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RECORD SEASON FOR QUAIL

Sportsmen Find Toothsome Birds Abundant and Record Bags Rule.

Wild Turkey, Woodcock and Dove Shooting Add Zest to Sport—Interesting Facts and Figures.

SPORTSMEN have never found the quail shooting more satisfactory than during the present season, the addition of excellent turkey hunting, with occasional woodcock and an abundance of doves, giving added zest to the sport. Covies have never been more numerous, the abundance of birds in the immediate vicinity of the Village being most marked, satisfactory bags being the rule for all, with numerous "record" kills; a number of birds, by the way, in excess of the demands of the average hunter.

Prominent among those who have been much in the field is Cyrus A. Taft of Whitinsville, Mass., an annual visitor here, whose love of shooting is mainly to enjoy his dogs and Nature's beauties. Mr. Taft never shoots except over a point or when his dogs behave to his satisfaction, and his percentage of kills will average well above the fifty per cent mark; the usual sportsman being satisfied if he gets "eight birds with a box of shells", or about thirty-three per cent.

Mr. Taft is also interested in figures and facts and in conversation with an OUTLOOK representative recently, made some interesting statements concerning his hunting trip this season. Fourteen days in all were spent in the field, two hundred and twenty-two cartridges fired, one hundred and fourteen quail bagged, and thirteen crippled; fifty-eight of these birds rising from points by Mr. Taft's Pinehurst dog "Dick" and forty-one by "Fan".

Mr. Taft kept no record of the covies found daily, but thirteen was the best record for a single day with seven and eight covies for a daily average.

Another sportsman who has enjoyed the sport annually for a number of years past is I. D. H. Ralph of Philadelphia, who is now at The Holly Inn for his annual sojourn. Mr. Ralph is much in the field, shooting a three-barrel, twenty-gauge French gun and he seldom misses, securing birds necessary in accordance with his needs easily and devoting considerable attention to his fine dogs, of which he has a number.

Just at present Mr. Ralph is more or less of a lion among the sportsmen, owing to a recent achievement in the field, which, without doubt, stands absolutely alone in hunting annals. Finding both dogs on a point, one backing the other, Mr. Ralph advanced to the rise, a bird flushing wild and coming directly towards him, Mr. Ralph making a quick shot and killing, the bird falling squarely into the mouth of the backing dog. The animal was so surprised, although thoroughly broken, that he bolted for the scrub oak and was, with considerable difficulty, recalled from a wild run which was without apparent reason.



"ANNIE OAKLEY," THE FAMOUS SHOT, IN PINEHURST QUAIL COVERS.

Prominent among others who have been much in the field is J. D. Foot of Rye, who has enjoyed excellent sport over his two Pinehurst dogs and who comes soon for his second visit, after his annual custom. Mr. Foot is a dead shot and a tireless hunter.

In the big list of those who have enjoyed from ten days' to two weeks' shooting are Hon. Frederick K. Gaston, Hobart J. Park, W. D. L. Cunningham, Francis Cunningham, W. C. Johnson of New York; E. R. Johnson, B. G. Royal, A. W. Hayford, W. P. Simpson, of Philadelphia; A. Bryan Alley of Larchmont; J. D. Merriman and Henry Stifel of Wheeling; E. S. Rogers and Henry Dreher of Cleveland; R. E. Townsend, Harry W. Cotton, Thomas T. Baxter, John M. Kendrick, of Boston; Conover

Fitch of Waltham; F. B. Hussey of Pittsburg; George F. Blake and F. F. Blake, of Worcester; John W. Fuller of Columbus; William Bryce, Jr., of New York and E. E. Storer of Ridgefield, Conn.; D. F. Dougherty of Westfield; C. M. Brent of Brookline; J. L. Gladwin of Paris, France, and many others.

LUCKY TURKEY HUNTERS.

Among those who have been fortunate to bag the wild turkey, generally acknowledged to be the king of all game birds, are W. C. Johnson of New York, C. M. Brett of Brookline, Conover Fitch of Waltham, F. B. Hussey of Pittsburg, William Bryce, Jr., of New York and F.

BECKER AND FREEMAN TIE

Tin Whistles' Medal Play Handicap Develops Many Close Scores.

C. L. Becker, R. M. Hamilton and G. A. Peck all Win on Narrow Single Stroke Margins.

THE feature of the fourth event of the Tin Whistles' tournament program, a medal play handicap with three gold medals offered in as many classes for the best net scores in each, was a tie in A class between C. L. Becker of Woodland, whose allowance was five, and Edwin A. Freeman of Dyker Meadow, whose handicap was one, at eighty-one each.

In the play-off Mr. Becker won by the margin of a single stroke and a fast net card of seventy-six to seventy-seven for his opponent, the home green deciding it.

The cards:

MR. BECKER.

Out—5 5 3 5 4 4 5 4 4—39
In —5 3 5 5 5 4 6 3 6—42—81—5—76

MR. FREEMAN.

Out—4 4 4 4 3 5 4 4 4—36
In —4 3 4 4 6 6 6 3 6—42—78—1—77

In B class R. M. Hamilton of Wykagyl (12) led with eighty-three net; H. W. Ormsbee of Alpine (12) finishing second in eighty-four.

C class went to George A. Peck of Egremont (25) who defeated Frank L. Dunne of Boston (15) who made eighty-six.

THE SCORES:

CLASS A.

C. L. Becker,	44	42	86	5	81
E. A. Freeman,	40	42	82	1	81
J. E. Porter,	39	48	87	5	82
E. H. Silliman,	46	49	95	7	88
H. W. Priest,	49	61	110	9	101
N. S. Hurd,					7 NC
L. E. Wardwell,					7 NC

CLASS B.

R. M. Hamilton,	44	51	95	12	88
H. W. Ormsbee,	47	49	96	12	84
J. E. Kellogg,	49	50	99	14	85
F. E. Belden,	47	52	99	14	85
W. S. North,	59	53	112	14	98
N. W. Dean,					13 NC
P. L. Lightbourn,					14 NC

CLASS C.

George A. Peck,	56	54	110	25	85
F. L. Dunne,	52	49	101	15	80
T. R. Moore,	46	58	104	15	89
Dr. G. S. Hill,	55	56	111	22	89
W. L. Murphy,	49	56	105	15	90
J. M. Robinson,	52	61	113	22	91
Charles E. Sayles,					45 NC

DEMAND FOR PINEHURST DOGS LARGE.

The demand for dogs bred and trained by the local Kennels continues in excess of the supply, and new blood is continually being added, notably the famous sire "California Bell Boy" by Tony Boy and Lena Bell. Bell Boy is the blood brother to the great Champion Geneva, Champion Clyde Charity and Tomboy, and has won first in many important field and bench events; the sire of eight winners: Avalon, Keepsake, Dell, Reybell, Valita, Klamath, Queen, Ohio Bell Boy and Bessie Bell.

Two promising puppies have also been purchased from the kennels of Bandmaster John Philip Sousa and the string of dogs now in training is one which ranks second to no Kennels in the country.