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Marksmanship Contests Become More Popular.

PINEHURST EVENT NOTABLE

shooting Club in Few Years Rises to One of Foremost Organizations of Its Kind in America and Sport is Enjoyed.

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How to keep each day alive with some item of interest, recreation or sport, is a question of the greatest concern at all resorts and resting-places. No time or effort has been spared in making preparations for golf, yachting and sightseeing, and now attention is directed toward establishing other forms of recreation on a permanent basis.

There is no better index to the ever-increasing popularity and importance of trapshooting as a resort pastime of National interest than is shown by the growth of the Midwinter Handicap, held at Pinehurst, N. C., each January. Eleven years ago when C. W. Birlings took the first trophy from under the guns of George S. McCarty and George L. Lyon, the Pinehurst Gun Club was a diminutive organization with a little shanty for a clubhouse.

This was considered ample for all possible needs, even though it provided for the wants of 25 shooters. One string of traps was all anyone supposed would ever be required.

Time Tells Story.
A small corner adjunct to the station and farm no longer holds this leading sport of the famous resort. The game has graduated from the infant class and taken its place in the schedule of events in the same class with the enormous golfing activity and the jockey club.

The shooting club has become an institution, with acres of ground for parking space, roadways, arenas, instructors in shotgun, rifle and pistol shooting, and a house built to accommodate not 25 but 100 shooters. The clubhouse is a picturesque rustic cabin, 110 feet long and 45 feet wide, built of native logs, with three great fireplaces, gun and lounging rooms, lavatories and offices.

A most important innovation is quarters for ladies. An entire wing is devoted exclusively to Annie Oakley's people, and to the increasing numbers of women entering the annual big shoots or participating occasionally in the sport.

The clubhouse is furnished with all the luxury of other clubs—easy chairs, divans, rugs and curtains—and decorated with the records of past shoots, and with photographs of the famous shots of America who have had their turns at the Pinehurst traps.

Five Traps in Use.
The one set of traps has given place to five. And even this number is likely to be found inadequate before many years are past. Last year 174 of the leading guns in America took the mark at the firing line. With the club and grounds all finished, and the sport now come into its own, there is no telling how many will be there shooting in the tournaments in the years to come.

The Pinehurst shoot is the opening event of the 118 resort shoots, notable of which might be mentioned the tournaments already planned for Lake-

wood, N. J.; Maplewood, N. H.; Del Monte, Cal.; and Cedar Point, O.

Plans are being perfected for shoots at many other of the popular American resorts, and all signs point to a series of enjoyable events at the traps that will add a new item of interest to the resort life in all parts of the country.

The military idea is fast invading the resort shoots and adding a spice to the sport.

DIETS GOES INTO MOVIE WORK

W. S. C. Football Coach Purchases Interest in Spokane Company.

W. H. "Lonestar" Diets, well-known football coach of Washington State College and a graduate of Carleton College, who has been a member of one of Carleton's famous football aggregations, has purchased an interest in the Washington Motion Picture Corporation, which is building studios in Spokane, and will appear personally in its productions next Spring.

Diets has had considerable picture experience, having spent his vacations for several years in work before the camera for Essanay and Selig and also in support of William Russell in Mutual productions.

It is expected that Diets will be featured in Western dramas with Princess Mona Darkfeather, who is already in Spokane with her husband, Frank E. Montgomery, former physical director for Universal, Kalem, Selig, Bison 101 and other companies.

U. S. TEAM IS POSSIBLE

ENLISTED BALL STARS MAY CHALLENGE WINNERS.

Big Leaguers in Army and Navy Could Give World Champions Hard Run for First Honors.

How about a martial team as champions of the world? Not only possible, but quite probable. Backed by certain generals and at least one admiral, the big leaguers who have gone to war to talk and exchange letters about such a ball club, about a team made up from the enlisted stars, and are already thinking of a challenge extending to the winners of the National and American League pennants.

Perhaps few of the fans realize that enough stars have gone to war to make up one of the most powerful ball clubs that ever trod a field. If you don't think the Army and Navy club would have a well chance with the best of them, look over this roster:
Catchers—Gowdy and Severed.
Pitchers—Leonard, Shore, Goodwin, Rizer, Pfeffer, Smith and Cadore.
Infield—Harris or Phip, first base; Jack Miller or Jack Barry, second base; Bates or Leonard, third base; Maranyla, shortstop; Hilsberg, Javvris and Nath, utilities.
Outfield—Lewis, Hooper, Mann and Robertson.

The Army and Navy club could throw quantity as well as quality into action, but the team first named looks good enough to clean up with. And the fans would be solidly behind that ball club, too. Why not give these boys a chance in a short supplementary series?

