Women Golfers From Many States Will Begin Play in Twentieth National Championship Tourney To-morrow

THIRTEEN FAIR GOLFERS HAVE WORN CROWN

Tourney at Belmont Spring May Add Fourteenth Name to List.

NATIONAL TITLE PLAY FOR SCORE OF YEARS

When the women golfers of this country, and there were only a baker's dozen of them at the time, decided that they wanted to have a national championship they stepped up and asked the United States Golf Association for it—and got it. Whether or not they were surprised by the readiness with which their plea was granted history does not record, but the fact remains that they obtained their wish at once, and the U. S. G. A. has kept right on holding women's championships to this day. The 1916 tourney will begin to-morrow on the links of the Belmont Spring Country Club at Waverly, Mass., near Boston.

It was back in 1896, the year after the first amateur championship for the golfers of the sterner sex had been held by the U. S. G. A., that the women had their first chance to play for the national title under the auspices of the organization that controls the royal and ancient game on this side of the Atlantic. The year before a medal play championship had been held for women at Meadow Brook, which was won by Mrs. Charles S. Brown of Shinnecock Hills, but that was unofficial and really shouldn't count.

Robert Cox Presents Cup.

As soon as it became known that there was to be a women's national championship Robert Cox, a member of Parliament from Edinburgh, announced that he would present a cup to be played for each year by the feminine golfers. He attached one condition, however, but it was an easy one to fulfil. He stipulated that the first tourney must be held at Morris County, a club organized by women where he had played an enjoyable round the previous summer.

So to Morris County the women golfers journeyed in 1896, and the first holder of the national crown proved to be Miss Beatrix Hoyt of Shinnecock Hills. The champion had been playing golf for only a year, but she was immeasurably better than the rest of the field and her score of 95, which won the medal in the qualifying round was seven strokes better than that of her nearest competitor. In the final she met and defeated without much difficulty Mrs. A. Turnure, also of Shinnecock Hills.

When the second championship was played at Essex County in 1897 Miss Hoyt was on hand to defend her title, and again was triumphant. She captured the medal just as she had done the year before, and beat Miss Nina C. Sargent of the home club in the final round.

Miss Hoyt gained her third successive championship in 1898, when the tourney was played at Ardsley, beginning by winning the medal with a 92 and ending by defeating Miss Maud K. Wetmore of Newport in the final by 5 up and 3 to play. Miss Wetmore was all square at the tenth, but the champion then cut loose and captured the next five in a row.

Miss Hoyt's Reign Ends.

The reign of Miss Hoyt ended in 1899, when the tourney was played at the Philadelphia Country Club. Although she began well enough by winning the medal with a 97, the champion was eliminated in the first round by Mrs. Caleb F. Fox of Huntingdon Valley, who will be one of the competitors in the championship at Belmont Spring this week. Mrs. Fox went through to the final winning two extra hole matches on the way but did not gain the title, for Miss Ruth Underhill of Nassau won the big match by 2 up and 1 to play.

Just one year was the extent of Miss Underhill's tenure, for at Shinnecock Hills in 1900 she was beaten by Mrs. C. F. Rogers of Hillside in the first round. Miss Hoyt won the medal at Shinnecock Hills, her home course, but met defeat in the semi-final round at the hands of Miss Margaret Curtis of Boston, a golfer who was destined to win a high place for herself in American golf, the winner of the title was Miss Frances C. Griscom of Philadelphia, who triumphed over Miss Curtis in the final by the rather one sided margin of 4 up and 3 to play.

Miss Hecker Comes to Fore.

Baltusrol was the scene of the championship in 1901 and the qualifying round resulted in a four cornered tie at 182 in which the participants were Miss Beatrix Hoyt of Cincinnati, Miss Margaret Curtis of Boston, Mrs. E. A. Manning of Lenox and Miss Mary B. Adams of Boston. It was not one of the four who won the title, however, for a new star had risen in the firmament of women golf. Miss Genevieve Hecker of Essex County, who had qualified with a score of 191, captured the title by beating Miss Hoyt by 5 up and 3 to play in the final round. By many competent judges Miss Hecker, who later became Mrs. C. T. S'out, is regarded as the best woman golfer produced on this side of the Atlantic up to the present time, Miss Hecker and Miss Hoyt stand at the head of the game in the United States.

