



A FINE MATCH

AMATEURS SHOT AT TWO HUNDRED LIVE BIRDS.

Two Riverton Gun Club Men Have an Exciting Race—It Was Nip and Tuck Nearly to the Finish—Clarence Shot Finely at the Last Hundred Birds.

One of the finest matches shot in this vicinity for some time took place on the grounds of the Riverton Gun Club, at Riverton, N. J., on Jan. 14. The match was at 200 live birds, 28 yards rise, 50 yards boundary, and was as pretty a race as one would wish to witness.

The day was not a good one for high scores, as the air was cold and a northeast wind blew across the grounds into the shooters' faces, while the sky was dark and flakes of snow blew here and there, making a very poor light.

The Count started in well and took the lead at the first round of 25, killing 21 to his opponent's 19. At 50 birds Clarence was one in the lead, having killed 23 out of the second round of 25, while the Count lost five birds, four being scored against him from the 42d to the 49th birds.

Clarence settled down and killed 22 straight and the Count followed by grassing 23 out of the third 25, which made the score 65 to 64 in Clarence's favor. Clarence shot well until the 87th round, when he struck a slide and allowed four birds to escape in succession, but regained himself and finished the balance to his credit, scoring a total of 86 out of the first 100.

The Count was shooting in steady form and because of Clarence's bad break came out one ahead at the end of the 100th bird, with 87 to his credit. Clarence lost the first bird in the second hundred and then killed clean to the 25th bird, placing 23 more dead to his score. The Count lost two birds out of the same number and still led by one bird. In the next 25 Count allowed four to escape, and Clarence, by grassing 22, tied him again, each having 131 dead out of 150 shot at. Clarence continued to shoot steadily and grassed straight to the 13th bird on the seventh round of 25, and also slipped up on the 15th, after which he finished the remaining ten straight. The Count, however, had two birds fall dead out of bounds and one sailed away unhurt, which left him one behind in the race.

The men started on the last 25 with considerable spirit, and Clarence improved in his time and showed his best skill, killing the first 24 straight, but fell down on the last bird of the match, a fast left quarterer. The Count shot pluckily along, but as Clarence showed such good form he felt that the race was nearly settled, and when his second, seventh and thirteenth in the last 25 got away he gave up all hope, but shot out to the end, missing five out of the last ten, simply because he felt that he was out of the race.

Clarence surprised his friends with the manner in which he cut down fast birds on the last fifty, and his score of 47 out of that number was a good one in the growing dusk and strong quality of birds furnished. He killed 86 out of the first 100 and 92 out of the second, a total of 178 against the Count's 87 and 83, a total of 170.

While it is always customary to say that the birds were first-class, we can prove something of their quality by stating that out of four hundred birds, but two were "no bird," and not over ten of the entire number refused to fly the instant the trap was opened, and some of these few sitters developed into very fast flyers when they finally made up their minds to go.

The Count drew forty-three "star birds," and lost nineteen of them. His best kills were on the first, a driver; the twenty-ninth, a towering right quarterer; the fifty-fourth, a right quarterer; the fifty-fifth, a left quarterer driver; the sixtieth, a right quarterer; the sixty-fourth, a driver; the sixty-ninth, in same direction; the eighty-second, a right quarterer; the eighty-sixth and ninety-third, right quartering drivers; the one hundred and eleventh and one hundred and eighteenth, both nearly straightaways; the one hundred and twenty-first, a right quarterer; the one hundred and twenty-seventh, a towering right quarterer; the one hundred and thirty-first, a right quarterer; the one hundred and thirty-third, a very fast right quarterer; the one hundred and thirty-fourth, a driver; the one hundred and thirty-ninth, a right quarterer; the one hundred and forty-second, an extra good right

quarterer; the one hundred and forty-fifth, a right quarterer; the one hundred and fifty-fourth, a driver; the one hundred and seventy-second, a quartering right quarterer; the one hundred and ninetyeth, a slightly left quartering driver.

