Maritime Skeet Shooting Championship Team

The members of the Maritime Skeet Shooting Championship Team from Charlottetown are pictured above.
From left to right they are: Hugh Simpson, Bob Hyndman, O. S. Harper, Glydon Willis and Ron Atkinson.
The Charlottetown team won the championship at the Maritime Skeet and Trap Shooting Meet held in Fredericton on Monday.

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Down The Back Stretch

$10,387 with Butch Hanover. Wayahead, driven by Dell Miller, won the first heat. Time, 2.06 1/5, 2.03 4/5, 2.15. Butch Hanover's second heat equals the fastest mile stepped by a 2-year-old trotter this year. The next race on the card was the American National Three Year Old Pace, purse $10,948. Diamond Hal, driven by Joe, was 2-1-1, Meadow Gold (Arthur) 1-2-4, time, 2.00 2/5, 2.00 4/5, 2.04. The same afternoon in the 2.23 Trot, purse $2,000, Cheryl Hanover, a 3-year-old by Bill Gallon, driven by Joe, was 1-1, Pronto Girl (Schue) 2-2. Time, 2.09 3/5, 2.07 3/5. It was a big showing for a driver in one afternoon, Joe winning six of the ten dashes on the card. He had no starter in the Big Five Pace, purse $3,000. It was won by Poplar Dell (Winger) in 1.59—a new track record.

The next afternoon Joe won the Big Five Trot and the Ross C. Ewing trphy, purse $2,500, wth Scotch Victor, beating Earl's Song, Newport Star and Kimberly Kid, that a couple of weeks ago had trotted into the two-minute list. Time, 2.01 3/5, 2.04. He also won the next event on the card, the 2.23 pace Charles O. Botz Stake, purse $3,000, with the 3-year-old Aristocratic Boy. Time, 2.04 1/5, 2.05.

Joe's father-in-law, Jimmie Flood, has very kindly handed us a copy of the DuQuoin Evening Call which gives an account of the Grand Circuit meeting there on Wednesday of last week. Referring to the Matron Stake Three Year Old Pace, purse $13,064, Jim Harrison writes: "Meadow Pace, sidelined all year by lameness, made the Matron Stake for 3-year-old pacers his sensational debut and scored a convincing victory. What left the experts open-mouthed was the way the winter book choice for next month's Little Brown Jug stepped it off a 2.04 mile against horses that have been consistently going in two minutes and beat them at their own game. Meadow Pace has always indicated that he would do it this season. He is definitely the one to bet in the $70,000 Sept. 23 Little Brown Jug off his easy 1.59 4-/5 miles in the Matron." Here is the summary: Meadow Pace (O'Brien) 1-1; Diamond Hal (A. Cameron) 3-2; Ensign Lad (Schue) 2-3. Time, 1.59 4/5, 1.59 4/5. Three others starters. Diamond Hal, driven by A. Cameron, as well as Meadow Pace are both owned by the Sol Camp Stables, Shafter, California.

The Camp colors were also carried to victory in the $23,589 Castletown Farm Stake for 2-year-old trotters with Butch Hanover doing the honors. This event required a race-off but there was no doubt as to which owner would take the trophy since both colts coming back were owned by Sol Camp. Butch Hanover, who made the first start of his life a stake's winning one last week, came on in the stretch in the first heat of the Castletown Stake to beat Wayahead by half a length with Butch's stablemate, Scott Frost, third. The mile was in 2.04 3/5. In the second heat Dana Cameron cut it out with Scott Frost with Butch Hanover laying fifth most of the mile not able to get up at the end. Scott Frost held off Childs Hanover for the position, Butch third in 2.03 4/5. The two sons of Hoot Mon came back for the race-off and they made it a real battle through the stretch of a 2.17 mile with the final quarter in 30 seconds, as Butch Hanover got up in the last stride to nip Scott Frost by a head.

Just a few weeks ago it appeared that Joe didn't have a 2-year-old trotter that would cause any trouble to the many good ones that had been raced all season, but now at this meeting he has two that have equalled the fastest time made this year—Butch Hanover and Dale Frost—2.03 4/5, and if no bad luck befalls them they should be stars at Lexington. The Sol Camp Stable's winnings at Springfield meet and DuQuoin last week and the previous week were $26,000 and $20,000 respectively.

