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Bits of News and Gossip About Men Whom All Lovers of Shooting Know in Person or Through the Medium of General Fame.

H. C. Reeser, of Oil City, secretary of the gun club of that place, writes us that the dates of the Pennsylvania State shoot have been changed to June 22 to 25. The live-bird event will be a handicap affair, and Elmer Shaner will manage the tournament. This will follow the Cleveland shoot, and as two railroads run direct to Oil City, no time will be lost.

Dr. Britton, of Indianapolis, shot well at the tournament given by the Anderson (Ind.) Gun Club on Dec. 25 and 26.

Harry Kirkover and Fred Emond, of Buffalo, will soon shoot a match at 100 live birds to decide the championship of Buffalo. Emond claimed that honor, as he defeated J. Koch in two out of three matches shot last year.

Tim Glover, of Rochester, N. Y., won best average in the Christmas day shoot of the Rochester Rod and Gun Club, averaging 90 per cent.

William Tuffly won a target match and a live-bird sweep at Oakhurst Gun Club Grounds, at Long Branch, N. J., Dec. 29.

G. L. Gibbs and George Shack, of West Long Branch, defeated Fred Clark and William Bridge in a pigeon match at Long Branch, N. J., on Dec. 28. Each shot at 10 birds, and Gibbs and Shack won by killing 19 out of the 20, to 13 for their opponents.

Harvey McMurchy, of the Hunter Arms Co., of Fulton, N. Y., was in New York last week shaking hands with the boys. He only had a carpet bag with him, as he is not obliged to carry samples of Smith guns in New York; everyone knows them too well. Harvey was feeling first class and promised to make some of the so-called champions practice up a bit if they beat him out during the coming season.

Fred Quimby, of New York, is now located at 300 Broadway, where he jollies the boys in his own inimitable style.

George Work and Joe Knapp, two crack pigeon shots, of New York, shot a tie match at live birds at Babylon, L. I., on Dec. 30, each killing 87 out of 100, 30 yards rise and 30 yards boundary. Under these conditions the scores are very high.

Will King, of Pittsburg, defeated W. G. Clarke, of Elwood City, Pa., in a 100 live bird match at Pittsburg, on Dec. 30, by the score of 94 to 86. King is surely shooting in brilliant form, and his friends are willing to back him against Winston, Grimm or Carver.

Harry Thurman and H. Landis shot in fine form at the live bird shoot held at Reading, Pa., on Dec. 29, and carried away most of the prizes.

Wallace Miller, of Austin, Texas, a shooting representative of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company of New Haven, Conn., gave an exhibition at Cuero, Texas, recently that attracted considerable notice. Mr. Miller was one of the men to kill 25 live birds straight at the Du Pont shoot at Chicago last August, and he used a Winchester repeating shotgun at that time.

C. M. Hostetter, "Old Hoss," of Pittsburg, Pa., has the honor of being the first regularly made entry for the Grand American Handicap for 1897.

John G. Messner, of Pittsburg, Pa., the well-known pigeon shot, and winner of the Grand American Handicap two years ago, was a caller on "Sporting Life" on Wednesday of last week. Mr. Messner said that he was in fine shooting form, but was doing but little work at the traps, owing to business interests. He intended to be present at the Grand American Handicap this year and try to win it again.

Charles Macalester, of Baltimore, the well-known pigeon shot, has been appointed to superintend the laying out of a pigeon shooting ground, at St. Augustine, Fla., which will be equal to any in the world. Mr. H. M. Flagler, the hotel owner, is backing the scheme, and will put up any amount of money to draw a crowd of pigeon shooters to the new shooting grounds during the winter months.

J. A. H. Dressel, secretary-treasurer of the Sportsmen's Association, New York, writes that the new headquarters of the Association are now ready for occupancy by

members and friends, at Nos. 377 and 379 Broadway. The association has every State in the Union represented on its membership roll, and the applications are coming in at the rate of six to eight daily. The Sportsmen's Exposition, to be held at Madison Square Garden, on March 13 to 20, will be the most attractive ever held by this association.

