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AT THE CHICAGO TRAPS.

Three Shooting Days Keep Members of Noted Club Busy.

By C. P. Zacher.

Chicago, Ill., March 3.—The Chicago Gun Club Traps were in use three days last week, the contests on Washington's Birthday and on Saturday and Sunday, February 26 and 27, drawing the shooters. Early on Washington's Birthday the bright sunshine and moderate temperature gave promise of a splendid day for target-shooting, and we were in expectation of a big turnout of shooters, but before noon the conditions were reversed, a strong wind from the west making it quite cold and bringing with it a light snow, which no doubt kept down the attendance to 17 shooters. Before the shooting had got well started a genuine blizzard was raging, the wind blowing a gale, driving and whirling the snow in all directions, and one does not have to stretch the imagination to realize how it kept the marksmen guessing where to hold on the targets. Not only do they deserve credit for the scores hung up, but also for their staying qualities under such trying conditions. Houghton, a visiting shooter from Winnipeg, was high amateur, putting up 91 per cent. at singles. He also did well on the doubles. Pack, our genial friend from Kenosha, N. D., went along at an 88 1/2 per cent. clip at singles. Graham pulled down 92 per cent. in singles. Frewelling made high score on doubles, he losing only three birds out of 24 shot at. Hagenbrucher and Ernst are two new members, who were out for the first time, and from the scores they put up on a day like this we expect they will develop into topnotchers very soon. Fraunholz and Thorsell were two visitors whose scores show up well. It is a pleasure to note the pleasant and friendly rivalry between those two boon companions, Holtz and Riley, it being nip and tuck to see who pays for the suppers. Today Holtz beat Riley by two birds in a 175-bird race, this evening up for last Sunday, when Riley got Holtz's "goat." All enjoyed the afternoon, as we had a good warm fire in the club house, which was appreciated especially by the shooters after shooting a frame of 20. Scores:

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| Events | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Targets | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| W. F. Riley | 16 | 17 | 22 | 21 | 21 | 18 | 20 | | | | |
| W. F. Holtz | 15 | 22 | 21 | 19 | 21 | 21 | 18 | | | | |
| F. B. Fox | 4 | 9 | 18 | 16 | | | | | | | |
| E. Oliver | 9 | 16 | 12 | 17 | 15 | | 8 | | | | |
| O. Kausche | 18 | 14 | 13 | 15 | 15 | | | | | | |
| C. Hagenbrucher | 18 | 21 | 16 | 19 | 16 | | | | | | |
| C. Ernst | 12 | 14 | 19 | 12 | 17 | | | | | | |
| F. K. Eastman | 22 | 23 | 15 | 21 | | | 17 | 16 | 13 | | |
| H. Thwaite | 22 | 17 | 13 | 19 | 20 | | | | | | |
| H. E. Peck | 23 | 21 | 23 | 30 | 24 | 23 | 21 | 13 | 17 | 19 | 18 |
| R. Knight | 19 | 22 | 14 | 17 | | | 14 | 10 | 15 | | |
| E. H. Houghton | 23 | 23 | 21 | 22 | 25 | | 17 | 19 | | | |
| E. S. Graham | 23 | 24 | 22 | 23 | 23 | | 18 | 18 | 20 | | |
| W. W. Frewelling | 23 | 19 | 23 | 19 | | | 21 | | | | |
| A. J. Framholz | 23 | 19 | 14 | | | | | | | | |
| S. Thorsell | 21 | | | | | | | | | | |
| L. M. Fetherston | | | | | | | 16 | 13 | 15 | 8 | |

SATURDAY'S EVENTS.

Saturday was another day when the weather man had an inning at the expense of the trapshooting game, as he dished out rain good and plenty, and not content with the rain alone, he speeded up a "cross-fire" wind which did not by any means help to make good scores for the four marksmen who braved the downpour, which lasted all day. Parker and Graham were the first pair to show up, and were just finishing their sixth frame, when the second pair arrived, our good friends Harpham and Caldwell, so there was nothing to it for Parker and Graham but to start in again, and while they had been pretty well soaked by the rain, they were game, and shot out another hundred. Scores:

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| Events | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Targets | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| J. G. Parker | 16 | 20 | 18 | 20 | 15 | 19 | 18 | 13 | 21 | 22 | |
| E. S. Graham | 21 | 21 | 19 | 22 | 20 | 20 | 21 | 20 | 22 | 15 | |
| J. Caldwell | 8 | 11 | 7 | 12 | | | | | | | |
| E. L. Harpham | 20 | 19 | 20 | | | | | | | 10 | |

SUNDAY CROWD LARGER.

