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during the season will bring out strong competition, the winning team to receive a trophy at the end of the season.

Northwest Trap Shooters' League Opens Season

SEATTLE, Wash.—With an attendance of 70 shooters, numbering many from out of town clubs, the opening shoot of the Northwest Washington Trap Shooters' League, which was held on the Harbor Island grounds of the Seattle Trap Shooters' Association on March 25 was a great success. The high amateur scores on registered targets, which was the main program of the day, went to Frank Templeton, of Portland, with 95, this standing high man. R. S. Searle got second position, with 93 to his credit, and four shooters, A. Blair, of Portland; E. Brackney, of Bellingham; C. E. McKelvey and Hi Pollich, in third position, with scores of 92 each. The Interstate trophies were awarded to the following shooters: First, Frank Templeton; second, R. S. Searle; third, A. Blair. The next league shoot is to take place on April 22 in Tacoma. Then will follow in order that on May 13, at Everett Gun Club, of which C. E. French is secretary; on June 17, at Bellingham Gun Club, I. Deinberger, secretary; on July 22, at Chehalis Gun Club, W. S. Short, secretary; on August 19, Blaine Gun Club, F. L. Gott, secretary, and on September 9, at Green Lake Gun Club, Seattle, G. A. Conklin, secretary.

The officers of the new organization are Dr. C. L. Templeton, president, and Earl A. Fry, secretary-treasurer, both prominent gun club workers in Seattle. Some of the prominent trade representatives of the Northwest are the trustees. Scores:

AMATEURS		PROFESSIONALS	
Bk.	Sk.	Bk.	Sk.
F. Templeton	95	A. Z. Smith	83
R. S. Searle	93	Wm. P. Anderson	82
A. Blair	92	R. A. Tyler	81
E. Brackney	92	F. Gott	81
C. E. McKelvey	92	W. B. Taft	81
Hi Pollich	92	C. R. McConnell	79
C. L. Templeton	90	J. B. Lewis	77

G. A. Conklin	90	J. W. Peterson	76
Matt Grossman	90	H. Dehn	76
S. Downs	90	L. Simonson	75
J. H. Hopkins	89	A. Adams	75
Jno. Kienast	89	D. Bales	75
Jno. Ruppe	89	C. S. Kellison	74
E. K. Van Vleck	89	A. B. Kidd	74
J. A. Dague	89	D. F. Williams	61
J. H. Templeton	88	J. R. Owens	60
Hugh Fleming	88	J. H. Davis	62
Fred Call	88	Mrs. Bales	53
E. Ellis	87	H. Schweinler	53
J. R. Converse	87	C. W. Bandy	53
Fred Landwehr	87	F. Friedlander	47
R. Miller	86	L. W. Giffin	41
L. S. Barnes	86	G. L. Dennen	39
A. W. Strowger	85	W. Schulpin	37
H. R. Everding	85	F. Mesdag	31
Ralph Klazer	85	E. C. Lanter	30
Harry Williams	85	C. S. Bilger	27
H. Carstens	83	W. Galbraith	22
Deskin Reid	83	W. P. Curtis	22
Don Baker	83	C. B. Blethen	15
G. Baker	83		

SPECIAL HANDICAP PROGRAM—EVERDING TROPHY RACE

AMATEURS		PROFESSIONALS	
TL.Yds.	TL.Yds.	TL.Yds.	TL.Yds.
Fred Landwehr	38	C. E. McKelvey	41
H. R. Everding	48	Ralph Klazer	41
L. S. Barnes	46	Fred Call	41
J. H. Davis	44	A. W. Strowger	41
A. Blair	43	J. H. Hopkins	40
F. Gott	43	R. S. Searle	40
Jno. Kienast	43	D. F. Williams	39
F. Templeton	43	E. R. Rice	39
Hi Pollich	43	L. Simonson	38
Matt Grossman	43	G. A. Conklin	38
W. P. Anderson	42	A. B. Kidd	38
Hugh Fleming	42	J. R. Owens	37
J. A. Dague	42	J. H. Templeton	39
E. Ellis	41	Deskin Reid	47
E. Brackney	41	W. B. Taft	40
C. Templeton	41	J. D. Lewis	38
R. Miller	40		

PROFESSIONALS		PROFESSIONALS	
TL.Yds.	TL.Yds.	TL.Yds.	TL.Yds.
Geo. Hambricht	44	P. J. Holohan	42
J. H. Reid	44	H. E. Poston	31
A. A. Reihl	43		

News Notes and Highlights

H. McDonald, with a score of 47 out of 50, was high gun at the Omaha, Neb., Gun Club on March 26 in the first shoot for the Charles E. Rees trophy.

Spokane, Wallace, Kellogg, Palhouse, Garfield, Kalespell, Sunnyside, Pitaloch, Pendleton, Lewis-

ton, Wenatchee, Pomeroy—all enterprising Northwest cities—are represented in the Inland Empire League.

At the Rogue River Gun Club, of Medford, Ore., held a shoot in which J. P. Bull won high with 70 out of 75 and P. J. Holohan second with 63.

Southern Trap Shooting

Registered Tournaments Scheduled for the South

- April 11—Chesapeake City, Md. "Old Policy." Chesapeake City Gun Club. R. H. Rees, secretary.
- April 23, 24—Vicksburg, Miss. "Old Policy." Hill City Gun Club. J. J. Bradfield, secretary.
- April 24—Pawnee, Okla. Pawnee Gun Club. M. S. Mentzer, secretary.
- April 24, 25—Birmingham, Ala. "Old Policy." Birmingham Gun Club. O. L. Garl, secretary.
- April 26—Aberdeen, Md. Aberdeen Gun Club. C. B. Osborn, Jr., secretary.
- April 26, 27—Dallas, Tex. Dallas Amateur Gun Club. J. H. Overton, secretary.
- April 26, 27, 28—Natchez, Miss. Mississippi State tournament, under the auspices of the Gaillard Sporting Club. Eugene S. Enoch, secretary.

