

565 Straight Targets

The World's Long Run Record Made With a

WINCHESTER

Repeating Shotgun and Shotgun Shells

Charles G. Spencer's run of 565 straight targets made at the Registered Tournament of the Viola, Illinois, Gun Club, September 8-9, 1909, is the World's Record and it probably will be for a long time to come. The run was unfinished: that is, Mr. Spencer stopped shooting without having missed. He accomplished this wonderful feat with a standard grade Winchester Repeating Shotgun and regular stock loads of Winchester Shells—such as any shooter can buy anywhere. Such a record could only be made with a hard shooting gun and uniformly loaded shells, such as the Red W Brand are. Better use this combination, if you want the best results.

The second longest straight run on record, 419 targets, was also made with Winchester Shells, being used by W. R. Crosby, when he did this wonderful shooting.

Won Grand Chicago Handicap

Albert Southard, shooting from 19 yards, won this handicap event from 101 other contestants and took possession of the coveted Chicago Association of Commerce Trophy, valued at \$500.00. He shot Winchester "Leader" Shells.

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C. G. Spencer.

MORE LIGHT ON PROGRAMS.

Dr. Welling, New York State Amateur, Contributes New Phase of Situation and Suggests Remedies—George S. McCarty Replies.

Mechanicsville, N. Y., September 8.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The question often arises: why do so many small clubs start with the most brilliant prospects and finally wane and die, also why are the tournament attendances in many instances on the decrease? There is a cause, a most visible one to my mind. In the majority of cases the minority has ruled in regard to tournaments throughout the country. By this, I mean the 90 per cent. average man has ruled, probably in many instances on account of his estimated greater experience in the game. But how wisely has he ruled? In most instances greed has been only too visible, as most programs are arranged so that a man must shoot 90 per cent. or better or simply put his money in at the cashier's window and have the latter hand it out to this class of shooters, who, I claim, are vastly in the minority. There must be

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throughout this vast country. Where are they? At home! Who are they? The men who shoot less than a 90 per cent. gait. Also they are the vast minority. Therefore it is wise to let the minority rule and gradually see the most excellent sport for gentlemen wane and die entirely as it has in many of the smaller towns? Of course, this condition has been recognized and some measures have been taken to correct the fault. For instance, the Squier Money-Back System ameliorates the condition to a great extent, and I believe that tournaments conducted under this system are more largely attended than some others. But there is still dissatisfaction expressed with this system, as a majority of men would rather stay at home than have something returned or given to them. Their pride does not approve of it, as one, upon returning home, is beset with many questions regarding winnings, etc. This is the only sport known to the writer where conditions are not equalized as far as possible. Many ways of handicapping have been tried, and I believe have failed to a greater or less extent. Some on account of impracticability at large tournaments and others on account of their inefficiencies. As those which have been tried seem to have failed in their main object, I would suggest one as follows:

WELLING'S SYSTEM.

Figure that there were twenty (20) shooters at an entrance of \$2.00. In this example we will compute as if all money goes into the purse, making \$40. Divide the purse into two equal parts for Class A and Class B, percentage division in each class, viz.:

CLASS A.		CLASS B.	
20 breaks	\$8.00	16 breaks	\$8.00
19 breaks	6.00	15 breaks	6.00
18 breaks	4.00	14 breaks	4.00
17 breaks	2.00	13 breaks	2.00

If you have average money or medals give

Class A and Class B an equal division of same. I do not mean to designate which men shall shoot in the different classes, but let their shooting determine this, also if there does not happen to be a straight let the money run down to the score of 12. If no score of 13 or below is made the lowest moneys go to the lowest score men in Class B. I do not believe that this system would admit of successful jockeying for place, as the chance of men bunching would be too great with the possible exception of the men in the last squad, to overcome which the scores should not be posted until the whole event is shot. I believe that by this system or one closely similar to it the

