



THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AT LIVE BIRDS

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WINCHESTER FACTORY LOADED "LEADER" SHELLS

This highly important event, which is annually sought by the best shots of America, was the principal match of the Second Grand Sportsman's Handicap which was held at Detroit, Mich., February 15, 16, 17, there being in all 26 entries. Mr. R. R. Bennett, of Pittsburg, Pa., won with the score of 24 out of 25 birds, from the 30-yard mark, receiving the Gilman & Barnes Trophy, which is the emblem of this championship. The weather conditions under which this match was shot were severe enough to test the eye and nerve of the greatest expert—and the experts were there. This, of course, reflects great credit upon Mr. Bennett's skill, but—suppose he had used unreliable or inferior shells? Skill in shooting is of little avail if faulty ammunition is used. Mr. Bennett looked out for that part of it, and supplied himself with the best shells he could buy, so as not to take any chances; in other words, he used Winchester Factory Loaded Shells, which are unequalled for reliability, pattern, penetration and killing qualities under any conditions.

Winchester Factory Loaded Shells were also used by Alec Tolsma, who won high average the first day, and by Chas. Spencer, who won high average the second day with a straight score of 25 birds, which was remarkable shooting under the circumstances.

If you are not satisfied with your shooting, the trouble may be with your "load." Next time you shoot, change to Winchester Factory Loaded Shells and you will never change again; for they are

THE SHELLS THAT WIN THE TROPHIES AND THE AVERAGES TOO

THE SALE OF GAME.

Joseph Kalbfus Appeals to the Sportsman on an Important Question.

A circular on the sale of game is being sent out by Joseph Kalbfus, secretary of the State Game Commission, Harrisburg, Pa. This letter appeals fairly to all sportsmen to save the game birds by preventing the sale of game in this State. Part of the circular is hereby given:

Sir—I desire by means of this circular to call your attention to Senate bill No. 11, as a whole, and specially to Section 12 of the bill, which was introduced at the suggestion of the Game Commission of this State.

This section is drawn for the purpose of preserving, if possible, from absolute extinction four of the game birds of the State that are rapidly disappearing and that, beyond a question, will without additional protection within a limited number of years, like the buffalo and the wild pigeon, exist only in memory. One of these birds, the woodcock, is migratory. Its breeding ground is limited; its field of slaughter limitless. The sale of one of these birds killed in Florida means just as much loss to you as though the same bird had been killed in this State. It might have been hatched within the limits of Pennsylvania. So rapidly has the woodcock disappeared within the last few years that this fall comparatively no birds of this kind were found where but so short a time as three years ago the limit, 10, as fixed by law, could be killed any day during the open season. So rapidly has this bird disappeared that the Biological Survey at Washington, that branch of the Agricultural Department of the United States entrusted with the care of our wild birds, considered it necessary to issue a special bulletin, calling attention to this fact, and to warn the people that nothing but the most stringent measures could save the woodcock from absolute extinction.

The ruffed grouse or pheasant and the wild turkey, while not migratory, are being each year, by the advance of agriculture, more and more limited in their ranges. The cultivation and improvement of wild lands is depriving these birds each year of breeding and feeding grounds, and limiting the territory upon which they are found. This fact is so generally understood and the necessities of the time so impressed upon those interested in the perpetuation of this kind of game that in Section 9 of this same bill you find the number of these birds that may be legally killed in one day fixed at just one-half what it is under the present law, with a weekly and an annual limit attached, and I have yet to meet one single sportsman who has claimed or who will claim this is not necessary and is not right. The sportsman knows the needs of the hour, and that when the woodcock, the ruffed grouse and the wild turkey have disappeared they have gone forever.

The quail or Bob-White is found in almost every section of this nation, limited at this time all over the country, more than ever before, and especially limited in this State. In no section of the State are quail found as they were three years ago, and in some of the counties I feel safe in saying not a half-dozen coveys could be found. There is no bird in this Union whose life work is more valuable to the farmer than that of the quail. There is no bird that is the source of more recreation and pleasure in the field than Bob-White, and not one more palatable. I do not blame the man of means who insists upon his right to buy quail that he cannot shoot. I do not intend to quarrel with him on this subject. I desire simply to say that in my opinion, which I consider sustained by facts, if you do not stop the purchase of these birds now, and permit this bill to become a law, you will stop within a limited number of years, because there will be no birds to buy, or your pocket-book will not justify the outlay. I know the dealer in game, the man that is in the business for profit and nothing else, will

tell you game of all kinds is just as plentiful as it ever was; that this is an outrageous attempt to curtail your rights, and to limit the enjoyment of game to the sportsmen of the State; that it is simply a scheme to increase game that it may be more readily killed. I beg of you to stop and consider the motive that actuates the Game Commission upon one side and the game dealer upon the other. What reason outside of profit has influenced the latter to make a fight in this matter, and what reason except the necessities of the occasion would or could influence the Game Commission to deny themselves and their friends, or any other person in this State, this privilege?