Among the 1902 tourney was played at Brookline in the centre of the Boston district, which even then contained more than its share of good women golfers, Miss Hecker again triumphant. The qualifying round once more resulted in a tie, Miss Margaret Curtis and Miss Louisa A. Wells of Boston making the round in 91. This time Miss Hecker had been beaten, however, drifted through the field in easy fashion once the match play began and in the final round encountered and defeated Miss Wells by 4 up and 3 to play.

The tourney was sent West for the first time in 1903, when it was played at the course of the Chicago Golf Club. There, too, the champion did not defend her title. A big field turned out, Mrs. Fox leading in the medal play with a 94. By the time the semi-finals were reached two Westerners and two Easterners were left, and the two Easterners won their matches and went to the final, which was won by Miss Bessie Anthony of Glen View, who beat Miss A. Carpenter of Westward Ho 3 up and 6 to play.

British Champion Is Beaten.

The first British invasion came in 1904, when Miss Charlotte Dod, who earlier in the year had won the British title, entered the American championship at Morris. Miss Anthony, the champion, did not defend her crown, but her absence was a minor matter compared with the danger that the Robert Cox cup might go abroad. When Miss Dod met Miss F. Louise Vanderhoef of Ardsley and Miss Harriot Curtis of Boston in the qualifying round the chances of a British victory looked bright, but on the first day of match play the foreign invasion was successfully repulsed. Miss Dod was beaten by Miss Pauline Mackay in a close match and an American champion was assured. The title was won by one of the most popular women golfers in the country, Miss Georgianna M. Bishop of Brooklawn, who defeated Mrs. E. F. Sonfard of Essex County in the final round by 5 up and 3 to play.

Miss Bishop proved to be a one year champion, for although she began well enough by tying at 87 for the medal with Miss Margaret Curtis in the 1905 championship at Morris County, she was eliminated in the semi-final round by Miss Mackay, who had gained fame the year before by beating the British invader. Miss Mackay having beaten the champion went right on to win the title, downing Miss Margaret Curtis by 1 up in the final.

After winning the medal in the 1906 tourney at Brae Burn with a fine 87, Miss Mackey succumbed in the second round of match play, her conqueror being Mrs. W. Fellowes Morgan of Baltusrol. The championship was won by Miss Harriot Curtis of Boston, who, although she had not been as prominent in previous years as her sister Margaret, was the first of the two to gain the title. Miss Mary B. Adams, who died only last winter, was the runner up and was beaten by the narrow margin of 2 up and 1 to play.

Curtis Sisters Monopolize Tourney.

Although the championship was sent West in 1907 and was played at Midlothian near Chicago, the two Curtis sisters went with it and had things pretty much to themselves. Miss Margaret Curt's won the medal with a 95, and Miss Harriot Curtis, the champion, was only a stroke behind. They turned up in opposite halves of the draw and proceeded to work their way through to the final with scant ceremony. Once there they engaged in a sororial battle which was won by Miss Margaret Curtis, her margin of victory being 7 up and 6 to play.

The reign of Boston women was perpetuated in 1908 at Chevy Chase. Miss Harriot Curt's won the medal with an 85, and her sister, the champion, also qualified well up. In the third round, however, Miss Margaret Curtis met and was beaten by Miss Kate C. Harley of Fall River, Miss Harriot Curtis having been eliminated the day before by Mrs. Fox. Miss Harley won the title, her opponent in the final being Mrs. T. H. Polhemus of Richmond County. It was a one sided match, Miss Harley winning by 6 up and 5 to play.

The second British invasion happened along in 1909, and it was a successful one. As had been the case when Miss Lottie Dod came over, the tourney was played at Merion, and once more the British champion, this time Miss Dorothy Campbell of North Berwick, was trying to gain the American title as well. Her task was not an easy one, but no one was able to stop her, and in the final round she beat Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow of Philadelphia by 3 up and 2 to play. As Mrs. Barlow is a Canadian, although she has lived in Philadelphia for a long time, there was no chance for an American victory after the semi-final round was over.

Miss Campbell Retains Title.

Miss Campbell retained her title in 1910, the final again being an all British affair. The championship was played at the Homewood Country Club near Chicago, and the finalists were Miss Campbell and a friend, who had come down from Canada with her, Mrs. G. M. Martin. The champion won by 2 up and 1 to play.

In 1911, when the championship was played at Baltusrol, Miss Campbell tried to capture the title for the third time. She did not succeed, for she was beaten by Miss Margaret Curtis, who then went on to win her second championship. The runner up was Miss Lillian B. Hyde, the longest driver among the ranks of the women golfers, but her long game was not good enough to offset Miss Curtis's superiority when close to the cup, and the latter was victorious in the final by 5 up and 3 to play.

