

HUNTERS' CORNER

Pheasant Stocking Program Exceeding All Expectations

A hen turkey in the St. Catherine's district of Kings county is a happy mother today ... she has a brood of eight young turkeys to look after. Apparently she thinks they are her own flesh and blood and not a product of the wild. It came about in this manner. The farmer knew her incubation efforts would result in "love's labor lost" even if the incubation period had not already passed. Word passed through game association channels that 9-day old turkey chicks from wild stock were at the Hatchery at Tryon and had to find a home.

Joe Hennessey, a member of the Kings county Branch (East) Fish and Game Executive, immediately drove to Tryon and picked up the nine little orphans. Eight survived the trip and are now happy under the watchful eye and care of a natural mother and family were well and happy at last report. I understand it is the intention to let them range when the turkey's are feathered. They'll be wild as hawks come October. The old hen is delightfully happy. What she doesn't know will not hurt her and one thing is certain ... no one will be able to put her wise. Truly a case of ignorance being bliss.

GOOD START

The pheasant re-stocking project in Prince has exceeded expectations to date. The initial stage of the venture has been handled well and the men in charge deserve credit. It is quite possible there will be several thousand mature pheasants ready for release in the wild come September. The initial stage presents no special problem if handled correctly. They can be raised about as easily as domestic chickens if fed and cared for properly and disease free. However, unknown factors enter the picture once the birds are turned out into the wild. It is then that Nature steps into the picture and regardless of what man has done beforehand Nature takes her course.

Sportsmen's hopes run high at the moment that an open season on pheasants in West Prince in two or three years is not beyond an impossibility. Just a word of caution to the hunting fraternity ... if an open season on pheasants is in effect in West Prince in 10 years you will have cause to congratulate yourselves. According to figures released by the State of Wisconsin a couple of years ago it's still a sixty-five dollar question as to what happens when pheasants are released in the wild. According to Wisconsin records if two thousand full grown-strong flying pheasants are released in an area where there were no pheasants previous to release if ten per cent are present the following season the re-stocking is in effect a huge success.

For instance, if 2,000 pheasants, banded for record purposes, are released in West Prince this coming September it is considered a highly successful planting if 200 are present in May. Now don't get me wrong ... they do not have to be poached. I talked to quite a number of U. S. game officials on this subject while attending the North American Wildlife Conference held at Montreal in March 1955. The majority frankly stated they do not know with any degree of certainty just what does happen to released birds. All agreed that predators took a considerable toll but not up to 95 per cent if predator toll was that heavy. Game wardens and protectors in the field, would find more evidence such as feathers and bones. Lack of visual evidence tends to indicate that pen raised birds, at least a very high percentage of them, lack the will to live when thrown on their own resources and crawl into a hole or under a pile of brush and die.

TAKES TIME

West Prince can be stocked with pheasants if the birds that do survive are given a chance to secure a foothold but it cannot be considered in the light of a get pheasant hunting quick scheme. Here is another angle. Supposing 200 hundred pheasants are present in West Prince this coming spring and 50 coveys are spotted in September there is still the acclimatization factor to consider. It's a mere guess how many will survive to coming winter. I have a slight idea of what I am talking about regardless of the Wisconsin report on pheasant propagation ... I raised pheasants under brown Leghorn hens 30 years ago, letting them run wild, and the results were practically nil. Three thousand Cocks survived the following winter and it wasn't overly severe.

It is this Columnist's opinion, given in all sincerity, that the total production of pheasants this season with approximately 90 per cent going to West Prince where there are no pheasants, or practically none, at the moment. That's the only way to find out actual results of the restocking program. A thousand pheasants could be released this fall in Queens county and what gauge would we have to evaluate results none at all ... and there would be the grave danger of watering down the blood lines of our present stock. I know there are some sections of Queens where there are no pheasants but if the terrain and habitat was suitable they'd be there long before this.

