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## Seventh Annual Field Trial

THE Pinehurst Field Trial has issued its blanks for the 7th annual Field Trials, to be held the week of January 28th, 1924, at Pinehurst.

Col. R. T. Stedman, of Winston-Salem, N. C., and Capt. Ambrose Gaines, of Knoxville, Tenn., are to judge the events this year, as last, an arrangement which will meet with general approval. These gentlemen officiated at Pinehurst last year, and their work was unusually satisfactory. Judges of widely different temperaments and methods, their work dovetails together so logically that there is no room for quarrel with their decisions. The unanimous verdict last year was that more just conclusions and better team work between judges was not to be found in an event of this kind. Both men are looking for real bird dogs and while they appreciate and give due weight to style and action, their first requirements are that a dog shall find and handle birds, working in obedience to his handler.

There will be 3 events: first, the Membership Stake for trophies; second, the Derby; and third, the Free-for-All. For the two latter events, 75 per cent. of the nomination and starting fees will be divided into 3 monies: 50, 30 and 20 per cent. and a purse of \$250 is guaranteed in each of these events. The nominations in these two latter events are \$5.00; starting fees, \$10.00. Nominations close January 18th.

Additional grounds have been secured, and there are plenty of birds all through this territory, which has been posted so that it will not be shot over before the Trials. The headquarters of the Club during Trial week will be the Berkshire Hotel; first class kennels are near at hand, and good saddle horses will be available for both participants and spectators. The club is expecting a generous entry of famous dogs.

There is no better sport than watching a well bred and trained bird dog at work, and the trials always bring out an interested gallery who find these days in the open with the dogs, deserving their popularity.

Sport makes veterans at an early age. Jess Sweetser has a habit of showing his dissatisfaction at himself over an imperfect shot by slamming his clubs into his bag. Gene Sarazen was present when this trait was being discussed.

"That doesn't mean anything," he said. "He'll get over it. He's a boy yet."

Sarazen himself is a venerable old gentleman of twenty-two.

A sense of balance is not of the essential qualities in the make-up of the successful athlete. Balance is to sport what poise is to character, a quality that insures steadiness and power applied at the right moment. Dempsey, Sarazen, Tilden, all the sport stars, have this sense.

One of Firpo's chief faults is lack of balance. After their cyclonic fight Dempsey said Firpo had fallen three times from only glancing blows. Sarazen, although he sometimes seems to be swung off his feet at the end of the swing, is always set like a rock on his stumpy legs when the club head meets the ball. Tilden, in the act of making the most impossible get, is still poised so that his stroke has rhythmic power.