A. W. Du Bray, of Parker Bros., Meriden, Conn., is now in Texas showing up the gun which he so ably represents. He will attend the San Antonio mid-winter shoot, which will be given by Ole Guessaz, Joe George and Albert Steves.

Jack "147" Winston is a trifle superstitious, and it seems significant that he should defeat Fred Gilbert at Chicago recently by 13 birds in 100. Then Gilbert defeated him by six targets, and "147" won on the total 200 by seven to the good. It is easily figured that six and seven make 13. Then again "147" broke 77 out of his 100 targets and the sum of the numerals 6 and 8, which was the number of live birds Gilbert killed, is equal to the sum of the numerals 158, which was the number "147" scored out of the 200.

J. Gurbates, of East Pittsburg, Pa., won the first shoot for the E. C. Cup, on Dec. 26, by breaking 100 out of 118 Blue Rocks shot at in a handicap match. Mr. Gurbates is a new one at the traps, but surprised his friends by winning the cup.

Noel Mooney, of the American E. C. Powder Co., is going to the mid-winter shoot at San Antonio, Texas, as the E. C. powder was a big winner this last year and is a popular powder in that part of the country.

Sam La Rue defeated Ike Thomlinson in a 25 live-bird match at Holmesburg Junction, Pa., on Dec. 29, by killing 24 to 20. Le Rue lost his last bird, which fell dead out of bounds, or his score would have been a perfect one. The match was for \$25 a side, and loser pay for birds.

Harry Landis, the crack shot of Philadelphia, took three chances in a shooting match for a hog at Rockledge, Pa., on New Year's day, and broke 14 out of 15 Blue Rocks on each chance. He would have won the whole hog, but a "scrub" shooter managed to struggle into the same place and Landis had to be contented with three-fourths of the hog.

W. H. Lockerly, of Waverly, N. Y., a gunner who loves shooting for sport's sake, killed 128 grouse, 13 woodcock and 24 rabbits during the season just closed. Reports from Joe Adams' precinct have not been received yet.

O. R. Dickey, of Boston, was the best man in the team race of the Boston Shooting Association against the Worcester Sportsmen's team at Boston, Dec. 30, and broke 26 out of 30 in singles and 17 out of 20 in the doubles.

Peter Murphy, of the Silver Lake Gun Club of Philadelphia, and a well-known pigeon shot, left on Sunday last for a Western trip. He will go to New Orleans first and thence to San Antonio in time for the mid-winter tournament. From Texas he will go to California and enjoy the climate of that country for a few weeks if Mr. Murphy finds California suited to his health he is likely to settle there and go into business.

W. S. Edey, of New York, won the Westminster Kennel Club shoot at Babylon, L. I., on Jan. 1, by killing 24 out of 25 live birds. There were 34 entries.

I. W. D. Florerice, N. J.—In answer to your question will state that as the four high men agreed to shoot at the 10th bird the result should stand as made on that round. The man who lost his last bird agreed to the conditions, and shot at his 10th bird, taking his chance of winning. As he made no objections before he should make none after he had lost. The result should be taken for the 10 birds shot at for the four high men.

Charles Barton Keen, of the Red Dragon Canoe Club, Philadelphia, has recovered from a recent attack of typhoid fever, and will soon start for Mexico for the benefit of his health.

Seth Clover and A. P. Pope will give the boys a great shoot of Eric, Pa., on Jan. 12, 13 and 14. Targets and live birds and lots of fun. Seth Clover will have his brass band on hand every day and furnish music between each event. This is the band that will be with Keller's freak show next year and is well worth hearing. The entries in the live-bird sweep on the third day will exceed 50, and \$100 is added to the purse.

