

SPORTS--BOXING, COURSIING, RACING, SHOOTING,

AMATEUR BOXERS READY FOR THE ANNUAL EVENT

At the end of this month the Pacific Athletic Association will hold one of its old-time championship boxing tournaments for all classes. In former days, these glove contests drew out hordes of young aspirants and the sport furnished was surprisingly good. For several years amateur boxing has retrograded, but it seems now to be in a fair way to return to its former flourishing state.

The great feuding ground of boxers, the Olympic Club, is alive with the men of mits. Day and night De Witt Van Court, who is handling the Olympians, and Al Lean, who is training them, are kept busy with a score of these young ring performers who work not for a monetary consideration but for fistful glory and a medal. The Olympic Club will be represented in the tournament by the greater number of boxers, although the Reliance, Alameda and outside clubs will have quite a few of their own men in the lists to contest against the local clubmen. The entry list of boxers will be so long this year that three days will be consumed in the working of the tournament.

Of all the Olympic entries W. J. Leonard is rated as the cleverest and fastest. He is essentially a boxer, as his performance in the tournament of 1899, when he won the Oelrichs belt, demonstrated. Weighing 125 pounds, he was in the same class as J. L. Scholes, the American champion, and they met last year in the Olympic tournament. Scholes took first and Leonard second prize in this class.

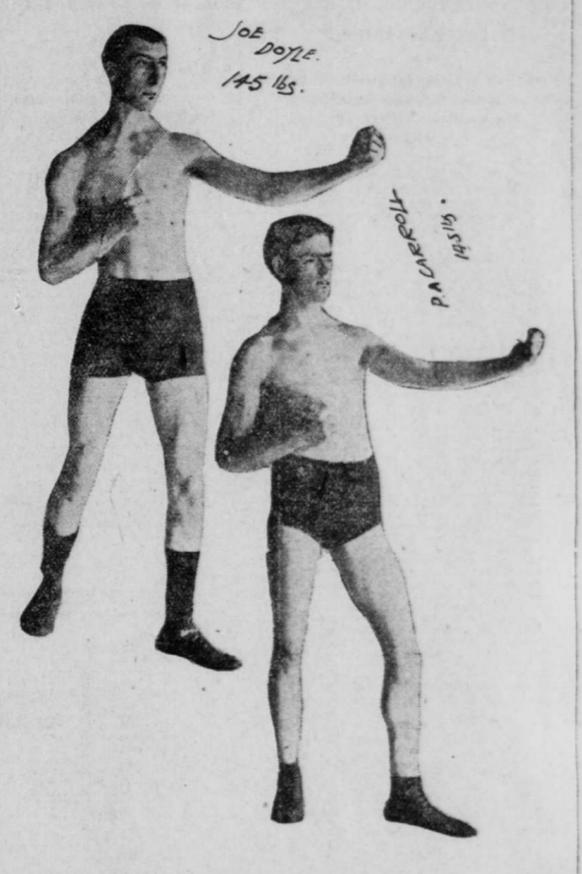
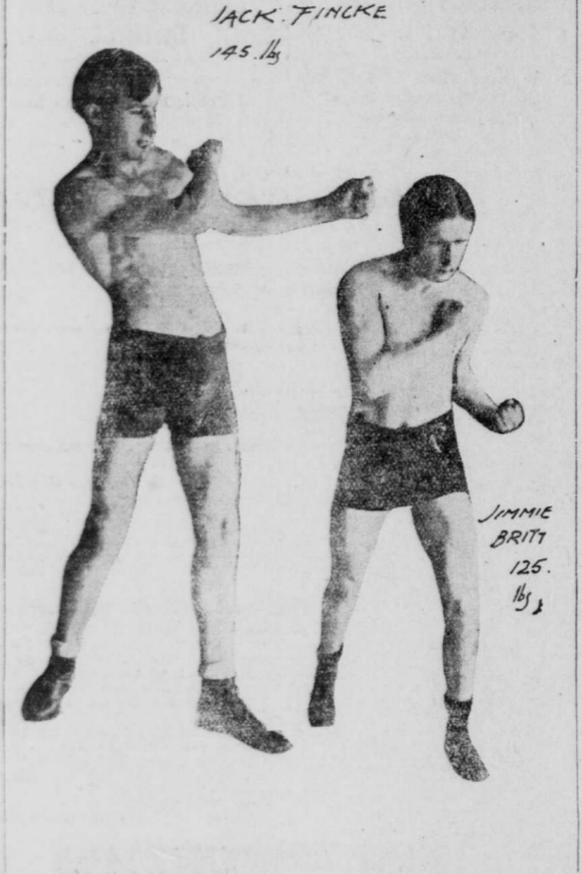
H. W. Finke, 145 pounds, came out of the tournament of 1900 with more than glowing honors. He defeated Dukelow, the American champion, and by doing so won the distinction of being the only Californian who outdistanced any of the visitors.

