Fifty-four Different Breeds, 1,612 Actual Dogs, Representing 2,780 Entries, to Be Benched at Westminster Show

Dog Show Entry Is the Best in Many Seasons

Pacific Coast, Canada and Middle West Exhibitors Will Be Prominent in Westminster Kennel Club's Exhibition in Grand Central Palace.

By FRANK F. DOLE.

America's greatest annual canine congress, the forty-fourth renewal of the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, will be staged in the Grand Central Palace, from Wednesday to Saturday, and with 2,780 entries—representing 1,612 actual dogs—the capacity of the large building will be taxed to the utmost to find rooms for all the exhibits, the eleven judging rings and exercising spaces. The show will have to be broken up and the benching cover three floors, so that exhibitors in more than one breed and the handlers who show dogs for perhaps a dozen different owners, will have their work cut out to keep up with the schedule of judging.

Exhibitors should notice that no dog will be received at the Palace after 8 A. M. Wednesday, and, after it has been passed by the official veterinarians—Dr. Frank H. Miller and Dr. George A. Miller—namesakes but of different clans—and admitted to the show. An exhibit may not be removed from the building until the close on Saturday night, unless on a pass signed by the superintendent, George W. Gall. An owner may deposit his identification card and $5 with the check clerk, both of which will be given back if the dog is returned before 9 A. M. the next day. Otherwise, the errant owner will forfeit his deposit and he will be reported to the American Kennel Club as a violator of show rules. If a prize winner be taken out for the night and not returned on time, the winnings will be forfeited, as or additional punishment.

The doors will be open to the public at 9 A. M. each day and the judging will begin at 10 A. M. Wednesday, in all rings simultaneously. There will be twenty-one judges in action, as quickly as each may gain a free ring, which in some breeds will not be until Thursday morning. William Rauch, who will mark his twentieth anniversary in the office, is again chairman of the bench show committee, and his aids as last year, will be Richard H. Williams, president of the club; Winthrop Rutherfurd and Lewis A. Eldridge.

Airedales Lead in Entries.

Airedale terriers will have the strongest classes, with 228 entries, and William Prescott Wolcott of Readville, Mass., one of the veteran breeders and exhibitors of America, will be the judge. That great specimen of the small type, champion Polam Maxim, will be again shown by the Canadian, Norman MacKenzie, and among others from a distance will be seen Vencendor of Anekia and four others. Theodore Offerman has in three, including his recent Philadelphia purchase; Wilford Wood will bench Brookhaven Laddie and two puppies, and James W. Ball's string includes champion Geelong Gladiator and champion Geelong Cadet.

J. Robinson Beard will have five engaged, four of them bred at his Lucknow Farm, while from Illinois will come the Doreda Kennels, with three, and Alex H. Stewart of Chicago, with champion Abbey King Nobbler and others. Norman A. Pabst of Milwaukee, has entered a home bred, with a name familiar to old New York playgoers, "The Banker's Daughter;" Joseph Russell of Toronto, brings five, and will be a newcomer from the Dominion. Among others, too, will be the Tanglewold Kennels, George S. West, W. J. Delamater and Frederic C. Hood the Bostonian.

Boston terriers are next to the Airedales in numerical strength of entries, 185, and they lead all breeds in the actual dogs engaged, 142. This American bred type is as widely distributed as trolley tracks, for they come from all points in the West and East, and, as only the pick of the baskets are entered at New York, there are 110 different exhibitors, for very few name more than one. Samuel R. Foster of Philadelphia, is to judge the Bostons, the first time a Pennsylvanian will wear the ermine in this breed.

Champions and near-champions of many sections figure among the nominations, with a score of puppies that have all their laurels and their troubles before them. To mention first the largest exhibitors, Samuel Spencer's Deep Purple Kennels will be represented by six; Freeman Ford of Pasadena, by four; F. G. Heaney's Whynot Kennels, by three; the Watch City Kennels, Mrs. M. C. McGlone, Mrs. Nicholas Brown and W. R. Mobley, also by trios; while J. Kenney, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Sullivan, Mrs. M. C. Thorpe of St. Louis, Mrs. F. T. McClinchey and "Professor" William O'Connor of Boston, have each four entries.

