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THE RIFLE CLUB

Fixtures For May.

CISSBURY RANGE. 3.0.

Wed., 2nd.—Practice, 2 p.m.,	Mr. E. C. Towgo O1
Friday, 4th.	Mr. A. Boy8
Wed., 9th.	Mr. W. S. Andre*
Friday, 11th.	Mr. F. O. Goldhf
Tues., 15th.	Mr. A. PuttoCb
Friday, 18th.	Mr. J. N.
Wed., 23rd.	Mr. G. J. Hagge;
Friday, 25th.	Mr. C. E. Thoma-

Monday, 28th.—Sussex Twenty Club Shoot, at Mile Oak Range Mr. W. G. Fell?

A silver spoon will be presented by Mr. G Taylor to the member making the highest score during the month who has not previously won the Skilled Shot Certificate.

W. G. PELLE, Hon. Sec

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