in the same Ohio crowd with Roy, was down seven until the last five targets. He lost three more there.

Bob Lawry, who was second in his class two-thirds of the way through the shoot, lost his first two out in the final 100 of

the singles Sunday. He missed another "somewhere along the way" and his 99th for a 96 \* \* \* Chester Snarski shot in a four-man squad, which isn't unusual, but it kept being a different four men. The others were making up squads they had missed for one reason or another, and Chester had a hard time finding the right trap each time with his squadmates changing \* \* \* Peter Kennedy attributed his two 100 straights in singles to the clear background. In Rhode Island they shoot against trees and across gullies.

Maybe George Snellenberger didn't have his mind on what he was doing Sunday. He lost his 99th and 100th handicap birds for a 91 \* \* \* Vet Ed Sayers, who did finish well in the handicap, was telling of the Ohio shoot on Saturday. He had a good handicap score going that day, too, but got rained out.

For Errol Duke, the shoot was significant from an aspect other than his shooting so well. Twelve years ago he left his native India, and he hadn't seen his younger brother since. The brother is a member of the Indian Navy, and during the shoot, his ship pulled into the Montreal harbor for Expo 67 festivities. It was quite a reunion.

Claude Carbeil had come all the way from the Labrador T&SC, 125 miles west of Goose Bay, Newfoundland. They started shooting trap there—registered with Maritimes—in 1963 and recently added skeet \* \* \* Another talking about shooting in his province was Al Beckingham. Seems there are 175 clubs in Ontario (not all hold registered shoots, of course) \* \* \* Massachusetts shooters were talking about the Shirley R&GC in their state, which is planning its first registered tournament for two years from now \* \* \* Another visitor was talking of shooting in general and how he has seen it progress over the years. E. W. Harris has been a T&F subscriber for 20 years.

The Montreal SC is not only a lovely place to shoot, it's a fun place. Members have a real sense of humor. In their trophy case is a Misguided Missile Trophy which states: "This trophy, symbolic of indifferent marksmanship, will be awarded to the losers whenever five members of the Montreal SC and five members of the RCAF joust at skeet."

Also resplendent in the case is a plaque dedicated to a club member which reads:

## WATCH for THIS GUN

Because of the unfortunate increase in gun thefts recently, TRAP & FIELD will publish a list periodically of guns reported stolen by owners who are ATA members. Please include make, model and serial number of each gun. This service is available to ATA members only.

Clip this column and carry it with you, using it as a reference when purchasing used guns. Report any information directly to the person named below.

**REMINGTON 31 with release trigger, serial #92688. Contact Frank Stark, 5010 Allisonville Rd., Apt. D, Indianapolis, Ind. Ph: AC 317-251-7549. Gun was stolen in May from station wagon parked in front of apartment building.**

## STOLEN TRAPS

**THREE WHITE FLYER TRAPS stolen night of Apr. 30 between 7 p.m. and next day from Fulton County Conservation Club at Rochester, Ind. Serial numbers of traps were X2136, X2916 and X1592. Anyone having information should contact Stanley Teel, 425 East 6th, Rochester, Ind.**

"In appreciation of his untiring although unsuccessful efforts to make a place for women in the Montreal Skeet Club."

The members take quite a bit of pride in their club, and rightly so. They have glasses, ties, cards, pins and lighters made with the club emblem on them. They have hard workers who enjoy working for the club. (One of the dedicated non-volunteer employees had an opportunity to display his devotion to his job. His wife had a baby right in the middle of the shoot, and he kept working until all the shooters were gone that day.) The club boasts its own gunsmith, Phil Dumas, who made the cannon used to herald significant events at the shoot. He also made two of them for Expo 67.

The language difference that first proved a problem in getting shooting started in Quebec (all their programs are in French and English) doesn't seem to be a problem at all now. It's not so much a case of "French spoken here," or "English spoken here." Trap is spoken here. And it's a universal language. BAF

## HANDICAP CARDS TO BE ISSUED QUICKLY

In order for shooters to receive their permanent handicap cards shortly after qualifying for them, Bert Maser of the Central Handicap Committee will work directly out of the ATA office in Vandalia, O. for 30 days immediately preceding the Grand American. This will save a minimum of one week in assigning yardage and forwarding a permanent card to the shooter.

The cooperation of all gun clubs is asked in getting shoot reports to the ATA office as promptly as possible after shoots. It is particularly important in these crucial weeks before the Grand American. The Central Handicap Committee can do a good job only if members are furnished with the proper information. PLEASE MAIL YOUR SHOOT REPORTS PROMPTLY.

## ADVANCE REGISTRATION FOR PRELIM, GAH RACES

Shooters can secure pre-registration blanks for the Preliminary and Grand American Handicap events from the ATA Office, Vandalia, O. after July 15. Be sure to contact the ATA for an official entry card.

Programs for the Grand American Tournament were mailed on July 15.