

# CALIFORNIA TRIO TO BOWL IN EAST

### Will Meet Selected Teams in Brooklyn and New York.

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### United Clubs an Object Lesson in Successful Control of Sport on Alleys.

California against New York is a bowling treat soon to be seen on local alleys. A three-men team of bowlers from San Francisco is on its way here, stopping at various cities en route, and this combination from the Far West will roll against selected teams on the Grand Central alleys, Brooklyn, on Thursday evening, March 12, and on the Riverside alleys, in Harlem, the following evening.

California heretofore has never been represented in a bowling way in this section of the country. In 1909, when the national tournament was held in Madison Square Garden, there was a promise of a five-men team coming East to take part, but it never materialized. However, these three bowlers are touring the country for the purpose of interesting the bowlers in an international tournament, to be held at San Francisco in conjunction with the Panama-Pacific Exposition next year.

Heading the team is F. D. Bush, president of the San Francisco Bowling Association, and with him are E. W. Irwin, the individual champion of the city, and E. W. Scott, formerly one of Thompson's Coits, of Chicago, who is now on the Coast. They are declared to be able bowlers, and will find themselves opposed to a team like Glenn Riddell, former inter-city champion; Larry Erdmann, erstwhile national all-around champion, and Louis Schaffner, one of the local lights in Brooklyn.

Bush and his companions left San Francisco on February 15, and have engagements to roll in Syracuse, Rochester, Washington, Buffalo and many of the leading cities in the West. They will enter the national bowling championships at Atlantic City in April, rolling in the doubles and singles fixtures. It may be that two team mates will be found for them and a five-men team entered.

Billy Cordes, treasurer of the National Bowling Association, is planning to get together an all-star three-men team for the purpose of visiting San Francisco next year, rolling exhibition matches en route.

On only one occasion in years gone by has a team of New Yorkers visited the Pacific Coast. That was more than a decade ago, when Samuel Karpf, then secretary of the American Bowling Congress, got together a star three-men team and toured the country. The members were Phil Wolf, of Brooklyn, and later of Chicago; Al Selbach, a famous ball-player in his day, and Johnny Voorheis, player in the alleys. This trio, the little wizard of the alleys, they tried to prove almost invincible, although they rolled under almost every conceivable condition. Voorheis tells of how they once had to roll on alleys exposed to the weather and covered with sand.

An organization which has such good aims and objects as the United Bowling Clubs of New York deserves the success with which it is meeting. Two or three years ago there were only fifteen clubs in the organization, one of the conditions of membership being that to be eligible a club must not only be regularly organized, but must rent or lease alleys and hold a weekly club night. The number at present is thirty-two, or a total individual membership of about five hundred.

The "Uniteds" is an organization which has existed for twenty-five years, and great will be the celebration of the thirtieth anniversary, a year from this month. It was formed long before the American Bowling Association or any other organization, and as a result is called the pioneer bowling association of America.

Its activities consist of running off several competitions for the various club members, in addition to a headpin tournament open to any team of five men. The latter competition is held annually, and last year no less than eight hundred combinations took part, a total of more than four thousand bowlers. Each summer there are an outing and an excursion.

As an organization, the United Bowling Clubs will conduct a tour of Europe this summer, the prime object being to enter teams in the German championships at Berlin in July. The steamship Barbarossa has been chartered to sail on June 2, and it is likely that two hundred or more will form the party.

This organization can do things in a big way because the unit idea is paramount. There is a system of penalizing those who fail to attend the meetings or to do the duties they assume. On the other hand, perfect attendance is rewarded by the presentation of gold watchfobs. The members of the United Bowling Clubs are one organization, pulling the same way and all together.

Nothing in the way of detail is left undone and, as a result, the interest in the organization is rapidly increasing, and the association itself is in a flourishing condition. Joseph Thum has been president for ten successive terms, the policy being to let change officers. The "Uniteds" rarely charge officers.

When the governing bodies in ten pins get together, it would be well to look upon the example of the United Bowling Clubs, for, as an illustration of union, perfected formation, and patriotic effort it would be difficult to find its equal. If the National or New York Bowling associations could have such unity and smoothness what a wonderful governing body bowling would have.

A national champion twelve years ago, John Koster exhibited all the remarkable ability which made him famous when he appeared recently as a member of the Bergman team of New York in the Ohio State championship at Toledo. The Bergmans, with a total of 2,500 for three five-men games, won the title, and in the totals Koster's 222, 238 and 256 proved a material aid. Mortimer Lindsey also was in a good pinning mood.

When it came to individual work, however, Jimmy Smith added one more title to his string by capturing the Ohio championship, with a total of 690. He rolled consistently with 223, 215 and 222. Matt Quinn was a double century average man, with 66, thanks to a 255 score on which to start. Koster was indifferent in the singles. Lindsey and Smith were fourth in the doubles, while Koster and Heins did not get going until too late.

# ENGLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB COURSE, WHERE THE METROPOLITAN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT WILL BE PLAYED THIS SPRING



## Amateur Golfers Glad Travers Is Going Away

### Metropolitan Title Now the Aim of Many of His Victims.

## ENGLEWOOD COURSE GREATLY IMPROVED

### Many Traps Added Since the Last Important Fixture Was Held There.

It will be with more hope than usual that golfers of this vicinity having championship aspirations will soon begin burrowing up their irons. All have their eyes on the sixteenth annual tournament of the Metropolitan Golf Association, to be held over the links of the Englewood Country Club the latter part of May.

That they are hopeful is due to the fact that the biggest hazard confronting all other amateurs—Jerome D. Travers—will be removed.

As all close followers of the game know, Travers, present holder of the triple crown—national, metropolitan and New Jersey—will soon be sailing for the other side in quest of championship honors abroad. With Travers on his game here, other amateurs in the district appear to have little chance, for a glance over the records reveals his name as winner in the final bracket on five different occasions since 1906. It is also a matter of record that the Upper Montclair golfer has won for the last three years in a row.

In his absence any one of half a dozen well known amateurs might be considered as having a fairly good chance to win the M. G. A. title. Unquestionably the favorites will be such players as Oswald Kirkby, who toys with Englewood records; Walter J. Travis, a champion of days of yore, yet always dangerous; Fred Herreshoff, once holder of the metropolitan championship; Max H. Behr, who has been runner-up in the national as well as a New Jersey winner; and Gilman P. Tiffany, whose specialty has been winning titles in the Hudson River League.

It is possible, of course, that Herreshoff may also go abroad, but according to latest advice the Garden City man has about decided to remain here.

In going to Englewood this spring golfers will visit an entirely new course, so far as this tournament is concerned. Englewood is one of the best known clubs in the immediate vicinity of New York and at one time or another has been the scene of various important tournaments. In 1905, at Englewood, Eben M. Byers saved the day for America, or, more strictly speaking, the United States, by defeating the redoubtable George S. Lyon in the decisive round of the national amateur meeting. On another occasion over this same course George Sargent surprised a strong field by winning the national open title, and on still another occasion the fair driving Gil Nicholls established a world's 7-hole record during the metropolitan open championship.

By this it is not meant to imply that Englewood is an easy course, but if it did present one weakness in the past that is rapidly being remedied. Since the last big championship tournament many traps have been added to the course and other existing ones deepened and made more formidable. Many experts have declared from time to time that Englewood, properly trapped, would be a severe enough test for any one. That has been the aim of the officials of the club, and they now believe the links have reached the desired state.

Something new in the way of trouble will be the installation of marble dust in a number of the traps. By way of experiment this was tried in one bunker last fall, and it was liked so well that many of the other pits will receive a similar dressing as soon as the weather permits of a resumption of work. It is said in favor of marble dust that a badly played shot meets with certain penalty once it lands in the hazard, for the reason that the dust "kills" the ball. Furthermore, getting distance out of the stuff is decidedly a greater problem than when using the niblick through ordinary sea sand.

Despite the many improvements and the up-to-date condition of the Englewood course, the scores made in the coming Metropolitan Golf Association tournament will unquestionably eclipse most of the earlier efforts elsewhere. What a difference, for instance, between the winning score of the leader in the next qualifying round, whoever he may be, and that which favored the leaders in the first tournament at Garden City, back in 1899!

On that occasion Herbert M. Harriman, Findlay S. Douglas and James A. Tjans

## PREP SCHOOLS STILL TIED

### Cutler and Loyola Lead in Race for Hockey Title.

With the teams advanced in the second round of the tournament, Cutler School and Loyola School remain tied for first place in the Interscholastic Hockey League championship series. Each school has won four games and has no defeats.

The deadlock will be broken on Tuesday morning, when the two teams get together in a contest that will have a great bearing on the title. Cutler will also play Irving School on the following morning, which will give the first named an opportunity to jump into a big lead should it defeat Loyola.

Collegiate School holds on to third position, with an even break in four games, while Berkeley School, which is fourth, has won only one contest in four games, with one defeat.

The standing follows:

School	Won	Lost	P.C.
Cutler	4	0	1,000
Loyola	4	0	1,000
Berkeley	1	3	250
Irving	0	4	500

## OARSMEN COACHED BY LOOKING GLASS

### Columbia Crews Correct Faults by Working Before Big Mirrors.

Looking glasses as an aid to the development of the crew is an important part of the equipment of the Columbia University rowing team, and Jim Rice, the Columbia coach, said yesterday that he didn't know what he would do without them.

The largest meeting in connection with the show will be that of the Mississippi Valley Power Boat Association, which will hold its annual convention here next Friday. Yachting and motor boating plans for the coming season also will be discussed by members of the Associated Yacht and Power Boat Clubs of America.