Then there will be Jimmie Britt, more of a fighter than a boxer, but a clever man at that. He will be in the 135-pound class.

Frank McConnell, the 115-pound champion, will be there with his fists, and Dan Danziger, a bantam a year ago, will be in the 125-pound class for this tournament. Denny Carroll has lost no time in training, and every ounce of his 135 pounds will be felt. Joe Doyle is the representative in the 145-pound class.

Seventy-three applications have been received for entering privileges, two of which have been rejected on account of professionalism and one on account of weak physical condition. All contestants must report at the club the night before the tournament begins, January 30, and submit to an examination by Dr. Dean, the club physician. Leader John Hammersmith announces that the contests will commence at 8 p. m. sharp, and that from four to sixteen fights will be run off each night of the tournament.

After this tournament the Olympic Club will arrange for another, with the Eastern champions as the feature.



McGOVERN IS THE MAN WANTED

Clubs Are Reaching Outward for the Wonder—Sharkey-McCoy Fight.

THE Supervisors have had their say and they have fixed the laws for the holding of boxing contests. One professional fight a month will be the fistful course for San Francisco. Accredited athletic clubs may hold contests once every month, and there stop, for so the law declares. At present two professional clubs are in the field—the National Sporting and the Twentieth Century. The latter has the date for February and proposes the bringing of Sharkey and McCoy together on the 28th day of that month. What the March fight will be is not yet known.

The Twentieth Century Club is experiencing the first throes of fight labor. Through Jim Kennedy McCoy and Sharkey have been matched for a twenty-round go. Much adverse comment and caustic criticism has been heaped upon the heads of the directors of this new club for matching McCoy and Sharkey, upon whom the close of fistful fraud has fallen at one time or another in their ring careers. The club, composed of a number of reputable young business men, feels that it can force the two wielders of fists to fight on the square. This may prove an herculean task, but the new club men are nevertheless, try.

The following letter will show how the Twentieth Century Club intends to work in order to secure honest fighting on the part of the principals:

January 18, 1901.

To the Sporting Editor of The Call—Dear Sir: The matching of Kid McCoy and Thomas Sharkey to meet in a boxing contest under the auspices of the Twentieth Century Athletic Club on February 28 has been subjected to some criticism, the charge being made that the men will be unprepared to meet, and it has even been suggested that they are incapable of furnishing a large sum of money.

To all of these things the directors of the club have given the utmost consideration. The articles of agreement call for men to supply a contest to the satisfaction of the board of directors. To accomplish the intentions of the articles a large sum of money will be exacted from the contestants, which will be deposited with a responsible person in San Francisco, and the men will receive nothing occurring of an unsatisfactory nature. This money will be paid to a charitable institution, and the men will receive absolutely nothing. Furthermore, the directors will pay daily visits to the training quarters and will do everything in their power to insure a contest that will satisfy the most ardent devotee of the sport.

