

TRAP SHOOTING

PITTSBURG PICKINGS.

NEWS OF THE SHOOTING CLUBS AT SMOKE TOWN.

Will King's Great Work—An Interesting Team Race Shot—The Wilkinsburg's New Year Shoot a Success—Notes From the Game Fields.

Pittsburg, Jan. 5.—Gun Editor "Sporting Life":—The old year closed with a bang and a blaze of glory as far as trap shooting is concerned in Pittsburg. During the last week of the year there was more sweepstake and match shooting than has ever taken place in one week before. The match between W. S. King and W. G. Clark was considered by all to be the most important that has ever been shot in Western Pennsylvania. It certainly created more excitement than any similar event has ever aroused in this vicinity at any time in the past. All interested in the race were very anxious to see Mr. King come out successful, as the list of defeats that Pittsburg shooters had already suffered had grown to be quite a long one. Before the match was shot there was some misgiving as to just how Mr. King's nerve would stand the long and severe strain of a 100-bird race, but the killing of 72 out of the last 75 pigeons shot at tells the tale and shows very plainly that he has the staying qualities. After the first 25 birds had been shot at Mr. King settled down to his work and did some very fine shooting during the balance of the race. Mr. Clark started out in good form and looked like a winner, but after shooting some 40 birds he became very slow and uncertain. Mr. Clark had been sick and was not in the best of condition for shooting.

After defeating such a good match shooter as Mr. Clark is known to be, and as no one was willing to shoot a match with Clark, Mr. King must be considered the champion pigeon shot of Western Pennsylvania. Mr. King made the splendid total of 94, while Mr. Clark could not exceed 86. It is not probable that Mr. King will receive many challenges from this end of the State.

A very interesting team race was shot off during the week also. C. A. May and "Strong" constituting the winning team, while W. S. King and Anson shot on the losing side. It was expected that Mr. King and Anson would win the race, and they would have done so easily had Anson shot in anything like his usual form. As it was, they were only defeated by one bird. Mr. King shot splendidly, scoring 48 out of 50.

Strong and Fargo shot a match that was interesting from start to finish, as the contestants were very close together during the race. These are two local amateurs, but their scores of 46 each out of 50 would not indicate them to be such. The tie will be shot off at some future time.

In one of the small matches shot Sandy Macpherson walked out and killed 10 straight in a 10-bird \$10 chat with J. B. Duffy, of Washington County. He defeated Duffy and hived the coin in his usual nonchalant manner.

The Wilkinsburg Gun Club celebrated the incoming of the New Year by giving a 100-target handicap shoot for merchandise prizes. The day was fair, and as there was over 50 very nice prizes to be shot for the members had their hands full trying to get all the prizes shot off before dark. The members were out in full force and enjoyed themselves hugely. There were more prizes than members, and as each one got a whack at the bunch they were all satisfied, and the day was voted a grand success.

The East Pittsburg Gun Club celebrated the New Year and opened the target shooting campaign for 1897 by holding one of their very enjoyable all-day sweepstake shoots. Secretary Swenson and his two running mates, E. Gurbates and G. Kothe, are hustlers and kept the shooters on the move all the time. This was one of the most successful shoots that this popular club has given, both in point of numbers in attendance and events shot off. The club had two whole roast turkeys for lunch, but after all had a shy at them there was not much left for tramps. Sharrard and "Uncle" John Gelm carried off the honors for being large eaters.

The live-bird shoot on the grounds of the Spring Hill Gun Club was a very pleasant affair. It was a 25-bird event and some very good scores were made. John S. McIntosh is president of the club, and it is to his kindness that the members are indebted, for he annually gives this shoot for their benefit. Mr. McIntosh will be one of the Pittsburg contingent for the Grand American Handicap.

For new beginners at trap shooting the members of the Remington Gun Club, of Squirrel Hill, have been making some very good scores. Last week the members had their usual practice shoot. E. S. Kepple and William Hatch led the band.

A. C. L. Hofmeister, of the Iroquois Rifle Club, has been doing some splendid shooting with the rifle. During the Christmas prize shoot of the club Mr. H. made the magnificent score of 90 points without a

miss, and, of course, walked off with first prize.

Charles T. Harbaugh and friend, of Sewickley; Judge Kennedy, of this city; Dr. W. Ross Foster, of Crafton; W. S. Bell and John A. Bell, of Carnegie, will start shortly for Mississippi on a quail shooting trip. The party will be away some three or four weeks, and while there W. S. Bell will act as judge of the field trials.

Samuel Shaner and E. Reed Shaner closed their shooting season last week by having a fly at grouse and rabbits. The amount of game killed will not be given, as they cannot agree on the number of pieces killed by each other.

S. C. Young, of Sewickley, spent two days in Somerset County last week and pocketed 10 grouse and some other game.

S. T. McClarren and W. L. Kinser spent last week at Crown, Clarion County. They brought home a very nice bag of grouse and other game. OLD HOSS.

AN EXPERT MARKSMAN.