Chows and Bulldogs.

The Greenacre Kennels of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Lincoln, which is represented in Chows by twenty-three, and also in English toy spaniels and other breeds, has in the Bostons, Greenacre Crystal Wondering Face, bought from W. F. Kubach, who will also be represented individually. Then, too, Mrs. O. R. Lakeland will show that pretty specimen, Caladonia Pansy; Mrs. George H. Pell will bench Crystal Kewpie, and J. H. Lacey of Boston and John J. Barrett of Manhattan are on the list, the latter with Trimount Early Dreams.

Bulldogs, to be judged by Edwin L. Boger of Philadelphia are strong with 141 entries. Daniel P. Ritchie names The Wise Monarch, Fred C. Murray of Boston, Highland Sensation; Mrs. W. N. Gilbert Clark, Censor; Miss Alice C. Jacobus has two in and Mrs. George J. Gould names Oak Wall Mo and Oak Wall Brother, both bred by the veteran, W. E. Oakley, who makes five entries on his own account.

There are 312 wire and fifty-four smooth fox terriers to be passed on by F. H. Farwell of Orange, Tex., the most prominent breeder of both sorts for nearly twenty years in this country, but who has not judged before for the Westminster Kennel Club. To take the smooths first, which were by far the stronger when Major August Belmont, Winthrop Rutherford and their peers were showing over a decade ago, Thomas Rice Varick of Manchester, N. H., the leading exhibitor of recent years, sends but one entry, the well known ch. Sabine Fernlike; E. H. Ingwersen of Chicago has named five: H. G. Salsinger of Detroit, the well bred Sabine Rotary; George G. Sinclair of Toledo has five engaged and D. E. Lynn of Port Huron, Mich., makes two entries.

Mrs. J. B. Able names two smooths of strains made famous by her husband, Oxford Sensation and Niola Sentinel; H. P. J. Earnshaw names three and the Tanglewold Kennels the same number. "Here's richness," will be the cry when the wires are brought in. The muster will be perhaps the strongest in quality and numbers ever seen at the Westminster.

To note a few of the exhibitors of wires, Mrs. Roy A. Rainey, of Long Island, who is as prominent in the breed here as the Duchess of Westminster is in England, nominates fifteen, including the great champions, Wycellar Boy and Matford Vic, with many puppies of promise, while the New England exhibitor, Q. A. Shaw McKean, names fourteen, mainly hamebreds. Major Herbert Hughes of Detroit enters two, the noted ch. Galbraith Nettie, and from the same city Mrs. Henry Stephens has entered five, inclusive, of Rising Glass, by ch. Wycollar Boy, and H. G. Salsinger has named the promising youngster, After Me, by Wireboy of Paignton.

Miss Jean G. Hinkle and Major Harvey S. Ladew have each three nominations, while Mrs. C. F. Neilson has four and Mrs. A. D. Tappan a sextet, among them ch. Renard Oleiffe Chick. John G. Bates, usually faithful alone to the "Paddies," will bench two American breds, Blarney Sensation and Blarney Topper; Russell H. Johnson, Jr., has entered a new importation, Rocketer, and H. M. Jackson will have a string from Canada headed by Parkton Collarbone.

Bull terriers will also be shown by Wax Jones, who includes a promising puppy named First Punch; Miss Dorothy Kenworthy, of Grantwood, N. J., who names Wylemere Marquis; F. J. Casey and T. Dickson Smith. A. McClure Halley, the all-around judge, who has lately been most conspicuous as an exhibitor with whippets, will judge chow chows and he has drawn an entry of 117. The Greenacre Kennels lead with twenty-three entries and among others are the Bainbride Kennels with ten, Mrs. E. C. Waller with five, Tarnedge Kennels with eight, Conasock Kennels, Southwood Kennels, Sylvania Kennels, Miss Florence G. Daniels and Miss Claire A. Knapp.

