

THE MIDWINTER HANDICAP

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contestant will be paid more than the total amount of his entrance money, less price of targets.

It is confidently believed that this purse will amount to a sum sufficient to cover the losses of those who shoot in all regular events based on an entrance fee of \$64.00 for the four days, less the price of targets (\$12.00). Thus a contestant can compete in all regular events of the tournament, and should he prove to be out of form and not shoot up to expectations, his four days sport would cost him the price of targets only. A contestant should certainly be willing to pay for the targets he shoots at when his average falls below that point which brings financial reward for good performance.

While contestants are not guaranteed that they will receive the total amount of their entrance money, it is reasonable to believe that they will, as the statistical data in connection with tournaments conducted under this system shows that this purse in each instance was sufficient to cover the losses of those who shot in all scheduled events, and frequently there was quite a surplus.

In case there is a surplus after the combined losses have been paid, the surplus will be divided among the high gun amateurs who have shot in all regular scheduled events, which briefly summarized, creates three places for each \$50.00 or fraction thereof, up to \$500.00.

While the dates set are for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 18, 19, 20 and 21, the Preliminary and Handicap on the closing days, the event will round out the full week, many shooters assembling even as early as the week previous. The program:

JANUARY 16—Informal sweepstakes and practice shooting.

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JANUARY 18—Ten twenty-targets sweepstakes, entrance \$2.00. Additional optional sweepstake on each event with a \$2.00 entrance, and additional optional sweepstake on the first and second hundreds, entrance \$2.50. Purses in all regular events to be divided by the Rose system, 8-5-3-2-1. Purses in optional sweeps to be divided by percentage system, class shooting, 40-30-20-10, if over twenty entries, otherwise 50-30-20. Additional sweeps at the close of the program if conditions permit.

JANUARY 19—Program same as preceding day.

JANUARY 20—Five twenty-target sweepstakes, entrance \$2.00. Additional optional sweepstake on each event with a \$2.00 entrance and additional optional sweepstake for the hundred, of \$2.50. Four twenty-five target sweepstakes (Preliminary Handicap sixteen, to twenty-three yards) entrance fee \$10.00 with \$150.00 added money, an additional additional sweepstake on each event of \$2.00 and Preliminary cup to winner. Additional sweeps at the close of the program if conditions permit.

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entrance and additional optional sweepstake for the hundred, of \$2.50. Four twenty-five target sweepstakes (Midwinter Handicap, sixteen to twenty-three yards,) entrance fee \$10.00 with \$200.00 added money, an additional optional sweepstake on each event of \$2.00 and the Handicap cup to the winner. Additional sweeps at the close of the program if conditions permit.

Details of handicapping are in the hands of a committee including: C. W. Billings of the New York Athletic Club; R. M. Owen of New York; Charles H. Newcomb of the Independent Gun Club, Philadelphia; D. T. Leahy of the Crescent Athletic Club; H. T. Edwards of Union City, Tenn.; J. Cushing Todd of Newburyport, Mass.; and Harry Lee of Greensboro, N. C.

Other events on the season's schedule include hundred-target handicap tournaments for sterling cups, to be held weekly from January 30 to March 27, inclusive. For the four best scores made in these events, the winner to have shot at not less than eight hundred targets, a gold medal will be awarded. In addition numerous invitation shoots will add to the interest of the season.

PUTTING AT THE INN

Indoor Competition Rounds Out Merry Christmas Eve

An indoor putting competition followed by dancing, arranged by Miss Ethel Check, provided a merry Christmas eve at The Inn which interested the entire Village, liberal applause being bestowed upon the contestants.

The "green" was a long strip of red carpet and the "hole" four rings counting twenty, fifteen, ten and five; elusive in their proportion to their value in the score. A few, however, reached the "gold," among them Mr. T. S. Lippy and Mr. Robert Hunter who tied for first with Master Richard S. Tufts who scored fifteen and five and in the play-off Master Tufts won first; and Mr. Lippy second. In a keen race Mrs. Lippy captured the consolation. The children's prize went to Miss Louise Patterson; her sister, little Helen, Miss Browning and Masters Fay, Thaw and Morse being youthful other competitors.

Messrs. Hudson, Fay, Hubbard, McCreery, Paul Hunter, Patterson, Lightbourn, Check, Bishop, Barnes, Becker, Adams, and Dr. Marr. Mesdames Fay, McCreery, Patterson and Tufts and Misses Check, Barnett and Rose were the grown-ups who contested.

Cup Christening Tonight

Through the interest of President B. S. Ashby of the Yountakah Club, Pascaic, a complimentary dinner has been arranged for tonight at The Inn at which the various cups won in the Holiday golf tournament will be christened.

In Honor of Mr. Travis

Mr. Walter J. Travis and Mr. C. L. Becker were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Metcalf at dinner at the Hawthorne Friday; the *piece de resistance*, native wild turkey.

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