A third crown came to Miss Margaret Curtis in 1912 when the championship was played on her home course, Essex County, near Boston. All through the tourney she was handicapped by a painful cut on her hand, but despite the injury she kept her title. Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow reached the final for the second time in her career but was beaten by a 3 and 2 margin.

Miss Ravenscroft's Victory.

Two British girls came after the title in 1913, when the championship was played at Wilmington, Del., and one of them took it home with her. The two fair visitors were Miss Gladys Ravenscroft, British champion in 1912, and Miss Muriel Dodd. Miss Ravenscroft's successor as holder of the British crown. They came by way of Canada and stopped at Montreal long enough to permit Miss Dodd to gather in the Canadian title. When they reached Wilmington they proceeded to romp through the tourney like a couple of schoolgirls, and it was not hard to see that the standard of women's golf in Great Britain must be much higher than it is here. All went well until they came together in the semi-final round, and there Miss Dodd, who seemed completely off her game, was badly beaten by Miss Ravenscroft. The following day Miss Ravenscroft met Miss Marion Hollins of Westbrook in the final, and in a splendid match that was carried to the home green won the title and took the Robert Cox cup back to England again.

The great war had begun by the time the 1914 championship was played at the Nassau Country Club, and neither Miss Ravenscroft nor Miss Dodd came back. Two young girls of the newer school made their appearance in the tourney, and one of them, Miss Elaine Rosenthal of Chicago, got as far as the final round. There she met Mrs. H. Arnold Jackson of Boston, who as Miss C. Kate Harley had won the title in 1908, and the superior skill of the former champion was too much for the newcomer, who was beaten by 2 up. The other youngster was Miss Alexa Stirling of Atlanta, who although she was beaten in the first round by Miss Bishop, the medalist, made a splendid impression because of her almost flawless style.

The Present Champion Wins.

Last year at Onwentsia the present champion, Mrs. Clarence H. Vanderbeck of Philadelphia, was the victor. The best match of the tourney was the struggle in the semi-final round between Mrs. Vanderbeck and little Miss Stirling. It went twenty-two holes, making it the longest match in the history of the women's championship, before Mrs. Vanderbeck won. In the final on the following day Mrs. Vanderbeck easily beat Mrs. W. A. Gavin, an English golfer.

In the tourney at Belmont Spring this week Mrs. Vanderbeck will be absent, so a new title holder must be found. Several of the former champions will play, and in addition there will be a number of other strong contenders, the favorites among them being Miss Stirling, Miss Hollins and Mrs. Gavin. A champion worthy to wear the crown laid down by Mrs. Vanderbeck is assured.

THREE CHAMPIONS WHO SEEK GOLF TITLE.

MISS ALEXA W. STIRLING SOUTHERN CHAMPION

That the new woman golf champion of the United States who will be crowned next Saturday at Belmont Spring will gain a title that is truly national is assured by the presence in the tourney of Miss Alexa W. Stirling of Atlanta, Mrs. William A. Gavin of Taconic and Mrs. Frederick C. Letts of Cincinnati. Each of the trio already is a champion, for Miss Stirling holds the Southern title, Mrs. Gavin the Eastern and Mrs. Letts the Western.

The district of which Miss Stirling is champion extends across the South from the Atlantic coast to the furthest boundaries of Texas; the women of three of the great golfing centres of the country, New York, Philadelphia and Boston played against Mrs. Gavin when she won her crown; and Mrs. Letts as Western champion reigns over a wide expanse of territory that stretches from Buffalo to the Pacific coast, so with this trio of titleholders entered none can dispute the supremacy of the winner at Belmont Spring.

