

THANKS FOR THE TROPHIES

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Donations This Year Expected To Reach An All-Time High
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The increasing number of sports-loving citizens who have donated medals and trophies for special matches in either the rifle or pistol is an indication of the growing popularity of shooting as a pastime in the Philippines.

The list of donors for last year follows:

1. Salvador Lopez, rich hacendero of Davao, who donated medals for .45 caliber matches early in 1938.
2. Felix Cortes, national pistol champion now abroad on a vacation, gave medals for .30 caliber rifle competition.
3. Pedro Escalambre who gave a cup and medals for the best shooters in the .22 caliber rifle kneeling position.
4. Ramon Villamor, crack pistol shooter, who donated medals for tyros in pistol shooting.
5. Dr. Jose Alberto who offered medals to the best shooters in the rifle standing position.

With only half of the year 1939 gone, the same number of trophies for special matches were offered as last year. Through the good offices of Juan de Lange, Jorge Araneta, business tycoon, offered a beautiful trophy for the best pistol shooter in the Islands. The .22 caliber pistol match was made available to all pistol shooters, specially to those in the Visayas, in order to determine who was the best pistol shot in the Philippines. The course offered was the Olympic course of 60 shoots at 50 meters.

Up to the present time, with the match two-thirds through, the National Rifle & Pistol Association is leading the Cebu and Iloilo Gun Club shooters. Felix Cortes has practically cinched the championship, having shot consistently above 500 points, with the nearest competitor a score of points behind him.

In the Gil Montilla shoot, the Cebu boys romped away with trophy by a wide margin, winning first and third places in the individual matches, with Sixto Farol coming first, Graciano Castañeda of the NRPA second, and Lt. H. Pacaña, third.

The Cebu sharpshooters are also leading in the D-M-H-M rifle shoot, 30 shots at 50 meters, the Olympic course, although by a narrower margin. But unless the NRPA shooters improve, they will also lose this trophy.

Most recent of the donations were those of Tomas Navarro of the Hunters' Headquarters who offered medals for the rifle match of 25 shots at 50 yards, Swiss course. The shoot was held last June 18th.

Last of the donors is Perfecto Cruz, young rifle enthusiast, who offered medals in the high power rifle. The match will be held on September 3, over a course totalling in all 50 shots, including 20 in the rapid fire. A special gold medal will be awarded to the high man in the rapid fire course.

Granddaddy of all the special shoots, of course, is that for the Valdes Cup, a beautiful trophy offered by the Chief of Staff of the Philippine Army. Cortes won it three years ago, then Martin Gison was next, and Cortes repeated last year. This year, several shooters tied with perfect scores: Cortes, Ramon Villamor and Dr. Ramon Soler in the pistol; Dr. J. Alberto, Esteban Ferrer and Lt. Carlos Quirino in the rifle. Incidentally, this is the first time that rifle shooters have been able to make a bid for the trophy by making possible 500 scores at 50 yards.

The shoot-off to break the tie was held last June 10th.

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5TH ROUND OF DMHM TROPHY—Shown above are members of the NRPA, Far Eastern University and the U. P. teams that participated in the 5th Round of the DMHM Trophy Individual and Team Shoots, 22 cal. rifle. In the team event the NRPA boys emerged easy victors, while Mr. V. Baltazar romped away with the pennant in the individual event with 299 points to his credit.

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