There are 115 entries of cocker spaniels, with Lance Farewell, of Toronto, as judge. W. T. Payne, with twenty-two, has the largest entry; Mrs. George W. Watson, of Batavia, N. Y., enters six; Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Nichlaus, of West Orange, N. J., have in four Canadian bred ones, and L. McC. Ritchie, of the Dominion, has entered what is said to be a sensational cocker, Sir Mamgro. The only times benched, this young dog has gained his Canadian championship at three shows—at St. Johns, Toronto and Montreal. Charles Bowerbank, of Toronto, enters five cockers, and the others include Mr. and Mrs. Ora Couser, of Berkeley Heights, N. J.; Cordova Kennels, of Chinchilla, Pa.; A. D. Howard, Miss M. V. Lunney, James Anderson, George W. Goodwin and George W. Daggett, of Utica.

Collies, 114 strong, fall among Dr. Norman K. Swire's breeds, who has been breeding or exhibiting them for the twenty years he has been in Canada. The Alstead Kennels with nine, Mrs. May H. McCurdy with ten, and Patrick Tully and E. L. Pickhardt, each four, are among the nominators. He also takes Old English sheep dogs, in which a Detroit newcomer is to bench some importations, and others will be the Kinnelon Kennels with ten, Tenacre Kennels with seven and W. A. Jamieson with five of the shaggy bob tails.

Irish Terriers a Feature.

Western, Eastern and newly imported Irish terriers will have a place among the 104 entered for the inspection of the veteran Maine breeder, Llewellen H. Powers. John G. Bates has a quintet just from overseas, one newcomer of note named Blarney Beckside Begorra; Mr. and Mrs. Stuyvesant Peabody, of Hinsdale, Ill., have entered eight; James Clancy has named two Double Shear puppies, Tormentor and Dark Rosaleen; Theodore Offerman will show Coast Native Skyhigh, and a new exhibitor, the Rev. J. A. Cunningham, of Desloge, Mo., has entered Elfin Queen, by Celtic Meddler-Lady Ernain.

Other nominators of the plucky "Paddies" include the Holmehill Kennels, with seven; Marcus Bruckheimer of Harlem, with five, and James Eager and William Keogh, with three. Nominators of Scalyhams include Mrs. Byron Rogers, Mrs. F. Hix Fayant, Barberyhill Kennels, Tyler Morse, with Greenwich Polite; Hemlock Hill Kennels, with six, including Hemlock Hill Boy Scout; W. Ross Proctor, Jr.'s Brookwood Kennels, with ch. Hadley Hoodwink and ch. Birkdale Bess and Effingham Lawrence, with ch. Braefield Dazzle 'Em and ch. Perle d'Or.

Scottish terriers include twenty-two from F. H. Lloyd's famous Walescott Kennels and other nominators are Miss Eleanor N. Hellon, the Boglebrae Kennels and Mrs. Alex H. Stewart. Women lead as nominators of West Highland White terriers, those having entries being Miss Cathleen Illingworth of Philadelphia, Miss Claudia Phelps of the Rosstor Kennels, Miss Marguerite Van Schaick, Mrs. Arthur S. Warren, Mrs. J. S. Remson and Mrs. Edward Spencer. Welsh terriers are named among others by the Misses de Coppet and Mrs. Malcolm Stevenson and John N. Stevens, while prominent in the Dandie Dinmonts are the Killearn and the Potsford Kennels.

The Wheatley and Somerset Beagles are the strongest supporters in that breed, and William C. DuPont, Jr., of the Foxcatcher Hounds, is one of the nominators of American foxhounds.