The Count lost the seven birds dead out of bounds, and his lost birds were as follows: The seventh, thirty-seventh, forty-third, forty-ninth, one hundred and fifth, one hundred and sixth, one hundred and twenty-sixth, one hundred and fifty-ninth, one hundred and seventy-seventh, one hundred and ninety-third, one hundred and ninety-fifth and one hundred and ninety-ninth, dew to the right, either direct or quartering; the fifteenth, forty-fifth, fifty-sixth, seventy-eighth and one hundred and thirty-second flew to the left, either direct or quartering; the thirteenth, twenty-fifth, forty-sixth, eighty-fifth, one hundred and forty-first, one hundred and fifty-third, one hundred and sixty-third, one hundred and ninety-fourth and two hundredth were outgoers, either direct or slightly quartering; the sixty-second, one hundred and forty-third, one hundred and eighty-first and one hundred and eighty-eighth were incomers, either direct, or quartering to the right or left. The best kills he made were on the one hundred and thirty-third, a fine right quarterer from No. 3 trap, which was stopped beautifully with the second barrel; the one hundred and forty-second, from No. 5 trap, in the same direction, was also a splendid kill. One of the hardest birds which fell to his lot was the one hundred and ninety-fourth, a very swift outgoer, black in color, which flew close to the ground. It was almost impossible to see it in the poor light, and was an excusable miss.

Clarence drew "star" birds and thirty of this kind were marked to him, sixteen of them being killed. His "star kills" were on the eighth, a right quartering driver; the twenty-third, a towering right quarterer; the forty-third, forty-fourth and fifty-ninth, all right quarterers; the seventy-fifth, a driver; the eightieth, a right quarterer; the eighty-second, driver; the one hundred and seventh and one hundred and twenty-first, both right quarterers; the one hundred and thirty-seventh and one hundred and thirty-ninth, both straightaway drivers; the one hundred and forty-third, one hundred and seventy-fourth and one hundred and seventy-fifth, all right quarterers, and the one hundred and ninety-fourth, a driver.

Clarence lost three dead out of bounds. His lost birds were the second, sixth, seventeenth, forty-first, fifty-first, eighty-ninth, ninetieth, one hundred and thirty-sixth and two hundredth, which flew to the right; the fourteenth, twenty-fourth, thirty-eighth, eighty-eighth and one hundred and first flew to the left; the sixteenth, seventy-fourth, eighty-seventh, one hundred and twenty-fifth and one hundred and forty-fifth were outgoers; the one hundred and forty-sixth, one hundred and sixty-third and one hundred and sixty-fifth were incomers. His hardest birds were the seventeenth, which fell dead a foot over the outer boundary line, and the one hundred and forty-fifth, a twisting driver. Clarence made the longest run, with 34 straight.

The match began at 11.30 A. M., and the first one hundred birds were shot in 65 minutes, the second one hundred in 65 minutes; the third one hundred took 75 minutes and the last hundred were finished in 65 minutes, making a total of four and a half hours for the 400 birds. Had the men desired, this time could have been shortened a half hour or more.

The directions of the flight of the birds are as follows:

Table with columns: Drivers, Left Q., Right Q., Incomers. Rows: Count (45, 57, 76, 22), Clarence (30, 53, 92, 16)

Mr. F. C. Arnold acted as referee in a very satisfactory manner. "Sporting Life" kept score.

Following is the score:

Table with columns: H. Clarence, 28yds. rise. Rows: 20111 01221 22202 0*212 22202-19, 21122 11221 21*11 *2221 22112-23, 01122 12231 11311 21222 22102-23, 12122 22112 10900 22221 22222-21-86, 02122 12222 11121 21121 22210-22, 21112 11121 02221 22222 21222-22, 22212 12211 12010 12212 21222-23, 12212 22221 12222 22222 22220-24-92

Total178

Table with columns: The Count, 28yds. rise. Rows: 12211 *2*211 22020 21211 22210-21, 21121 21122 20111 21210 10202-20, 10122 01022 20221 11121 11122-23, 21*11 12210 21211 21111 12111-23-87, 2222* 02111 22112 11111 21112-23, 02111 20222 21121 02012 21122-21, 11*21 111*1 20212 12211 12112-22, 10221 01111 12022 22006 21100-17-83

Total170

Clarence used a Scott gun, 3/4 drams Hazard Blue Ribbon smokeless powder, 1 1/4 oz. No. 7 shot for both barrels, loaded in smokeless shells.