Plans for the trial races, at which will be chosen the American team which will go to England this summer to participate in the international motor boat races, will be completed during the week by H. H. Melville, Henry R. Stophen and John J. Armory, of New York, and William Hale Thompson and James A. Bush, of Chicago, together with other members of the Motor Boat Club of America, under whose auspices the trial races will be conducted.

## Boy Billiard Player Will Not Be Welcomed Here

### "Infant Prodigies" Should Be at School, According to J. Ferdinand Poggenburg.

Developments of the last week have made it highly improbable that Welker Cochran, the boy billiard player of Chicago, will play in the national Class A amateur championship tournament.

Among the players of the Class A group there is a sentiment against competitors of tender years, no matter what their ability may be, competing for the highest amateur honors of this country.

In speaking of the matter the other evening at the Amateur Billiard Club of New York, where the tournament will begin the night of Monday, March 9, J. Ferdinand Poggenburg, the American international champion, said:

"There is a feeling among the players of the Class A division that the national association should not encourage boys to play in its premier championship tournaments. It is self-evident to all of us that a boy of fifteen or sixteen should be giving his attention to his educational studies and thinking of something other than winning billiard titles."

"It is impossible to imagine a boy of such an age properly leaving his schooling for a month or thereabouts to take part in a national tournament. Great proficiency in billiards is something that is attained later on in life, and I can well imagine a possible storm of protest and adverse criticism aimed at the Amateur Association if it ever deviates from

## CHICAGO GREET'S BOATMEN

### National Motorboat Show Attracts Swarm of Enthusiasts.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—Yachtsmen and motor boat men from all sections of the United States congregated in Chicago to attend the first national motor boat show, which opened today.

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## English Turf to Lose Smart American 'Chasers

### "Mr. Stokes's" String Will Be Campaigned on New York Tracks.

that the rates and taxes might be lowered. Now, mark the sequel! With approval of the citizens the Town Council has voted to spend the entire \$5,000 in advertising, "immediately prior to or about the time of the race meetings," the advantages of Yarmouth as a seaside, holiday and health resort for visitors!

How is that for team work? What chance to down racing at Yarmouth so long as such an entente cordiale exists between the citizens and Town Councilors on one hand and the executive committee of the local race course on the other?

It is evident, too, that the executive committee did better than it wot of when it voted out of its profits \$5,000 as a present to the town. Racing associations and promoters in the United States well might take this lesson to heart. What a contrast to being approved by city fathers and state politicians with a private collecting plate in one hand and a large club in the other!

The Yarmouth race meetings are only little affairs of three days each, but they are thoroughly enjoyable for townsmen, turfmen and visitors. They are supported by all the big trainers and crack jockeys that can attend from Newmarket, which is not far away; and plenty of jolly sport they have, beating one another. One afternoon Jack Joyner's horses won almost the whole card, "skipped" Martin having four winning mounts that day. A lot of fun they had over it, too, in addition to winning some nice bets.

The four-year-old Potard, a French-bred horse by Darley Dale-La Poetica, will be seen with Sam Hildreth's colors up in the United States next summer. The horse has just been shipped over to him.

Lady Londonderry, who is an enthusiastic breeder of poultry, fat stock and thoroughbred horses, has offered a prize for a sporting competition among "bugs" on blood lines and nicking. The competition is to select the three mares in England best suited for mating with Mr. Belmont's grand young horse, Tracery.

## SNOW SPOILS TRAINING

### Georgia Weather Prostrates Newark Baseball Squad.

The Newark baseball team is having no end of trouble in its training camp at Columbia, Ga., because of the storm which resulted in nine inches of snow falling on Wednesday morning. There has been no practice for the players, and there will not be for a day or so.

Several of the men have been taken with colds, and one of them, George G. Smith, Jr., the Brooklyn boy, who is trying for the first base job, was stricken with gastritis, which necessitated the attention of a physician. In addition, the men are kicking over the conditions in the hotel where they have been staying and have asked Manager Harry Smith to seek new quarters.

The visit of Charles H. Ebbets, Jr., president of the club, to Columbia yesterday started a story that John Hummel, the utility man of the Superbas, would be traded to Newark for Billy Zimmerman, the Indians' outfielder.

# HOPPE SURPASSED HIS EXPECTATIONS

### His Average in Chicago Is Likely to Stand for Many Years.

## EAMES ON WAY EAST FOR DE ORO MATCH

### Entries for Amateur Championship Close To-morrow—Gardner and Milburn Entered.

When William F. Hoppe was about to leave for Chicago to play George Sutton in the match of 1,500 points at 15.2 ball line, which is now a matter of record, he modestly said he expected to win and make a grand average of 25. If he had any provision of doing better he was silent about it.