Considering the cloudy, dark day, we had

a good number of shooters face the firing line Sunday. In event No. 1 the honors went to Flewelling, A. J. Anderson and Seelig, Sr., each breaking 24, Quade and Stockley following close with 23 each. P. W. Caster, a visiting shooter from Chicago Heights, was high gun on Event No. 2, with a score of 48 out of 50, and in competition for the diamond trophy in this same event Thwaite broke 46 of the flying discs. Flewelling and Caster each pulled down 24 in Event No. 3, Flewelling duplicating this score in Event No. 4, and Thwaite did the same in Event No. 5. It tickled Miller when he ran off 22 in his last frame. Stick to it, Phil; there are more where that one came from, and better ones, too. Caster felt rather proud of his 94 per cent, and well he may. We hope to have him with us oftener in the future. Wehmhofer took a run over from Beecher, Ill., and while he gave a fairly good account of himself, he was not up to his usual form. W. D. Stannard was out to-day for the first time in three weeks, he having been laid up with rheumatism and being confined to his bed part of the time; his wife and daughter are also on the sick list.

Winners for February in the merchandise shoot, five best frames of 25 in the month to count.

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| CLASS A. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W. W. Flewelling | 25 | 25 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 122 | | | | |
| H. Quade | 24 | 24 | 24 | 23 | 23 | 118 | | | | | |
| CLASS B. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| C. R. Seelig, Sr. | 25 | 24 | 24 | 23 | 23 | 119 | | | | | |
| H. Thwaite | 25 | 24 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 118 | | | | | |
| CLASS C. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| J. G. Parker | 24 | 23 | 21 | 20 | 20 | 107 | | | | | |
| P. Miller | 22 | 21 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 103 | | | | | |

Flewelling is a three times winner in Class A, he having walked away with the honors three months in succession.

Quade is also doing fine work with his new Levever gun, which he won in the summer season shoot.

Eck and Stockley were close up to the winners. This month we find in Class B that our good natured "Big Bob" Seelig has nosed Thwaite out of first place by one bird. Pretty close race between these two. Hunt, Wolfe and Anderson were also close at their backs. Parker and Miller repeated their wins of last month. This also makes Parker a three times winner. Scores:

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| Events | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Targets | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| W. W. Flewelling | 24 | 23 | 22 | 45 | 24 | 24 | 23 | | |
| A. J. Anderson | 24 | 19 | 22 | 41 | 19 | 23 | 21 | | |
| P. W. Caster | 22 | 24 | 24 | 48 | 24 | | | | |
| H. Wehmhofer | 21 | 21 | 22 | 43 | 22 | 21 | | | |
| C. Seelig, Sr. | 24 | 22 | 16 | 38 | 22 | 23 | | | 16 |
| Geo. Eck (19) | 22 | 22 | 21 | 43 | 21 | 23 | | | 13 |
| H. Quade | 23 | 24 | 19 | 45 | 22 | 21 | 23 | | |
| C. Johnston | 21 | 21 | 20 | 41 | 16 | | | | |
| H. Thwaite (18) | 19 | 22 | 24 | 46 | 20 | 21 | 24 | 23 | 22 |
| W. D. Stannard | 19 | 20 | 23 | 43 | 22 | | | | 18 |
| P. Miller | 14 | 19 | 20 | 39 | 16 | 22 | | | 15 |
| O. W. Crocker | 19 | 21 | 16 | 37 | 16 | | | | 15 |
| R. Knight | 18 | 16 | 13 | 29 | | | | | 15 |
| L. M. Fetherston | 18 | 18 | 19 | 37 | | | | | 15 |
| M. Hunt | 20 | 17 | 22 | 39 | 22 | 20 | | | 18 |
| H. Wolfe (18) | 21 | 19 | 21 | 40 | 22 | 20 | 22 | | 18 |
| L. Stockley (19) | 23 | 20 | 14 | 34 | 17 | 18 | 23 | 21 | |
| R. G. Gerhardt | 16 | 15 | | | | | | | |
| A. Francis | 18 | 18 | 22 | 40 | | | | | |
| C. Dressler | 6 | 13 | | | | | | | |
| A. Quade | | | | 10 | | | | | |
| N. Anderson | | | | 16 | | | | | |

