

RIDING CLUB RECEIVES LETTER FROM PERSHING

Regrets Inability to Attend Dinner; Tells of His Love of Horseback Riding

Gen. John J. Pershing was forced to decline with regret an invitation from the Indian Hill Riding club to attend the annual dinner of the club held Tuesday, May 11, at the Indian Hill Country club, but the club received from the distinguished American a letter that sets forth in an interesting way his genuine appreciation of horseback riding as an aid to health and an unexcelled form of recreation.

The letter, received by C. Colton Daughaday, an official of the club, reads:

"Your very cordial note extending me an invitation to be present at the annual dinner of the Indian Hill Riding Club was received some days ago. It is a matter of real regret that I find it impossible to accept as I am sure it will be a most enjoyable occasion.

"Having been accustomed to horseback riding all my life, I can speak with some confidence as to its benefits and delights. As a means of daily recreation it can hardly be excelled. A horseback ride of several days would be an ideal way to spend a vacation. I took such a ride down into Virginia not so long ago and shall repeat it whenever possible. It affords the best opportunity that I know of to enjoy the open air and the attractions of rural scenery.

"Horseback riding encourages the breeding of good horses of all classes. In my opinion the time has not arrived when we can do without the horse, and it should be the wish of every lover of the horse that the time may never come.

"With thanks for your kind invitation, believe me

Very sincerely yours,
John J. Pershing."

A list of forthcoming events in the Riding club's program was given this week as follows:

Saturday, May 22—Hunt committee announces a Cross-country ride to the Forest Preserve. Walter Wallace, leader. Leave stables at 3 p. m.

Saturday, May 29—Early morning ride. Leave stables at 6:30 a. m. Weather permitting there will be a short drag hunt.

Open Women's Room

Sunday, May 30—Formal opening of the new Women's and Children's room at the stables. Tea will be served at 4 p. m. on the lawn under the awning shading the entrance to the Women's and Children's room.

Saturday, June 5—Special club ride over the hunting country now open. Leave stables at 3 p. m.

Saturday, June 19—Annual Children's Horse Show of the Indian Hill Riding club. This is always a delightful occasion for north shore children. All who ride are welcome to enter. The names of children desiring to compete in the various classes should be forwarded before June 15 to the Indian Hill Riding club, Winnetka. A particularly interesting feature this year should be the making of motion pictures of the young riders to be preserved in the archives of the club.

Invite Riders

Any person in Winnetka desiring to ride horseback may obtain information as to bridle paths, etc., from the officers of the Indian Hill Riding club and none who wish to ride need lack the opportunity.

Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Cook, who are taking a motor trip before going to Kansas City, stopped at Louisville last week-end for the Kentucky Derby.



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