

News Notes and Gossip of Interest to Horsemen and Golfers



By EDWARD W. KIBBEY.

The new medals having arrived last Monday afternoon, the "goat" contest at the Washington Country Club was started last week with an entry list of thirty-two golfers. Judging from the interest shown by the members, it will undoubtedly be one of the most successful contests ever held at the club.

Among the matches played last week was one in which E. B. Calvert, chairman of the greens committee, defeated E. H. Bowie by winning the match. Calvert gets Bowie's goat, which is a silver medal. Another good match was between Sidney Tallaford and Harry Walters, the former winning by 4 up and 2 to play.

The handsome medals are of special design, and show in relief the name, Washington Country Club, and a point on one side, and the other side has the name of the owner engraved thereon.

The coming week promises to be a busy one as there are a number of interesting matches scheduled. The conclusions of the contest follow:

1. Competition match play under posted handicap, the number of strokes conceded to be three-quarters of the difference between the handicaps of the players. Strokes to be given at holes as indicated on card posted in clubhouse.

2. Any member holding a medal may challenge any other medal holder, the loser to surrender his "goat" to the winner.

3. The loser may challenge the winner but twice for the recovery of his "goat," and for each unsuccessful effort, forfeit a golf ball to the keeper of his "goat."

4. A member having lost his "goat" and not holding any other "goat" may challenge any holder of a "goat," provided he forfeit a golf ball for each failure to win.

5. Under no conditions may a match be played for more than one "goat" at a time.

At the end of the prescribed period of play, December 1, the player holding the largest number of "goats" will be appointed the "goat" and be presented with a special medal, which will become his permanent property. All the "goat" medals will be returned to their original owners, ready for the next season of play.

The entries are as follows:

- 1-T. Turner Smith
- 2-Harmon Johnson
- 3-Dr. L. B. Johnson
- 4-E. H. Bowie
- 5-Harry Woodman
- 6-Harry Woodman
- 7-Dan Wheeler
- 8-Dr. W. H. Littlepage
- 9-George Andrews
- 10-W. H. Campbell
- 11-John Grunwell
- 12-Thomson Wood
- 13-B. T. Johnson
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Mrs. Harmon Johnson won the weekly golf tournament for the women of the Washington Country Club yesterday afternoon, as she made a gross score of 57, and with a handicap of 27, is a net score of 30. Mrs. Johnson received the handsome silver prize, donated by Miss Louise Grunwell, who is one of the most enthusiastic women golfers at the Virginia Club. Only nine holes were played.

Mr. Loren B. T. Johnson was second in line, as he finished with 75 net, having a gross score of 51, while Mrs. F. M. Ball was third, with a net score of 32, having a gross score of 52, and a 49 handicap.

The tourney was a big success, as over a dozen women took part. The other contestants and their net scores follow: Mrs. A. Zappone, 57; Mrs. Frank P. Jones, 58; Miss Lillian Trust, 58; Miss J. Jewell, 61; Mrs. Walter E. Ballard, 65; Mrs. W. H. Littlepage, 61; Miss Gertrude Pattison, 65; and Miss Louise Grunwell, 72.

Nearly a dozen members of the Washington Country Club took part in the Saturday afternoon sweepstakes yesterday afternoon. George E. Truett and R. B. Looker tied for high honors, as each made a net score of 21. Mr. Truett's gross score was 55, with a handicap of 14, while Mr. Looker's gross score was 57, with a handicap of 14. His handicap was 14. Harmon Johnson was third in line, as he made a gross score of 52, and with a handicap of 13, made a net score of 39. F. M. Ball was well up, as he finished with 75 net, having a gross score of 56 and 30 handicap. Dr. Loren B. T. Johnson won second place, as he made a net score of 27, having a gross score of 45 and 18 net. The other players were E. H. Bowie, Thomas Weedon, George Andrews, Douglas Mackall, and W. Harry Woodman.

E. B. Calvert, chairman of the Washington Country Club, enjoyed a round with A. Stengel last week. Others who were out playing were W. G. Campbell, Dr. Albert Hale, Harmon Johnson, Harry Walters, A. Zappone, Dr. H. P. Coby, Malcolm Coles, Harry Woodman, H. T. Frost, George Andrews, W. H. Littlepage, and Dr. F. L. Dunlap.