In comparison with what he did the mark he set for himself was insignificant. A grand average of 55 15-27 established a new world's record and furnished an item of brilliant history that may not be paralleled or approached in many years, possibly never.

Sutton's grand average of 28.6-26 exceeded Hoppe's estimate of his own ability, and yet Sutton was beaten by 1,500 to 731. The performance is not only sensational, but approximately the acme of excellence. Words cannot embellish it.

While Hoppe made an average of 15.31 on Tuesday night, he did not establish a record. It was made in the second session of an unfinished game, and for that reason is only a fact. It is no more a record than would be the time of a second quarter in a race of three-quarters of a mile. Nevertheless, all devotees of billiards, and particularly admirers of the skill and personality of the champion, will point to it with pride and enthusiasm.

Sutton fancied that a long game would be in his favor. Doubtless he now realizes his error. While a good general billiard player, at 15.2 ballline he is a specialist. In a short game he would have a better chance. This was shown by his beating Hoppe 41 points in the first night's play. At cushion caroms, three cushions or 181 ballline Sutton is nearly the equal of anybody. In his last match at 15.1 with Hoppe he defeated him. He may do so again when they compete for the 181 trophy at the Hotel Astor on March 20. In a three nights' contest at 15.1 he would probably be beaten by a liberal margin.

Harry P. Cline, who has struggled against Hoppe in championship events and who has practised frequently with him, says:

"Hoppe is in a class by himself. More resourceful and versatile than any other player, he simply doesn't care where the balls are. He doesn't drink or smoke and takes regular exercise. What chance is there to beat a fellow of such habits?"

At Chicago to-morrow there will begin a tournament at 15.2 ballline, in which William F. Hoppe, champion, and George F. Sisson, both of New York; Koff Yamada, a Japanese expert, and George Sutton and Calvin Demarest, of Chicago, will compete. It will not be a championship event, but the games will be played under the Brunswick-Balke-Comptometer Company's rules governing the 15.2 trophy. The contests, 500 points each, will take place at Regatta Hall.

Fred Eames, of Denver, who will oppose Alfredo De Oro for the Jordan Lambert three-cushion trophy, will arrive early this week. He will probably practise from three to five days at Doyle's. Eames, a Bostonian before he became a citizen of Colorado, will be remembered by local three-cushion enthusiasts as the individual who, at McGraw's on January 19, 11 and 12, 1910, took the trophy from De Oro.

Since that date the emblem has been from time to time in the possession of Thomas Hueston, John Daly, De Oro, Joseph Carney and John W. Horgan. Early last June De Oro regained it by defeating Horgan at San Francisco. On November 5, 6 and 7, at Doyle's, he defended it against Carney. On January 5, 6 and 7, at Chicago, he vanquished the next challenger, Charles Morin. De Oro practised last week at Doyle's. This week he will prepare at Tim Flynn's.

Entries for the annual championship tournament of the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players will close to-morrow, and a week later play will begin at the Amateur Billiard Club. Edward W. Gardner, of East Orange, N. J., and Eugene Milburn, of Memphis, have already entered. Charles F. Conklin, of Chicago, will probably act as referee.

Orlando Morningstar is evidently preparing for the 141 tournament, to begin at the Hotel Astor on April 20. He is practising that style at Doyle's daily at Harry Davis's room, in Pittsburgh. His best work so far has been an average of 27 3-11 in 200 points.

August Kieckhefer, of Milwaukee, was the surprise of the Western Interstate Billiard League three-cushion games. Under twenty years of age, and practically unknown outside of his home, he outplayed Benson, of St. Louis; Coaker, of Indianapolis; Helm, of Cleveland; Cullen, of Buffalo, and McCort, of Pittsburgh. At home he did not lose a game. On the circuit he was beaten by Ben Hildreth, of Chicago, and Maley, of Detroit. He is said to be imperturbable, unusually skilful and a clever tactician.

Competitions for the English championship will begin to-morrow in London. T. Treese and George Gray, the Australian, will be opponents in the first trial of 2,000 points which will be finished Saturday night. The winner will on the following Monday begin a week's engagement against Henry W. Stevenson, who drew a "bye" and is required to play only one trial.

On Monday, March 16, Melbourne Inman, present champion, will be called upon to defend his title against the winner of the second trial. The final contest will be at 18.00 points, and will be the medium of afternoon and evening play for two weeks.

Billiard performances in England this season have not been uniform. Thomas Newman, not yet twenty years old, and who a year ago for the first time figured in first class company, is the only player who has performed consistently. He has won every tournament and match game he has played. In the handicap tournament he has beaten two scratch men, Stevenson and Inman, have had little success.

Stevenson is coming to the United States. He says he will be in New York in July. Whether he will play here or not will depend upon arrangements which may be made by friends in this city. He may engage in games against Inman and Hoppe. In any event he will probably tour Canada.