Charles Bechtel and James Coldren, of Reading, Pa., are trying to arrange a team match at live birds with two well-known Long Branch marksmen to shoot at 100 birds for \$200 a side.

D. B. McClure won the gold badge at the shoot of the McClure Gun Club, at Marcus Hook, on New Year's day, by killing 9 out of 10 live birds, 21 yards rise.

Frank E. Heyer, of Colt's Neck, N. J., won the Lincroft handicap shoot at Long Branch, on Jan. 1, by killing ten live birds straight.

Captain Haywood, of Denver, Col., a well-known pigeon shot, participated in the events at Long Branch, N. J., on Jan. 1, and shot very well, dividing first money in four miss and out events, but lost one bird dead out of bounds in the Lincroft Handicap.

M. Herrington, of the Laffin & Rand Powder Company, won a Winchester Repeating gun at Hackensack on Jan. 1, by breaking 28 out of 30 targets. He was tied

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by Van Kuren, but in the tie came out victorious. He was using the W. A. smokeless.

G. Piercy and B. Edwards defeated Taylor and Van Dyke in a team match at 100 targets each at Hackensack, N. J., on Jan. 1, by the score of 173 to 158. Edwards was high with 90 broken.

Charles F. Dudley won the Holiday Cup of the New Utrecht Gun Club, of Brooklyn, at Dexter Park, L. I., on Jan. 1, by killing 10 straight birds.

Michael Scheffley defeated Sam Slonaker in a live bird match in Pottstown, Pa., on Dec. 31, by killing seven to five out of nine birds under U. S. A. rules.

J. Reardon, of Hamilton, Can., won first money in a live-bird sweep at Brantford, Can., on Dec. 29, by killing 14 out of 15 birds.

L. Hazard defeated C. Dolan in a match at live birds at Riverton, N. J., on Dec. 31. The match was made at 100 live birds, 30 yards rise, 50 yards boundary, for \$100 a side. Mr. Dolan withdrew on the 45th bird, having lost six birds. Hazard shot in fine form and lost but one bird in the 45 shot at, and three fell dead out of bounds. In sweeps which followed Hazard killed 23 out of 25 birds.

F. D. Kelsey, of East Aurora, N. Y., won first money in a live-bird sweep at Buffalo, N. Y., on Jan. 1, by killing 19 out of 20. He also won a piece of first money in several smaller sweeps.

J. A. R. Elliott made a great record in his match with E. D. Fulford. He killed 99 out of 100 picked birds, but five fell dead out of bounds. He lost but two birds out of the first 85, which is about the best run that he ever made with the Winchester repeating shotgun. His load of E. C. powder loaded in Leader shells by the Winchester Arms Co. was a killing one, and Jim knew where to point it.

Will King, of Pittston, showed that he had nerve and staying power in his match with W. H. Clarke by killing 72 out of his last 74 birds.

Joseph Robinson, of Philadelphia, won the shoot of the Ritter Gun Club on Jan. 1, by killing 10 straight to seven for George Price.

"Crit" Robinson, of San Francisco, was defeated in a 100 live bird match at Monte Carlo on Jan. 1, 1897, by Hon. S. R. Beresford, who killed 85 to 82 for the Californian.

David Brown defeated George Diefenderfer in a live bird shoot near Reading, Pa., on Saturday last by killing eight to seven out of 10.

Charles Clouser won the gold medal at the first club shoot of the Electric Rod and Gun Club at Reading, Pa., on Jan. 3, by breaking 15 targets straight.

Fred Hoey defeated W. Gould Brokaw in a 100 live-bird match at Lakewood, N. J., on Jan. 2, by the score of 83 to 81.

R. O. Heikes was barred from shooting on the team race when the Buckeye Gun Club shot against the Indianapolis Gun Club. Rolla was too good with the gun.

Frank Montayne, of Towanda, Pa., won the best average at their gun club shoot on New Year's day. He is the champion target shot of Bradford County.

