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GUN CLUB WILL BE FORMED IN SIDNEY AT AN EARLY DATE

A Meeting of All Those Interested is Called For Thursday Evening, December the 18th, When the Organization of the Club Will Take Place

A question has been asked often of late among some of our best local game hunters, "Why can't we organize a gun club in Sidney?" We have in our vicinity some of the best game shots on this Island and with a little practice could, no doubt, break as many clay targets as any of the experienced shooters of the other clubs.

There are on Vancouver Island gun clubs at Nanaimo, Ladysmith, Chemainus, and two at Victoria, and there is no reason why we could not form one here.

A few people may wish to have explained the advantages in trap shooting. You may be fond of your gun yet when you go out for a day among the birds you come in with an indifferent bag, where if you took a little practice shooting clay birds it would have a tendency to quicken your eye, help to gauge distance and judge the lead necessary to give a fast flying bird. This knowledge comes only after long practice in the field, but may be very easily gained by trap shooting.

As a game to be followed up it is proving the most fascinating. You may go to a base ball match and watch a close game. You may have a favorite team you wish to win but you can do no more than cheer your team on. In trap shooting the result lies in your own hands. This line of amusement is followed by members of every profession and business. After the work and worry of a busy day you would naturally look around for some form of diversion. Why not trap shooting? Shooting requires immense concentration and what better form of recreation at a moderate cost could a man wish for?

The following form of keeping up interest in a close game was tried out in Washington with surprising results. All the gun clubs in a certain district were

banded together as a league, they chose a certain day of the week to contest for a trophy on the same lines as a ball team contests for a pennant. Five or ten men would be made eligible only by their scores to this team. The number of men to be on the team would of course be arranged between the clubs. All members are invited to try and get in on this team and any one can get on by shooting high, for no particular individual's score is taken, only the five or ten (whichever the case may) highest scores count and your contest is always on your home grounds. One week a club would shoot against a certain club and the next week against another club. The scores could be wired or sent in to the party agreed upon to handle this part of the contest. The club having the highest percentage to its credit would naturally win the trophy.

There have already been two prizes offered should a gun club be formed here, one for the highest aggregate for the season and another which will be placed at the opening shoot.

Let us get together and see if something cannot be done at once.

There is naturally a certain amount of advertising for our town attached to the formation of a gun club and we are sure to receive at least the moral support of our local board of trade.

A meeting is being called for Thursday evening December 18th, to be held at the Sidney hotel parlor at 8 p.m., and everyone is invited to attend.

Arrangements have been made to have with us on that date one of the British Columbia professionals who will no doubt be able to lend us valuable assistance in organization, laying out grounds, the kind of traps to install, and any information as to the shooting equipment necessary.

SALT SPRING ISLAND POULTRY SHOW WILL BE HELD AT GANGES

The Show Will Be an Annual Event and Will Take Place This Year in the Agricultural Hall on December 18

The first annual show of the Salt Spring Island Poultry Association is to be held on Thursday, December 18, in the poultry building of the Island Agricultural Association, at Ganges Harbor. The show will be governed by the rules of the American Poultry Association and the B. C. Poultry Association. Entries will close on the 11th of December. The following is a list of officers: President, G. W. Dean; vice-president, H. Fletcher; secretary-treasurer, W. Harvey; directors, T. H. McMurdo, H. Caldwell, N. Wilson, V. C. Morris, W. Sharp; judge, E. Greenwood, of Victoria; show secretary, Walter Harvey. The entry fee for each single specimen is twenty-five cents and for breeding pen, one dollar. Competitors are requested to send entries in as early as possible before December 11th, which is the closing date. There is quite a long list of special prizes in addition to the ordinary class prizes. The committee is to be complimented on their neat little catalogue which contains a lot of useful information appertaining to the island.

It seems we are shortly to have the long looked for telephone system on the island. The subscription is to be \$2 and subscribers will have free rates to the other islands and to Duncan and will also be able to telephone to Victoria and Vancouver at a very much cheaper rate than obtains at present.

Mr. E. H. Streeten has purchased land from Mr. A. J. Smith.

Mr. W. A. Gardner has been transferred from the Merchants Bank at Ganges to Victoria. Mr. Dinon is taking his place. Another hockey player gone.

The numerous friends of Mrs. Compton Kingsbury will be glad to learn that she is now well on the road to recovery after her severe illness.

Mr. Everitt sailed for England on Friday the 28th November.

Mr. Harold Price has left for Kamloops where he will spend several months.

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