Adios Boy, a 3-year-old that has been breaking world's records at Roosevelt Raceway, may be sent to Lexington later this month to take a crack at the world's pacing record—1.55—held by Billy Direct, who was driven on that occasion by Vic Flemming. It may be a rather big task for Adios Boy, but many regard him as the greatest colt pacer of all time. At York Raceway in the Free For All Pace he started against a field of as tough aged pacers as ever faced a starter over a half-mile track and came through a winner, heading Philip Scott 1.59 2/5 and other stars.

Last week they were racing at Rutland, Vt. and it will be remembered that it was there that Billy Direct, driven by Vic Flemming paced in 2.00 3/4 in 1939. It is the half-mile track record for New England. Many Maritimers are acquainted with Neil Raymond of Maplecroft Farm, Ipswich, Mass., and will be interested to learn that the pacer Red Sails 1.59, by The Abbott 2.00 1/5, premier stallion at Mr. Raymond's farm, has been heading many of the best pacers racing today where the big money is put up. He won an easy three-length victory recently in the $28,000 mile and a half derby at Yonkers and followed that up by beating a classy field at Batavia Downs in the $15,000 Invitational Pace—2.02. Following him were Meadow Rice 1.58 1/5, Newport Chief 1.59 3/5 and Bonnie Brooke Dean 1.58 1/5.

Word has been received from James "Roach" MacGregor who is racing at the Quebec City Fair. He won there Saturday with the trotter Winnifred G. in 2.16— a new record for Winnifred. He also won with Jo-Jo Spencer in 2.13 and finished second with Yuta in 2.10, and the following night won both dashes with Bay State Pat— a nice showing for our friend Andrew Perry's horses and we look for further victories for that stable . . . . Word from Windsor, Maine, is equally good. Earl Semple won with Dean Gallon, lowering his record from 2.09 4/5 to 2.08 2/5 and the mile and one sixteenth in 2.18 1/5. He also won two heats with Jerry's Nightmare around 2.11 and was second with Sir Chuck in a trotting race. We can look forward to hearing more good news from Earle in the future.

A crowd estimated at close to 3,000 turned out for a double racing card at Truro on Labor Day, in the afternoon My Volo, (Carr), owned by W. McGibbon, St. Stephen, won races 4 and 8 with Seven-Up Direct (L. Walker 2-5, Future Counsel (Conroy) dnf-2. Time, 2.12 3/5, 2.09. In Race 4 there was a collision between Handbook and Future Counsel, neither of them finishing. Another double winner was the pacer Rockford (Conroy), owned by Well MacNeill, Southport. He took a new record of 2.14. Cardinal's Echo (Baker) was 2-4, Rusty Hanover (Carr) 3-2. Resourceful (C. MacLeod) recently purchased by John MacLeod, Yarmouth, was another double heat winner with Tom Stuart (D. Turner) 2-2. Time, 2.16 4/5, 2.17 3/5. Still anther double heat winner was Lucky Harvester (Mauger), owned by Don MacAulay, Pugwash, with Vesta Budlong (Daniels) 2-2. Time, 2.15 3/5, 2.16 2/5. A single dash winner was Belwin Budlong, owned and driven by Harry Fletcher, Truro, Peggy's Pride (Gould) 2. Time 2.15 2/5—a new record for Belwin Budlong, that looks like a promising pacer.