Should it be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Twentieth Century Athletic Club that they have fixed the laws for the holding of boxing contests, or that some fraud has been committed by them or their managers, the directors of this club will, even at the eleventh hour, declare the match off.

This is not the first time these men have met. Two years since they came together before the Lenox Club, and the sporting writers of the country at that time stated that the contest was one of the most evenly waged and exciting of any heavy-weight event that has taken place. This should most certainly refute the suggestion that the men are not capable of furnishing an interesting exhibition. As to the statement that the club has engaged an Eastern referee, we desire to state most emphatically that the best local man will be secured to act in that capacity. This referee will be instructed by the directors to declare the exhibition "no contest" should the slightest semblance of a fake present itself.

JOHN J. GLEASON,
President Twentieth Century Club.

So it looks as if McCoy and Sharkey were matched again, this time to fight in San Francisco. As preliminaries the Twentieth Century Club will look for such men as Kid McFadden and a suitable contestant—Rufe Turner, Young Peter Jackson and one or two others on the list.

McGovern, rather his manager, has been giving local promoters several kinds of mental lashings. The National Sporting Club, the Twentieth Century Club and even one or two individual operators have telegrams in their pockets denoting some vague sort of promise that they will just as vague sort of way. Manager Harris may certainly have his pick of clubs and men for his little whirlwind. Jim Kennedy is the professional matchmaker of the Twentieth Century Club, has wired that McGovern is secured for a late April date. The match will be made up would be McGovern and Erne at 133 pounds. McGovern has grown heavier since he left San Francisco, and should concede this weight to Erne.

Tommy Ryan has been heard from again. Now that he only fat purses are to be found in San Francisco, he comes and fight as no man ever fought before. What he desires particularly is a match with the winner of the Root-Byers match.

O'Rourke with his string is turning an eye toward the prize. He, too, would like to breathe the dust-heavy air of San Francisco and rather in a few shekels.

Lou Houseman, who manages Jack Britt, will leave for the coast immediately. If he can secure any matches for his man Root will remain on the coast; otherwise he will return to the Windy City Sunday morning.



OLYMPIC CLUB BOXERS IN ACTIVE TRAINING FOR THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE CLUB GYMNASIUM ON JANUARY 30, 31 AND FEBRUARY 1. THEY ARE UNDER THE CARE OF PROFESSOR VAN COURT AND TRAINER AL LEAN.

FOUR-MILE RACE FOR ATHLETICS

Novel Cross-Country Event Will Be Run Next Month.

A four-mile scratch amateur team race, a cross-country event, will be inaugurated by the Olympic Club on Washington's birthday and will be open to all amateur clubs, colleges and schools. It is something new of its kind, and it is the intention of the founders to make this event an annual race.

The contestants will start in five groups, three minutes apart, each group to be composed of one representative from each club entered. Men composing the groups will be selected in the following manner: The names of contestants comprising each team shall be placed in separate hats and one name shall be drawn from each hat for each group prior to the day of the race.

The club winning the trophy in each race shall hold the same for one year, or until won by another club. When the same club has won the trophy three times it shall become the permanent property of such club.

The time of every man finishing will be taken by the board of timers, and the club that finishes five men in the lowest net time will be declared the winner.

An entrance fee of \$2.50 will be charged, the same to be returned after a team has competed. Teams of each club shall be composed of registered amateurs. All points not covered by these rules shall be governed by the regular rules of the Pacific Amateur Association.

Football Club.

The Columbia Park Boys' Club and employees will play a match game of football at the Sixteenth and Folsom streets grounds Sunday afternoon, January 20.

CITY GOLF TEAM KEEN FOR FIGHT

Home - and - Home Tournament Opens at Oakland.