You know that every community of this kind has its local pot hunter, or hunter for profit, and that this hunter is in the field from the opening to the closing day. You know his financial circumstances will not permit of this, unless he gets paid for his game. I know, and you can not help but see, that the bunch of quail purchased from out the State, is simply a cloak under which the birds killed in this State are sold. You cannot help but see the trouble I must meet and overcome to convict, and I ask you in the name of preservation to these four birds, to waive a little of your individual pleasure and help us in this work. . . . Forty-two States and Territories, including Hawaii, now forbid the sale of these birds killed within their limits; most of them forbidding the sale of many other kinds of game. None of these birds, no matter where they come from, can be sold in any State or Province along the Canadian border, except Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Idaho, nor in the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Arkansas, Kansas, Nebraska or Wisconsin. Many of the States that permit the sale of game at all, without regard to where it is secured, permit it only during the open season for that kind of game in the State and for a limited time thereafter; the object being to give the dealer an opportunity to dispose of certain stock on hand.

I desire to call your attention specially to the fact that every State and Territory of this Union except three, prohibit the export of quail for sale; one Wyoming where this bird is not found, Maryland, where several counties prohibit the shipment, and Mississippi. . . . If all the States I have mentioned prohibit the shipment of quail for sale, where does the cold storage man get his supply? If he takes quail from one State in violation of the laws of that State, why should we expect or believe that he would not do the same thing in this State? JOSEPH KALBFUS, Sect. Game Commission.

Trap at Fort Washington.

Fort Washington, Pa., Feb. 22.—The largest attended and the best trap shoot of the season on the Fortside Gun Club's grounds was decided here this afternoon. The birds were a good strong lot and afforded plenty of sport for well-known wing shots of Philadelphia, Ambler, Royersford, Norristown and other near-by points. The leading event was the 15-bird handicap shoot for \$50, in which James Hothersall, of Philadelphia, and Albert Geist, of Fagleyville, tied. The score follows:

Fifteen Birds—Geist (31 yards), 15; Hothersall (30 yards), 15; Dr. Green, 14; Murphy, 14; King, 13 (each 30 yards); Everett, 13; Craig, 13; Ford, 13; Winkle, 12 (each 28 yards); Dedock, 12; Aiman, 12; George Dull, 12; Martin, 12; Foster, 6; Allison, 6; Broadhurst, 6; Mitchell, 6 (each 26 yards rise).

Merchantville Beats Pensauken.

Merchantville, N. J., Feb. 22.—The Merchantville Gun Club defeated Pensauken Gun Club at the former's traps this afternoon. It was the fourth consecutive team shoot won by the local club.

Team shoot, 25 targets:		MERCHANTVILLE.	
Watson	16	Durand	18
Warre	13	Walton	16
J. Thomas	16	Hill	17
Pidgeon	8	Baley	14
W. Thomas	10	Paul	14
Stoy	7	Simpson	16
Hatch	14	Peterson	14
Total	133	Total	109

TRAP AT BRIDGETON.

The Cumberland Gun Club Gave Its Second Annual Shoot.

Bridgeton, N. J., Feb. 25.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The following scores were made by the Cumberland Gun Club at their second amateur tournament, Feb. 22. The trade was well represented by J. A. R. Elliot, of the Winchester Company; Neaf Appar, of the Peters Company, and Luther Squier, of the DuPont Company. Mr. Heath, of the U. M. C. Co., was also present, and his valuable services rendered were greatly appreciated by the management. The day was very dark and windy, and, taking weather conditions into consideration, the scores made were excellent. The scores follow:

Targets—	15	15	20	15	15	20	115
Elliott	12	14	13	19	11	13	17-89
Aumack	15	13	13	17	13	11	15-87
Newcomb	13	12	14	19	13	9	15-95
Huttenlock	13	14	12	20	11	14	14-94
Silvers	12	11	13	17	12	14	14-93
Coleman	13	13	9	16	13	13	13-93
Armstrong	12	12	13	15	11	13	17-93
David	11	13	12	14	12	12	19-93
Wills	11	13	12	12	12	14	15-89
McCarthy	12	12	13	13	8	12	16-84
Leek	11	12	13	15	12	13	6-82
Wilcox	12	13	11	15	10	7	11-79
Price	7	13	10	15	6	11	11-73
Aggar	15	17	13	12	16	13	16-73
Squier	13	13	16	12	13	16	70
Munyon	11	14	9	12	12	14	59
Stellar	11	14	9	13	11	11	47
Goodfellow	12	10	9	12	11	11	43
J. M. North	12	10	11	11	9	9	42
Platts	5	12	6	8	9	9	40
H. Woodlin	11	14	13	11	11	11	38
Hunt	13	14	9	11	11	11	36
Sheppard	8	13	8	7	7	7	36
Kernan	13	13	13	9	13	13	35
Gage	6	8	12	9	9	9	35
S. Riley	11	11	12	11	11	11	34
Adams	15	17	9	11	11	11	31
H. Tomlinson	14	11	15	11	11	11	29
Ernest	11	14	6	11	11	11	27
Tomlinson	14	11	11	11	11	11	27
Hicks	10	10	11	11	11	11	24
W. Woodlin	10	10	13	11	11	11	23
C. North	11	7	5	11	11	11	23
Mink	11	11	11	11	11	11	14
Williams	12	11	12	11	11	11	12
Phillips	12	11	11	11	11	11	12
J. L. North	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Jenkins	9	11	11	11	11	11	9
Hettinger	11	11	11	11	11	11	7
Edmunds	11	11	11	11	11	11	7
Brown	11	11	11	11	11	11	6
Elwell	11	11	11	11	11	11	5
Tremaine	5	11	11	11	11	11	5

WILLIAMS.

Forthcoming Events.

- March 14, 15, 16—Iowa State Sportsmen's Association, Des Moines, Ia. C. W. Budd, secretary.
- March 20, 21, 22—Omaha, Neb., \$300 added for amateurs, W. D. Townsend, Manager.
- March 20, 21, 22, 23, 24—Dickey Bird Gun Club, Kansas City, Mo.
- March 23, 24, 25—St. Joseph, Mo. Targets and live birds, F. B. Cunningham, Secretary.
- March 28, 29, 30—Kansas City, Mo. The Missouri and Kansas League of Trap Shooters, at Schmeizer Shooting Park. C. B. Clap, Secretary, Moberly, Mo.
- April 5, 6—Augusta, Ga. The Interstate Association's tournament, under the auspices of the Augusta Gun Club. Charles C. Needham, secretary.
- April 12, 13—Wilmington Gun Club grounds, Delaware State Trap Shooters' League. H. J. Stidham, secretary, Wilmington, Del.
- April 16, 17, 18—New Orleans, La. City Park Gun Club.
- Apr. 18, 19, 20—State Association shoot, Waco, Tex., W. A. Holt, manager.
- April 19.—Springfield, Mass. Shooting Club, L. L. Kites, secretary.
- April 26, 27, 28—Scottdale Gun Club, Scottdale, Pa. V. W. Yobner, sect.
- May 2, 3, 4, 5—Pennsylvania State Shoot, Heron Hill Gun Club, Pittsburg, Pa., \$1000 added, Louis Lautenslager, secretary, 623 Smithfield street, Pittsburg, Pa.
- May 2, 3, 4, 5—Missouri State Shoot, Kansas City, Mo. Frank J. Smith, President.
- May 4, 5—Waterloo, Ia. E. M. Storm, secretary.
- May 10—Greenville, O. H. A. McCaughey, secretary.
- May 9, 10—Olean, N. Y. B. D. Nobles, secretary, 111 N. street.
- May 9, 10, 11, 12—Nebraska State shoot, Hastings, Neb. George L. Carter, secretary, Lincoln, Neb.
- May 11, 12—Third annual spring tournament, Wawaset Gun Club, Wilmington, Del. W. M. Ford, secretary.
- May 16, 17, 18—Ninth annual meeting and tournament of the West Virginia State Sports-

