

## Obituary

Colin Tutty of Wagga Wagga was killed in a car accident on 23rd July and it is with sorrow that we report the death of this fine sportsman who was loved and respected by all who knew him.

Colin, who had turned 40 only weeks prior to his death, leaves a wife, a son and a daughter. About seven hundred people attended his funeral, including members of his Army Reserve Company.

Colin had been shooting for about 16 years. For two years before he formed the Wagga Wagga Pistol Club, he was a member of Sydney Pistol Club and travelled hundreds of miles each month to compete in the sport he loved.

He won the first National title in Black Powder in 1977 and was third in the same event in Brisbane this year. New South Wales Air Pistol champion in 1974, he had been Wagga Club champion in every match, establishing records some of which still stand.

Colin Tutty was a committeeman of his Club since he formed it - its Vice-President, Captain and Scorer at various times and was the only foundation member still with the Club at the time of his death.



The late Colin Tutty displaying the cheeky joy of a champion following his return home with the Black Powder National Title in 1977. (Picture by courtesy Wagga Daily Advertiser)

He had been patience personified with new shooters and had never hesitated to pass on any knowledge he possessed.

Colin Tutty was known to the Editor for a number of years as a quiet, self-effacing, good humoured (and humorous) practicing Christian. Seven hundred people paid tribute to him in Wagga - the "Bulletin" now does likewise. He will be greatly missed.

not already have a L/A/P on their programme, will now include the event. He says there are some "fine details" to be discussed yet about the effect this new match will have on selection on future international Ladies teams. According to the ISU regulations women are allowed to shoot in the so-called "open" section of an event if there is no match provided for them. Women will now have to compete against women at the National Air Pistol title. The past "open" event now becomes an event for males only. On the past performances of some Australian women in open Air Pistol events, it will be interesting to see if the separation of the sexes has any effect on the scores.

## Ladies Air Pistol

The Pistol Union has instituted a Ladies Air Pistol championship. The first national title will be contested next year. The Union will now be conducting seven (7) ISU championships and three non-ISU titles (if, as is expected, the rules for Black Powder are amended). Union Secretary (Peter Anderson) says the first National title in Ladies Air Pistol will be conducted at the 1979 championships in Sydney. The Committee of Management says it hopes those States which do

## Opal Open

- A gem of a shoot (Ed.)

The "Bulletin" received so many reports about the Lightning Ridge "Opal Open", that it has become necessary to provide a composite report or give the whole of this issue over to the competition.

Reports came from G. Aphorpe, Merice Dunn, Lesley Drake (N.S.W. Administrative Secretary), two anonymous telephone calls from bobs who preferred to remain "shy" but raved on at length and at late hours of the night . . . and from Arthur and Fay Martel and Bob Watts of my own club. The general consensus of opinion was that the "Opal Open" was a success of the first order and that this was solely attributable to the marvellous welcome and continued hospitality of the Lightning Ridge members.

People were looked after with a degree of kindness which was remarked upon . . . there was a "do" at the famous Diggers Rest Hotel from which some hardly recovered . . . and the shooting was well organised and no matter how much praise shooters can heap on a club, if it is felt unable to run a shoot it has done nothing.

Electronic timing was installed in the turning target range especially for the shoot and reports mentioned particularly the kindness and "unflappability" of National Ref. Wal Tindale (apparently "provided" by the N.S.W. Association). Club President Bill Breuer kept Wal working on range officialdom and then dobbed him



Joan May receives her ladies aggregate from National referee Wal Tindale, at the "Opal Open", while Herman Kreller applauds.

in to present the trophies, while Herman Kreller who dreamed up the "Opal Open" acted as master of ceremonies. Merice Dunn said Single-ton-Greta shooters were so enthusiastic about the shoot they donated a silver tray to the Lightning Ridge club as a trophy for a future shoot. She wrote "Herman Kreller, the man with the vibrant personality and a devilish gleam in his eye, proved as versatile an M.C. as he did as controller at the range."

**Results:** Standard Pistol A, R. Smith 551; B, L. Calvert 541; C, W. Joseph 499; D, A. Martel 491.

Centre Fire A, G. Aphorpe 572; B, R. Redstone 550; C, L. Calvert 542; D, J. Smith 503.

Ladies M, Judy Trim 566; A, Fay Martel 541; B, M. Dunn 468; C, C. Kinsey 375.

Rapid Fire M, G. Zapletal 575; A, R. Jarvis 568; B, J. Smith 546; C, L. Calvert 544; D, J. Every 503.

Free Pistol A, R. Redstone 517; B, J. McMahan 512; C, J. Mann 481; D, S. Nesco 451.

Air Pistol M, R. Hollis 361; M, I. Gehrig 361; A, L. Zapletal 360; B, R. Hollis 361; C, J. Curtis 350; D, S. Reeves 324 (R. Hollis won the open division from "B" grade).

George Zapletal won the Men's aggregate, while the Ladies aggregate went to J. Mann.

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