High payoffs and close finishes featured the evening program at Truro. The daily double paid $202.-20. The long shot of the night was Lady Ruthie T., owned by Carl McCully of Truro, that paid $34.20. Another big surprise was the winning of race 1 by the 3-year-old pacer Cash Hal, owned and driven by A. L. Williams, Great Village. He took a new record of 2.20. Interesting is the fact that he is by Hal Boojum 2.15, that was foaled in 1928 and if alive today would be 26 years old. He was the last male sired by Captain Aubrey 2.07 1/4. Others winners were Races 2 and 6, Lady Ruthie T. (LeBlanc), 1-1, Mae Josedale (L. Walker) 2-3, Nancy Britton (Daniels) 5-2, best time 2.17. In races 3 and 7 Miss Cherry Valley (C. MacLeod), owned by Eric MacMillan, Truro, was 1-3, May S Grattan, owned and driven by Herb Wisener, Pictou, 2-1. Time, 2.14 2/5, 2.14. Race 4 was won by Joey Harvester (Conroy), owned by Well MacNeill, Southport, in 2.12 3/5, Hedgewood Chief (Harrison) 2. Race 5 was won by David G. (C MacLeod), owned by G. E. MacLeod, Westville, Gay Law (Jewett) 2. Time, 2.14.

There was a good card of racing at the Charlottetown track on Saturday night and an especially good performance was the winning of the mile and a quarter trot by Bud's Echo. The 5-year-old Muriel E. (L. Kelly) was leading at the mile mark in 2.17 2/5 and at the finish Bud's Echo just nosed her out in 2.51, an average of 34 1/5 seconds for each of the five quarters. Bud's Echo is owned by Ralph McFadyen of Hunter River, and was driven by Elmer Smith. Glenda Mae in winning the Curtain Raiser, took a record of 2.21 1/5. She is owned by Pound and Bullman, Hunter River, and was driven by Cyril Smith.

Leo Praught had considerable pluck in putting up a thousand dollars for an excellent race card at Alverside on Labor Day afternoon and was rewarded with one of the best attendances he has had in years. Silk Hal, owned by H. R. Bevan and driven by Archie Llewellpn, won the No. 1 Classified Pace with 1-2-1, Billy Budlong (R. MacDonald) 5-1-4. best time 2.16 4/5 for Billy Budlong. The No. 2 Classified Trot was won by Ginger Worthy, owned and driven by George MacDonald, Mermaid, with 4-1-1, Roma Budlong (L. Kelly) 1-4-2, best time 2.19 4/5 for Ginger Worthy. The No. 3 Classified Pace was divided up, Penny Royal owned and driven by C. B. Drake being 1-3, Kitty McKay, owned and driven by Gerald Fitzpatrick, 3-1. Time, 2.22, 2.22 1/5. Both dashes in the No. 4 Classified were won by Bob Budlong, owned and driven by Edward Murphy, Ethel M. (MacDonald) 2-2. Time, 2.24 3/5 2.23 1/5—the latter a new record for Bob Budlong.

The races at Moncton Speedway on Monday night, Labor Day, were largely attended. The best time of the night was Texas Hanover's performance in the 4th dash — 2.10 3/5. In the 1st and 5th dashes Stuart's Time (H. Wilbur), owned by M. G. Wilbur, Moncton, was 1-2, Buddy M., owned and driven by Charlie Clark, 3-1. Time, 2.23, 2.24 4/5. In the 2nd and 6th dashes Banks Bell (McAlduff), owned by Stiles Motors, Ltd., Woodstock, was 2-1. Peter Federal (Killam), owned by Frank Ryder, was 1-6, Lou Budlong (M. MacArthur, owned by T. J. Ling, Kensington, 3-2. Time 2.13, 2.13 3/5—a new record for Banks Bell. In the 3rd and 7th dashes Rajah Hanover (Moreside), owned by Myron Bell,Charlottetown, was 4-1, Princess H., owned and driven by S. H. Horseman, Kensington, 1-6. Time, 2.13 4/5, 2.15 3/5. The 4th and 8th dashes were won by Texas Hanover (R. Barrieau), owned by L. Barrieau, Lakeburn, A. G. Scott (Moreside) 2-3, Ann's Boy (Goguen) 5-2. Time, 2.10 3/5, 2.11.

