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THE GEORGE W. CHILDS CUP. THE SPORTING LIFE CUP.

JOURNEYS FOR RECORD.

The Dandos Will Try for 530 Miles—The Barrett Luck. In the Dando Club's journey from Greer's Depot, 517 miles, the bird Volunteer, of James McGahey, was reported by postal card bearing the one o'clock stamp as in loft at 9:50 A. M.;

The Keystone Club had its birds started by Mr. A. H. Boyden, Salisbury, N. C., in a trial for the George W. Childs Cup at 5 A. M. June 24. The entry was—George S. Daly, H. S. W. P. Yerler 5, A. H. Craig 6. There were no returns the day of the start, but next day Mr. Craig reported two and Mr. Fall four. The returns on Tuesday were Yerler three and Fall one. Mr. Craig reporting a third later still. The air line distance is about 400 miles. The next start for the birds will be from about 500 miles, this week.

The third start for the birds of the Messrs. Hunsberger, Hayes and McGahey was from Charlotte, N. C., at 4:50 A. M. of June 23. The entry was ten birds, owned—Hunsberger 4, Hayes and McGahey each 3. There were no returns the day of liberating, but next day all but one Hunsberger and one Hayes were reported, the Hayes' coming in on the 26th. The McGahey returns were sent the following Thursday to fly against the Green birds from Greenville, S. C. The others will be sent this week to make the journey from 500 miles.

The twenty birds of the Hub Club, Boston, were started in their trial for THE SPORTING LIFE cup from Franklin, N. Y., the morning of June 24, under favorable atmospheric conditions, but with a strong and contrary wind over Eastern Massachusetts. The only return the same day was Wagner's H 198 at 1:45 P. M.—the distance about 200 miles, the average speed about 35 miles per minute. The first return of the birds left were his Sniko and Squeens on Monday. The next journey is to be on Saturday.

Mr. O. O. Barrett, Dorchester, was in better luck. His first nine arrived in Hingham and were reported for the start on Saturday—"A most beautiful day in Boston, the air clear and the wind blowing great gusts towards home," but raining through Central New York. On Sunday the weather was favorable. Harkner and the birds would have been let go, but for some reason the clerk giving instructions for the start and the countermarking had not been received, and the start was not made and the birds were thus saved from being into the fog in which the vicinity was enshrouded. Monday and Wednesday were bad at both starting point and home, but on Wednesday, for the first time, the birds were prepared to go, the air was clear over the entire course and the wind, excepting near at home, was favorable. The start was at 9 o'clock. The first return was H 413, at 2:30 P. M., certified at 2:15 P. M. the air-line distance about 224 miles, the average speed about 17 1/2 miles per minute. All but one were reported at evening, Richard III. arriving next day. The second nine was sent away to the same station on Friday to be started, if the air was clear, on Saturday.

The Philadelphia Club opened its second series with a journey from Gordonsville, Va., about 205 miles, June 22. The entry—Frank Devlin, George S. Fall, S. Charles Adams, W. F. Wolff, 3. The returns were Devlin's Blue Cloud, at 2:20 P. M. The returns reported are Devlin, 4; Fall, 4; Adams, 3; Wolff, 3; Green 1. The countermarking for the next journey was June 27, the start from High Point, Va., about 170 miles. The entry is owned by R. L. Hayes, George Fell, Wm. Wolff, A. Gordon and Charles Adams.

The Green Club arranged to make a third trial for THE SPORTING LIFE cup, and at the same time to run the club prizes offered for best, second and third from 300 miles. The start for all this was from Danville, Va., at 6:14 A. M., June 30. The entry for the journey from Danville to George Hunsberger, J. W. Harkner, Jr., 3; Henry Heintz, 5; Herman Diezell, 4; John Blood, 3. "After this fly," writes Mr. Diezell, "we shall devote all our energies toward winning the George W. Childs cup."