Will King killed 48 out of 50 live birds in a team race at Pittsburg, Pa., on Dec. 31.

Wm. Fieles, of Christiana, Pa., an old-time champion shot of Pennsylvania, is living quietly at his home in Christiana, and shooting but little at the trap. When he does try his hand he wonders why he does not connect with the flying saucers as he

once did. "Billy" enjoys himself training dogs, and turns out some of the finest in the land.

Tom Kellar, the great and only "Tee Kay," of Plainfield, N. J., now a full-fledged representative of the Peters Cartridge Co. and Kings Powder Co., was a visitor in Philadelphia last week, and a caller on "Sporting Life." Mr. Kellar attended the shoot at the Keystone Shooting League, and participated in the annual supper, but was too late for the shooting. He took part in the Florists' monthly shoot, and did good work for his company.

Charlie Raymond, of Heikesville, O., broke 48 out of 50 in the team race against the Limited Gun Club of Indianapolis. Charlie handles the "pump" gun in good shape.

Albert Bacon defeated George Roll at Henry, Ill., on Jan. 2, by killing 33 to 32 live birds out of 40. Roll held Du Pont trophy at one time, and Bacon is live bird champion of Illinois.

Charlie Grimm, of Clear Lake, the champion live-bird shot, was given a banquet by his many friends in Clear Lake after his victory over Dr. Carver in winning the Cast Iron Medal. Charlie Grimm is popular everywhere, and a credit to the trap shooting fraternity. WILL K. PARK.

HOEY OUTSHOTS BROKAW.

He Wins Three Live Bird Matches at Lakewood.

Lakewood, N. J., Jan. 1.—The live pigeon shooting season at the Ocean County Hunt and Country Club was ushered in this morning by three matches between Fred Hoey, the noted wing shot, and W. Gould Brokaw, the well-known yachtsman and sportsman. The day was raw and cold and the birds did not rise with their usual swiftness, but some excellent sport was witnessed. Among those who watched the shooting were F. W. Walthew, F. M. Gould, Harry Brookman, B. Spalding de Garmendia, Charles Oswald, A. J. Morgan, and Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Robertson.

The first match was at 10 birds, 30 yards rise, Brokaw receiving a handicap of two yards from Hoey. Both men were even at the 10th bird, but they kept on. Brokaw missed his 18th bird and Hoey won. The score follows:

Hoey	.....	11222	22022	22221	222	—17
Brokaw	.....	22222	21102	12222	110	—16

They next tried conclusions at three pairs of doubles. Most of the birds failed to rise at the same time, and after Hoey had won on the fourth attempt the experiment was dropped. The last contest was at 25 birds. Hoey shooting from the 32yd. limit. He won by killing 22 to Brokaw's 21. The score follows:

W. Brokaw	.....	10112	11250	12211	12012	21012	—21
Fred Hoey	.....	12011	21221	21222	10222	22202	—22

STRONG AND MAY

Defeat King and Anson in a Team Match at Live Birds.

A close match at live birds was shot at Pittsburg on Dec. 31, on the grounds of the Heron Hill Gun Club. The contestants were W. S. King and Anson, as one team against Strong and May as another. Each man shot at 50 live birds, and Strong and May won the match by one bird. W. S. King made the best record by killing 48 out of 50, but was closely followed by May, who grassed 47.

It was expected that King and Anson would win, but they put up a hard game and were one bird behind at the finish. May and Strong surprised their friends with the score they put up. Following are the scores:

50 birds each, 30 yards rise.		
W. S. King	22021 11211 12121 12222 21112—24	
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Anson	22201 21112 12222 01212 22200—21	
22120 21221 22120 12101 22222—22	43	
Total	91
C. A. May	22220 22222 22202 22222 22222—23	
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Strong	22220 11222 12212 11222 21112—25	
10222 20222 12202 22222 02022—20	45	
Total	92