Wallace Miller Gives an Exhibition of Fancy Shooting.

Wallace Miller, of Austin, one of the champion shots of Texas and one of the best in the United States, did some fancy shooting in Cuero on Dec. 25 that greatly amused the spectators assembled to see him. He uses a Winchester repeating gun, made by the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., which company he represents, and if buyers were assured they would become as expert with the guns as he is, to a certainty he would experience no difficulty in selling lots of them. Mr. Miller has the distinction of being one of five out of a hundred and twenty-eight expert shots who entered a tournament in Chicago last summer, killing twenty-five



WALLACE MILLER.

birds straight, and has the reputation of being one of the best fancy shots anywhere in the country. Among other fancy shooting he placed an oyster can several yards away, shot in the ground near it, knocking it into the air some six feet, then shot and hit it three times before it struck the ground. He then laid his gun across his right foot, took a clay pigeon in each hand, threw them up simultaneously, tossed his gun up with his foot, grasped it and shot both birds before they struck the ground.

He threw an empty shell out of his gun in a forward position, stepped backward and shot, striking it before it struck the ground. Then he asked a friend to toss up two birds at the same time, which he broke. Then three, then four, then five. The rapidity with which he had to shoot when the five were thrown up was something remarkable, but he broke a clay pigeon each shot, and astonished the crowd.

SOUTH END GUN CLUB.

Reading Trap Shooters Celebrate New Year's Day.

The South End Club, of Reading, Pa., celebrated New Year's with a shoot on Independence Island at Blue Rock targets. The day being pleasant, there was a large audience. The events were all around members, and the marksmanship all around was good. The events and summaries were as follows:

- First, 10 birds each—H. Yost 10, Wilson 5, Matz 3, Glicker 10, Miles 9, Gerhart 5.
- Second, 10 targets—Wilson 3, Matz 5, Yost 8, Glicker 6, Miles 6, Gerhart 7.
- Third, 10 targets—Ball 8, Harrison 9, Marcks 8, Wilson 5.
- Fourth, 10 targets—Yeaker 7, Yost 7, Rhoads 6, Wilson 7, Glicker 8, P. Texter 6.
- Fifth, 10 targets—Yeaker 8, Wilson 6, Yost 7, Rhoads 6, Waeland 4, N. Texter 6.
- Sixth, 10 targets—Rhoads 4, Wilson 4, Waeland 5, Yost 8, Glicker 6, P. Texter 5.
- Seventh, 15 targets—Harrison 11, Ball 9, Miles 8, Yost 10, Yeaker 10, Miller 8.
- Eighth, 10 targets—Yost 9, William 9, Downs 2, Eshelman 9, Hawk 1, Morris 4.
- Ninth, 10 targets—Spatz 1, Moore 7, Williams 6, Yost 6, Ball 4, Rhoads 7.
- Tenth, 10 targets—Miller 8, Hawk 2, Waeland 2, P. Texter 4, Eshelman 8, Rhoads 5.

Gun Club Election.

Allentown, Dec. 31.—The John F. Weiler Gun Club last evening elected the following new officers: President, Dr. A. S. Rabenold; vice president, W. La Monte Gillette; secretary, Emerson F. Miller; financial secretary, Charles Kramlich; treasurer, John F. Weiler; trustees, Isadore J. Zellner, James Schwoyer and Walter Biery; captain, Oscar S. Acker; assistant captain, Allen S. Weiler; sergeant-at-arms, Alfred Griesemer; trapper, Frank Moyer.



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SILVER LAKE GUN CLUB.

Scores Made at Targets at Their Weekly Shoot.

The Silver Lake Gun Club held their regular weekly shoot on Dec. 26 and shot at Blue Rock targets. Several events were contested and the following scores were made:

Events Nos. 1 and 2, at 5 targets.			
Mink	10111-4	01100-2	
Numbers	10110-3	10001-2	
Apker	11110-4	10111-4	
Sheetz	00000-0	00000-0	
Ford	01010-2	10111-4	
Price	10010-2	00000-0	
Mount	01011-3	10111-4	
Reed	01101-3	01000-1	
Stoffer	01010-3	10111-4	
No. 3 was at 10 targets, and No. 4 at 5 targets.			
Mink	11111	11001-3	11111-5
Reed	11011	01111-8	11011-4
Ford	11101	10110-7	
Numbers	10100	11010-6	01000-1
Stoffer	10001	01110-5	
Mount	10011	00100-4	00100-1
Sheetz	00001	00000-1	00010-1
Apker			10110-3
Price			10001-2
No. 5, 15 targets.			
Reed	11111	01111	11011-13
Mink	10111	01111	11110-12
Ford	11101	10110	11111-12
Numbers	01110	01010	10101-8
Apker	10001	01110	10110-8
Stoffer	01011	10100	10101-8
Mount	11100	01011	01000-7
Sheetz	00100	11000	10110-6

LIVE BIRDS AT LOCKPORT.

Enthusiastic Sportsmen Shoot in a Snow Storm.