This afternoon the first match of the third annual series of home-and-home tournaments between teams of the San Francisco and the Oakland golf clubs will be played on the Point Adams links. After the dry weather of the last few days the course, except in a few low lying spots, should be in good condition. The teams this year consist of only six men each, instead of eight, as heretofore. Captain L. O. Kellogg of the San Francisco Golf Club and acting Captain P. E. Bowles of the Oakland Golf Club exchanged lists of representatives to be played on the links no fewer than three of the San Francisco representatives were doubtful, but the following are the names of those who will be played on the Presidio links next Saturday, the scores made on both days being reckoned together. The club whose team wins the match will be entitled to the possession of the silver trophy till the second tournament, which will be played on April 4 and 12.

This afternoon on the links of the Sausalito Golf Club, near Fort Baker, there will be a competition in putting and approaching, which was deferred from last Saturday on account of the rain-soaked condition of the course.

The final match for the Council's cup for women of the San Francisco Golf Club was won easily by Mrs. R. G. Brown. Miss Hager, who was expected to make so good a contest as was expected. It was thought that Miss Hager, who has driven long ball and plays quite strongly at times, would press Mrs. Brown pretty closely, but the match was practically won on the first round, and ended at the thirteenth hole with seven up for the winner. Mrs. Brown was in great form, Miss Hager taking only two holes out of the thirteen. The competitor was less interesting than it would have been had not some of the strongest players been absent, notably Miss Maud Mullins, Miss M. B. Houghton and Miss McBean, who stand second, third and fourth in the ladies' challenge class, and Miss Alice C. Hoffman, who is captain of the ladies' team and has won two competitions for the cup. Little is being done at present on the links of the San Rafael Golf Club, and no events will be arranged until next month.

Two of the most important of Southern California golf competitions are near at hand—the team championship and the women's open amateur championship, both of which will be played on the links of the Pasadena Country Club on January 25 and 26. In the team championship each of the clubs in the Southern California Golf Association is represented by four men, and each team plays a match over eighteen holes against every other team. Individual matches are decided by points, 1 or 2 up counting one, 3 or 4 up counting two and 5 or more up counting 3. The eighteen holes are played out, and the Pasadena cup, presented by John B. Miller, goes to the team scoring the highest number of points, and is held by it until the next team championship tournament.

Wants Better Fire Protection.

The North Central Improvement Association petitioned the Board of Supervisors yesterday to require the Spring Valley Water Company to make such changes in its water mains as will secure to the district located in the triangle formed by Kearny, Market and the bay shore fire protection of the highest class. The petition avers that the water mains are of insufficient size as fire protection for a district where merchandise valued at many million dollars is constantly stored by business houses and factories.

OARSMEN LOOK FOR NEW SITE

The Ariel and Pioneer Rowing Club houses both suffered injuries during the recent southerly storm, a wooden house being blown off Long wharf into the bay and driven by the wind and waves against the piles supporting the boat-house. The undertaking of the Pioneer boat-house has long been defective, and small sums are frequently needed for repairs. The South End Rowing Club lost the apron from which boats are launched. The tenure of their boat-house by the South Ends is insecure, and all three clubs are desirous to secure a location where they may be certain of freedom from disturbance. The undersigned of the Pioneer club are in constant danger of having their house and handball court cut in two by the extension of Third street, for which many of the property holders in that quarter are clamoring.

The Ariel Rowing Club recently appointed William T. Howe and F. J. M. Kelly a committee to confer with committees of the South End and Pioneer Rowing clubs with regard to the possibility of securing new suitable locations.

The annual dinner of the Dolphin Swimming and Boating Club, which took place last Saturday at a downtown restaurant, was a pleasant affair. About sixty members and guests were present. The chief business of the evening was the installation of the newly elected officers.