- men's Association, Parkersburg, W. Va.; \$500 added money and prizes. F. E. Mallory, secretary.
 - May 16, 17, 18—Kansas State Shoot, Herrington, Kas., Geo. W. Lewis, Secretary.
 - May 17, 18—Auburn, N. Y. Knox & Knapp, Managers.
 - May 17, 18—Interstate Association tournament, Owensboro, Ky. James Lewis, Secy.
 - May 17, 18, 19—Stanley Gun Club, Toronto, Can. Alexander Dey, Sect., 178 Mill st.
 - May 18, 19—Owosso, Mich.
 - May 23, 24, 25—Illinois State Shoot, Lincoln, Ill.
 - May 24, 25—Kane Sportsmen's Club, Kane, Pa. H. E. Brown, secretary.
 - May 29, 30, 31—Kentucky Trap Shooters' League, Louisville, Ky.
 - May 30—Enterprise Gun Club, McKeesport, Pa., George W. Mains, secretary.
 - May 30—Clearview Gun Club, 72d Street Station, B. & O. R. R., West Philadelphia. H. B. Fisher, Secretary, 7125 Woodland avenue, Philadelphia.
 - May 30—Bound Brook, N. J. Dr. J. H. V. Bache, President.
 - May 30, 31—Anastostan Gun Club, Washington, D. C. Miles Taylor, secretary, 222 F street, Northwest.
 - May 30, 31—Annual tournament, Cumberland Shooting Club, Cumberland, Md. W. T. Crawford, secretary.
 - May 31, June 1, 2—South Dakota State Shoot, Vermilion, S. D. Geo. O. Harris, Secretary.
 - June 1, 2—North Branch, N. J. H. B. Ten Eyck, secretary.
 - June 6, 7, 8—Soo Gun Club, Sioux City, Ia. W. F. Duncan, Secretary.
 - June 9—Shamokin, Pa., S. C. Yocum, secretary.
 - June 13, 14, 15—Ohio State Shoot, Canton, O.
 - June 13, 14, 15, 16—New York State shoot, Utica, N. Y. J. M. Brown, Secretary, 65 Taylor avenue.
 - June 20, 21, 22—New London, Ia. Dr. C. E. Cook, Secretary.
 - June 20, 21, 22, 23—Warm Springs, Ga. Charles L. Davis, manager.
 - June 21, 22—North Carolina Trap Shooters' Association, Durham, N. C. George L. Lyon, secretary.
 - June 27, 28, 29, 30—Indianapolis, Ind. The Interstate Association's Grand American Handicap Tournament; \$1000 added money, Elmer E. Shaner, secretary-manager, Pittsburg, Pa.
 - July 4—Shamokin, Pa., S. C. Yocum, Secretary.
 - July 6, 7—Traverse City, Mich., amateurs, \$200 added, W. A. Murrol, sect.
 - July 12, 13—Menominee, Mich. The Interstate Association's tournament, under the auspices of the Menominee Gun Club. W. W. McQueen, secretary.
 - July 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, Brehm's Ocean City target tournament, Ocean City, Md., \$400 added, H. A. Brehm, manager, Baltimore, Md.
 - Aug. 2, 4—Albert Lea, Minn. The Interstate Association's tournament, under the auspices of the Albert Lea Gun Club. N. E. Peterson, secretary.
 - Aug. 16, 17, 18—Kansas City, Mo.—The Interstate Association's tournament, under the auspices of the O. K. Gun Club. S. C. Herman, secretary.
 - Aug. 17, 18—Detroit, O.
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- March 11—Clearview at S. S. White, Meadow Springs at Hillside, Highland at Media, Florists' at Hill Rod and Gun Club, Chester; Narberth at Camden.
 - March 25—Camden at Hill Rod and Gun Club, Chester; Narberth at Meadow Springs, S. S. White at Florists', Hillside at Highland Clearview at Media.
 - April 8—Hill Rod and Gun Club at Narberth, Camden at Meadow Springs, Highland at S. S. White, Media at Hillside, Florists' at Clearview.
 - April 22—Camden at S. S. White, Highland at Florists', Media at Hill Rod and Gun Club, Chester; Meadow Springs at Clearview, Narberth at Hillside.
 - May 6—Clearview at Narberth, Hill Rod and Gun Club at Highland, Florists' at Meadow Springs, Hillside at Camden, S. S. White at Media.
 - May 20—Meadow Springs at Highland, Media at Florists', Hillside at Hill Rod and Gun Club, Chester; Camden at Clearview, Narberth at S. S. White.
 - June 3—Florists' at Narberth, Hill Rod and Gun Club at Meadow Springs, Media at Camden, Hillside at S. S. White, Highland at Clearview.
 - June 17—Camden at Florists', Narberth at Highland, S. S. White at Hill Rod and Gun Club, Chester; Meadow Springs at Media, Clearview at Hillside.
 - July 1—Highland at Camden, Hill Rod and Gun Club at Clearview, Meadow Springs at S. S. White, Media at Narberth, Hillside at Florists'.
- H. B. FISHER, Secretary,
7125 Woodland ave., West Phila., Pa.
- Point Breeze Park, Philadelphia—Shooting Saturday afternoon.
Bound Brook Gun Club, Third Saturday of each month, Bound Brook, N. J.