Among gun dogs there are eighteen entries of wire haired pointing Griffons, William J. Tallman names four, Grey Wing, Suffield Hector, Kob's Dick and Homer, and other nominators of the continental breed are Louis A. Thebaud, G. H. Ryman and Edward A. Watson of Lynchburg, Va. Sixty-three pointers are engaged, nominators including the Runnymede and Shannondale kennels, Benjamin H. Throop, Peter A. Shiel, W. T. Payne, Joseph Armstrong and Frank H. Addyman. English setter entries total to ninety-four, with good ones named by the Willowbrook, with thirteen, and Runnymede kennels, Robert Vagt, Mrs. M. S. Parker, C. F. Neilson, G. H. Ryman and Charles H. Tyler of Boston. Charles Esseltyn has six of the sixty Irish setters in, others to name them being William J. Tottey, Mrs. E. Albin Sturdee and Mrs. George Remson.

In Maltese Mrs. Anna R. Judd of the Melita Kennels, Seattle, will show sixteen fluffy midgets brought all the way to meet Eastern rivals, and Mrs. Harry S. Peaster of Philadelphia will also have a strong entry. Entries of Brussels Griffons, English toy spaniels, toy poodles and Japanese spaniels add attractiveness to this section.

Col. Jacob Ruppert, Jr., will again be the most prominent exhibitor of St. Bernards, with nine entered; mastiffs have a new supporter in C. W. Dickinson of Toronto; G. D. Leith reappears among Great Dane nominators; French bulldogs gain among other supporters Mrs. John C. Liggett, Frederic Poffet and the Haworth Kennels; Dalmatians have entries from Harry T. Peters's Windholme Kennels, and among the owners to bench Russian wolfhounds will be the Valley Farm Kennels, Vincent T. Pisarra and Norman A. Pabst of Milwaukee. Miss Ruth E. Nicholls has a strong entry in Samoyedes and Mr. and Mrs. Bertram C. Work and Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Donovan in Doberman Pinschers. There are thirty-eight badger dogs entered, the owners including Mrs. C. Davies Tainter, Miss Marie Fuchs and the Blue Blood Kennels.

The canine loves of other days are recalled by single entries of a pug, a Newfoundland and an Italian greyhound, each a very nice specimen. The Italian greyhound, the Confido Kennels' Nina, is one of the eleven entries for the miscellaneous class. The others in this class are mostly Arctic sled dogs, Huskies, Eskimos and Mrs. Mabel J. Rose's Malimuth, Rose's Wolf, which will be one of the features from its beauty and size.

America's Greatest and Largest Dog Show On This Week

IMPORTATIONS FOR THE BIG DOG SHOW

Irish Terriers and Airedales Among Newcomers.

New wire-coated fox terriers and Airedales will make their American debuts at the Palace this week; also a notable group of Irish terriers and two virtually new Pekingese. Mrs. Charles E. Engel's red sable Shunnie of Alderbourne and Mrs. Howell Woolley's silver gray brindle, Kuan-ti of Alderbourne, for while both were at the specialty show of the American Pekingese Club, on Wednesday, where the former was reserve to winners' dogs to Mrs. Edwin Brown Jenks' ch. Nowata Swinley Li Lien, they were really bought in anticipation of the Westminster fixture.

The new Irish terriers, which only reached New York on January 31, were for John G. Bates of Morristown, who has been prominent in the breed since a schoolboy and who exhibits as the Blarney Kennels. The topper of the party is Blarney Beckside Begorra, that in spite of the few British shows since the war has gained a great reputation as winner for the best dog of all breeds at the Hexham show and the highest honors in Irish terriers at Llanwist, Biddulph and Leeds, his only other appearances. Three others arrived with Begorra, Blarney Bob, Blarney Primrose and Blarney Bonnet. Mr. Bates will also bench his importation of a few months back, Blarney Wonderful Biddy.

Wonderful Biddy is by the same sire as Begorra, from another dam, and is an especially attractive specimen, a wonderful shower and full of the "daredevil" quality that owners like in this breed. Her sire is Irish Leader, formerly Ulster Emperor, and the dam is by the well known stud dog, Roughan Dandy. Wonderful Biddy has been shown three times here and has annexed already ten points toward her American championship.