WOMEN GOLF CHAMPIONS SINCE STRUGGLES BEGAN

Year	Champion.	Course.	Runner up.
1895	Miss Beatrix Hoyt	Morris County	Mrs. A. Turnure
1897	Miss Beatrix Hoyt	Essex County (Mass.)	Miss N. C. Sargent
1898	Miss Beatrix Hoyt	Ardsley	Miss M. K. Wetmore
1899	Miss Ruth Underhill	Philadelphia	Mrs. Caleb F. Fox
1900	Miss Frances C. Griscom	Shinnecock Hills	Miss Margaret Curtis
1901	Miss Genevieve Hecker	Baltusrol	Miss Lucy Herron
1902	Miss Genevieve Hecker	Brookline	Miss L. A. Wells
1903	Miss Bessie Anthony	Chicago	Mrs. J. A. Carpenter
1904	Miss Georgianna M. Bishop	Merion	Mrs. E. F. Sonford
1905	Miss Pauline Mackay	Morris County	Miss Margaret Curtis
1906	Miss Harriot S. Curtis	Brae Burn	Miss Mary B. Adams
1907	Miss Margaret Curtis	Midlothian	Miss Harriot S. Curtis
1908	Miss Kate C. Harley	Chevy Chase	Miss T. H. Polhemus
1909	Miss Dorothy Campbell	Merion	Mrs. R. H. Barlow
1910	Miss Dorothy Campbell	Homewood	Mrs. G. M. Martin
1911	Miss Margaret Curtis	Baltusrol	Miss Lillian B. Hyde
1912	Miss Margaret Curtis	Essex County (Mass.)	Mrs. R. H. Barlow
1913	Miss Gladys Ravenscroft	Wilmington	Miss Marion Hollins
1914	*Mrs. H. Arnold Jackson	Nassau	Miss E. Rosenthal
1915	Mrs. Clarence H. Vanderbeck	Onwentsia	Mrs. W. A. Gavin

*Nee Miss Kate C. Harley.

ALBANY BULL TERRIER BEST.

T. S. Ballin's Heamdor Ted Wins at Gravesend Show.

With a small but select entry benched yesterday, the Bull Terrier Club's specialty show, held at Gravesend race track, developed into a most interesting exhibition. Several of the leading dogs of the breed were in competition, and it was not until after long thought that Charles H. Mason of Port Washington, L. I., who judged, was able to pick out the best dog. He finally decided upon Ch. Heamdor Ted, owned by T. S. Ballin of Albany, N. Y.

Heamdor Ted showed in splendid coat and the best of form, winning over Wex Jones's Dunblane White Feather, which was reserve, mainly because of his actions in the ring. Ch. Noross Radiant was winner in bitches. Nineteen dogs were benched at the show.

Dog Classes — Puppies — First, Noross Kennels' Noross standpat; second, F. J. Casey's Maple Ampre; third, J. R. Mickle's Elkhein White Pilot.

Novice—First, Noross Kennels' Noross Standpat; second, Corporation Kennels' Corporation Paladin; third, C. A. Helm's Dunblane Sinclair.

American Bred—First, Noross Kennels' Noross Standpat; second, Corporation Kennels' Corporation Paladin; third, Thomas D. Higgins's Mark Twain.

Limit Dogs and Bitches, Not Exceeding Thirty-five Pounds—First, R. D. Coombs's Long Meadow Lady; second, F. J. Casey's Maple Amore; third, J. R. Mickle's Elkhein White Pilot.

Limit Dogs, Over Thirty-five Pounds—First, Wex Jones's Dunblane White Heather; second, Noross Kennels' Noross Standpat; third, Corporation Kennels' Corporation Paladin.

Open Dogs and Bitches, Not Exceeding Thirty-five Pounds—First, R. D. Coombs's Long Meadow Lady; second, F. J. Casey's Maple Amore.

Open Dogs, Over Thirty-five Pounds—First, T. S. Hellyer's Champion Heamoor Ted; second, Noross Kennels' Noross Standpat; third, Thomas D. Higgins's Mark Twain.

Winners, Dogs—First, Champion Heamoor Ted; reserve, Dunblane White Heather.

Junior Dogs and Bitches—First, Noross Kennels' Noross Resolute; second, C. A. Helm's Dunblane Sinclair.

Bitch Classes, Puppies—First, J. H. Mulcahy's Cantarbrigia Pearl; second, C. A. Helm's Novice—First, J. H. Mulcahy's Cantarbrigia Pearl; second, C. A. Helm's Dunblane Sinclair.

American Bred—First, Noross Kennels' Noross Vanity; second, C. A. Helm's Dunblane Sinclair.

Limit, Over Thirty-five Pounds—First, Noross Kennels' Noross Vanity; second, C. A. Helm's Dunblane Sinclair.

Open, Over Thirty-five Pounds—First, Noross Kennels' Champion Noross Radiant; second, Noross Kennels' Noross Vanitie.

Winners, Bitches—First, Champion Noross Radiant; reserve, Noross Vanitie.

Brace and team classes won by Noross Kennels.

Collies to Gather.

