

AT ATLANTIC CITY TRAPS.

Seashore Gunners Try New System of Handicaps With Satisfaction.

By A. H. Sheppard.

Atlantic City, N. J., April 30.—Young was the star of the April 15 shoot of the Atlantic City Gun Club, and in the medal event he scored 48 breaks, which, with his two handicaps, gave him a perfect score. He was closely pressed for the honors by Dr. Watson, with 49. The event was at 50 targets, added bird handicap, and no one knew his handicap except the handicappers, until the event was entirely finished, and to say that the arrangement is interesting is not going too far. It surely creates lots of enthusiasm and will be used here in the future. All eyes are now looking toward Atlantic City in anticipation of the great "State" shoot in June, which is to be open to the world, with the exception of the State championship events, which will be run off right along with the regular program. The Atlantic City Cup, value \$300, is attracting lots of attention, and is going to draw a bunch of the best shots in the East. This is only one of the many things offered in the program, as over \$1,000 in addition to the cup is given away in cash and prizes, and from the number of inquiries coming in for programs, this shoot is to be a leader, from the point of attendance. The shoot is to be held on the grounds of the famous "Westy Hogans," Young's Pier, one-half mile over the ocean. Nuf sed; get in line, and be with us and be one of the lucky ones and take home a nice trophy with you. Scores:

	25	25	H. Tl.
Young	25	25	2 50
Watson	20	22	42 7 49
Sheppard	22	21	43 5 43
Westcott	22	23	45 2 47
Algar	18	23	38 7 45
Cook	23	20	43 2 45
Powers	23	20	43 2 45
Headley	21	20	41 4 45
Adams	19	19	38 5 43

SMITH LEADS ATLANTIC CITY.

W. T. Smith carried off most of the honors of our week-end shoot April 23, winning the handicap event for a hand-painted plate, with a perfect score with his handicap added. He was closely pressed by Algar, Adams and Hamlin, each finishing with 49, and "Doc" Watson with 47, was a close third. Scores:

—100-Target Race—											
Targets	25	25	Bk.	H.	Tl.	25	25	25	25	Tl.	25
Smith	24	23	47	5	50	22	24	23	22	91	
Hamlin	23	24	47	2	49	22	22	23	24	91	
Algar	22	22	44	5	49	22	20	22	22	88	
Adams	19	21	40	9	49	19	19	19	21	78	
Watson	18	22	40	7	47	16	20	18	22	76	
Cook	21	22	43	2	45	22	22	22	22	88	
Reed	22	19	41	5	46	22	19	20	22	83	
Westcott	20	19	39	2	41	20	19	21	23	83	
Endcott	15	16	31	15	46	12	14	15	16	57	

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The game is a new one for Endcott, but he would be a good one with a little practice. He improved with every event, although he had a gun that surely did "kick him some."

The boys are coming out now with a vigor, getting in trim for the State tournament to be held here in June, at which time there will be over \$1,000 given out in cash and prizes, and they do seem to hate for everything to go out of town, and the bunch that trims them will have to "go some." There is a certain doctor who makes claims that the big \$300 "Atlantic City" Cup will not leave the city, which we hope will be the case. Remember, this shoot is open to the "world," with the exception of the State events proper.

BALTIMORE BEATS WILMINGTON.

Country Club Team Outshoots Squad From Delaware Organization.

By George P. Mordecai.

