

League to Form Aquatic Bowling League

Would Boost Water Game

Forming of Duckpin Circuit Among Boat and Canoe Clubs Would Bring Members Into Closer Relationship.

PLAY INTERCITY MATCH

Realizing the popularity of bowling among men during the summer months they spare time in various kinds of water sports, members of several of the local boat and canoe clubs have been working on a plan of forming a new bowling league in this city.

At present the matter is in the hands of S. B. Mayze, of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, and James S. Abbott, of the Potomac Boat Club, and from the amount of enthusiasm shown by those to whom the plan has been explained the success of the league seems to be assured.

Abbott stated that he could see nothing but success for waterman's bowling league, as a number of the local clubs now have teams that are playing independently of any league; in fact, have been bowling against one another in match games, and would be glad to assist in forming such an organization.

It would be a long and arduous task to bring together for mutual benefit all of the boat, canoe and yacht clubs of this city.

Washington's prestige as a supporter of all branches of water sports has suffered in the past for the very reason that each club keeps too much to itself in its activities, where a closer companionship among the clubs would do a great deal in putting Washington forward as a leader in every branch of this sport.

Large regattas could be arranged in which boat clubs, canoe clubs and yacht clubs could participate, and large crowds attracted to witness them.

In this way the sport would receive more publicity, and the general public would then realize that the old Potomac River furnishes all that can be desired in beauty, calmness and size.

Another good result of the bowling plan would be that other boat clubs in the various cities in this locality would undoubtedly form leagues and intercity series could be rolled.

Last year the Potomac Boat Club bowling team played a series of games with the Arundel Boat Club team of Baltimore, part of the games being played in this city and part in Baltimore.

Jimmy Abbott, captain of the Potomac team, is now negotiating with the Arundel for another series to be played under the same conditions as those of last season, with the difference that Capt. Abbott is also trying to arrange a series of games with the team representing the Washington Canoe Club but nothing definite has as yet been settled.

Commodore Burch, of the Washington Canoe Club, states that he too is trying to arrange a series of games for his team with the Baltimore club.

He expressed himself in favor of the league and stated that he was willing to do everything possible to make the plan succeed.

Another club which it is understood would put a team in the league, is the Corinthian Yacht Club, while the Capital City Yacht Club would also enter a team.

Although the Coast and Geodetic Survey is not a boat club its work is connected with rivers and waterways, and is anxious to come into the league with the other clubs.

It will be seen that there are a number of clubs who have come out for the plan and it is expected that other clubs will get up teams and enter them as soon as they are broached on the subject.

Wrestler Bothers Fools 'Em With His Appearance

George Bothner after reading the story about him which appeared in the Evening Mail Tuesday told of an incident which occurred right after he opened his gymnasium.

A letter carrier delivering his first mail to the new address asked George if he was George Bothner. George answered "yes." The carrier then handed over the mail remarking: "You sure do resemble the old man. I have written you for years, but that was many years ago."

George had some time convincing the man that he was the only George Bothner and that it was he whom he saw wrestling years ago.

The carrier left bewildered, remarking: "Sarah Bernhard has nothing on you in the way of keeping young."

MAY BUY FRANCHISE

Stahl is Slated to Purchase the Cleveland A. L. Club.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—J. Garland (Jake) Stahl, former manager of the Boston and Washington clubs of the American League, will purchase the Cleveland and Americans. It was reported today, if satisfactory financial terms can be arranged.

Robert McCoy, former secretary of the American League, and at one time part owner of the Boston Americans, will be associated with Stahl in the venture, it was said.

Stahl looks like a good proposition just now, and I would not be averse to returning to the sport if the right proposition came up," Stahl said.

Stahl's retirement from the game has been a relief to a national bank in the outlying district.

Has Campbell Quit?

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 1.—Vincent Campbell has retired from baseball, according to the statement of the Y. In drew down something like \$7,000 from the Newark Reds last season, but now that the Gilmore organization has thrown up its hands he has decided to stick to his automobile business here in Pittsburgh.

Dillon to Fight Soon

Superior, Wis., Jan. 1.—Jack Dillon has been signed for a ten-round no-decision boxing bout here January 23, it was announced today. His opponent probably will be Billy Miskie, of the Paul Light-heavy-weight, although local promoters are negotiating also with Carl Morris, Fred Fulton and others.

To Make Eastern Trip

Charlotteville, Va., Jan. 1.—University of Virginia baseball team will make an Eastern trip next spring that will include games at Princeton, May 3; Harvard, May 4; Williams, May 5; and Yale, May 6. Early in the season they will visit the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton, Yale, Holy Cross, and then they will be opponents of Virginia at Charlottesville.

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