

Pinehurst Midwinter Trap Tourney to Open Season

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NO MATTER what action the newly appointed committee on the affairs of the Interstate Trapshooting Association may take, the trapshooting season for the new year will be opened for the twelfth consecutive time with the Pinehurst Midwinter Tagret Tournament, January 20, at Pinehurst, N. C. Twelve years of good management has made this tournament one of the trapshooting classics of the season, and it is considered a good barometer on clay-target activities for the year.

That the management has taken kindly to the class division of trophies and purses is evidenced by the program just received. A new method of making up the classes has been devised, each shooter will be given an average according to known ability, the names will then be entered in rotation and the shooters divided into four equal classes if 100 or more entries, or three classes on less entries. This scheme at a large tournament should work well, and it will be watched with much interest, as the class division has not yet been satisfactorily worked out for either the shooter or management.

On Monday, January 20, a practice shoot will be held and 200 targets will be thrown to warm up on, two trophies will be awarded. The real opening of the tournament is scheduled for Tuesday morning at 8.30 when 200 registered targets in ten events will constitute the day's program. There will be 600 registered sixteen-yard targets during the four days of the regular tournament. The entire 200 targets of the second day will constitute the Pinehurst championship and will probably bring forth the greatest effort of the shooters, besides the valuable championship trophy the winner will receive a money prize of \$100.

The second half of the third day's program will be devoted to the preliminary handicap, sixteen to twenty-two yards, for which there is a trophy and guaranteed money prize. As usual the choice part of the program has been reserved for last, the last half of Friday's 200 targets will be the celebrated Pinehurst Midwinter handicap for which there are six money prizes guaranteed, the winner, besides getting the trophy will get \$350 sure, and the sixth high gun's share will be \$100. The distance will range same as the preliminary.

In the twelve times that this event has been featured, only one shooter has had the honor and distinction of winning it twice. Charles H. Newcomb won in 1911 from twenty yards, and repeated in 1914 with 95 breaks, from twenty-one yards. Newcomb has always proven at his best in these tournaments and seldom came away without some of the honors and titles. In 1916 he won the preliminary from twenty-two yards and tied with J. B. Jahn for the high gen-

eral average at 800 targets, each having broken 759. Newcomb won the shoot off by breaking 50 straight, while Jahn let one slip by in the second frame.

It was in 1917 that Newcomb was obliged to view the activities from the side lines, as he was suffering from a serious illness while the tournament was being staged. Steve Crothers was the sensation at this meet by breaking 482 targets out of 500, he finished in third place on the entire program.

Many sensational contests and shoot-offs have been staged in connection with this tournament. Fred Plum lost his title to the Hercules all-round championship by missing his two last targets in the doubles to J. R. Jahn in 1917; either one broken would have been sufficient to win, as it was the result was a tie, and he lost the shoot-off. In 1916 there were three ties for high average on 600 targets. J. R. Jahn, H. W. Jones and Frank Wright each broke 578, in the shoot-off Wright was eliminated in the second frame and got third place. Jahn and Jones shot 200 targets each to decide the winner. In the eighth frame Jones dropped a target while Jahn went straight. Jahn had broken 195 of his targets.

Saturday, the last day, is Special Day, and includes the Consolation handicap. There will be many special features added. Ralph Spotts, the New York A. C. champion, will conduct a Red Cross event, and the du Pont eighteen-yard championship will again be offered as an open contest. The present holder of this title is George Fish, the Lyndonville, N. Y., star, he having won the honor at the Westy Hogan shoot last September by breaking 99x100. The targets must be thrown sixty yards and the shooters stand at the eighteen-yard mark.

Indications point to a record breaking entry, the program cannot help but suit all shooters, and Pinehurst offers a fine vacation spot at that time of the year.—From the Philadelphia Press.

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