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would be greatly augmented, and if such should be the case the 90 per cent. man as well as the 80 per cent. would be greatly benefited, as the purses in each class would be larger. The 90 per cent. man mars the professional, and then tells you that he is not after the little fellow's money. Is this so? If it is I say "bar no one," serve the professional and amateur alike, but go a little further with the equalization, for instance: Take 30 shooters at \$2.00 each, which makes a purse of \$60.00. Divide this money into three equal parts and allot it on the basis previously shown, carrying the score down to 12, in three classes, the purse in each class being divided 50, 30, 20 per cent. I am one of the little fellows, but am quite willing to take a chance where conditions are more nearly equal. Let us see if the 90 per cent. amateur is? I simply advance this idea for the betterment of the game, if it can be accomplished by this or any other system which will more nearly equalize each shooter's chances with the other fellow.

George McCarty Replies To "Pump Gun."

Philadelphia, Pa., September 8.—Editor "Sporting Life."—In reply to "Pump Gun," in your last issue, would state that to give a man his money back after he has lost it on the square will never make him a shooter. No good sport will take back money if lost at any game. A man will never learn anything in business or at anything else if his losses are returned to him. He must pay for his experience in order to profit later on, and there must be some chance for him to profit after he knows how. Also, when money back system is used, you must throw a short or easy target, so there will not be any money to amount to anything lost. Otherwise, there would not be enough left from target money to pay back losses, and the club will go in the hole. Throw a hard target and use a short division money and your gun club will go broke on each shoot when run on a money-back system. The necessity of throwing an easy or short target on a money back system is apparent, and would make it impossible for the optional sweep men to win a dollar, as all 90 per cent. men would and do break practically all of the targets now thrown, and could not win any money, no matter what division you gave them. Consequently the optional sweeps in conjunction with money back system is no good. Throw a hard, swift target, 50 to 55 yards. Use your optional sweep and money

back system, and your shoot will pay the high-class shooters to attend, if your division is 5-3-1, Rose. However, am satisfied your club will not take in enough money to pay losses if run this way. To keep this shooting at targets going your high score men must win expenses, shells, and also enough once in a while to buy a new gun. This has not been possible at any shoot I have attended in a long time. I do not believe that it should ever be possible to break over 95 per cent by any one. Very truly yours, GEO. S. McCARTY.

CHICAGO AT THE TRAPS.

Big Handicap Causes a Slight Fall in the Attendance.

By C. P. Zacher.

Chicago, Ill., September 9.—There was a little reaction after the Grand Chicago Handicap, and the attendance was not quite up to the usual standard at the Chicago Gun Club at its shoots on Saturday and Sunday, September 3 and 4. The scores:

SATURDAY EVENTS.

	100 Hdp. Tl. 25
C. P. Zacher	78 14-92
W. D. Stannard	93 --93 23
L. M. Fetherston	92 4-96 23 21
W. Burton	94 --94 20
W. F. DeWolf	75 19 84
Dr. A. G. Bosler	87 10-97
J. A. Taggart	84 10-94 21 16
Mrs. Taggart	.. .. 10 13 8
Mrs. Fetherston	.. .. 14 20 18
M. Jensen	.. .. 14 17
C. B. Willard	57 34-91
G. E. Mathews	70 --70 18
D. H. Quinn	.. .. 17
C. S. Eaton	.. .. 13 10 12

NOTES.

Jensen was very well pleased with his two scores made with a brand-new gun and his third try-out at targets.

Mrs. Fetherston is going along finely, having 18 and 20 to her credit, and Mrs. Taggart did good work with her little 20-gauge.

Zacher broke 46 out of his first 50 and was centering his birds in fine shape when a trigger spring broke in his gun and he finished way below his usual gait.

Dr. Bosler has laid aside his double-barreled gun for a new "pump," which he thinks he will be able to shoot after he gets used to it, and from the way he smashed his targets with it there are others who think the same.

In the regular club event Burton was high with 94. Stannard was close up with 93. Fetherston was high amateur with 92 actual breaks, although Bosler is high over all with 97 in the totals with the added handicap.

SUNDAY EVENTS.

