

MAD SIGHT RACE AT FINISH

Thrilling Home Stretch Run After Hares Ends Paper Chase.

Several Hundred People Watch the Fun from Country Club House and Carolina.



WAS a merry race, the second paper chase of the season, run off last Saturday, and a score of riders joined in the pursuit of the wily hares, snatching victory from them when it was nearly won, after a neck and neck race down the home stretch. There were a couple of harmless tumbles to add to the excitement, and several hundred people witnessed the start and finish from the broad verandas of The Carolina, making all and all, an occasion which was generally enjoyed.

Five minutes was the time allowance given the hares, Miss Mary C. Dutton and Mr. J. Cushing Todd, and they were off at the word, like the wind, vanishing to the rhythm of hoof-beats, in a cloud of dust, on the rise of the Dickinson School road.

Minutes dragged while the hounds were held in leash, but the word finally came and with wild halloo the pack gave cry, each striving to be the first for a grip at the quarry. It was easy going down the soft, sandy road, but with the turn into the scrub oak, troubles began.

Clear and sharp, however, stood out the trail, and in and out, up and down it led, due west for a while, then swinging sharply to the right, crossing the Poultry Farm road, dipping into the ravine and climbing up the opposite hill, straight to the Village fence, then sharply to the left and round the corner. From this point on it was clear sailing, with good going, and gradually the faster riders began to leave the pack behind, until when the gate near the negroes cabin adjoining the golf course was reached, only two were up in front, C. E. Speakman and Alfred Dustin, riding neck and neck, with the lust of conquest in their eyes, and the spirit of their steeds throbbing their veins.

Into the scrub oak the trail swung from the gate, but only for a short distance, when it ended in a pile of paper and the empty bags. Just a second the hounds stop to gather up evidences that the trail had been worked out, and then plunging spurs into their nery steeds, the wild race for home and victory, began.

When the sixteenth tee on the golf course was reached, the hares were sighted on the hill near the seventeenth tee, and with the mad sight cry the hounds sounded the death knell!

Players on the golf course heard it and understood its meaning, and the echoes caught the ears of the crowd at the Country Club House, which flocked to the verandas to witness the race. Then the tired hares thundered past with the speed of the wind, and as their echoing hoof-beats died away in the distance the wild ripity-rap, ripity-rap of the pursuing hounds came from the other

side. Past they went a moment later, with Speakman in the lead, crouched low down upon his horse's neck, his eyes straight ahead, and his horse's neck straight out!

Half a length behind was Dustin, high up in the stirrups and forward like a jockey, belaying his horse like a trooper, oblivious to all but the excitement of the moment!

It was infectious! The crowd on the Club House held its breath while the riders whirled past, and when the spell was broken, gave vent in unison, to a ringing cheer.

Two minutes later the race was over, and the hounds had won. Singly and in pairs the remanant of the pack flocked in, the first after the leaders, following some fifteen minutes later, and the last about twenty minutes. There was a jolly assembly at The Carolina, in which everybody tried to talk at once, tell everybody else their experiences, and to suggest plans for future runs.

INSURANCE MEN HERE.

State Underwriters Association Meet at The Carolina.

The annual meeting of the Life Underwriters Association of North Carolina met at The Carolina yesterday. President H. R. Wilcox, and Secy. P. D. Gold, made their annual reports showing the excellent work of the Association during the past year. Charles W. Scovel, of Pittsburg, Pa., President of the National Association, was the guest of honor.

Important changes were made allowing regular life insurance solicitors of Legal Reserve Companies to become members of the Association as well as general agents.

W. H. McCabe, General Agent of the State Mutual Life of Worcester, Mass., was elected President; R. Y. McPherson, Manager of the New York Life, Vice-President, and P. D. Gold, General Agent of the Provident Savings, Secretary and Treasurer, for the ensuing year.

At the annual banquet in the evening, President Scovel, of the National Association, responding to the toast "Our National Work," made a strong and comprehensive address. He said that the great institution of Life Insurance had been passing through the throes that herald a new era. The agents in their organized capacity, he pointed out, were becoming a more important factor, and they must take the broadest view of their duty; first to purify all field practices, and second to help educate the public in the fundamental truths upon which Life Insurance must build this new era of yet wider usefulness to the family and the community.

The party, including many ladies, will remain here until Monday.

BRIDGE TOURNAMENT.

Mrs. F. H. Raymond and Mr. John V. Craven the Winners.

One of the interesting features of the week at The Carolina was a bridge whist tournament, suggested by Mrs. W. O. Lentz, of Mauch Chunk, Pa. Two hands

were played on pivot system, so that all contestants came together. Dainty prizes were offered and the scores were excellent, Mrs. F. H. Raymond, of Somerville, winning the women's prize with 1106, and Mr. John V. Craven, of West Chester, Pa., the men's with 982.