George E. Truett, a prominent member of the Washington Country Club, played in a single with Professional John Klein last Tuesday afternoon. Messrs. Stearns and Kingsbury were also out.

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Judge A. V. Grunwell and W. H. H. Truett played a twosome on the course of the Washington Country Club last Wednesday afternoon. Another good match that took place was between T. Turner Smith and E. Worthington.

At the Bannockburn Golf Club Wednesday afternoon, Dr. London and Dr. John Warren won a four-ball match from H. N. Johnson and C. Cunningham.

Samuel Purvis, professional at the Bannockburn Golf Club, said that the mem-

bers are greatly pleased with the fine condition of the course. Already the new grass is beginning to come up from the seeding about three weeks ago.

The following were out at the Bannockburn Golf Club last Wednesday afternoon: John Brawner vs. O. H. Wood; Dr. Wolf vs. Mr. Hanson; George Vinal vs. Miss Dufour; besides a number of others.

Wednesday afternoon Messrs. Collins and Hall enjoyed a twosome on the greens of the Bannockburn Golf Club. Miss Bertha Looker and Miss Darnell were also out Wednesday.

An interesting four-ball match took place at the Bannockburn Golf Club last Wednesday afternoon between Dr. Lee Harban and W. R. Tuckerman vs. A. S. Mattiny and Allan Lard. The players seemed well pleased with the condition of the course.

Dr. Paris E. Brengle and L. C. Brooks captured a well-played twosome from M. E. Danforth and G. H. Chagner at the Columbia Country Club last Sunday morning. The score being 3 up.

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An interesting five-ball match was played at the Columbia Country Club the first of last week, between A. S. Mattiny, Ed Harban, Robert Farman, Dan K. Jackson, and Frank Govea.

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Finishing Touches Put on New Track.

THE INAUGURAL HANDICAP

Feature Race Has \$2,500 in Added Money—Canadian Horses Are Already Stabled—Record Fields Predicted for Over-night Events. Hildreth Horses en Route.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Laurel, Md., Sept. 30.—All day yesterday there was a busy and bustling scene on the new track of the Maryland State Fair Association, between the arrival of the horses from New York, Canada, and other racing centers and the visiting of lovers of the thoroughbred, who have read and heard so much of Laurel as a racing center.

The work was bustling along so that the place looked like a small village from the number of workmen putting on the finishing touches for the official opening of the new track to-morrow. There is little or nothing to do but clear away the scaffolds and the piles of rubbish left by the workmen.

The space between the grand stand and the track proper is being finished up, it sloping down to the track, the overhead bridge from the main entrance to where the trains land was completed, while the paddock jockey's room and office have been ready for some time past. Manager Brown and his assistant, Joseph McLenan, the clerk of the course, has prepared a good programme for the opening day, which will not only attract good fields, but will see the running of the inaugural handicap, which has \$2,500 in added money. This handicap is a good one, as it has started over every course, and the contest will be a keen one.

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TROTTER AND PACER

Laurel Track Opens To-morrow—Is One of the Best Plants in Country—Gheen Is Superintendent of Horse Department.

By L. D. SALE.

This week Lexington for the trotters and Laurel for the runners.

To those who love the sport of the turf, it should prove a week of exceeding interest, Laurel is so close to the National Capital and so easy of access by steam or trolley that doubtless Washingtonians in large numbers will take advantage of the conditions offered. The Laurel management will throw open its gates to the public to-morrow, and as they file into the grounds, they will see not only one of the most perfect racing plants in the United States, but will be amazed at the transformation that has taken place within the past few weeks. Not only men fitted to grapple with huge problems could have accomplished within so brief a period such important results.

The descendants of Bingen are racing on to the surprise of a great many experienced horsemen and breeders who rated them as being fast-hearted. Time has proved to the contrary. Todd and Bingen are to-day his leading sons, and their sons and daughters are racing on gamely. In the matter of extreme speed the Bingen seem to be able to hold their own against all comers. Had Bingen sired more, the champion trotting gelding Ulian, he would still be classed among the greatest of trotting progenitors. The best, and by all accounts the fastest descendant of Bingen owned in this section is the bay mare Berka, owned by Mr. John Morris, of Washington. At the Allentown fair week before last she was timed separately a last half in 1 1/2 in a race, and she is credited with having trotted an eighth of a mile in sixteen seconds. This is speed to burn, and when the mare has been taught to get away with her field the trotter that beats her will never again race in the 2:15 class.