Hauger High at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 3.—W. B. Hauger proved high gun on February 26, at the Indianapolis Gun Club meet in the trials for the Comstock trophy. He made 41 out of a possible 50 targets. The attendance was light yesterday owing to the rain. The regular spring tournament will be given on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 29 and 30. It will be a money-back sweep-stakes trial. Scores:

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| COMSTOCK TROPHY. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Targets | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| Moller | 18 | 21 | | | 50 | 39 | | | | | |
| Carter | 19 | 19 | | | 50 | 39 | | | | | |
| Hauger | 20 | 22 | | | 50 | 42 | | | | | |
| Brennan | 24 | 17 | | | 50 | 41 | | | | | |
| Barr | 22 | 19 | | | 50 | 41 | | | | | |
| Hymen | 20 | 19 | | | 50 | 39 | | | | | |
| Britton | 22 | 20 | | | 50 | 42 | | | | | |
| Wilson | 14 | 11 | | | 50 | 25 | | | | | |
| Prodigal | 18 | 15 | | | 50 | 33 | | | | | |

*On tie.

GUNNERS MOURN PLEISS.

The Death of Noted Easton Sportsman Regretted by All Shooters.

By George Stubblebine.

The trap shooting fraternity will learn with deep sorrow of the death at his home in Easton, Pa., on February 22, 1910, of Jacob Frederick Pleiss. Mr. Pleiss was in his forty-sixth year and was a native of Germany, having come to America with his parents when he was three years old. Although stricken with the malady that at last proved fatal, he gave it such a battle for more than two years as few men would have the pluck and stamina to give it. None outside the members of his immediate family ever learned from him how nearly the battle often was lost to him for many months past, for he was a stoic of heroic type. His name adorning the page of "Sporting Life" now, perhaps for the last time, has been a great frequenter of such space for over a fourth of a century. While a mere youth Mr. Pleiss demonstrated his prowess as a marksman over the traps of the old Easton Gun Club, long since defunct. To the time of his death he was the undisputed champion of his home city and the entire Lehigh Valley—unexcelled with the shotgun, with a few peers at rifle shooting and none at pistol shooting. Though he excelled in all these, trap shooting was his boon favorite, and he played his favorite strong. He finished one-two-three in almost every target tournament he ever entered, and for many years he was practically a fixture with all such tournaments held in his home section, as well as many at distant places. Though strictly an amateur it was no uncommon happening for him to shoot high-gun over all professionals. Always a deep student by nature, his knowledge of arms and ammunition was most profound and practical; and his experience was always at the disposal of any who wished to share its benefits. He was a great shot and he was a mentor of great shots. The man who outshot him never failed to make note of it. He was a real member of the Independent Gun Club, of Easton, Pa., and the Alert Gun Club, of Phillipsburg, N. J. In both there is a vacancy that can never be filled. His memory will long be cherished and his traits, which endeared him to all, will remain with lustre undimmed until we shall again be called with him to the final score.

NEWS FROM SALEM CLUB.

Famous Jersey Club Has Holiday Shoot and Much Diversion.

By W. H. Harris.

Salem, N. J., March 4.—The Washington's Birthday shoot on the grounds of the Salem County Rod and Gun Club, was one of the finest local tournaments ever held on the ground. The prizes were awarded as follows: Class A, H. G. Hart; Class B shooters, John J. Hart, Ernest Schubert, Chester Glaspey, Walton Stewart, L. D. Compton. The club cup having been won three times by Stewart, now remains his property. The score follows:

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| Event No. 1—Compton 10, Schubert 7, Hart 11, G. House 9, A. Lawrence 9. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Event No. 2, Class B—E. Steelman 6, P. Erhardt 6, C. Harris 7, J. Hart 9. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Event No. 3—H. G. Hart 6, Compton 7, Schubert 10, G. House 7, W. Stewart 9, W. Tice 10, A. Lawrence 3, Snellbaker 3. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Event 4—C. Glaspey 9, H. G. Hart 8, E. Schubert 8, Compton 6, G. House 4, Snellbaker 4, C. Sooy 6, A. Lawrence 3. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Event 5—H. G. Hart 20, W. Crispen 17, C. Sooy 18, W. Tice 20, A. Lawrence 17, C. Tice 19, W. Stewart 25, Glaspey 24, Schubert 19, Compton 14, G. House 18, P. Erhardt 13. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Event 6—G. House 12, Schubert 12, Compton 13, H. G. Hart 12, A. Batton 11, C. Glaspey 11, A. Lawrence 10. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Event 7—Compton 6, Schubert 7, House 8, J. Hart 3, Snellbaker 5, C. Sooy 9, A. Batten 7, W. Tice 7, W. Crispen 7, A. Lawrence 4, Stewart 9, H. G. Hart 9, C. Glaspey 7, C. Harris 2. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shoot-off of tie, 6 targets—H. G. Hart 5, W. Stewart 6, C. Sooy 5. | | | | | | | | | | | |

Following the shoot a genuine diamond-

back terrapin supper was served to the members in the club house. Covers were laid for 45. The club house was handsomely decorated with flags, bunting, Japanese lanterns, pictures of George Washington and the legendary hatchet and cherry tree. After a few toasts the regular monthly meeting was held. New members were elected and Senator William Plummer and Assemblyman Ridgway, who were present, discussed the various bills now before the Legislature and made notes regarding the changes necessary to suit the conditions in this section. They both promised their support to the Club in the good work it is doing to protect and propagate the game and secure suitable legislation for South Jersey.

CLUB NOTES.

The members of the Salem County Rod and Gun Club were highly pleased in being able to secure a consignment of Northern Bob White for propagation purposes. The State Game Commission have about given up the idea of liberating quail owing to their scarcity in the market and the risk of transporting them through the States. The members of the club, however, still think that Bob White is the king of the game birds and through persistent efforts of some of the members they were able to secure some birds from the Clifton Game and Forest Society, of New York. They were nice, large strong birds and were liberated on a large tract of ground leased by the club, where they will be carefully protected during the mating and breeding season.

For years the sportsmen in this section talked about the streams in Salem county being good streams for trout and thrive in the streams. It remained for the Salem County Rod and Gun Club to try the experiment and last year several of the streams were stocked with fry from the Government hatcheries. They did live and thrive and this year several thousand more yearling, five or six inches long, were liberated from the State hatcheries. The members are looking forward to some good sport with rod and reel in the future.

The Spring tournament of the Salem County Rod and Gun Club is looked forward to by a large number of the shooters in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware as the "Red Letter Day" in shooting events in this section. A feeling of true hospitality seems to prevail when the boys get down to Salem, and when they leave the hearty "come again" seems to mean more than the usual stereotyped phrase that generally follows good bye. Well, the date for the tournament has been fixed for Thursday, April 14. Put it down on your calendar. The club will have something new down to date, and the members promise to send every visitor away with thoughts of a pleasant day spent in Salem.

LAUREATE STARTS CAREER.

Boat Club at Troy Takes Up Trapshooting Successfully.

By J. J. Farrell.

Troy, N. Y., March 2.—The Laureate Boat Club, which recently decided to take up trapshooting, began its career at the traps on Washington's Birthday, and followed this up with another shoot on Saturday, February 26. On Washington's Birthday the weather was very severe. A fierce blizzard prevailed all day, and was the cause for the small attendance. Valentine was high gun, scoring 170 out of 200, Roberts scored 168 out of 200, Hurd 161 and Nial 145. These scores were considered very good. Scores follow:

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| | Sh. Bk. | Sh. Bk. |
| Valentine | 200 | 170 |
| Roberts | 200 | 168 |
| Hurd | 200 | 161 |
| Nial | 200 | 145 |
| Sanders | 200 | 143 |
| Crowley | 200 | 142 |
| Kirkpatrick | 200 | 139 |

FIRST SATURDAY SHOOT.

The first regular weekly shoot of the club was held on February 26. A strong south-west wind made it somewhat difficult for the shooters to locate the targets. Sanders carried off the honors by breaking 91—100. Hurd was second with 88—100. L. Hancock also shot very well, he scoring 61—75. The scores follow:

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| | Sh. Bk. | Sh. Bk. |
| Sanders | 100 | 91 |
| Hurd | 100 | 88 |
| Nial | 100 | 69 |
| Crowley | 100 | 66 |
| Wellington | 100 | 65 |
| St. Louis | 100 | 48 |