

# THE PINEHURST OUTLOOK

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FIVE CENTS

## THE BIG SHOOT

### Wettleaf Wins the Midwinter Handicap.

#### Wright Breaks 98 Per Cent in 450 Target Contest

The following account of the Midwinter Trapshooting Tournament was written by a correspondent of The Sportsman's Review, of Cincinnati, and is lifted in extenso and with thanks to our esteemed contemporary:

Glorious weather ushered in the Midwinter Shoot at Pinehurst on Monday last, and with the exception of some tropical rainstorms on Thursday, continued unbroken all through the week. The consequence was that everybody had a good time from start to finish, win, lose or draw, and a great number of the guns expressed the intention of coming back here for the United North and South affair on April 21-22, which precedes the annual North Carolina State Shoot, April 23, 24, 25.

There was the usual unavoidable delay in getting things started on Monday, Practice Day, and one of two of the pullers might have been a bit more familiar with their job, the result being that part of the big field were unable to finish. Dr. D. Lee Culver didn't like it at all and said so, verbally and in print, and pulled out in a huff, but he was the only one of the upwards of 180 shooters who had any audible kick to file at any time during the week.

The rain on Thursday upset the schedule and caused the Preliminary Handicap to be shoved over to Friday and postponed the Midwinter Handicap to Saturday. The size of the field compelled the cutting down of the 600-target high amateur average contest to 450 targets, but the entire program was otherwise completed with the exception of the 18-yard championship shoot, which had to be abandoned.

William Wettleaf, of Nichols, Iowa, won the Midwinter Handicap trophy at the end of a sensational shoot-off on Saturday, which provided a fitting denouement for a great tournament.

Wettleaf shot from 21 yards and finished with 96 early in the day. None of the 22-yard men, who shot first, had done very well, and the only 20-yard man to threaten Wettleaf's lead was C. A. Bogert of Sandusky, Ohio, who stopped at 95 and eventually gathered in second money.

The 19-yard men could not offer better than 94, but when the first 18-yard squad came along, P. E. Willey of Dansville, N. Y., tied Wettleaf at 96 and the tie became a triangular affair when Henry Hensler of Aberdeen, Miss., finished a long run with a 96 shooting from the 16-yard mark.

The strain proved too much for Hensler, however, and he went to pieces on the shoot-off, missing 6 from the easy distance. Willey missed one of his first birds from 18 yards and wound up with 19 out of the 20. Wettleaf, away back at the 21-yard line, was as steady as a rock and smashed all of the 20 targets in as pretty an exhibition of hair trigger shooting as has been seen here in many a day.

Wettleaf received a great ovation when the last target went to ruin, and the three high guns pocketed \$300 each as their share of the prize booty. Over \$3,000 went to the 36 guns who

highest average achieved in this event during the twelve years that it has been held at Pinehurst.

Wright had a narrow escape from being tied on the last day, however. He started the last 75 with a lead of 3 birds on the field, but he missed 3 of the last 75, while Dr. A. H. Aber of Dravosburg, Pa., was breaking 74 and the Doctor came within a single bird of tying Wright for the trophy and the accompanying emoluments.

The Buffalo expert also led the long distance men in the two handicap events and won the trophy in the 650 target contest with a total of 626 out of the 650 comprised in the High Average, the Preliminary and the Midwinter.

The East versus West contest, held in connection with the 450 target race, was won hands down by the Eastern team with 2,195 out of 2,250, against 2,151 for the Westerners. The five



broke 90 or better in the handicap.

Duncan Livingstone, of New Middleton, Ohio, broke 96 in the Preliminary Handicap from the 18-yard line, and as nobody else followed suit, Livingstone took the trophy and \$150. Forty-three guns broke 90 or better in the Preliminary Handicap and shared in upwards of \$1,400.

The man who did the best and most consistent shooting throughout the week was Frank S. Wright, of Buffalo. He started out by winning the 200 event on Practice Day with 198, breaking 100 straight in the morning and 98 in the afternoon. Then he got busy in the 450 target high average race, seized the lead on the first day with 75, 73, 148, out of 150, and held on to it like grim death until the end, winding up on Friday with a total of 441 out of 450, an average of 98 per cent and the

leaders of the 450 target affair were all members of the Eastern team and scored as follows: Frank S. Wright, 441; Dr. A. H. Aber, 440; George S. McCarty, 438; George N. Fish, 438; Mark S. Hootman, 438; total, 2,195.

E. J. Buck, of Davenport, Iowa, with 437, was high man in the Western team.

Lieut. John Phillip Sousa, the famous conductor, who never misses a Pinehurst shoot, jogged along comfortably at his accustomed 80 per cent clip all week and broke 380 out of the 450. Sousa did better shooting at 17 yards, however, breaking a highly respectable 84 at that distance in the Midwinter, and 82 at 17 yards in the Preliminary.

Incidentally, Sousa was the mainstay of the Navy team in an Army vs.

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## JOHN N. STEARNS 3rd

### Wins The St. Valentines Golf Tournament

#### Edward Styles Leads The Field of 189 in the Qualifying Round

The St. Valentine Golf Tournament opened with a field of 189, on Monday of last week, and 9 sixteens and a handicap 8 qualified for match play.

The qualifying medal was won by Edward Styles, of the North Hills Country Club, with a total of 156 for the 36 holes. Styles started out with a 78 on the Number Two course, on Monday, and tied for low gross with John N. Stearns 3rd, of the Nassau Country Club, and Henry C. Pope Fownes of Oakmont. Rain interrupted the proceedings on Tuesday and the second half of the qualifying round was pulled off on Wednesday, Styles coming through on top by adding a 78 on Number Three to the 78 previously made on the championship course, and leading the field by a margin of 4 strokes, at 156.

Stearns was expected to win the medal in view of the fact that his 78, on Monday, had been made on Number Three and he had put the difficulties of that troublesome course behind him. The Nassau player did not manage better than an 82 on Number Two, however, and had to content himself with second honors, at 160.

H. C. Fownes had a relatively poor round on Number Three finishing in 91 for a total of 169, and was passed in the race by R. H. Gwaltney of Baltusrol, 167, and J. D. Chapman of Greenwich, 168.

#### The First Round

The luck of the draw brought Styles the medallist and John N. Stearns together on the first day of the match play, on Thursday. Stearns was down until late in the match but finally won by 2 and 1.

The match between Donald Parson of Youngstown and R. F. Mundy of Garden City, went to 22 holes, Parson finally winning when Mundy found himself stymied at the fourth extra hole and knocked Parsons ball into the cup for a 3.

F. C. Leonard, of North Hills, and C. F. Watson, Jr., of Baltusrol, went 20 holes, Leonard gathering in the victory.

A total of 11 extra hole matches were played in this first round of the