

The Amateur Target Tournament

THE ANNUAL MID-APRIL SHOOT in Pinehurst is always an important event on the Southern trapshooter's program. It is decidedly a Southerner's shoot and this year, as in past years, attracted the best guns on the Southern Atlantic seaboard. The entries were large last week and the sound of gun fire coming from the direction of the Gun Club was continuous all the week. Weather conditions on all days, except Friday, when a gale of wind swept the traps, were ideal for the shooters.

On the opening day many of the old, familiar hands were on deck. There

on are Mr. C. T. Crocker, Jay Hall, B. H. T. Whitin V. Covert, Parker Whittemore and G. LeRoy Werts A. Magoon.

The ranks of the professionals were led by the famous Homer Clark, of Alton, Ill. Last year with an average of 9755, Clark ranked fifth among the leading trapshooters of the country. Owing to illness he was unable to compete in all the events. Other well-known marksmen, professionals and amateurs, at the firing line were J. F. Chipley, of Greenwood, S. C.; J. Des Portes; W. T. Laslie, of Charlotte; H. A. Morson, the North Carolina Champion; John M. Morehead and J. L. Morehead of Charlotte; W. M. Webb; C. O. Le Compte; P. R. Earle; Robert Shelor and W. L. Hefner.

The North and South Tournament was run on Monday and Tuesday, 175 targets the first day and 175 the second day. Albert A. Kroehle of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, who is a new star in the trapshooting firmament, was high gun on the first day with a break of 169 out of 175. His nearest rival was George Williams, of Miami, Florida, who scored 166. On Tuesday Kroehle and Williams both dropped four birds out of seventy-five; the result was that Kroehle led his rival and the field by two birds, breaking 239 out of a possible 250. The scores:

AMATEURS

A. E. Kroehle	168-71-239
George Williams	166-71-237
W. L. Hefner	165-70-235
P. R. Earle	164-69-233
T. T. Todd	160-70-230
R. M. Lee	164-65-229
U. R. Brooks	163-65-228
H. A. Morson	161-65-226
R. Pittman	155-71-226
J. P. Sousa	158-67-225
J. I. Chipley	162-61-223
P. F. LaBorde	158-65-223
Robert Shelor	158-68-223
R. Sinclair	160-62-222
W. R. Beckwith	155-65-220
R. L. Pittman	150-70-220
J. M. Morehead	152-67-219
P. W. McGraw	151-68-219
H. Simmons	151-67-218
I. Andrews	158-57-215

144-62-206
138-55-193
109-50-159
118- -118
-69- 69
-87- 67
-60- 60

PROFESSIONALS

C. E. Goodrich	168-71-239
W. T. Laslie	165-70-235
J. DesPortes	160-70-230
E. L. Moss	162-67-229
C. O. LeCompte	162-63-225
W. F. Hall	149-67-216
Homer Clark	168- -168

In accordance with precedent leading Southern guns were placed against the five leading Northern guns and the total of the scores indicated that the Southerners had outshot the Northerners by a total of 42 birds. A. E. Kroehle was the mainstay of the Northern team, but even though the winner of the shoot was on the Northern side he could not pull his team-mates along with him. The scores show that only one Southern gun was below 230, while there was only one Northern gun above 230.

NORTH AND SOUTH TEAM RACE

SOUTH	
George Williams	237
W. L. Hefner	235
P. R. Earle	233
T. T. Todd	230
U. R. Brooks	228
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NORTH

A. E. Kroehle	239
R. M. Lee	229
R. Sinclair	222
J. P. Sousa	225
H. T. Whitin	206
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The North and South Handicap, run on Tuesday afternoon, was a contest of five events, 20 targets each, and when the smoke had cleared off the field there was discovered a four-cornered tie between the redoubtable Kroehle, from the 21 yard line, U. R. Brooks, of Columbia, S. C., from the 19 yard line, Rowland Pittman, of Whitakers, N. C., and Robt. Shelor, of Sumter, S. C., the last two shooting from the 18 yard line. Each man broke 92 out of 100. On the shoot-off of 20 targets, Pittman won the Handicap Title with a break of 19 out of the 20. He slipped up on his very last bird.

The events of greatest interest at the shoot were the North Carolina State Championships. The winner of the 300 sixteen yard contest who is resident in this state is annually declared the State Champion and receives a trophy donated by the A. T. A. In addition this year the winner—or runner-up—will have his railroad and Pullman fare, to and from the Grand American Handicap, paid by the A. T. A., conditional upon his attending G. A. H. and competing in the National Amateur Championship at single targets.

The North Carolina State Shoot proved to be a neck and neck run between A. H. Morson, of Charlotte, who

was defending his title, and J. B. Pennington, of Tarboro, the aspirant. At the end of the first day, after 200 targets had been thrown, Morson was four birds ahead of Pennington; but on Friday Morson fell off slightly and Pennington made up the four points. Out of 300 targets they stood each with 280 to their credit. In the shoot-off which followed the two experts locked horns again and each smashed 18 x 20. The champion was fighting for his life and the gallery, sensing something interesting, grew in size and intently watched the duel. On the second 20 targets Morson asserted his superiority, accounting for 17, whereas the best Pennington could do was to shatter 16. He made a strong bid for the title. The scores among the North Carolina shooters:

H. A. Morson	191-89-280
J. B. Pennington	187-93-280
J. H. Dreher	185-89-274
Rowland Pittman	179-95-274
W. L. Hefner	189-83-272
W. M. Webb	182 87 269
R. C. Pittman	183-85-268
J. M. Morehead	185-80-265
U. A. Underwood	173-90-263
R. L. Pittman	175-82-257
E. D. Taylor	172-84-256
J. L. Morehead	168-87-255
W. P. McGraw	169-84-253
J. S. Longfellow	145-75-220
James Craig	145-74-219
W. J. Eason	140-65-205

OTHER SHOOTERS

P. R. Earle	194-98-292
U. R. Brooks	191-93-284
J. F. Chipley	187-69-283
R. M. Lee	193-89-282
A. E. Kroehle	186-92-278
Geo. Williams	189-86-275
A. F. McKisiek	188-80-268
T. T. Todd	179-85-264
R. Sinclair	179-80-259
W. R. Beckwith	179-80-259
E. F. Arnold	182-77-259
I. Andrews	175-81-256
J. P. Sousa	169-84-253
Robert Shelor	170-79-249

PROFESSIONALS

C. E. Goodrich	196-95-291
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John Philip Sousa

were Mr. Todd and Mr. Squier, of course, and also the old reliable Sousa, bandmaster to the United States, crack shot and annual upholder of the honor of Northern guns. He has been coming to Pinehurst for many years, attending both the Mid-Winter Handicap and the Mid-April shoot. The only Pinehurst amateur on hand was John C. Spring Other Pinehurst shooters usually counted



Ladies at Annie Oakley's Shooting School



Homer Clark began to shoot when he was very young