	100 Hdp. Tl. 25 25 25 25 12p
T. Thwaite	91 6-97 23 24 24 23
H. Wolfe	88 8-96 20 22 23
D. E. Thomas	97 1-98
C. R. Seelig, Sr.	86 9-93
W. A. Davis	90 8-96
C. P. Zacher	69 20-89 16
E. Silver	67 25-92
Raymond Zacher	.. .. 11 11 13 12
H. W. Prouty	.. .. 18 21
E. G. Tuerk	65 26-91 17
Mrs. Davis	59 32-92

Mrs. Fetherston	67 25-92	.. .. .
W. C. Boltman	85 7-92	.. .. . 16
J. G. Bolton	.. .. .	24 23 10
W. C. Deal	.. .. .	19 .. 14 21 13
W. F. Merkel	.. .. .	16 .. 21
Wilbur Merkle	.. .. .	7

NOTES.

Prospects were not very bright for a shoot, as it rained all night and morning, but at noon it stopped raining and the weather man was kind enough to let us go through our shoot before he turned loose again.

Seventeen shooters took the mark at the firing line, and while the dark, heavy clouds made it rather hard shooting, several of the marksmen put up fine scores, the king-pin being Thomas with 97 out of 100 in the club event. Thwaite made it 91, Davis 90 and Wolfe 88. Thwaite did better in his second century, breaking 94, and he ground most all of them to powder.

Thomas also was high on doubles, losing only two out of 24. Deal shot well after his long lay-off from the traps. Dave was surely in line for a run of 100 straight in the club event, but when he dropped that shell he felt sure that he must let one pass, and sure enough he did, and the way he pulled his gun up over the other two he missed, we looked up quickly for a flock of ducks, expecting to see one drop, aber nit.

UPSON LEADS AT CLEVELAND.

Famous Amateur Ranks High in Labor Day Tourney.

Cleveland, O., September 9.—The Cleveland Gun Club had a good attendance at the annual Labor Day shoot. The tournament was open and a field of high-class shooters assembled to shoot for the fifty-five prizes of cash and merchandise offered by the club. This, combined with a fair day with a stiff wind, made the shooting exceedingly sporty. D. A. Upson was high gun with the fine score for the day of 141. He shot consistently throughout the ten events. Second high gun was Bob Ewalt, of Youngstown, who sailed as White. He shot for 137. Charles Ducommun, with 135, was third high gun. Ramsey and Hopkins were low guns. Twenty-five dollars in cash was divided between high and low guns, 30 and 25 per cent. to high and 15 and 10 to low guns. Scores:

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Tl
Telling	13	13	10	12	14	13	13	15	15	14	130
Ducommun	15	13	13	15	15	10	15	10	15	14	135
Freeman	9	13	7	12	12	8	12	11	10	12	106
White	12	14	11	14	15	14	14	14	14	15	137
Braman	14	12	13	12	12	12	5	10	14	14	123
Hopkins	12	10	11	8	9	10	13	9	8	10	109
State	13	12	9	15	10	11	12	11	9	10	112
Ledgett	13	14	14	12	15	14	10	13	12	12	129
Hull	13	11	12	11	10	13	11	14	12	11	119
Eadie	14	9	11	9	11	7	9	10	11	11	102
Doolittle	15	13	14	13	13	12	15	12	15	13	133
Blackslee	14	14	14	13	15	14	10	14	11	12	129
Flick	14	15	14	13	12	12	13	15	13	12	133
Rogers	14	13	12	13	12	12	15	12	13	12	123
Strohmer	13	12	13	12	10	11	13	12	12	9	117
Peeler	11	13	9	8	11	12	13	10	6	11	104
Quayle	12	14	14	14	13	14	11	11	13	11	127
Upson	15	14	15	14	13	13	14	14	13	14	141
Brown	10	14	13	10	14	12	14	13	12	12	125
McCracken	11	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	54
Rowley	11	14	12	14	12	12	10	14	13	12	126
Ramsey	12	11	9	7	13	10	9	9	8	9	98
Grant	15	13	12	14	14	13	11	12	11	14	137
Harris	11	12	10	11	14	13	11	14	14	10	127