Fred Leighton says the Collie Club of New York, of which he is secretary, is making great preparations for its show to be held at Bryant Hall, November 27. Many cash specials have already been promised. William Purnell will manage the show. A very capable collie judge has been promised for the occasion. The show will be the largest gathering of collies this year.

Maltese Terrier Scores.

Yankee Snow Cloud, owned by the Snow Cloud Kennels, earned first prize at the Queensboro show in the variety class. He is a Maltese terrier which experts say is in a class by himself in this country.

PHILLY BOASTS OF STAR MERMAIDS

Olga Dorfner, National Champion, Leads Quaker City Swimmer.

OTHER GOOD PERFORMERS

Girl swimmers who reside under the fatherly rim of "Billy" Penn's hat are helping considerably to bring Philadelphia under the rays of the calcium in the sporting world.

Firstly, then, is Miss Olga Dorfner, who, bearing the totem of the Philadelphia Turngemeinde, travelled to San Francisco a few weeks ago and captured the 100 yard national swimming championship, by covering the distance in 1:08 3-5. This is wonderful time, but the feat is more remarkable when it is considered that it was accomplished in a salt water tank, and that the time lowered the former American record made by Miss Dorfner, when she swam the century in fresh water in 1:09 3-5 over the Lafayette course on the Schuylkill.

In winning the event Miss Dorfner defeated what was considered the best field of women swimmers ever assembled in the country. Miss Claire Galligan of New York gave the young Turngemeinde natator the hardest tussle. It was the plucky fight put up by Miss Galligan that made the Philadelphian extend herself enough to break her own record.

Defeated Many Stars.

Several fair daughters of California, who previous to Miss Dorfner's notable victory had been considered the speed kings—or perhaps speed queens is proper—of the water, were compelled to trail along in the wake of Miss Dorfner. This, however, did not stop the San Franciscans from lustily cheering the Philadelphian as she clambered out of the tank.

Miss Agnes Hueber, who made the trip with Miss Dorfner, also entered the 100 yard race, and although she was one of the last to finish, she made a creditable showing.

While training for the race in San Francisco Miss Dorfner came in for no little amount of attention, and although the Western Amateur Union officials were somewhat disappointed at the display of their own swimmers, they admitted that there was no girl in the Turngemeinde [illegible] swimming on the coast at the present time.

Bessie R. Ryan to the Fore.

Bessie Rita Ryan is another one of Philadelphia's natatorial daughters whose feats are helping to demonstrate the superior swimming ability of the fair sex in this city. On June 3 Miss Ryan participated in her first open competition, winning the girls' 100 yard novice race held at the Philadelphia Turngemeinde in 1:21 1-5, the fastest time ever made for the event.

One month after her debut into open competition Miss Ryan entered and carried off honors in two of the races held in an open meet in the Hygeia Pool at Atlantic City on July 3. Competing from scratch against a field of eight in the 100 yard handicap, Miss Ryan won the event in 1:19. She allowed some of her opponents as high as 17 seconds handicap.

In the 50 yard dash Miss Ryan wrested victory from Peggy Lynch of the Spring Lake Bathing and Tennis Association, who is considered to be one of the fastest women swimmers at the shore. Miss Ryan's time for the distance was 34 seconds flat.

Kathryn Haire Good Performer.

Kathryn Haire, a representative of the First Regiment swimming pool, has done much to place Philadelphia first in the field of athletic sport. Every now and then Miss Haire takes a five mile spin merely to test her endurance. One of Miss Haire's most praiseworthy feats was the hanging up of a new local record for the mile. Miss Haire negotiated the mile on the Schuylkill River at Lafayette in 31:52.

Helen Rubloff of the Turners has been a prominent performer in several short and long distance events, while Dorothy Klump, a seven-year-old mermaid, is showing prowess as a diver that causes her to be ranked as one of Philadelphia's embryo champions.

While the city of Brotherly Love has developed well known mermaids and a host of lesser lights, many other cities also have developed great women swimmers. Although her home is in New Rochelle, Miss Claire Galligan, the middle distance champion, claims this city as her home. She represents this city in competition, is a member of the Women's Life Saving League of New York, and it was in the waters adjacent to this city that she developed the speed and gathered the knowledge of the sport that earned her national titles. Besides Miss Galligan, New York has produced a host of young mermaids who can plough through the water like veterans.

Little Girls Win Prizes.

That little girls by the thousands are taking to swimming and making their mark in the sport is one of the remarkable features of the year. In practically every city immature mermaids ranging in age from 9 to 14 years have displayed prowess in the water that speaks well for their future so far as competition goes. They have speed and an abundance of stamina.