SPORT BUGS WAVER

None Cares to Predict Events of Year Just Starting.

WAR UPSETS DOPE BUCKET

All Agreed That College Rowing Is Dead Letter, but Baseball Will Be Continued and Traps Will Enjoy Boom.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 12.—Speculation continues to be the principal activity among followers of all lines of sports as to what will be the outcome during the coming year. Colleges, schools and clubs of the West are practically agreed that all branches of sport should be continued on as broad a scale as possible during the progress of the war.

At the moment it would appear that, so far as intercollegiate rowing is concerned on the Pacific Coast, it will be a considerable dead letter. With the determination of the University of California and Stanford University not to put crews on the water this Spring,

amateur stars are working with the various regatta and reserve fleets of the United States.

There appears to be no question as to the future of trap-shooting. With the encouragement of shooting brought about by the war, this sport enjoyed an excellent year during 1917, and the consensus of opinion appears to be that this condition of affairs will be repeated during 1918.

Track and field teams, like last season's football teams, will be among the heaviest sufferers as far as candidates are concerned and, while competition is expected to be keen, a repetition of last year is looked for in the dearth of notable performances in the matter of record breaking.

Basketball is enjoying a period of great activity all over the country. In this the teams and clubs of the Far West are participating. The fact that this early season sport is prospering is taken as an augury that there will be no decline along other lines.

UNCLE SAM NEEDS 100 FORTY MEN OF ABILITY.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—One hundred former college athletes above the draft age who possess the ability to promote and organize sports for large numbers of men are needed immediately for military camps. It was announced today by the Y. M. C. A. A meeting of prominent college men was held at the University Club here today and plans were made to assist the Y. M. C. A. in obtaining the instructors. Every college in the country eventually will be represented on the committee, it was said.

Baseball will be continued as nearly as possible along pre-war lines, although it is believed by many that the quality of games offered may suffer because of the absence of many stars through volunteering and the draft. Officials, both of the Pacific Coast League and the newly framed Pacific Coast International League, formerly the Northwestern League, appear optimistic in this respect, however.

Practically all of the California tennis stars, who are nationally known, already are enrolled in the service of the country. This, it is contended, will afford an unusual opportunity for the youngsters to forge into the limelight and become known.

ATHLETICS GET HEADS

WALTER CAMP APPOINTS PHYSICAL DIRECTORS OF CAMPS.

FIFTY PER CENT OF JACKIES FOUND TO BE UNABLE TO SWIM; CLASSES ARE ORGANIZED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Walter Camp, in charge of athletics in the naval training stations under the supervision of the Navy Department, has announced the following appointments:

Edward Thorp, of New York, as athletic director of the Cape May, N. J. station, and Franklin T. McCracken, of Houston, Tex., as director of the League Island Station at Philadelphia.

Director Thorp is a former Columbia University athlete, while Director McCracken has had wide experience as an organizer of Y. M. C. A. athletics.

Excluding the new appointees, six directors have been appointed by Mr. Camp thus far. They are: Dr. William T. Bull, of Yale, Newport Station, Newport, R. I.; Frank S. Bergin, of Princeton, Pelham Bay station, Pelham, N. Y.; George V. Brown, of Boston, Boston Navy-yard; Herman Oleott, of Kansas University, Great Lakes station, Great Lakes, Ill.; Dr. Charles A. Wharton, of the University of Pennsylvania, Norfolk Station, Norfolk, Va., and Walter D. Powell, of Cleveland, at Newport News station.

Other new appointments are William Rolfe, of Boston, as boxing instructor at the first naval station, Boston. Mr. Rolfe is an enlisted man at the station.

Alexander Sutherland, former swimming instructor of Harvard and Andover, as swimming instructor at the Commonwealth Pier, first naval station, Boston.

It has been found that more than 50 per cent of the jackies at this station are unable to swim. These men have been organized into classes and are receiving instruction daily from Mr. Sutherland.

Two big athletic fields have been laid out at either end of Camp Lewis at American Lake, Wash., and stands with a seating capacity of from 10,000 to 15,000 persons erected at an approximate cost of \$3000 each. The work was done under the supervision of Captain T. G. Cook, athletic representative of the War Department commission on training camp activities. The expense was met with funds derived from athletic contests and entertainments given by the men.

Special course of training for athletic instructors has been instituted in the 49th division stationed at Camp Kearny, Linda Vista, Cal., by Captain John R. Case, Jr., athletic representative of the War Department commission on training camp activities. One lieutenant and one non-commissioned officer from each company have been detailed to take the courses which include boxing, wrestling and callisthenics. Classes are held three times weekly and the officers in turn instruct their men in what they have learned.

