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## ENDS IN BRILLIANT CLIMAX

Unique Place Among Leading Contests Assured for Midwinter Handicap.

Large and Representative Field and Record Scores Features of "Second Annual" Trap Tourney.



ROPHETIC of the place it is to occupy among the most important events of its character, was the second annual Midwinter Handicap Trap Shooting

Tournament; the contest thus early generally regarded as one which is to be most unique in this country, standing absolutely alone in many important par-

"I know of no place which offers such possibilities for development, or which promises so much for the future," remarked a prominent New York trap shooter. "The time of the shoot has been most happily chosen, your grounds are not surpassed the world over and there is a charm and fascination about the Village which is bound to bring old friends back with new, year after year. And, herein, mark my word, is the real secret of the foundation of a shoot of this character.

"To be sure your program and the publicity the event receives, play an important part, but above and beyond all, a tournament of this class is made or marred by the men interested in the sport, for no class of sportsmen are so clannish as the trap shooters. They go where others go, they look to others for advise, and every shooter who comes here is delighted through a happy combination in which the enthusiasm and generosity of the Management, combined with the equipment and other attractive features, are a prime factor."

The field of contestants was not only representative of all sections, but including many of the country's fastest men, and absolutely perfect conditions and management kept the program going from start to finish like well oiled machinery; ties in both of the principal events, the brilliant climax of a perfect week. Good fellowship brought the company together as "club members" not competitors, and many reluctant to depart, lingered into the present week, conscious of the genuine Pinehurst welcome which all feel here.

HANDICAP.

the scores up to the record mark, and coming fast. kept the outcome uncertain until the close. The tenseness which followed the announcement of the tie at ninety-two

Handicap and keen competition pushed in ninety and the balance of the big field

PRELIMINARY.

Two North Carolina experts, Charles between Harry T. Edwards of Union Nuchols of Charlotte, and Dr. J. H. City, Tenn., and R. G. Stokley of Wil- Dreher of Wilmington, fought it out in a mington, N. C., was enough to unsteady tie shoot-off at ninety in the Preliminary, the most seasoned veteran, and it never Mr. Nuchols winning twenty-four to relaxed a whit until the last shot had twenty-one, both losing the eighth target been fired, Mr. Stokley losing the chance for a second tie, the winner running

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HARRY T. EDWARDS-R. G. STOKLEY

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last target of the final race, the score thrice tied during its progress.

The scores:

Mr. Edwards.

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In second place at ninety-one, were C. W. Billings of Glen Ridge, the title In spite of three days shooting which holder, and E. W. Reynolds of New

to tie the score for the second time on the | a clean score from that point while his opponent failed to land on the seventeenth, twenty-first and twenty-second.

> W. D. Hinds of Portland, made second in eighty-trine and D. A. Upson of Cleveland third in eighty-eight, either of whom might have tied for first in the last string.

> > HIGH AVERAGES.

The race for the gold and silver medals offered for the best three high amateur divisions of sixteen each, the winner of averages in the three hundred targets

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## preceded it interest centred in Saturday's York; A. W. Church of New York, third | PINEHURST SYSTEM SHOOT

Special Trap Event on New "Match Play" Plan Makes Decided Hit.

Possibilities of Development are Limitless and its General Pop-



OST natural it was that Pinehurst should be responsible for the introduction of something new in trap shooting, most natural it seems to have

the innovation received with an enthusiasm which bids fair to extend throughout the country, for thus it has always been here. Briefly, Pinehurst has invariably taken the initiative, always been creative, and for this reason, has come to be recognized generally throughout the entire country. Most appropriate, also, it is that the plan be known for all time as the "PINEHURST SYSTEM" of trap shooting; the idea, briefly, for contestants to run down through to the final round in precisely the same manner as in match play golf and tennis, the field being made up in divisions of sixteen or ratios of this number: eight, thirtytwo, sixty-four, etc.

It will readily be seen that the possibilities of development are limitless. For instance, the field could be made to qualify for the "match" rounds with a "medal" hundred bird shoot arranged in sweepstake events, the sixteen best scores making the first division and so on down through the entire list. On the other hand, the shoot might be conducted on the plan of the Pinehurst System used in connection with the annual Midwinter Golf Tournament, the field arranged in various classes and the sixteen best shots in each class qualifying. The number of shots to decide the match in both qualification and match shooting, could be fixed at any figure from ten to a hundred, the latter figure, undoubtedly, what would be decided on as a satisfactory test in the more important contests. Handicaps could also be introduced when advisable.

Further prizes could be offered for the division winners and runners up and the consolation division winners, and the division winners and consolation division winners could be brought together in final rounds to decide the "Championship." For instance, if there were four the first and second and the third and the

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