In spite of the prevailing snowstorm, a number of enthusiastic sportsmen had a live bird shoot at the Fair Grounds, Lockport, N. Y., on December 21. Patterson, who generally makes one of the best records, was most bothered by "the beautiful," because he wears glasses, on which it collected and seriously interfered with his sight. Following are the scores:

EVENT NO. 1, FIVE BIRDS.			
Covert	10111-4	10111-4	
Wentworth	10011-3	10011-3	
Patterson	11011-4	11011-4	
Huber	11100-3	11100-3	
Birds shot at 20, shots fired 24, birds killed 15, birds missed 5.			
EVENT NO. 2, SIX BIRDS, SWEEPSTAKES			
Patterson	000010-1	000010-1	
Huber	001010-2	001010-2	
Covert	110011-4	110011-4	
Wentworth	101010-3	101010-3	
Birds shot at 23, shots fired 28, birds killed 11, birds missed 12.			

B. BOURNE SHOT WELL

At the Frankford Gun Club Shoot on Christmas Day.

The Frankford Gun Club had an all-day shoot on its grounds at Bridesburg Station, Philadelphia, on Dec. 25. The weather was cold and clear, but owing to the situation of the traps the shooting was somewhat tame and resulted in rather small scores. Blue Rock traps and targets were used in all the events and the Rose system was used in the division of purses. All of the events were at five targets each and unknown angles, and probably the best scoring of the day was done by B. Bourne. Howard George was official scorer. Summaries:

First event, five targets, unknown angles—R. Bourne 5, E. Dawson 4, W. Lester, C. Puff, Knoblauch, Crowther, George and Mercer each 3. Second event, five targets, unknown angles—Crowther, Bourne, Mercer, George and Carter

each 5, Dawson, Knoblauch, Puff and Wynkoop each 4, Leshar 3.

Third event, five targets, unknown angles—George 5, Mercer, Leshar, Knoblauch, Dawson, Puff, Bourne and Carter each 3, Crowther and Wynkoop 2.

Fourth event, five targets, unknown angles—Crowther 5, George 4, Knoblauch 4, Puff 3.

Fifth event, five targets, unknown angles—Cameron 5, Mercer 4, George, Bourne, Puff and Knoblauch 3.

Sixth event, five targets, unknown angles—R. Bourne 5, Mercer, Puff and Cameron each 4, George and Knoblauch each 3.

Seventh event, five targets, unknown angles—Bourne and Cameron 5, Mercer, George, Puff 4, and Livezey 3.

RED DRAGON CANOE CLUB.

Scores Made at the Weekly Shoot at Blue Rocks.

The shooting members of the Red Dragon Canoe Club of Philadelphia, met at the club house on Dec. 26 and shot at Blue Rocks. The targets were thrown very fast and some of the beginners were puzzled considerably. In the event at 10 targets, under expert rules, Mack, the great grouse hunter, made a number of poor calculations and 10 Blue Rocks sailed away with the whirl of a ruffed grouse in the wilds of Clinton County. The Count, however, had been a close student under him and made a good showing. Following are the scores:

25 Blue Rocks.			
Kramer	10111	11011	10111
Fenny	11011	01110	10100
"Life"	01001	01001	00110
Rogers	01011	11011	10100
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"Life"	01101	00111	10100
Fucknell	10111	11110	01111
Fenny	00001	11010	00110
Rogers	00011	01010	10110
Kramer	01101	01110	01001
Zimmie	00010	00100	00000
10 Blue Rocks, expert rules.			
"Life"	10111	11110	11110
Kreamer	01110	10101	10101
Rogers	00011	00011	00011
Fucknell	11000	10000	3
Fenny	01000	10100	3
Zimmie	10010	00000	2
Mack	00000	00000	0

ABOUT GAME PRESERVATION.

Dr. B. H. Warren Sends Out a Circular Asking Certain Questions.

Dr. B. H. Warren has sent out a circular from Harrisburg to all persons interested in the preservation of game asking certain questions. He says: "Desiring to obtain all the reliable information possible concerning the game and fish of Pennsylvania, I take the liberty of sending you this circular, and shall esteem it a favor if you will kindly respond promptly and as fully as may be practicable to the questions. The information obtained through this circular, with other data bearing on the subject of game, the protection of the same, etc., will be placed at the disposal of the Board of Game Commissioners and published in their report, which will be issued in a few months."

Trap at Toronto.

Several events were shot at live birds and Blue Rocks at the Woodbine, Toronto, Can., on Dec. 19, with the following results: Shoot No. 1, 10 sparrows—G. Geoch 9, F. Roberts 9, J. Coulter 8, N. Moore 8, J. Wilson 7. Shoot No. 2, 10 sparrows—Roberts 9, Coulter 8, Geoch 8, Moore 8, Wilson 5. Shoot No. 3, 10 targets—McDuff 9, Roberts 9, Fleet 8, Moore 8. Shoot No. 4, 10 targets—Moore 8, Roberts 8, Wilson 6, Fleet 6.