NOMINATE NEW MEN FOR OFFICE

The nominating committee, consisting of Dr. F. L. Platt, J. M. Punnett and A. W. Waters, have prepared the following list of candidates for the various offices of the San Francisco Yacht Club for the coming year: For commodore, W. N. McCarthy, owner of the schooner yacht Ramona; for vice commodore, Robert S. Bridgeman, owner of the sloop Thetis; for port captain, George D. Campbell, charterer of the cutter Follis; for corresponding secretary, W. M. Edgell, owner of the yawl Duicic; for financial secretary, Dr. F. L. Platt; for treasurer, R. M. Welch; for measurer, Harold Burnett. None of the above named except W. N. McCarthy, the present commodore, has held any office in the club before. The above list has been forwarded by mail to all members in good standing and constitutes the regular ticket. The club is losing very efficient and zealous officials in the retiring financial secretary, W. G. Morrow, the retiring corresponding secretary, E. C. Bartlett, and the retiring treasurer, R. B. Hogue; but the nominees are good men for these posts. So far as is known there will be no opposition to the above nominees, who will in all probability be elected at the annual meeting to be held at the Merchants' Exchange on Wednesday evening, February 13.

No meeting has yet been held of the committee of the California and National Yacht clubs appointed to confer regarding the proposed consolidation of the two clubs and the formation of an anchorage on the south side of the narrow gage mole at Alameda. Indeed, the premature publication of the plan has thrown great difficulties in the way of those who are most strongly in favor of the amalgamation of the yachting interests of Alameda and Oakland.

There will shortly be launched at the foot of Alice street, Oakland, a new sloop tracht that has been built for T. N. Kendall, Robert Vincent and Frank W. Green at the Twelfth-street dam on Lake Merritt. She is 45 feet over all, has a beam of 14 feet, a draft of 3 feet 6 inches and of 18 inches when her centerboard is dropped. Her mast is 68 feet, her main boom 45 feet, her 20 foot bowsprit is 6 feet outboard. She will have 266 square yards of canvas in mainsail and jib.

Medals for Kansans.

TOPEKA, Kans., Jan. 18.—The Shawnee County members of the Twentieth Kansas were presented with medals here to-night which were made from a Spanish cannon captured at Manila. The medals were made under the direction of the Grand Army of the Republic. Addresses were delivered by Major William Moore and of Kansas City, Commander-in-chief Rastier of the Grand Army of the Republic and Colonel E. C. Little.

NEW LAWS FOR DOG TRAINERS

California Coursing Committee Will Enforce Radical Changes.

BY far the most important meeting held by the California coursing committee in some months was that of Thursday evening. It was one of the stormy kind and resulted in the transaction of a great deal of business.

The trainers came in for a big portion of the committee's time and some sweeping changes will be forced upon this class. The committee has been making a most thorough investigation, and what it discovered was no less than appalling. They found that by the use of certain rub-downs and stimulants dogs have been practically doped. This account for the evidence was of a conflicting nature. To prevent all this a new law has been passed.

Hereafter the use of all stimulants will be barred, except beef tea. As a rub with hazel will be the only medicinal article allowed. If any other rub or stimulant other than beef tea and witchhazel is found in the kennel or on the person of any licensed trainer he will be immediately ruled off for life. This is a drastic measure, but it was deemed necessary by the California coursing committee to keep the sport clean.

The case of Stevens against Edmonds came up before the committee, and the committee's time and some sweeping changes will be forced upon this class. Edmonds making several contradictory statements. Resolutions were passed that the bitch under dispute was not registered at the time of whelping; second, that from the evidence produced the committee was unable to determine the breeding of the bitch; third, that no contract was filed in regard to the sale, and consequently the committee could not act.

In the case of John Kerrigan vs. P. C. Bluck for the non-payment of the stud services of St. Lawrence registrations will be refused until payment is made.

All clubs must now have the following appear at the top of their scorecards: "This club is under the jurisdiction of the California coursing committee."

The following kennel designations were passed: Gold Dust Kennels—F. S. Price, J. A. Goodfriend being the members; Homestead Kennels—Dr. P. P. Clark; Yosemite Kennels—R. L. Taylor, J. Maher, T. Reid.

All licensed trainers are requested to be present at the drawing held at Fythian Castle next Wednesday evening.

J. Jones has been notified to appear before the committee at the drawing held in reference to the ownership of Wedgewood.