Enthusiasm for boxing is running high among the soldiers at Camp Gordon, where the National Army troops from Georgia, Alabama and Florida are stationed, according to the weekly reports made to the War Department commission on training camp activities by C. A. Boyer, the commission's athletic representative here.

"The boys are crazy over the boxing game," Mr. Boyer has written the commission. "In some of the barracks the men have portable boxing platforms which can be easily assembled and boxing and wrestling bouts held on a few minutes' notice. There are also

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TOURNEY WILL BE HELD

VALLEY BASKETBALL TEAMS TO COMPETE AT SALEM.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY TO ACT AS HOST TO MEMBERS OF VALLEY INTER-SCHOOL LEAGUE.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The Willamette Valley Inter-scholastic Athletic League, has accepted the invitation extended by Willamette University to hold its annual basketball tournament here on February 22 and 23. This tournament is to decide the championship of the league.

Coach H. L. Matthews has charge of all of the local arrangements. He issued the invitations to the various schools some time ago and favorable replies have been received from nearly every school in the league. He expects that at least 20 high school athletes will be here during the tournament.

The members of the visiting teams will be entertained by members of the university student body while they are in Salem. The students are deeply interested in the tournament and are glad to have the high school students as their guests, as was shown by their response to Coach Matthews' request that they take care of the entertainment of the visitors.

The door receipts of the games will be pro-rated among the teams to help defray the railroad expenses.

Willamette University will offer a trophy cup to the winning team, which will become a permanent possession after it has been won for two consecutive years. A shield will also be given to the winning team as a recognition of having won the championship for the single year.

The Willamette Valley League was organized last Spring and its membership consists of nearly all of the larger high schools of the Valley. Eligibility rules were adopted which govern all the schools of the league. Rex Putnam, coach of athletics at Salem High School, was elected secretary and is working in co-operation with Coach Matthews for the staging of the annual tournament.

A complete list of the teams which will enter has not been secured yet but it appears certain that Albany, Eugene, Corvallis, Salem, Forest Grove, Newberg and McMinnville as well as some others will be represented.

GRAND JURY GIVES FEES TO RED CROSS.

PUEBLO, Colo., Feb. 6.—A grand jury recently in session here granted its entire fees to the Red Cross. The jurors endorsed the warrants given them by court officers and asked the clerk of the court to present them to the relief organization with the commitments of the organization.

FARREN ON CRUTCHES

SAN FRANCISCO BOY WILL BE LOST TO PRIZING SOME TIME.

DELPH THOMAS DOESN'T PROPOSE TO GIVE ANY WEIGHT TO TRAMBITAS IN CASE OF RETURN MATCH.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Dolph Thomas, who is home with Frankie Farren, expects his scrapper will have a layoff of several weeks at least before he can get back into the ring. Farren returned to San Francisco last Friday night week, just in time for the four-round scraps. He has to make the rounds on crutches and fairly was lifted into the ring for his introduction.

A physician who examined the boy said that the ligaments had been torn loose and that it was altogether a matter of conjecture as to when he would be right.

Thomas, speaking of the possibility of a return match with Trambitas, declared that he would like to arrange one, but Trambitas is much larger than Farren and he doesn't propose to give away a lot of weight.

Tommy Simpson, who returned from the Northwest on the same train, announces that he is getting ready to take Ortega into Seattle on March 1 for a return match with Al Sommers, who was given a draw in Portland. Simpson admits that Sommers will have the pull in weight but avers that he doesn't care if he weighs a ton.

The four-round game in San Francisco seems to be back on a substantial basis. The promoters have at last got the crowds coming their way and with good cards, which, however, don't cost a fortune, they figure to do some good in the way of making a little money. Well-known professionals are still barred, as well as the fighters with talkative managers, but good material is to be had right here in the city that is quite sufficient to mean good bouts.

UNIVERSITY WILL TEST ORES.

MISSOULA, Mont., Feb. 6.—To assist the Government in its war-making efforts by the discovery of new mineral deposits in this state the geology department of the University of Montana has offered to identify any minerals sent to the university by people of this state. Ore bearing tungsten, manganese, mercury, antimony, platinum or molybdenum, chromite mineral and deposits of sulphur or nitrate are especially desired, the department has announced, and large fields of mineral deposits in the state are still unexplored.

The weather these days is divided into two classes—cold and colder.

The scarcity of gasoline in Germany and Austria has forced the military authorities to give increasing attention to the possibilities of alcohol as a motor vehicle fuel.

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