

What a Famous Pitcher Thinks of Trap Shooting

Chief Bender and The "Sport Alluring" Baseball vs. The Clay Birds

As disclosed in an interview with
CHIEF BENDER

WHEN "Chief" Bender, the former pitcher of the erstwhile world-champion Athletics, decided to cast his lot with the Baltimore Federal League team his decision brought double joy to the sportsmen of the Maryland metropolis. The reason was because the big Indian is not only one of the greatest tossers of the horsehide pill, but is also a top notcher in the trapshooting game.

What he thinks of the clay-bird game is best told in Bender's own words:

"Naturally, I like all outdoor games, but golf and trapshooting are my favorites, after baseball. I am not going to choose between these two, for I expect to continue to play golf, and I don't want to create hard feelings.

"It would be pretty hard to give the biggest reason why trapshooting appeals. There are so many reasons and almost any combination of these reasons would hold a man in the game once he had experienced the fascination of shattering a clay saucer that was getting away from him at a rate that made a bird's flight look lazy.

"I have been shooting clay targets for about thirteen years and with every visit to a trapshooting club the hold of the sport on me grows. Always I want to outdo previous efforts, and I find steady improvement in my shooting results.

"Lately I have done the best work at the traps I have ever done. On four successive Saturdays my score was bettered, being as follows on 100 targets—



"Chief" Bender

89, 94, 97, and 100 straight. And maybe I wasn't proud when I hung up that century.

"Trapshooting is bound to increase in favor with all lovers of outdoor games, because it appeals to the American spirit of wanting to be a participant in sport as well as a spectator. Almost anyone can acquire some degree of proficiency in the clay bird game. Of course the fellow who aspires to championship honors must master many phases of the shooting art, for there are many more things to learn about trapshooting than would be suspected by the man who has never tried to break a string of the elusive blue rocks.

"Some have an idea that trapshooting offers little in the way of exercise. This is all wrong, as any man will learn who carries a shot gun up and down the line, raises it to his shoulder fifty or one hundred times during an afternoon, and takes the punch of the recoil repeatedly, though this is not as great as is generally supposed.

"Another thing I like about trapshooting is that it gets my mind off of all other matters for the time being, for to

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do anything like good work at the traps one must think of nothing but how he is going to get the targets. Anyone will see the value of this feature of the game from the standpoint of recreation.

"Perhaps you have already suspected it, but to make sure that there be no mistake about it, let me tell you in plain English: I am a gun bug."

THE DU PONT 1915-16 LONG RUN TROPHY

During the year 1910 the Du Pont Powder Company originated the idea of giving a suitable trophy to trapshooters using a Du Pont powder in registered tournaments, who made a run of 100 or more, straight.

The idea was so popular with amateur shooters throughout the country that it was continued each succeeding year with even more gratifying results. Of course the design of the trophy was changed each year in order to make it attractive to the shooters who in previous years had won a Du Pont Long Run Trophy.

The Du Pont Long Run Trophy proposition for 1915-16 will be even more attractive than those given during previous years to shooters in registered tournaments.

Briefly, the proposition is to award a handsome gold watch fob trophy to every amateur and professional shooter using a Du Pont powder who makes a run of 50 straight or more in a registered tournament. Trophies will be suitably engraved with the name and address of the winner, date of run, length of run and place where it was made. Thus the Du Pont Long Run Trophy becomes a permanent record of the winner's excellent shooting.

For each additional run of 50 straight or more in a registered tournament a gold bar, suitably engraved, which can easily be attached to the fob, will be awarded the winner. To indicate the length of the runs, the bars will be in three sizes, as follows:

Runs of 50 to 74, a bar approximately one-eighth of an inch wide will be awarded.

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Runs of 75 to 99, a bar approximately three-sixteenths of an inch wide will be awarded.

Runs of 100 and over, a bar approximately five-sixteenths of an inch will be awarded.

A solid gold watch of standard make, such as an Elgin, Waltham or Howard, will be given to every amateur winning a fob and fourteen long run bars—that is, 15 runs of 50 or more entitle an amateur to the watch. When a shooter has received his watch he may immediately start to work to win another.

The idea of stating definitely that the Du Pont Long Run Trophy and watch proposition will be for two years, is, to make it clear to shooters that, if in 1915, they get but eight runs of 50 or more, they have a chance during 1916 to make the required runs to win a watch.

Under this plan any shooter may win two, three or more watches if he makes the necessary runs. But one fob will be given to each shooter. After winning one watch additional runs will be recognized with bars like those first received. When the second fifteen bars have been won a watch will be awarded the shooter winning them.

If preferred, silverware or other merchandise, or a lady's watch of approximately the same value as the gentleman's watch will be given to shooters entitled to additional watches.

The same conditions for professionals will prevail, except that they must make twenty-five runs of 50 straight or more to win a watch.

Shooters of Du Pont powders will be pleased to learn of the conditions under which the Du Pont Long Run Trophies will be awarded in 1915-16. We predict that this new and novel idea will meet with instant and general approval.

TRADE NOTE—

NEW IDEAL HAND BOOK

The new Ideal Hand Book (No. 25) is now ready. The many thousands of shooters who know the Ideal Hand Book will write for a copy of the new edition at once.

For the benefit of those shooters who have not been so fortunate as to have a copy of the Ideal Hand Book in the past, we are

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pleased to state that "The Ideal Hand Book of Useful Information for Shooters" is a large 160 page book issued each year by the Marlin Firearms Co. and furnished without charge or obligation to any shooter sufficiently interested to send three stamps postage for the book. The principal purpose of the book is to show that the modern cartridge is a simple thing—that any intelligent shooter using proper tools and good judgment, can reload his rifle, pistol and shotgun ammunition understandingly. He can adapt his loads exactly to his particular gun and his special requirements—and enjoy a "hobby" that increases the efficiency of gun and ammunition and cuts down his shooting expenses considerably.

It contains a word of useful information for shooters, answering fully and clearly such questions as "What is a caliber—or gauge?" "What is the diameter of the bore in the various rifles?" "What is the twist of rifling in any standard rifle?" "What are the ballistics of the various cartridges?" etc. It illustrates, tells how to cast, and gives the diameter and weight of the round balls for use in shotguns, explains how they are loaded and shows what results can be secured; explains how powder is bought and how measured for use in rifles and shotguns, telling how many cartridges one pound of powder will load with any given charge; gives tables reducing drams to grains, tables of primers, bullets and powders showing clearly just what powder, primer, bullet, etc., to use for any rifle or pistol.

To answer the inquiry "Does it pay to reload shells?" there are tables showing the actual cost of the factory cartridge compared with the cost of reloaded cartridges, showing in detail the cost of primed shells, cost of powder, cost of bullets ready made, cost of bullets when you make them yourself, etc. The information in this book is essentially accurate and reliable, and it will certainly make the average shooter sit up and take notice when he sees what a surprisingly big saving can be effected by reloading his shells. The book shows that the .22 Savage High Power cartridges usually sold to the consumer at \$3.42 per hundred, can be reloaded with a charge that compares very favorably with the factory load, at an expense of 62c per 100. The .25-20 high velocity factory cartridges cost \$1.79 per 100; you can reload them with a mighty satisfactory load at an expense of only 59c. The .25-35 and .25-36 factory cartridges sell at \$2.97 per 100; they can be reloaded for high power requirements at 79c per 100. The .30-30 and .303 factory cartridges sell for \$3.42 per 100; you can reload the empty shells and have 100 first-class cartridges for 97c.

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