THE SCORES.

Mrs. F. H. Raymond,	1106
Mrs. H. G. Waite,	1002
Miss Esther A. Kuhuen,	916
Mrs. M. Kuhuen,	876
Miss Heloise Smith,	846
Mrs. J. H. Bronson,	844
Miss Mabel A. Craven,	770
Mrs. A. T. Harris,	750
Mrs. Cross,	702
Mrs. W. O. Lentz,	648
Mrs. W. J. Godfrey,	648
Mrs. H. W. Brown,	536
Mrs. F. J. Evans,	532

Mr. John V. Craven,	982
Lieut. F. J. Evans,	962
Mr. H. H. Harper,	956
Mr. B. R. Smith,	916
Mr. L. E. Wardwell,	808
Mr. La Fayette Lentz, Jr.,	750
Mr. J. D. Foot,	664
Mr. A. T. Harris,	568
Mr. Angier,	568

NOTE—Mrs. Cross and Mr. Angier played one evening, only; Mr. and Mrs. Harris finishing the hands.

ZOO CONTINUES POPULAR.

Brief Sketch of Big Satan, the African Lion.

Attendance at The Zoo continues satisfactory, and the daily crowds embrace not only new comers, but those who have been frequent visitors. The baby monkey is as lively, Methuselah as vicious, and the entire collection as attractive as ever.

Satan, the splendid African lion, has a record which is not an enviable one, having several trainers. He was imported from Africa to Germany by a fur dealer, and was purchased by Mr. Benson in Ulm, Germany, in 1902, when two years of age. After his arrival in America, Mr. Benson thought he would make an apt pupil, and so he undertook to, and was successful in teaching Satan and his mate, many tricks.

After the animals became proficient, Bronco Moccacio performed with them with great success, until he was severely injured by Satan at Indianapolis. The well-known trainer, Capt. Barrios, next undertook to master Satan, but he also was severely injured while performing in Springfield, Mass., and was obliged to give up the task.

Mr. Benson next performed with Satan at intervals, but the animal was treacherous, and injured his owner at Providence. Since then Satan has been put in the untamable class, kept for exhibition only.

An Ideal Valentine.

Eyes of soft and dewy brown,
Sweetly, shyly looking down,
Checks that shame the Jacqueminot,
Lips that make a friend of foe,
Hair that's spun with threads of gold,
Shimmering ringlets you behold,
Grace that only fairies brought—
Ah! the charm of love is wrought.
Would that I could call her mine.
This ideal Valentine!

FIRST GYMKHANA TUESDAY

Program of Varied Interest Announced by the Committee.

Dummy, Addition, Potato, Lance, Ring, Scarf and Pursuit Race Events Planned.



PROGRAM of exceptional and varied interest has been arranged for the first of the Equestrian Gymkhanas which will be held Tuesday

afternoon, next, in the new riding ring at the west of The Carolina, beginning at 3:15 sharp. These events were among the most popular of last season's entertainment features, several hundred people always being in attendance, and there is every indication that they will be followed by even larger numbers this year. There is a snap and go which appeals, just enough, of the hair-lifting to make the breath come quick and fast, and in addition, frolics which amuse and entertain.

THE PROGRAM.

Tuesday's program will include the potato race in which potatoes are transferred from one side of the ring to the other, by aid of pointed sticks; a merry frolic which always holds the interest of both participants and onlookers. Another event will be the lance and ring contest, in which hanging rings are removed while riding past at full gallop.

A third feature will be a new one, an addition contest, in which the men will select women partners, who will be stationed upon the opposite side of the ring. At the word the men will mount, ride across the ring, dismount, and hand a sum in addition to their partners, who will total it as quickly as possible, and return to the rider, who will mount and return to the starting point; best time to win.

Another new feature will be the dummy carrying contest, in which participants will ride to a given point, dismount, pick up a dummy figure, supposed to represent a disabled person, place it astride the horse in front of the saddle, mount and return to the starting point.

Another event will be the scarf race, in which contestants will ride in pairs, to the top of the hillock on the Dickinson School road, turn and return to the starting point, holding a handkerchief or scarf, lightly between them. The penalty for losing a hold on the scarf will be disqualification. The pairs will ride singly and the best time will win.

Another event will be the pursuit race, in which contestants will ride in pairs and attempt to remove a ribbon bow resting upon the left shoulder of the opponent, and while riding upon the right side.

Points counting three, two and one will be awarded in each event, the highest total winning, and there will be souvenirs for the winners in the various events as well.