At the Bronx Kennel Club show Wonderful Biddy was first in the limit, open and winners' bitches; at the Hudson county and the Newark shows, repeating in the same classes, besides scoring in several special events at both fixtures, for instance as the best wire haired terrier at the Hudson county and as the best of all breeds in Newark. "Wonderful Biddy," said Mr. Bates at Newark, "is always asking for the ribbon, which is a fine way to have them, and is such an attractive shower that I honestly think she is the best Irish terrier I have ever owned." But this, it must be remembered, was before he set eyes on Blarny Beckside Begorra.

AMERICAN SPANIEL CLUB PROGRAMME

Booklets of the American Spaniel Club specialty show, on February 27, at the Waldorf-Astoria roof garden, are being sent out by Superintendent Purcell. The entries will close on February 14, and, from the attractiveness of the prizes and the many specials, I fancy many of the best dogs in the land will be named as Valentines that day to swell the entry. C. F. Neilson will have two classes for Irish water spaniels, two for Clumbers and two for field spaniels, with thirty-eight for cockers to judge in all, besides the respective winners' classes.

There are three prizes, of $10, $5 and $3, in all classes except the six open classes for cockers—two for blacks, two for any solid colors except black, and two for parti-colors—in which the three prizes are of $15, $10 and $5. The famous American Spaniel Club specials, for members only, number fifteen, and it offers open to all the Hilary K. Bloodgood memorial trophy and the Overcross trophy, the latter for the best cocker bitch with two of her get, with thirty-seven specials to be won outright, for which non-members of the club are eligible.

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Boston Terrier Club Dinner.

An American flag, a picture of an [illegible] and the club seal [illegible] decorations for the menu at the dinner and annual meeting of the Boston Terrier Club of New York on Saturday, January 31, at the Hotel Gregorian. There was an attendance of nearly two hundred, women and men participating. Mrs. George H. Pell, president, had the chair at the meeting and Daniel P. Ritchey, honorary president, was toastmaster at the dinner and held a stop watch on the talks.

New York to See Much Title Golf This Year

By KERR N. PETRIE.

Any one who feels that New York has been badly hit by the decision of the Professional Golfers Association to transfer its championship tournament to Chicago this year has not taken the trouble to acquaint himself with the facts of the case. Offhand, would it seem posible that the metropolitan district is to cuddle to its bosom a full dozen title events the coming season? It would not, but there they are nevertheless. Count 'em. A full dozen and more.

To begin with, the metropolitan district is to stage the national amateur championship. Passing down the line there will also be an amateur, an open and a junior championship under Metropolitan Association auspices, an amateur and junior by the New Jersey State Association, also a women's metropolitan, while the Westchester body is to have an amateur, an open, a junior and its Victory cup event. This brings the total to eleven, but does not complete the catalogue, for the Connecticut State Golf Association officials are also known to be figuring on Greenwich for their title tourney, while the Professional Golfers Association has practically decided to hold a Long Island championship.

The coming weeks may place upon the schedule still more of the same class of tournaments, but at the present time the metropolitan linksman can lay claim to a round dozen title events to be decided in his district. Barring overlaps he therefore faces two solid months, or nearly so, of championship golf.

Some may claim that the New York district is losing its grip, that the hub of goldom is not where it used to be, but these facts do not quite justify such an assertion. It is some little time now since a metropolitan player held the national title. It is true, but that is not because there has been any retrogression in the game itself. There are now more than a hundred clubs in the Metropolitan Golf Association, this representing a jump of thirty or thereabout within the last year or two. Small wonder then that the several subdivisions of the Metropolitan Association, such as Long Island, New Jersey and Westchester, are beginning to find themselves strong enough to hold championships of their own.

And yet with all these title events to be decided around the links of New York during the coming season, there still is room for more. In fact it will be surprising if New Jersey does not follow the lead of Westchester to the extent of placing on open championship on the calendar. These two organizations hold their amateur championship simultaneously. Last year New Jersey inaugurated a junior journey, and Westchester is to have one this season. The latest development is Westchester's move for an open championship. It looks like New Jersey's turn to drive.

Hard Winter for the Birds.