The birds of the Buffalo Federation were liberated in Circleville, O., the morning of June 24, but at evening only Blue Diamond, owned by Mr. Sam Karich, was at home. The air-line distance covered is about 300 miles. The birds of the Paterson Club, Baltimore, liberated at High Point, Va., the morning of June 24 made poor time, only three being at home at evening. These were John Trechman's N 340, at 5 o'clock; Hugh McCoy's G 165 and R 26, at 5:15 P. M.

The birds of Mr. Fred Bowers, Fall River, Mass., were liberated in Beverly, N. J., at 1:30 P. M. June 21 by order of the owner, who believed if the birds were given only time enough to share their liberty. The first returns, however, were next morning. The next journey was for three from this city. One of the lot, No. 318, had flown twice for THE SPORTING LIFE cup from Beverly and was not eligible for the competition for this distance, Beverly being less than fifty miles from this city. Nos. 314 and 313 having made the journey but once, were eligible. The start was at 12:20 P. M., at the 20th.

The birds of Joseph Makin, Providence, R. I., were liberated at Beverly the morning of June 27 at ten minutes past 8 o'clock. The first returns were two together at ten minutes past 6 o'clock, the others arriving later. The air line distance is about 210 miles. The birds of Mr. A. Shaw, East Liverpool, O., were liberated for their second journey in St. Louis, Mo., at five o'clock, the morning of the 30th.

The birds of the Volunteer Association, Brooklyn, arrived in Concord, N. C., the afternoon of June 29, to be started the first favorable morning after. The distance, air line, to be covered is about 150 miles. The birds of the Paterson, N. J. Club, were liberated at Washington, D. C., for their first journey for record the morning of June 30. The entry was John J. Brown, 4; Edward Bolton, 18; Morton Clark, 3; W. Benson, 8. The first return reported was Bolton's B 206, in loft at 12:45 P. M.; distance about 206 miles, average speed about 12 1/2 miles per minute. The birds were in their box from Monday until Saturday.

The Pigeons of Providence. SOUTH PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 27.—Since my last communication our little club had its second meeting, and the names of David Williams, Al Kane, William Brown and William Shutey, have been added to the roll. As yet we have not accepted a constitution, as our committee has been quite busy with personal business, it being their fourth of July rush. However, we have accepted the name of South Providence Pigeon Flying Society. I must mention that there are other pigeon clubs in the city, but at the other extreme ends, consequently we are unable to gain many points from them, and besides there seems to be already a little feeling of rivalry, but we are so very young in the business they cannot be afraid of us, yet, yet awhile, anyway. Your advice to call on the veteran Joseph Makin, was gladly followed, and several pairs of his young, strong and handsome birds have been purchased. We are to have a short race the fourth of July for a handsome meerschaum pipe offered by the club. One gentleman of the club has volunteered to contribute very liberally towards a silver goblet to be flown for later. This will be an incentive to keep up the interest, as well as to obtain the very best stock that can be purchased.

We would with pleasure accept a copy of the club's constitution on and by-laws, were they so disposed, and as the means of existing us greatly as to the way in which we should go. With best wishes for our fraternal friends, BOUTELLE.

Transfers of Stock. From James McGahey, Philadelphia, 1.—To E. W. Twining, Yardley, Pa., one bird from each Hausenno and Jennie W. nests. 2.—To Charles Adams, Philadelphia, one bird, brother to Lexington, one from Black Diamond nest. 3.—To John Heintz, Philadelphia, one in loft at Lexington. 4.—To John Elmer, Philadelphia, one pair Garbols. 5.—To C. F. Burger, Claymont, Del., one bird from each Red Cloud and Michaelson race. 6.—To John McCadden, Philadelphia, one bird from Red Cloud. 7.—To Charles Adams, one bird from Michaelson.

From J. G. O'Neil, Brooklyn, N. Y., to P. H. Platt, New York City, B-w, silver, with champion record for 200 miles; X 324, blue checker, Hunsco, stock; X 325, blue, Van Opstel stock; X 326, white-lighted blue, imported; silver, returned from 500 miles two years after liberating; also O 5, bred from blue and silver checker.