Within the last few weeks two girls of 13 years have beaten the best American standard for half a mile. On August 26 Thelma Darby of Indianapolis accomplished this feat while competing in the National A. A. championship in a 188 foot tank in St. Louis. Miss Florence McLaughlin clipped the former figures in the 100 yard free style titular event.

In the National one mile A. A. race at Rye Miss McLaughlin finished second, but she swam nearly two minutes faster than the old record of 33:44 4-5.

Miss Anna Mayball, 14 years old, is another young mermaid who has distinguished herself in the water this year. In the marathon race held under the auspices of the Multnomah A. C. of Portland, Ore., in the Willamette River, she defeated many full grown rivals and hung up new figures for women swimmers over the three mile course, which she travelled in 2 hours and 4 minutes.

In a meet held by Northwestern University at Evanston, Mabel Donaldson, 11 years old, won the Illinois championship 100 yard breast stroke in 1 minute and 49 seconds, and Miss Martha Ferguson, a Chicago lass of 9 years, took the 100 yard free style in 1 minute 20 4-5 seconds.

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DR. DE MUND DIDN'T LIKE VANITY VERAX

Voted Against Giving Her Highest Honors at Plainfield Show.

SHAN TONG BEST PEKE

Picking the best dog in the show of the Plainfield Kennel Club a week ago was no easy task. The big ring seemed to be full of fine dogs, and no matter in what direction one of the perplexed judges might turn he would be sure to find a dog awaiting his appraising eye.

The selection of Vanity Verax for the high honor was not unanimous. Vinton P. Breese and Dr. Henry Jarrett were the ones who favored the bulldog. Dr. J. E. De Mund couldn't see her at all, but was outvoted.

Morris Kinney, who handled his old English sheepdog Champion Night Rider, looked as solemn as Night Rider himself as they stood together in the ring awaiting the decision of the trio of judges. It was evident from the first that Night Rider had a good chance for the chief honor, and no one was surprised when he was declared to be the best of opposite sex to the winner, and the vice-president's plate was handed to Mr. Kinney.

Bad Cost Best Lady Natalie.

The Plainfield people at the ringside were all anxious to see A. G. Hooley, one of the most prominent members of the club, win with his English setter Meadowview Lady Natalie. The judges bestowed much of their attention upon Lady Natalie and Mr. Hooley, who knelt on the grass at her side, but she was a bit lacking in coat and they were compelled to pass over her.

It is a long time since a better Yorkshire has been seen than Mrs. William H. Thompson's Gatesby's Sir Wilfred's King. The little dog, with his long black coat completely covering her hand, was held by its owner while the judges were making their selection.

Spectators Observe Judge.

To the casual spectators, of whom there seemed to be a great many, the judging of Vinton P. Breese was one of the chief attractions of the show. His animated manner and his rapid shifting from one pose to the other as he inspected the dogs before him were a constant source of delight to the watchers who crowded about his ring in the big tent.

Dr. De Mund took things a little more calmly and as it was a warm day had a much more comfortable time than did his more active colleague. The ring in which Dr. De Mund held sway was a much more quiet and peaceful spot than was Mr. Breese's province.

Little Fellows in Stand.

While the big dogs were tethered to the fence which surrounded the horse show enclosure the little fellows occupied quarters in the grand stand. The advantages of their domain became apparent late in the afternoon when it began to rain.

In order to win in her own class Vanity Verax had to beat Live Wire, the dog which has done so well at recent shows, and J. B. Horrax's Tawe Marquis. Marquis was adjudged the best dog in the bulldog class, but when he had to compete against Vanity Verax for best of the breed he had to take second place.

Sunflower a Favorite.

The greyhound Landedowne's Sunflower, which was selected as the best sporting dog, was a favorite with the ringsiders. The dog was made first choice over another greyhound, Killearn's First Flight, by Dr. Jarrett, and the decision met with the approval of those gathered about the ring.

Shan Tong of Pah Kow, the best of the Pekes, was a bright little specimen and made a fine showing in the class for best in the show. Some of the watchers favored him, but he seemed to be too small to catch the attention of the trio of judges.

In poodles Mrs. H. D. Minor's Nanette had everything her own way. There wasn't another poodle in her class to dispute her supremacy and all the honors were hers without a contest.

The Cocker spaniels were judged early in the day and the dogs from the Mepal Kennels were among the winners. In the open class for partricoloured dogs Mepal's Valentine was first; in black bitches Mepal's Carmel won, and in the class for bitches other than black the winner was Mepal's Delphine, with Mepal's Norah second.