Kings County holds a higher population of pheasants than most hunters are aware. A short closed season and rigid protection is all the pheasant needs in Kings. When the restocking of Prince County with pheasants was first mooted this Columnist understood, and was under the impression it was the intention to live trap pheasants in Queens and release them in West Prince. I still am of the opinion that would have been a quicker and least expensive method of giving Prince County hunters pheasants shooting comparable to Queens County.

YVON WANTS SHOT AT TITLE

Durelle And Wallace Feud

The tension is between Gordon Wallace of Brantford and Creighton Mines, Ont., here to fight for the British Empire light heavyweight crown, and Yvon Durelle, the lobster fisherman from Baie Ste. Anne, N.B. Wallace meets Britain's Ron Barton at Clapton Stadium next Tuesday.

Published reports here suggest Durelle is irked that the title shot should go to Wallace, when Durelle himself is Canadian light heavyweight champion.

The Canadian party arrived by air Thursday. The Sporting Record, a weekly paper, says that if people wonder why Wallace is fighting for the title and why Durelle is sidetracked, British boxing authorities will "probably wiggle out by saying that Wallace has been winning while Durelle has not been acquiring himself like a champ."

Meanwhile, the British Boxing Board of Control says it is going to press to have the Wallace-Barton contest recognized as an eliminator for the world title. Sheppard staked the claim on behalf of Wallace Thursday and E. J. (Teddy) Waltham, secretary of the board, said he will support the demand.

Whether the world title is left vacant depends on whether the referee, Archie Moore, decides to move into the heavyweight ranks.

BACK STRETCH

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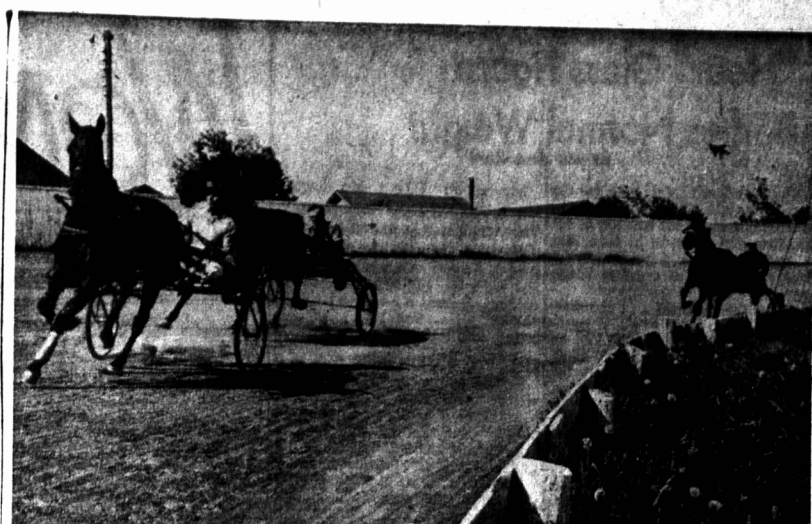
3. Silver Lining (LeBlanc) 1. Easter Marie (D. Turner) 2. Time Counts (Piers) 3. Time 2.17 a new record for Silver Lining owned by LeBlanc and Crossman. Truro. Race 6. Nova G. (K. Plinkney) 1. Cardinal's Echo (Baker) 2. Money's Worth (Nelson) 3. Time 2.17 1/5. Nova G. is owned by Earl Morash, Dartmouth.