As was to be expected, R. T. C. Murphy's plow horse, romped away with the big end of the \$5,000 purse at Columbus Tuesday last. McDonald's Lewis Forest, the only horse in the field of six to make him stretch his neck very much. Patrons of trotting races in this section of the country hope to see R. T. C. at Laurel in the near future, as well as other great trotters who have been traveling the Grand Circuit. The Laurel authorities could not present to the public in this neck of the woods a greater attraction, unless it be Ulian, king of all trotters.

As Ulian retired after the Lexington meeting, the presence of the biggest money winning trotter of the year would go far toward filling the gap. Considerable speculation is being indulged in in these parts as to how the Laurel management will be able to mix the light harness horses with the runners, with advantage to the former. Every tire in track experience knows that a purely running track is not suitable for the gait of trotters and pacers. Trotters can negotiate heavy going better than can pacers. A rather hard, smooth track suits pacers best, as they go lower than trotters. Could the Laurel management buy suitable tracts of ground near the city, on which a track could be constructed.

Visiting horsemen from the East and West think it strange that the National Capital has no race track within easy distance of the District's boundary lines. It is, indeed, an anomalous condition of things, when one bears in mind that nearly every little town of 2,500 inhabitants in the North and Northwest has a half-mile ring where racing is given every spring and summer with purses worth going after. Nothing is more stimulating to the light harness industry than a track where local horsemen may try out their horses. It was thought when Brightwood track was wiped off the racing map that there were enough interested horsemen in the District of Columbia to buy suitable tracts of ground near the city, on which a track could be constructed.

We have been trying to understand that there is now a slight movement in that direction; that is, the matter is being discussed by horsemen of means, and that before the winter closes in on us, the project may take a more tangible shape. It is estimated that land, buildings, track, &c., will cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000. An up-to-date club house is part of the plan, and it is recognized that the site of the plant must be within easy riding distance of the city by private vehicle, trolley, and steam car. It is here that there would be no difficulty in disposing of it, if an organization were formed with the right kind of men as officers. Let all horsemen hope that the scheme is no idle dream.

Let no interested horseman deceive himself. Something must be done to revive the interest in the light harness horse in the District of Columbia. At present, interest is at its lowest ebb. A track with in easy reach, properly managed, and, with all its appointments attractive, will do much toward making Washington the light harness horse center it should be and place it in line with cities of similar size and rank. Nearly all of the horses owned here at present, for racing purposes, are either worn out or out-classed. We need new horses and an increase in horse ownership.

There are many men in the District of Columbia who would invest in good horseflesh if a way were shown them to enjoy their holdings, and to warrant the expenditure of time and money. Our present Speedway does not seem to fill the wants of local horsemen, and it now looks to be doubtful whether any Speedway in the future will attract many patrons, after the newness and novelty of the thing shall have worn away. Men interested in sports of the turf want some spot where they can race for a purse, however small it may be, but a small sum, if they seem so disposed, get something to eat or drink, if they be hungry or thirsty, exercise their horses when they feel like it, lounge in easy chairs on cool porches, where, if they choose, they can sit and smoke a pipe and chat and recruit their spirits and their health after a day's or week's labor. A local track will fill a long-felt want.

RACING CARD FOR MONDAY.

Laurel.

FIRST RACE—Two-year-olds: five and a half furlongs. 10:00. Belle Mead, 10; Bridgeton, 10; Baby, 10; Baby, 10; Baby, 10.

THIRD RACE—Two-year-olds: five and a half furlongs. 11:00. Little Ewe, 10; Mad River, 10; Light of My Life, 10; Light of My Life, 10; Light of My Life, 10.

FOURTH RACE—Inaugural Handicap: three-year-olds and up: one mile. 12:00. 1. Prior, 10; 2. Almond, 10; 3. Almond, 10; 4. Almond, 10; 5. Almond, 10.

FIFTH RACE—Three-year-olds and up: one and one-half miles. 1:00. 1. Hing, 10; 2. Hing, 10; 3. Hing