Fredericton Labor Day night races were witnessed by Their Royal Highnesses, the Duchess of Kent and Princess Alexandra. It was the first time they had seen harness racing under the lights and the attendance was an all time record since 1923—4,500. The Royal Party saw Abbeland win the 4th dash and stayed to watch King Hedgewood capture the 5th dash. They both picked horses that finished in the money. In the 5th dash King Hedgewood (Giberson), owned by G. M. Giberson, Fredericton, was 2-1, Federal's Girl (Langille, Sr.), owned by C. H. McGinley, Houlton, Me., 1-3. Time, 2.17, 2.17 2/5 In the 2nd and 6th dashes First Again (Inman), owned by J. M. Porter, Easton, Me., was 1-1, Tyndall Semple (Woodside) 3-2, Miss Machals (Harmon) 2-4. Time, 2.13. 2.15 2/5. In the 3rd and 7th dashes Campbell's Buddy, owned and driven by S. Campbell, was 1-2, Nottingham Chuck, owned and driven by George Walker, St. Stephen, 2-1. Time, 2.11, 2.12. In the 4th and 8th dashes Abbeland, (Jardine), owned by Percy Watt, Quebec, was 1-2, Ritakey (Linden), owned by P. W. Bridges, Gagetown, 2-1. Time, 2.10 1/5, 2.10 1/5.

A number of Island horsemen chartered a plane and flew up to Fredericton to witness the races on Thursday afternoon, arriving back in time for the night races at Charlottetown. They brought back with them Don MacNeill, who had driven two winners, Miss Knox and Ann's Dream in the afternoon and he was in the sulky again that night at Charlottetown. Here is a brief summary of the races at Fredericton . . . The 1st and 5th races were won by Twinkle Dawn (Akerly), Billy June(Inman) 2. Time, 2.18 2/5. Other winners were, Race 3, Riot Junior, owned and driven by F. Robbins, Easton, Me., Linda Bell (Langille, Sr.), 2-3. Third and 7th races, Princess Tina (A. Langille), owned by Mrs. A. Langille, 1-5, Miss Knox (D. MacNeill, owned by Willard MacDonald, Summerside, 6-1. Time, 2.12 3/5, 2.11. Races 4 and 8, Abbeland (Jardine, owned by Percy Watt, Little River West, Que, 1-3, Ann's Dream (D. MacNeill, owned by J. K. Curran, Summerside, 2-1. Time, 2.10, 2.11.

George R MacDonald is being welcomed home by his many friends for a short holiday which he is spending with his mother, Mrs. James MacDonald, and his sister, Mrs. "Happy" Hobbs, Euston Street. George is enjoying himself attending the races which are his principle recreation. He knows all the prominent horsemen racing at Bay State Raceway and other tracks and of course is familiar with our racing here as he rarely misses an Old Home Week meet.

Saint John winners on Wednesday night were, 1st dash. Shirley Doris, owned and driven by J. Robichaud, time, 2.22. Dashes 2 and 6, Little Scout, owned and driven by D. M. Lawson, 1-1, Donald G. R. (McKinney) 2-7, Jay's Hope, owned and driven by A. W. Jay, Borden. 4-2. Time, 2.15 3/5, 2.17 2/5. Dashes 3 and 7, Cover Up (Creamer), owned by N. Acker, St. Stephen, 1-1, Billy Direct Heir (Kirkpatrick) 2-5, You'll See. owned and driven by Blair Andrew Summerside 5-2. Time 2.17 4/5, 2.18. Dashes 4 and 8, Time Table (Kirkpatrick), owned by T. P. Downey, St. John, 1-1, Ramona Chips (M. Lawson) 2-2. time, 2.13 4/5, 2.13 2/5. Dash No. 5 was won by Ima Corporal (Devlin) owned by C. B. Smith, French Village. Time, 2.27 3/5.

Winners at Charlottetown's Thursday night's races were, Dashes 1 and 5, Real Fingo (O'Meara), owned by Mrs. Mustacalis, 1-6, Pet Hanover, owned and driven by Col D. A. MacKinnon, 6-1. Time, 2.16 2/5, 2.17. Dashes 2 and 6, Abner The Great (B Whalen) owned by James Heffell, Summerside, 1-1, Tommy Morgan (MacNeill) 2-6, Miss Donna Mae (Bernard) 7-2. Time, 2.13 1/5, 2.14 1/5. Dashes 3 and 7, Belle Budlong, owned and driven by Rannie MacDonald, 1-4, Bob Clegg (C. Smith), owned by E. Ford, 3-1. Time, 219 4/5, 2.19. Dashes 4 and 8, Peter Clegg (C. Birt), owned by George Brookins, 1-1, Esso (O'Meara) 2-3, Prince Budlong (Cudmore) 3-2. Time. 2.14, 2.14.