At Sackville Downs last Saturday afternoon there was a good program of eight dashes at three-quarter mile, and one mile. A feature of the afternoon was the winning of two dashes by Ray O'Brien, son of Harry O'Brien, Alberton, with Sport Volo. Ray also drove the fastest heat of the afternoon and paid his backers \$25. win, \$12 place and \$4 show. Races 1 and 4. Eva York (L. Walker) 1.4, Fatchen Volo 2nd (Campbell) 2.3. Lila Gray (Yorkie) 4.2. Time, 1.44 1/5, 2.20. Eva York is owned by the L. & G. Stables, Halifax. Races 2 and 6. Connally (Jones) 1-1, Gracie Lou (S. Walker) 2-3, Billy P. C. Parker (R. O'Brien) 3-2. Time 1.40 1/5, 2.16 4/5. Connally is owned by the Dauphine Stables of Halifax. Races 3 and 7. Jimmy Flood (Cruikshank) 1-3, Cumberland Scott (Yorkie) 5-1, Senator Falcut (A. Cleveland) 2-5, Buster Budlong 4-2. Time, 1.45 1/5, 1.43 1/5. Jimmy Flood is owned by Bert Cruikshank, Halifax and Cumberland Scott by Frank Pender, Halifax. Races 5 and 8. Sport Volo (R. O'Brien) 1-1, Just Rita 2-3, Hi Gal 4-2. Time, 1.39 1/5, 2.16. Sport Volo is owned by Prescott Harvey, Windsor.

United States paper sports column—Joe O'Brien could out-listen a sphinx. But perhaps when you win \$421,660 driving a harness horse, as he did last season, you don't have to talk to anyone, you don't have to talk. "I really don't have anything to say much," explained Joe. "And, besides, the way I run my stable you don't have much time for it." O'Brien runs his 35-horse stable as if it were a bank. The first thing he did upon arriving at Wolverine Raceway was set up his office—filing cabinets, desks and everything. He has a staff that includes bookkeeper Milton Led, assistant trainers Jack Richardson and Gene Matucci and "about 18 or 19 groomers." When he came in from Shafters, Calif., he unloaded 22 trunks of tack and racing equipment, 11 jog cars and 11 racing sulkeys. The office operation began immediately. Every day O'Brien's aides draw up a chart-type training schedule for each horse, detailing what he has to do when, and there is space for notes on how he does it. O'Brien foregoes one bit of routine that is considered essential around a harness track—the afternoon nap. O'Brien goes from 5:30 a.m. until midnight, getting "around five hours sleep, but that's all I take even if I wasn't working." The system amuses the gypsies that abound in racing. But O'Brien was second money-winning trainer last season and for the second straight year he was the champion of the Grand Circuit. He started defense of his circuit title this week at Wolverine. Currently he's tightening up his horses, one of whom is Scott Frost, last year's Hambletonian winner, for the Circuit competition.

Looking over the summaries of Wednesday's races we notice that two Island drivers were active at Woodstock. Teddy Weir being first and second in the first and fifth dashes with Lebas, Reynolds Hanover (Troy) 3-1. Time, 2.29, 2.27. Lebas is owned by W. Price, Canterbury. In the 2nd and 6th Danadale (Price) was 1-2, Ina Bell (DeWitt) 3-1. Time, 2.25, 2.24. Danadale is owned by W. Price and Ina Bell by J. H. DeWitt. In the 3rd and 7th dashes Diamond Chief (Harper) was 1-2, Prince Abner (Hamblon) 2-1. Time, 2.17, 2.16. Diamond Chief is owned by W. Price, Canterbury. Driver Harper is a native of Charlottetown. In the 4th and 8th dashes Dominion's Pride, owned and driven by J. H. DeWitt, was 1-2, Colonel Dan (Troy) 3-1. Time, 2.16, 2.15.

The Halifax card on Wednesday was pronounced an excellent one by those present and also by anyone who has seen the results of the racing. There were some real upsets, particularly in the B & CC Trot when Zukie Volo, owned by Elliot Saunders, Lexington, Mass. and driven by Len O'Meara was first to the wire. Flaxcott (Walker) 2. Time, 2.16 4-5—a



DRIVER AND HORSES are all set for the first harness racing card of the season at the Charlottetown, Driving Park tonight after some weeks of preparation. In the top picture three of the horses are shown running a practice mile and on the left Len O'Mear is seen as he arrived with Impact and Zukie Volo at the stables on Thursday. Two horses in front taking their practice mile are owned by Earl Sempel and that's owner Sempel at the reins of the lead horse, Don Seaman takes up the rear with Wait For Me. On the left impact is being led from the trailer by trainer Deede Arsenault. Driver Len O'Mear watches from the rear and Don Seaman also looks on.