A sapling has been put upon the field that is a wonder. It is no other than Game Boy, out of May Flower by For Freedom. Shipped to a hare for the first time last Wednesday, its performance in the midweek reserve stake has been the talk among coursing men ever since. This sapling is pronounced the best ever since the puppy days of Recording Angel and Siskew.

Two weeks the first sapling stake will be held at Union Park. This will be one of the precursors to the Belle Brandon of February 22.

The credit to-day Union Coursing Park is an open stake, 128 entries, and contains the usual number of high class hounds.

BASEBALL PLANS FOR THIS YEAR

Entrance of Los Angeles Means Four Games a Week.

The California Baseball League held several meetings during the past two weeks, organizing for the coming season, which will begin a few days before the first of April and end when the winter rains set in.

The most radical of all the changes over last season is in the number of games scheduled. Instead of baseball twice a week we will have four days of it—Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Never before has this been tried by the baseball magnates of California. Three days were tried at Haight street in the ecstatic times of the national game, and the crowd of spectators that gathered on the bleachers or bleachers at the midweek match. But four days is an experiment the success or non-success of which is to be seen after the new plan is put in operation.

San Francisco was baseball mad for a short time last season, and the present season is no exception. The clubs will accommodate the crowd. Some changes will be made in the arrangements for spectators before the season opens. The last heavy windstorm lifted a portion of the roof and took it to parts unknown. This at least insures a new roof, one which will not shiver with every gust of wind that strikes the grounds. The shingles of the grand stand roof last season rattled in terrifying fashion whenever fretted by the western zephyrs.

Los Angeles' entrance into the league and the departure of Stockton was the reason expected. They will line up as follows:

San Francisco.....Pitcher.....C. Russell
Kearney.....First base.....W. Hammond
Collins.....Second base.....C. Hammond
J. Boyle.....Third base.....Witchman
Brookhoff.....Left field.....Britt
McGee.....Center field.....Van Hatten
Kneib.....Right field.....Schroeder

At Freeman's Park in Oakland the Golden Gates will meet the Nobles. Game will be called at 2 p. m.

Electricity is to be used to convey passengers to the top of the Washington monument.

Duck shooters are reaping their rewards on the marshes, though to hear them tell their shooting tales nothing but ill luck waits upon them. The reason of this is found in the meeting of the Legislature, which is a bogey in the eye of every sportsman who goes out for wild game more than a half-dozen times a season.

Before the Legislature met it was thought that the California Game Protective Association had taken on new life, but there seems little reason to fear that the legislators now assembled will further tinker with the game laws as they stand. Some changes may be instituted, but it is not likely that they will prove of a radical nature.

Canvasback ducks were plentiful along the Suisun marshes last Sunday and during this is found in the meeting of the Legislature on the Field and Tule preserves brought home a string of seventy-eight "cans." Coleman, Fred Bushnell and a few others will try Burdells to-morrow. There is a bet on that Coleman will not kill twenty-five birds in two days.

Will Johnson worked the Alvarado marshes last Sunday for a bag of fifteen birds.

The birds have left the Alameda Club ponds on the Sonoma marshes, near Tubbs Island.

The floods of last week have subsided and the marshes are now in condition for good shooting.

HUNT CLUB AT TANFORAN PARK

Francis Carolan, master of the San Mateo County Hunt, returned to the city a few days ago. There will be a large number of visitors at Tanforan Park to-day to see the throw-off, which will take place at 2:30 p. m. There will be a table d'hote luncheon at 12:30 p. m. As the dry days continue the conditions for the hunt are in excellent condition and this is the first day that the master of the hunt has been out with the hounds in California his season, the meet will be well attended both by riders and spectators. A good run of fifteen or more miles is laid forward to.

On Wednesday, the 23d, the next meet will be at Severn Lodge, San Mateo, at 9 a. m., and next Saturday at Harvard Woods, Crystal Spring road, at the same hour.