Count used a Scott gun, 3/4 drams Hazard Blue Ribbon smokeless powder, 1 1/4 oz. No. 7 1/2 shot in first barrel and same amount of No. 7 shot in second, loaded in smokeless shells.

M'MURCHY WAS THE BEST

In a Live Bird Shoot at Messina Springs.

Four Syracuse sportsmen had a shoot at live birds at Messina Springs, near Syracuse, N. Y., on Jan. 9, and Harvey McMurphy, of L. C. Smith gun fame, had the best record, killing 34 out of 40 birds, 30 yards rise. George Mosher wanted some practice for his match with J. 147 L. Winston, for the Du Pont trophy, and killed 29 out of 35, losing his last bird dead out of bounds. The pigeons were a fresh lot of country birds and flew very strong. Following are the scores:

Table with columns: H. McMurphy, 28yds. rise. Rows: 02222 11221 11*11 11120-17, 22211 21212 *2021 02112-17-34, Holden 22211 20222 02021 21201-15, 21201 20212 20002 21122-15-30, Mosher 11220 22*22 22122 22022-17, 10122 22112 02220-12-20, A. S. White ...22100 11012 21100 02020-12

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A RIFLE MATCH.

A. J. Van Dusen Defeats E. F. Richter at Milwaukee.

The final match between the two rifle experts, A. J. Van Dusen, of Winona, Minn., and E. F. Richter, of Milwaukee, Wis., at the Milwaukee Sharpshooters' range was won on Jan. 12 by Van Dusen and 2141 for Richter. To the latter, however, belongs the credit of having made the highest record of the day, 229 out of a possible 250, while Van Dusen's highest mark was 227 and his lowest 194. Both marksmen were handicapped by the rapid changes in the direction and strength of the wind and the unfavorable light, and in addition to this Richter's eyes troubled him and Van Dusen was suffering with a cold contracted last week while practicing at the range. The Winona expert began badly, and at the start the Milwaukeean led his opponent six points, but at the end of the next score Van Dusen gained nine points, while in the third round Richter secured a lead of five points. In the fourth round the Milwaukee rifle expert still retained a lead of one point, but in the fifth Van Dusen finished ten points ahead, adding 16 more to that number in the sixth. At the conclusion of the seventh round Van Dusen led Richter 32 points, a lead the latter reduced to 27 in the eighth, but the visitor made his net lead 41 in the ninth by running up a score of 227. In the last score, however, Van Dusen went to pieces and Richter scored 222 to his opponent's 197, which left the former 16 points ahead at the conclusion of the match.

Van Dusen's grand total for the three days was 6494, and Richter's 6358, leaving the former a victor by 136 points. The average of the Winona rifeman during the contest was 216.4 and that of the Milwaukeean 211.9 out of a possible 250.

Following are the scores:

Table with columns: A. J. VAN DUSEN. Rows: 24 18 22 15 18 21 20 22 20 24, 23 20 25 20 19 24 23 22 21, 25 20 22 21 20 19 24 23 18 25, 17 22 24 24 24 24 20 22 19, 22 24 19 22 22 23 25 21 24, 24 20 23 22 24 23 21 23 18, 23 23 18 21 20 24 22 24 25 25, 23 19 21 22 17 23 21 19 25 23, 21 21 25 23 23 25 20 24 23 22, 20 22 20 30 19 24 12 19 19 22

Total2157

Table with columns: E. F. RICHTER. Rows: 21 18 19 15 23 20 22 19 23 20, 24 20 22 25 22 22 18 18 17 17, 22 25 23 25 23 23 25 24 20 19, 23 21 19 22 21 19 23 24 21 21, 17 22 23 19 24 22 21 21 20 24, 19 21 20 18 22 21 22 24 21 20, 21 16 24 20 25 21 24 24 24 20, 23 23 20 20 23 17 24 22 24 22, 22 16 24 25 22 23 23 17 21 20, 10 24 25 25 22 25 20 23 24 19

Total2141

AT DEXTER PARK.