Baltimore, Md., April 29.—The crack shooters of the Baltimore Country Club defeated the Wilmington Country Club in a clay pigeon match on April 23 on the shooting grounds of the Roland Park organization. The match was one of the best shot around here for a long time. The afternoon was ideal for shooting, the traps were working splendidly and there was a large attendance. The Wilmington boys were entertained at luncheon before the match by the members of the Baltimore Country Club team at the clubhouse. A return match will be shot at some future date not yet decided. Dwight F. Mallory and Eugene E. du Pont

were tied for top honors, each breaking 94 out of 100, which was shooting. James T. Skelly and M. Gillette Gill were second, with 93. The boys all shot splendidly. Ernest E. Price, M. Gillette Gill, Carroll W. Rasin and Eugene E. du Pont each made a straight kill of 25. James T. Skelly made the longest straight run, which was 40. M. Gillette Gill was second, with 32, and Carroll W. Rasin and Eugene E. du Pont third, with 28 straight breaks. Frank Billmeyer, of Cumberland, acted as official referee for the match. George P. Mordecai had charge of the scores and William Braid charge of the traps. The scores:

BALTIMORE COUNTRY CLUB TEAM.				
Targets	25	25	25	25
D. F. Mallory (captain)	24	23	23	24
E. L. Bartlett	20	24	22	20
Dr. B. H. Smith	23	21	22	19
C. W. Rasin	23	21	22	20
B. Wagner	24	22	20	17
M. G. Gill	25	23	23	23
W. F. Goldsborough	21	18	20	19
E. D. Nelson	20	22	22	21
E. E. Price	22	20	21	25

Totals 204 196 195 183 780

WILMINGTON COUNTRY CLUB TEAM.				
T. E. Doremus	18	22	19	17
Theo. Rogers	22	24	24	22
Al. Lindsay	23	19	22	22
Col. J. G. Ewing	16	16	16	20
Vic. du Pont	21	19	12	14
E. E. du Pont	23	25	23	23
Lex. du Pont	14	17	18	16
J. T. Skelly (captain)	22	24	24	23
T. B. Bullitt	17	15	16	15

Totals 176 181 174 172 703

SOUSA STAR AT ANALOSTAN.

Noted Bandmaster Shoots High Over Washington Club's Members.

By Miles Taylor.

Washington, D. C., April 30.—The Anolostan Gun Club, of this city, held a very interesting shoot on the 23d. The weather was far from good, and in the midst of the shooting a driving rain set in which lasted an hour. A number of the faithful waited patiently for Jupiter Pluvius to finish his inning, after which the work was kept up until 6.30. The club had the honor of entertaining John Philip Sousa, and the score he made indicates that he will soon be classed as a top-notch. He wound up the afternoon with a 25-straight on low, swift birds. Joseph H. Hunter made a great showing in his 50 birds, scoring 47. However, he shied at the rain, and left the grounds, not giving Cobey and Steubener a chance to get his goat, both of whom had 46 out of their first 50. Cobey wound up his 100 with 92, the best score he has ever made, and Steubener quit with 90. Sam Fickling came out and made 25 straight, and also pulled his freight. One of the boys said he was so proud of his work that he hired a taxicab to take him home. The boys all did well as will be seen by the following scores:

Sh. Bk.		Sh. Bk.	
Sousa	150 135	Barnes	60 52
Monroe	125 105	Black	60 42
Cobey	100 92	Jones	60 23
Steubener	100 90	Hunter	50 47
Stine	100 85	M. Taylor	50 44
Parsons	100 84	Dr. Taylor	50 40
Dufour	100 82	Geyer	54 35
Drane	100 71	Shoemaker	45 33
Bray	75 53	Picklin	25 25
Talbott	75 53	Kahrs	25 13
Wilson	60 48		

Records of Grove Club Shoot.

Detroit, Mich., April 30.—At the last regular shoot of the Grove Gun Club Hugh Fleming won A Class medal, with 24 out of 25; Jacob Schaefer won B Class medal, with 16 out of 25; Dr. Joerin won D Class medal, with 7 out of 25. The shooting in general was of a high-class order. Hugh Fleming broke 25 straight in one of the preliminary events. Visitors always welcome at our shoots. Scores:

Targets	10	10	10	10	10	25	25	Sh. Bk.
West	9	9	9	10	10	19	18	100 83
Foster	7	9	8	9	10			50 43
Fleming	9	9	8	9	10	9	24	25 23 145 135
Welse, Sr.	8	7	9	8	22			65 54
Schaeffer	7	7	8	3	7	16	12	100 61
Joerin	4	2	5	4	7			65 22
Smith	7	7	7	7	20	23	21	70 60
Chapman	7	7	7	9	19			16 70 52
Wolf, Sr.	7	7	7	7	18			35 25
Tristem	7	7	7	7	19			25 19

NEW YORK STATE SHOOT.