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Hunter's Corner

quent, within a mile. A mile and a half would be closer to the distance. The wool must have been essential construction material or the birds would not have flown endless miles through hawk infested territory just for something to do. The nest was lined with everything soft from a short strand of fine red yarn to the feather from a black duck. A type of fine grey litchen of a kind unknown to me, was also in the nest. This nest was reasonably safe from a crow or such type of predatory bird but the mother would have to take a chance on the red squirrel. The squirrel is bad medicine on fledgling young for they crave meat after their own are about half grown. Three times in my experience I have caught them in the act. One actually had a fledgling robin in its mouth and was having a lot of trouble dragging it along a limb against the grain of the spruce tines.

I never thought I'd live to see the day I'd admit there was grace, beauty and fluid motion in a snake. I don't like a snake of any kind although I have long since given up killing them unless they were caught in the act of robbing a ground nesting bird or swallowing a toad. Strange as it may seem I take a great kick out of a toad. They love to have their backs scratched and who doesn't. This particular snake was sunning itself on this swamp road. It was well over two feet long and the bright September sun enhanced its brown, yellow and gold markings.

I blocked its passage and it perforce had to climb a four foot perpendicular wall of spruce turf and roots rolled to the side by the bull dozer. It went straight up unhurriedly. It carefully poked its head, forked tongue darting in and out, over and under obstructing roots. About 8 inches of the formost portion of its body never touched the ground surface and yet it glided in effortless motion to the top. There it came to a soft shelf of dried moss whereon the sun shone brightly. It hesitated as if loath to go further and I obligingly stepped back. When I left it was curled up in a tight loop with a watchful head held a few inches above the coil. There was a time when that snake would have been dead before it had a chance to escape. 'Jimmie' skunk doesn't need any help in cleaning up our snakes.

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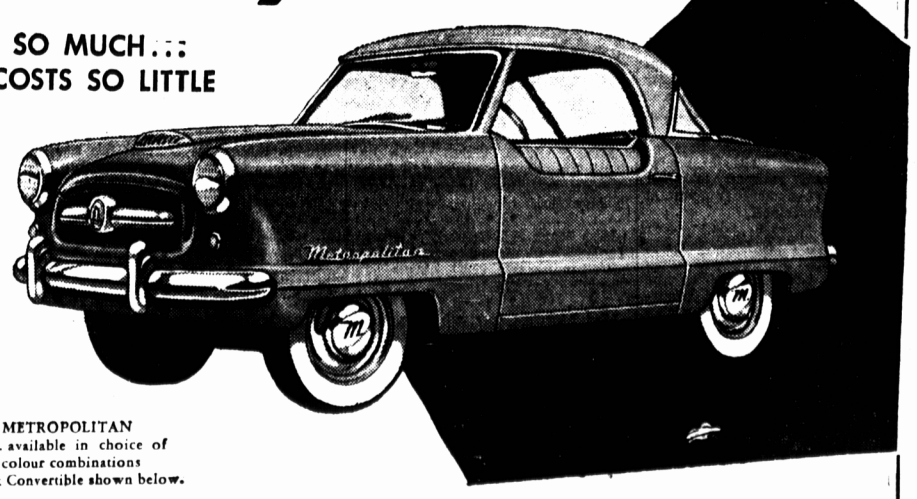
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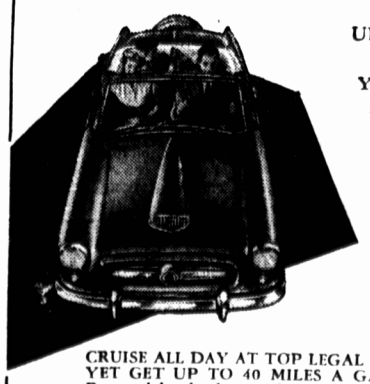
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