I.L. President To Cast First All-Star Ballot

MONTREAL (CP) — President Frank Shaughnessy of the International Baseball League will cast the first ballot today when voting begins for the league's all-star team.

The all-stars will meet the Milwaukee Braves of the National League at Toronto July 23 in a battle of the major leaguers against the major league team. Shaughnessy's selections will remain secret until voting ends July 5.

Fans will choose 10 players, including righthanded and lefthanded pitchers. Greg Mulleavy, manager of the all-stars and also of the I.L.'s Montreal Royals, will name the rest of his 25-man squad. He will also select two fellow-managers to serve as coaches.

Many newspapers and radio and TV stations in the league's eight cities are co-operating with the league in the poll. Tabulations will be turned over to the local clubs for compilation and results will be sent to league headquarters in Montreal for general release.

Year's First Race Card At Ch'town Driving Park Tonight

Harness racing will be ushered back into the limelight of the Island's sports world tonight at the Charlottetown Driving Park when the first race meet of the season will be held, starting at 8.15.

Nearly 35 horses will go to the post in 8 dashes for purses totaling \$1,000, a considerable increase over the purses of last year.

Five fast horses will get off in the feature event of the night that will be run in two dashes at \$300 per dash. All five were steady competitors on last year's cards and their names will be quite familiar to race fans. In order of the

positions from which they will start behind the starting gate, they are Peter Clegg, Barbara Ann Queen, Keppoch Playgirl, Sir Joseph, Gahagan.

Other outstanding horses to appear on the card are Morrell Woody My Darling, Abner McGraw, April Bud, Joppa Maid, Real Pingo, Feather Duster, Money Royal, Sleepy Sam Suffolk Chief, Bob Clegg, Jollity George, and plenty of others.

Once again, tonight's card starts at 8.15. The next card is scheduled for next Saturday.

TIPS ON GOLFING

Right Hip Lower Than Left



ANNETTE TOTTEAN learns that greater ease in body, arms and hands is had by starting with the hips tilted so that the right hip always is lower than left. This tilt should be made when first placing hands.

By ALEX MORRISON
Central Press Canadian Golf Columnist

Golfers are subject to tension more than the performer in any other outdoor sport. Why? There are at least two obvious reasons. First, in other games such as baseball, football and tennis, the player goes into action with what might be called a rolling start.

The golfer, in most cases, begins his swing from a still position. Second, in most other games the player is on the aggressive whereas the golfer invariably is on the defensive.

Being on the aggressive and using a rolling start that finds your body more or less in motion, before going into your performance proper, affords the kind of mental and physical activity needed to ward off tension.

On the other hand when you are mentally on the defensive and stand still before starting your backswing you can be sure you've done more than to establish the ten-

SEA CADETS TAKE CRUISE

Four Guardian delivery boys—members of the Summerside Sea Cadets band—were seen harmonizing in the latest popular songs while enroute by motor boat with about 30 officers and mem-

bers of the Sea Cadet Corps yesterday morning, to board H.M.C.S. S. Algonquin about 10 miles from Summerside, for a cruise in Northumberland Strait before the ship entered harbour on a four day visit.

The four sea cadets, from left to right, are Michael Scott, Gordon Gay, Jackie Gallant, and Roy Gallant.

ATTENTION ALL NAVAL VETERANS

There will be a meeting of all Naval Veterans at the L. P. U. Hall, 48 Water Street on Saturday, June 16th, 1956 at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of forming a Main Branch Naval Veterans Association Branch for Charlottetown.

There will be in attendance several members of the National Council Main Branch Naval Veterans Association of Canada.

All who are interested are urged to attend.

(Sgd.) R. A. M. MacKENZIE,
Secretary,
National Council.

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