Secretary Blandford Explains Money System to Shooters.

By C. G. Blandford.

Ossining, N. Y., April 30.—About 1600 advance cards of the New York State shoot, to be held in Syracuse June 7, 8, 9, have lately been sent to active trap shots throughout the State. Likely some of those who received the cards have never attended a tournament where the Squier Money Back System has been employed, therefore this letter. Briefly, the money back system was gotten up for the good of those who love to shoot, but unfortunately are not steady enough to maintain at all times an average that will guarantee them any great portion of their entrance money back. For instance, John Doe wants to attend a well managed three days' shoot; he is sufficiently supplied with this world's goods to do it, and do it right. Another element enters into the proposition, however; his shooting is erratic. The first day's program will cost him \$16, and he may be at his worst and draw down but \$3.75, which makes him \$8.25 worse off than if he had shot for targets only. The program is finished at 4 o'clock, and he has plenty of time to get the 6.30 express, so back home he hikes after the first day's shoot, when he really expected to stay for the three days. He won't stay and shoot for targets only; he can do that on his home grounds.

HE HAS THE COIN,

plenty of it, but he does not purpose to be an easy mark and plaster it around for his more steady fellow-shooters to annex. He might have shot a steady gait the second day and paid for both days and been a little to the good, but he wouldn't risk it. Here is where the Squier Money Back System comes in. He could stay for the three days, enter for the money, and shoot badly each day, so that his draw-down from the sweeps would be, say, \$8.00. His total entrance was \$48. 500 targets at 2 cents each—\$10—already received \$8; at the end of the third day, the management has a check for \$30 to hand him back, so that his shooting has cost him \$10, and he has had a chance to make good each day in the sweeps.

HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS

are used to pay back these losers that would otherwise have gone into the profits of the shoot. The big merchandise event on the third day is the feature each year of the New York State shoot. No other association in the United States is so favored by the big gun manufacturers. They break their ironclad rule each year for this time honored event—this being the fifty-second annual tournament—and it is safe to say that many times in the past, when the affairs of the association have been on the wane, the generous response of gun manufacturers with the donations of guns have saved the day. The affairs of the Association were never in better shape than now, and the 1910 New York State shoot will be a "hummer."

STAR CLUB OPENS SEASON.

Elizabeth Shooters Celebrate Start of the Season With Team Race.

By N. H. Manning.

Elizabeth, N. J., April 30.—The Star Gun Club opened the season at its traps Saturday afternoon, April 23, under the most trying conditions imaginable. The rainy weather of the first part of the week so hindered the progress of the work on the new intercepting sewer that instead of having a clear background, as was promised, the shooters were confronted with derricks, cables and big heaps of dirt. Not only that, but to crown it all the wires in the electrical pull became short circuited, putting it out of business for the rest of the day, and the traps had to be pulled by hand in the back stop by the trappers, one at each of the three traps. The strong east wind which blew directly toward the firing line made it almost impossible to make the trappers hear the word "pull." The wind also blew the targets in all directions, but considering all these difficulties the shoot was a success. The program called for 100 targets, and was shot in four strings of 25, the last two events to constitute a five man team race between the Interborough Gun Club, of Roselle Park, N. J., and the home club team, and also to figure in the Blake

trophy shoot. The Stars won the team race, score, 209 to 201. This is the second match which has been shot, the Stars winning the first match, score, 217 to 204. Manning was high gun, and P. M. Kling runner-up. Manning also won his second leg on the Blake trophy. A special meeting was held after the shoot, and it was decided to accept the challenge from the Bayswater Club to shoot a ten-man team race at Bayonne May 7. During the afternoon some one started a rabbit from under the club house, and about thirty guns started after Mr. Bunny, when Deputy Game Warden Lutgren appeared in the distance. Frank Pullen, of Hawk fame, was not on the grounds at the time. Following are all the scores:

	Sh. Bk.		Sh. Bk.
Manning	100 82	L. A. Kling	100 74
P. M. Kling	100 89	L. O. Bogart	100 73
Jacobus	100 83	C. Blake	100 72
Leing	100 78	Nelson	100 70
Langshans	100 77	Lehr	75 51
Glaser	100 77	Chr. Rommel	50 43
Havens	100 77	P. J. Kidd	50 40
Chilver	100 76	F. Pullen	50 39

BIRMINGHAM'S GOOD CROWD.

Nearly Thirty Shooters Contest for Honors at Alabama Club.

By H. McDermott.

Birmingham, Ala., April 30.—The Birmingham Gun Club shoot on April 22 was attended by 28, and a most pleasant afternoon was spent. The features of the day were: First, a handicap match for the sterling silver fob given by the duPont Powder Company; second, a match for a thermos bottle, on a score that was determined by lottery, drawing from a hat, numbers played in hat 65 to 90; third, distribution of Honor Buttons. Mr. J. K. Warren won duPont trophy, using duPont powder and shooting from the 21-yard line, on a score of 95 out of 100. John Livingston tied him, but relinquished his rights, not having time to shoot tie off. Livingston shot from 21-yard line. Mr. Baugh won the thermos bottle given by his company on the chance score, but declined to accept same, and it will be shot for again. Mr. J. K. Warren received high gun button, Mr. John Livingston second gun button, Mr. Skinner third gun button and Mr. Gillespie fourth gun button. High gun button is solid gold, the others silver, all engraved with gun club name, and are only presented to those who are members of the gun club. One visiting professional was with us, and his score deserves notice, Mr. Thomas (Expert) Casity broke 91 out of a possible 100, and shooting is said not to be his forte, either. Some doubles were thrown, and the scores were: Mr. Luttrell 13—25, Mr. Perry 10—25, Mr. Cahalan, 16—25. Scores are tabulated below:

Sh. Bk.		Sh. Bk.	
Gillespie	100 88	Ash	100 85
Henderson	75 49	Fowler	100 88
Mrs. Garl	100 58	Norwood	100 89
Brown	100 71	Murdy	100 87
Cassity	100 91	Baugh	100 85
Coulbourn	100 78	Livingston (21)	100 95
Frazier	100 78	Warren (21)	100 95
Walker	100 78	Skinner (20)	100 86
Garl	75 50	McDermott (20)	100 82
Hydinger	50 15	Byars	100 71
Munger	100 74	Hargrave	50 34
Long	25 4	Luttrell	100 70
Perry	100 67	Cahalan	100 76
Cobbs	50 32	Thompson	25 8

Highland Loses to Lansdale.

Lansdale, Pa., April 30.—In a return club shoot between the Lansdale Gun Club and the Highland Club, of Philadelphia, on April 23, the local team won easily by the score of 430 to 391. The Highlands did not have out their full strength and several of their guns made more than ordinarily poor scores, being bothered some by the high wind. Harry Kahler was the top gun for the Highlands with 47, but Noah Clark and Metz, of the home team, made 48. Scores:

HIGHLAND.		LANSDALE.	
Bk.	Bk.	Bk.	Bk.
Kahler	47	N. Clark	48
Hibbs	43	Metz	48
Franklin	40	Herman	43
G. Clark	40	Lamborn	43
Oliver	38	Rodgers	43
Dr. Crooks	38	Shuck	43
Anderson	37	Shultz	42
Davis	36	L. Schwartz	40
Wambold	36	Kelfer	40
Biddle	36	Reilly	39
Total	391	Total	430