After the blizzard the other morning one of Siwanoy Country Club's 100 per cent. "Snow Birds" seized his clubs and disappeared into the wilds. Late that same day he was found by a near golfer friend deep in the catacombs of the Grand Central Station, weary, worn and sad, still clinging lovingly to his cherished snow scoops and not without a gleam of hope in his soul.

"Hello!" exclaimed the friend. "You don't mean to tell me you've been playing golf in this awful weather? How do you manage to find your ball?"

"Find the ball!" snorted the other. "Say! I've been driving off from here all day and I haven't even been able to find Mount Vernon as yet."

Snow Birds, they're growing quite weary,
For lost is the bunker, the green and the rough.
Too much this looks like Siberie;
They long for the Southland—enough is enough.

Quite a sensation was caused in Detroit the other day when John S. Sweeney was found to be missing from his haunts around the Lochmoor Country Club, of which he is president and "father." Fears were allayed when it was learned that he had only gone south to rest up for the battle about to be launched to land the 1921 national amateur championship for Lochmoor, which Sweeney assured the delegates at the annual meteing of the U. S. G. A. not only has a better course than that of the Country Club of Detroit, where the meeting was held in 1915, but also aims to set a higher mark in hospitality. Naturally most golfers will want to see how such a feat is to be accomplished. A golfer going to Lochmoor doesn't even have to burden himself with raisins or yeast cakes, according to John.

Epitaph of the Golfer.

Lie heavy on him, earth, for he
Took many a vicious swat at thee.

Harold Weber Redivivus.

At a time when golfers are talking about Toledo and the national open championship and asking what these two have in common, Harold Weber rises out of the mists of the past, throws a few divots to the four winds and wins the championship of St. Augustine. It is the danger sign displayed for the benefit of those professionals who imagined that the U. S. G. A. was sending them to the Ohio city this year so that they could look over the ground where Jack Demsey took the world's heavyweight championshipefrom Jess Willard.

Figuratively speaking, Harold Weber was one of the very first to carry the Stars and Stripes onto the British golfingramparts, and he was a power in the national amateur championship not so many years ago. It is recorded how in the St. Augustine final he defeated Louis J. Hopkins of Chicago by 7 and 6 and made an pproximate 72 for the round. So it behooves the "pros" to remember that although they won back the open title from the amateurs last year danger may lurk behind every missed putt even in Toledo.

CUE TOURNEY TO START SOON.

Play for the pocket billiard championship of Brooklyn under the auspices of the Bushwick Amateur League will get under way on February 16 in Lawlor Brothers' room in the Shubert Theatre Building in Brooklyn.

International Match Season's Golf Treat

By JOHN G. ANDERSON.

An international golf match at last, with the contestants leading professionals, from Great Britain and the United States. This is the pleasing news which has been made known the past week together with the names of the quartet, George Duncan, the most brilliant of all golfers as well as the speediest; Abe Mitchell, the artisan golfer who has risen to a top position in British golf; Walter Hagen, the spectacular open champion of the United States, and James Barnes, the match play title holder. What more could be desired than a 72 hole contest between these players? The added information that the important event will be held in the New York district is especially pleasing to the many thousands of golf lovers, both players and galleryites, and we believe that when the four stars gather around the first tee there will be thousands of spectators lined up en route to the first green. The year 1920 is ripe for such an interesting affair.

There is little need to dwell upon the respective merits of the players in this match. Hagen is the youngest by several years, but Duncan in his thirty-seventh year has not shown the slightest indication of losing that form and style which has given him such a high place among the golf stars in history. If we were selecting the two golfers who would take the hardest kind of a beating we would not choose Vardon and Braid or Taylor and Vardon or Taylor and Braid or Ray. Neither would we place Duncan or Mitchell with one of the more famous triumvirate. We would pick out Duncan and Mitchell.

So too in America, despite the play in tournaments, it would be Hagen and Barnes who would be the choice of almost every critic. Small need then for the promoter of this match, none other than the P. G. A. itself, with a goodly sum of the proceeds going to the benevolent fund of the association, having the slightest fear that there will not be thousands of people lining the fairways.