The Erie Gun Club Hold Their Monthly Live Bird Shoot.

The Erie Gun Club held their regular monthly live bird shoot at Dexter Park, L. I., on Jan. 13. The Plate family was well represented, four of them participating in the events, and all but Bernard gave a good account of themselves. John H. Plate, the 12-year-old son of Chas., shot well, and grassed six out of seven. The election of officers was held and the following were chosen: President, Frederic Gref; vice president, Henry Dohrman; secretary,

Chas. H. Lührssen; treasurer, Chas. Plate.

Table with columns: Club shoot, 7 birds. Rows: Charles Plate 122222-7, Henry Dohrman 22222-7, Charles Murphy 111121-7, John Plate 212211-7, Henry Muller 110211-6, Harry Jankowsky 202122-6, John H. Plate 212022-6, George Fuchs 101111-6, Harry Blackley 101011-5, Bernard Plate 210012-4, Gus Shufeldt 202020-4, Jacob Schmidt 25002*-3, Sweepstake, three birds, two moneys—Murphy 3, Charles Plate 3, Blackley 3, Dohrman 2, John H. Plate 2, Muller 2, Schmidt 2. Shoot off for first money, miss and out—Charles Plate 5, Murphy 4, Blackley 3. Shoot off for second money, miss and out—John H. Plate 3, Schmidt 2, Dohrman 1, Muller 0.

BAY VIEW WON.

The National Gun Club Defeated in a Team Match.

The Bay View Gun Club of ten men defeated a like number of men from the National Gun Club on the grounds of the latter club, at Milwaukee, Wis., on Jan. 9. Each man shot at 10 live birds, 30 yards rise.

The birds flew too well for some of the men and good scores were rather scarce. The Bay View team started out strong and kept a good lead until the end, although the Nationals made a rally and closed up some of the gap, but too late to win.

Quite a number of local sportsmen witnessed the match and after it was over F. C. G. Brand invited the delegation to the National Hotel, where a turkey supper was served. At the conclusion of the match the Nationals challenged the victors, and a return match will be shot in the near future. Following are the scores:

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Table with columns: Silverman 22201 20220-7, Case 02012 22211-8, Thomas 10121 12122-9, Mennier 02000 20122-8, Melxner 22220 02111-5, Shea 01120 02001-5, Mergler 10010 11101-6, Brand 02021 02000-4, Reed 01210 01222-7, Bosworth 00022 22222-7-66

BAY VIEW GUN CLUB.

Table with columns: W. Oberhauser 12222 22222-10, Faulkner 20212 11212-9, Klappinski 220-2 12000-6, Hirschbuehl 01010 01200-4, Campbell 02101 10202-6, Wheatley 22120 20210-7, Vallier 11002 11211-8, Pabey 22122 20222-8, Barnes 21102 10001-6, Van Ellis 02021 20120-6-70

Live Birds at Queens.

The Queens Rifle and Gun Club had a clay bird shoot Jan. 12 at its grounds at Queens, L. I., and Thomas Lloyd won, with the only clean score of the day. Summary:

Table with columns: CLUB SHOOT—TEN BIRDS. Rows: Thomas Lloyd 11111 11111-10, A. I. Nickols 01111 11111-9, Charles Vogel 11110 11101-8, Max Dugas 11100 10101-6, W. W. Hepburn 10091 10100-4, Stephen Vanderveer 00000 01100-2

Apponaug Gun Club.

The Apponaug Gun Club, of Providence, R. I., held a shoot at targets on Jan. 9, and the following scores were made: George Brown 11100 11111 11111 11110 01111-21, W. Richardson 01111 01110 00010 00000 10001-11, W. Brown 10010 11110 00011 01010 00111-14, G. Richardson 11009 10110 01101 01111 00011-11, C. Brown 01110 00111 00101 01111 00011-14, B. Austin 00000 11010 11110 11100 00100-11