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BILLIARDS.

PROTECTION NEEDED.

Some Members of the National Billiard Association Who Want the Earth.

About once in every twelve or fifteen months it becomes necessary to create a revolution in the rules of the National Billiard Association. During the ten years of the existence of this Association not less than three constitutions have been written, published and paid for out of the "public treasury," to use a political figure of metaphor. In other words, or in language which the high and mighty potentates who officiate as bosses can comprehend, out of the treasury of the Association.

That it is no child's play to write a constitution and by-laws which shall in a first attempt cover every point calculated to guard the best interest of such an Association may readily be imagined. The history of this organization has certainly proved such to be the case, for scarcely had the first document been published than it was found necessary to go to work on a second. It was only after the publication of the second that the glaring defects of the latter became apparent, and all this, it must be remembered, after an experience of about eight years. As the funds were forthcoming, however, with all the regularity of milk from a faithful cow, there was nothing left to do but to write a third work and present the bill to the treasurer in due time, which would, of course, be honored. Thanks to the ever, to the obstruction of an obstructionist who is such by nature, inclination, desire and a general love to be perverse and "kuss'd" when he should not be, the third document was finished after some six months work!

The printing of a new constitution each time, that is, say 5,000 copies, cost about \$25. In other words, the Association has paid about \$75 for these documents during the past ten years. It is more than probable that this money has been well spent, especially when so conservative and slow a man as Maurice Daly is willing to admit that the needs of the National Billiard Association have been so completely met that it is only a question of time until all professional players in this country shall become members. There are but few men in the calling that we have more respect for than Maurice Daly. At the same time, however, it must not be forgotten that Mr. Daly is not a member of this Association; and as he should have been such for the past ten years, it is expected that when his application for membership, that his check will be made out for not less than \$50.

What is expected of Daly, will, of course, be looked for. He is a member of the Association. The more they men remain outside the fold, the more they will be expected to pay when their day of reckoning comes about. We are digressing, however, from our original theme. According to the constitution of the National Billiard Association, a sick member is to receive \$7 per week for a term of thirteen weeks, and an additional benefit in the event of prolonged illness of \$5 per week for thirteen more weeks, and in the event of death \$100 to be paid to the heirs of the deceased. In other words a sick member is to receive \$156 for benefits, or in the event of death \$256 for paying about \$45.00 to the Association.

The amount of money actually has been paid to sick members during the past ten years, and the question is now before the Association whether this amount is not entirely inadequate, and whether it is not better to continue to receive \$156 each year and in the event of death the extra \$100, must of course be paid. It may seem somewhat cruel, if not heartless, to object to sick members receiving the amount of money they are actually entitled to earn their bread. It should be remembered, however, that some consideration is due to members who are not sick, inasmuch as that it is these men who really furnish the financial ammunition of the Association. Are the members, who are the lions and saviors of the Association, to be treated in this manner? In a physical condition to require no aid from the Association, entitled to no consideration in the future? What guarantee can the Association give that the members who are well to-day may not be sick to-morrow? Are the members, who are the lions and saviors of the Association, to be treated in this manner? In a physical condition to require no aid from the Association, entitled to no consideration in the future? What guarantee can the Association give that the members who are well to-day may not be sick to-morrow, and if an unlimited amount of money is to be paid to any one member or to any dozen members, what financial protection is there for the Association? It is a fact that the Association has actually been paid out of its treasury for the past ten years, and has with it a balance of \$100,000, which is the property of the Association, and which is the property of the Association, and which is the property of the Association.

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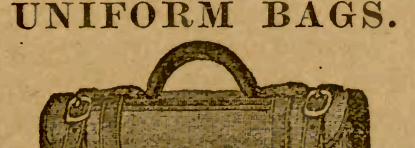
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