Hard Job With Foxhounds.

Judging the big lot of foxhounds, more than have been seen in any show except the Westminster, was a difficult task. There were many fine foxhounds in the lot and Mr. Breese found it hard to choose the best. He finally selected Dunmont of the Spring Valley Hounds, but there was really not much choice.

Nearly all of the terrier classes were well filled and brought out keen competition. As at nearly every show, the terriers were big favorites and the ring in which ties were judged always was surrounded by spectators.

Champion Yankee Snowcloud, the little white Maltese terrier that won in its class, attracted much attention. Frequent administrations of the brush and comb kept Snowcloud's coat in fine condition while he was in the ring.

There were several local classes in which only dogs owned in or near Plainfield were eligible to compete. They were well filled, but the judges did not get around to the task of looking them over until it was so dark that they had to work by guess in the fast fading twilight.

All of the specials were paid off on the grounds, a scheme that proved popular with the exhibitors, although it is open to error, for it is a hard task to keep the records straight when there is so little time to spare. A Plainfield policeman mounted guard over the treasure chest.

TOO MANY DOGS WERE BENCHED IN PLAINFIELD

Judges Worked Hard, but Were Unable to Finish Before Dark.

Too much success is a rare thing, and yet that was the chief problem that confronted the officials of the recent show of the Plainfield Kennel Club. For three years the organization had omitted its show, and when it decided to reenter the field no one realized just how popular the revived show would be. When the show was held there were so many dogs on hand that it was manifestly impossible to judge them all before dark, and although the judges worked their hardest, it was long after 6 o'clock when they finished their task.

It was a big class of foxhounds that delayed the proceedings longest for Vinton P. Breese, who judge dthem, took plenty of time to do it and did it well. When he was through he found that his colleagues, Dr. De Mund and Dr. Jarrett had been through for some time and were waiting for him to take up the unclassified specials.

Apart from the delay, which every one realized was unavoidable because of the unusually large entry—there were almost enough dogs to make the show a three pointer—everything was excellently managed and smoothly run. Every want of both exhibitors and spectators was taken care of, and special cars were provided to take them back to the railway station.

No prettier setting for a dog show could have been obtained than the Plainfield horse show grounds, which are in a wood and are protected by the shade from the full heat of the sun. The sylvan surroundings added much to the attractiveness of the show.

Edmund L. Mackenzie, president of the Plainfield Kennel Club, was on hand all during the show, and was assisted by Wilbur H. Purcell, the superintendent. Most of the members of the bench show committee, consisting of William H. Nash, C. F. Neilsen, John J. O'Donohue, Thomas K. Bray, Francis G. Lloyd, Morris Kinney, John G. Bates, John A. Conway and Richard J. Harrigan, were present to do their share in making the show a success.

ROSENBURG AT POM SHOW.

New York Judge to Have Full Charge at Philadelphia.

Indications point to the open specialty show to be held by the American Pomeranian Club in Philadelphia, October 10, proving one of the best ever held in the history of the parent body. Since it was announced that Alva Rosenburg would judge all the classes the Pom fanciers, especially those owning good stock, have signified their intentions of showing under the New Yorker.

So anxious are some of the exhibitors not to miss being among the actives that quite a number have already communicated with George F. Foley at his Lansdowne, Pa., address, requesting entry blanks. These will be mailed, however, in a few days and those who fail to obtain one within the specified time for the closing of entries should write Foley, who will be pleased to give all the information necessary for the coming show.

Croydon Radium's Great Feat.

Dog fanciers are still discussing the great feat accomplished by Croydon Radium, the American bred wire haired fox terrier puppy which carried off stellar honors at the Queensboro Kennel Club's show at Astoria. For a puppy terrier to be declared the best either smooth or wire of either sex is considered wonderful, but to earn these honors and then be declared the best dog in the show fanciers said was remarkable, and showered praise on his owner, C. Ehlermann.

Fears Infantile Paralysis.

The Yorkville Kennels are disposing of their entire kennel of English bulldogs owing to the outbreak of infantile paralysis in this city. They have a fine collection of bitches, among them being Parkdale, Miss Muffett, now in whelp to Brewstone, Pike, Judy Pike and Oak Wall Lady.

Magnet Mayor Is Dead.

