

and is assured of a play-off spot for the championship.

The personnel of this team changes from time to time because of other commitments and it has been a problem to get the best players together each night. However, "A" Division has three regular stand-bys in the persons of Sgt. G. M. Glanville, Cpl. J. F. Smith and Cst. J. Korntoff. Glen Bethel, FBI Liaison Officer, also helps out in the odd game when circumstances permit. As this Division has no gymnasium all our home games are played at the RCAF Station at Rockcliffe.

Basketball In November 1949 the YMCA Senior Basketball League, consisting of 12 teams from different sections of Ottawa, commenced operations. A team made up from the ranks of "A" Division and Headquarters personnel is entered in this league, and is sponsored by "A" Division Social and Athletic Club which supplied uniforms and memberships for the players. Under the able coaching of Glen Bethel, the team opened the season in fine style, and at the end of the first round was tied for first place with ten wins and one loss. And in two exhibition games with a team from "N" Division the "A" Division squad emerged victorious.

Jim Stewart of our team is scoring leader of the "Y" League with 150 points. The players are: Glen Bethel, H. Tadeson, R. Gavin, D. Guttman, M. Hopkins, T. Feaver, M. Hanna, J. Turnbull, D. Gore-Hickman, J. Stewart.

Shooting The shooting season of the "A" Division Rifle and Revolver Club opened on Nov. 1, 1949, and the weekly shoots held during November and December determined the averages of the members. A chicken shoot during the last week of 1949 aroused considerable interest. Weekly team and spoon shoots started on January 9, and 11 teams are competing with the rifle and ten with the service revolver.

The great interest shown by both rifle and revolver enthusiasts seems to grow as the season progresses. Some of the keenest of our members are the ladies, of whom there are 13, Civil Servants employed by the Force in the Justice Building. They are using rifles only. Spoons are awarded weekly for the highest scores in each class in both rifle and revolver. Rifle scores are noticeably higher this year due, no doubt,

to the new BSA rifles now used by the club.

Teams from the club are also competing with other organizations. Since the beginning of the year five competitions with other rifle clubs in the Ottawa area have been held and our members made a very creditable showing by winning four out of the five. A home series was fired with the Wakefield Rifle Club, the first match in the RCMP range on January 11. Spoons bearing RCMP crests were awarded to the high scorers, Mr. C. D. Chamberlin of Wakefield for a score of 198 x 200, and Sgt. J. R. McFarland with 200 x 200.

A return match was fired January 31 on the Wakefield range and the "A" Division Club established an all-time record for that range with a score of 1984 x 2000 for a 10-man team. The Wakefield Club was not far behind with a score of 1980 x 2000.

Spoons with Wakefield Club crests were presented to high scorers on each team, Sgt. C. C. Wilson, Sgt. J. R. McFarland and Mr. D. Kennedy all with 200 x 200. Both matches ended on a pleasant note with the home club playing host to the visitors during an enjoyable period of refreshments.

On January 20 a match was held with the members of the RCASC 1st Corps Troops using No. 7 Rifles, and was fired on the RCMP range. On January 25, the NDHQ Rifle Association defeated our team in a match fired on the RCMP range. The competition consisted of one target with the No. 7 Rifle and one with a .22 Match Rifle. The scores were: NDHQ 1940 x 2000 and "A" Division 1937 x 2000.

On February 2 a team of five men and five girls, competed against a similar group from the Post Office Department Rifle Club. One target was fired with a sporting rifle and one target with the BSA Match Rifle. Our girls came through with flying colors led by Miss Florence Cosgrove of the Preventive Service Branch with a score of 180 x 200.

In addition to the weekly competitions, which must be fired with the club rifles, a special match is held in which any .22 calibre rifle can be used. In the first 12 competitions fired, Sgt. J. R. McFarland led the field with a score of 1198 x 1200. Next was Sgt. C. C. Wilson with a score of 1194 x 1200.