Southern Handicap Already in View

FOR THE FIRST time in several years the Southern Handicap is to be held at a point so situated that it will appeal to Eastern trap shots and as a result when the event is staged at Roanoke, Va., in early May, it will be more or less of a sectional combat. From points as far away as New England parties are being

arranged to attend this subsidiary event and it now appears certain that Roanoke will have the honor of staging one of the greatest of a long line of worthy Southern Handicaps. The return of this event to Virginia means much to trap shooting in that State and other nearby points. It will have the effect of spurring the gun clubs and the shooters. Though programs are not yet available it is certain that the event will be staged along the usual lines, which means that it will be attractive to the shooters both from the standpoint of the honors to be acquired and also from the amount of money and trophies that can be won. However the event is to be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, following the old custom, which means that it will fall short of the attendance figures that would be available if the tournament was scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. These latter dates, by the way, are being generally requested also for the State tournaments.

Most Famous of Southern Trap Squads

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—About the Spring of 1907 came quite a revival of local trap shooting interest and with its regeneration the existence of the once famous "Gin Squad," destined to be a potent factor therein for many seasons.

A volume entitled the "Life and Battles of the Gin Squad" could be written of its travels and conquests. Its inception dates from a period when Bayard Snowden and Bright Goodbar, who had been shooting for a season or so, induced B. H. Finley, Nash Buckingham, Hugh R. Wynne and Fontaine Martin to take up the "sport alluring."

Small beginnings with large endings is an adage proved on the first April afternoon 10 years ago, when the neophytes faced the barrier for the initial call. It is a matter of pride with Finley that he missed 47 before effecting a consolidation. A few runs, however, and the new shooters, fascinated with the sport and its environment of outdoor life and good fellowship, caught the fever, and the fun began.

The bunch shot together a great deal, but those pioneer days are the ones of real endearing memory. To quote a grand old member gone bone dry—"them was NOT the days when a fish made a dust swimming upstream—neither!" And so, you see, what with one thing and another the fame of these brave fellows was heralded until that moment when all hard riders and drinkers met together and acknowledged them entitled to said grant with all title and title thereunto appertaining, sloc or Gordon.

Just who first bestowed this alcoholic nom de fusee which clung so tenaciously has never been accurately fixed, its origin being credited to general seepage. But there is a pretty little legend extant to the effect that one hot Summer afternoon when the squad was showing on the small time circuit in old Nitro Dell at Dyersburg, Manager Fred Schmidt had acquired a bad attack of tonsillitis hollering for his boys to toe the scratch—they being somewhat loath to comply owing to a distressing shortage of ice and limes just at that unfortunate moment.

At this juncture Squire Wes Hawkins, napping in the tall grass with his faithful dog, arose in great wrath at the delay and, raising his voice to high C, registered a demand ultimatum for the "Gin Squad!" The name stuck.

With a year's experience the Gin Squad, collectively and individually, became a well advertised bunch and a hard proposition to beat. Once in a great while some opposing squad was lucky enough to get a tie at the trap, but once a contest was staged on a Gin basis—all bets were off. It was the custom of the squad to

plan its campaign before the first shot was fired.

Mr. Finley, Captain Finley, a strategist of great natural capacity, compiled the tactics. Each man was given an opponent to "cool"—an order would read something after this fashion:

"Snowdy will cool Prophet Cocke; Slim (Fontaine Martin), you carry Charlie Spencer to the three-quarters and make him back up; you other boys, just shoot your regular clip, and I'll cool Bill Herr and Tom Marshall!"

On a regular shooting basis, however, outside the fun, the Gin Squad usually took away a fair share of the money and prizes.

The boys shot well up at most of the big handicaps, Bright Goodbar winning the G. A. H. Preliminary at St. Louis, and, if memory isn't wrong, Bayard Snowden and Nash Buckingham wriggled into a slice of the spending chance at Denver during the Western in 1908, at the Southern in Nashville, same year, and the G. A. H., Chicago, the following season.

In recent years the devastating effect of matrimony, the full dinner pail and the high cost of shells has somewhat retarded concerted action upon the part of the squad, but a get-together day is planned at the first matinee this season. Captain Finley, sole survivor in the target of Cupid's pattern, has sounded a recall, and the veterans again will line up and level their old gas pipes over the little green house.

It is planned to make the afternoon a reminder of old times and faces when Fritz Gilbert, Bill Herr, Bill Crosby, Tom Marshall and Harold Money were familiar figures on the home grounds. Our own Jake ("Nigger") Gibbs was an amateur in those halcyon days, and George Lyon and Billy Long, two as splendid chaps as ever smashed the sharp angles of life, were always at home with the Gin Squad.

Gibbs is now a leading and very popular professional for the Remington-U. M. C. Company; Herr has retired from the game, but Fritz Gilbert, Heikes and Crosby are still hampering away at the barrier.

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J. T. Ambrose led the Memphis, Tenn., Gun Club field on March 24 with a score of 75 straight. King was second with 74. Harry Relinger, Hill Martin and Jake Gibbs breaking 48.

At Guthrie, Okla., March 18, high general and high professional averages were won by W. R. Crosby, 96x100, and high amateur average average was won by John Lambert, 94x100.

At Pinehurst, N. C., on March 28, F. A. Seibert, of New York City, with a handicap of ten, won the weekly trap shoot with 91 out of 100. D. Herbert Hostetter (15), Pittsburgh, was second with 88. The contest for women was won by Mrs. Harold Sherrill, Poughkeepsie, with 13 out of 150.