Match Should Be Held Early.

It has been proposed that this match be played in the autumn after the American championship. This, we believe, is a mistake which will be rectified by the officers of the P. G. A. We all realize how unfair it would seem if such a match were arranged, and provided neither Hagen nor Barnes won the open title, that the contest would be carried on without the inclusion of the United States open champions. Not since the days of unfortunate Jack McDermott has it been the lot of a champion to win two years in succession, and the match would lose in interest and flavor unless the champion of America were included among the contenders.

It would be better far that the contest be played soon after the arrival of the four golfers from the other side. It may be that one of them will be the next open champion of Great Britain, and if so the enthusiasm will be all the greater. Besides bringing back any fresh laurels won there will be presented to the golfers the two greatest title holders of the country matching their skill against two of Britain's representative best.

There has been some doubt as to the number of holes which should be played to decide such a contest, which, carrying with it no title, at the same time will mean much to the golfing world in the way of placing honors. Few will say that thirty-six holes are sufficient in a four ball match. If it were foursomes, the finest kind of game which golf can furnish, then a double round would be enough, but in a four ball match we believe in four rounds played over two courses.

The ideal method would be for eighteen holes at foursomes each morning, followed by eighteen holes of fourball play in the afternoon, with results carrying over. Team play is best exemplified by foursomes, while the spectators who delight in witnessing drives of long carries and the like should be gratified to some extent. We are sure that no other four players could be selected who would combine such length of drives as will be seen when these four golfers engage in golfing warfare.

Latterly, in order to discover just how far golfers drive, there have been stakes placed at all of the holes during the progress of exhibition matches by the best of the British professionals, and the results have made the most interesting of all reading. The same scheme should be tried here in the afternoon when fourball matches should be on the programme. It is a comparatively easy matter to have stakes put down every ten yards from 200 yards up and if two men are given the charge of one player in the way of registering his drives, both carry and roll, with another recording the results after each has measured, the facts as gained will go far toward determining the relative driving distances of all drivers and of this particular quartet.

We understand that a small fee will be charged by the club or by those in charge of the affair, with the players receiving one-half of the proceeds and the P. G. A. societies of this country and Britain dividing equally the remainder for the benefit of the professionals who in time of distress cannot make both ends meet. This in itself is a worthy object and assures the success of the project, even if the international nature of the contest were not so pronounced.

Fourball Would Be a Tussle.

It were idle to suggest a winner. The Britishers have been in the habit of pairing up in these matches much more so than the Americans, and in the foursome method of playing we fancy their chances, but the fourball game would find a tussle the like of which has never been seen in this country.

Years ago in the international matches between England and Scotland, or between the favorite players of intensely rival clubs, people journeyed for hundreds of miles under adverse travelling conditions to see the sectional champions meet. If it were assured that the first meeting would be one which would carry with it the socalled title of international fourball champions there would be a gathering which would tax the course over whose area the match will be played. And that is just what is expected by those who are fostering this idea.

The amateurs have their international with Canada and their yearly contest with Great Britain seems yet a long way off, but this start by the pros will bring into life a renewed desire for all manner of golfing activity on international lines, and, to cut way of thinking, will be a great step in the advancement of the game. Let us not forget that after all it is the competition end of the sport and the play of champions which gives the greatest publicity to golf, and that no efforts should be spared if the game can be benefitted in this way.

BELMONT SPRINGS CHANGES.

Donald Ross Will Improve Massachusetts Links.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 7.—Plans of Donald Ross, noted golf architect, for completing and improving the eighteen hole course of the Belmont Spring Country Club have been unanimously approved by the members. Each of the holes is to be improved and a number of new greens and traps will be installed.

The Ross plans, which call for lengthening of the first and second holes to relieve congestion, also have the approval of Alexander Findlay of the Sea View Golf Club of Atlantic City and the Aronimink Country Club of Philadelphia, who was the guest at a special meeting of the club held at the Copley Plaza Hotel.

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