Mrs. M. E. Kelling reports the death of her well known stud dog, Magnet Mayor, that in some mysterious way showed himself. He was offered for sale in the July *Boston*, and a week later came from a purchaser the morning he died.

Notice to Our Readers.

The editor of the kennel department will be pleased to publish in these columns interesting kennel gossip sent to "The Sun" by our readers. Pictures also may be sent. Address Kennel Editor, Sporting Department, "New York Sun."

"BIRD DOGS" READY FOR ACTIVE WORK

Pointers and Setters Ideally Trained for Short Hunting Season.

SPANIEL A RETRIEVER

Now that the season practically is open throughout the United States for upland game and migratory shore birds and waterfowl, man's best companion, the dog, now comes to the front for the brief hunting season.

The best "bird dogs" are the pointers and setters. These type of dogs, when ideally trained, will range in front of the hunter in wide half circles and cover all the ground. They will not go over the same ground twice, and at the first scent of the bird will come to a dead point, remaining steadfast until the hunter comes up.

What more magnificent sight is there in the hunting field than the dogs with their muscles standing out like whip cords, their heads bent forward and the tails straight out? It is a picture worth creating in deathless bronze.

One of the saddest events of the sportsman is the incautious dog which will flush the quail. Sometimes it is by accident, sometimes by inadvertance, but the careful bird hunter will do everything humanly possible to correct this fault.

Occasionally it happens that a pointer or a setter is so well trained that if his front foot is raised when he comes to a point his whole body will grow rigid at once. Sometimes a hind foot will be raised.

Pointers Intelligent.

Pointers and setters are wonderfully intelligent even when the hunter does not come up promptly. They have been known to go back and round up the hunter and then go forward again to the point.

The setters and pointers used by American sportsmen are mainly descended from importations from the British Isles. Among the English setters the chief of the family in this country are the Llewellyn, the Gladstone and the Blue Belden. Other members of the family are the Gordon or Scotch setter and the Irish setter.

Of the two bird dogs the setter shows a stronger attachment to its master and possesses a greater degree of energy and quickness of motion than the pointer. In partridge and quail shooting the setter is a most remarkable assistant. For duck shooting the spaniel of various varieties is used.

When properly trained the water spaniel not only swims with great skill and rapidity, but it dives well. He is a wonderful retriever in shooting along the margin of creeks and in the marshes.

For rough work in by waters the Chesapeake Bay dog supposed to be a cross between the Newfoundland and the water spaniel is a wonder for endurance and swimming qualities. In certain sections of the country gunners going out for rabbits use beagles and other small dogs resembling hounds, which are used like hounds in packs in hunting rabbits.

Water Spaniel a Retriever.

In shooting mallards the game will frequently escape by sulking or lying in the grass but by having the water spaniel or the Chesapeake Bay dog in the boat or blind the gunner may be sure of getting his duck.

Few critters will escape the Chesapeake Bay dog, so intelligent is the animal that when two birds fall the dirty white colored dog will follow the wounded bird. Also the dog knows the live decoy bird.

The use of hounds in following deer is prohibited in a number of the thirty-six States that have an open season for deer this year. Sportsmen use hounds in these days only for bear, cougar and bobcat hunting.

Bear dogs are particularly used in the Southern States and they are of various sizes and kinds, rough haired terriers, hounds and curs. A properly trained pack of bear dogs are not expected to attack and kill the bear but to nip him at his heels to free him or to bring him to bay until the hunters arrive.

To follow the cougar the hound not only must have great endurance powers, but there must also be in the pack good strong fighting dogs to be in at the finish.

Dogs Enjoy the Hunt.

It is hard to say which enjoys bobcat and coon hunting most, the hunters or the dogs. Every coon and every bobcat likes to fight, and the dogs are keen to get into a scrap. Both being accommodating, with none to hold either side back, both sides mix it up well until the dog wins out.

Bobcat hunting is only a success, however, when the dogs are trained to their work. Former President Roosevelt, who is a big game hunter and who has killed bobcats weighing between 31 and 35 pounds says that hounds that are not perfectly trained are worse than useless.

That is true of bird dogs as well. It is not only trying on the dog but trying on the nerves of the hunter as well. The dog chasing after everything that flies soon gets exhausted and the gunner is in no condition for any big hunt.

No Ribbons for Fred Schmidt.

Lovers of the big St. Bernards were pleased with the success of Mrs. G. D. Pratt, who judged this breed at the Queensboro show. She gave first prize to Fred Schmidt's Heligate Comet and second prize to Mr. Schmidt's Heligate Vera.

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