

# PIGEONS.

## THE PRIZES OF HONOR.

THE SPORTING LIFE CO. for the best average speed for 200 miles or over in the season of 1888 previous to July 1. SPORTING LIFE Rules to govern.

The George W. Childs Cup, for the greatest distance in the day in the season of 1888 previous to Aug. 4. SPORTING LIFE Rules to govern.

### JOURNEYS FOR RECORD.

The Volunteer Makes a New Record, But Still Follows for the Cup—The Keystone Strives for It, But is Late—The Boston Birds Make a Beginning.

The Volunteer Association, Brooklyn, had entry for Orange, Va., seven birds, owned, Charles Ritchie, 2; Charles Doane, 4; G. W. Pangborn, 1. One Doane bird was a late return from the 80 miles journey. The start was at 6:49 A. M., of the 9th. The returns were not timed, as all but one were found in the lofts when the watchers arrived. This was at 1 o'clock for the Doane and Ritchie lofts, and about a half hour later for the Pangborn loft. "They had had their dinner," said Mr. Pangborn, "and looked more like birds ready to be sent away than as if they had just come home." The distance to the Ritchie loft is about 280.8 miles. The average speed, counting from time of finding, is about 1,322 yards. This is the best speed on record for the distance, and is the best made to Brooklyn lofts from any distance since 1885. The next journey for the returns is from Danville, Va., about 403 miles. For this the entry is the same as for Orange. The start was at 7:34 A. M., the 16th, with wind and weather favorable.

The Quaker City Club had its prize of honor race arranged for the 10th and to be from 400 miles, but by reason of one portion of the birds, those owned by the Messrs. Gordon, Krouse, Geary and Lippincott, trained apart from the rest, having been delayed by bad weather so that at this time the 300 miles journey had not been made, and was deferred to the 17th last. The distance to the Ritchie loft is about 280.8 miles. The average speed, counting from time of finding, is about 1,322 yards. This is the best speed on record for the distance, and is the best made to Brooklyn lofts from any distance since 1885. The next journey for the returns is from Danville, Va., about 403 miles. For this the entry is the same as for Orange. The start was at 7:34 A. M., the 16th, with wind and weather favorable.

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The Hub Club, Boston, had its first journey together from Ghent, N. Y., about 100 miles, the 9th inst, but the birds were not timed. For the next journey the birds were sent in two lots, to be let go day apart. The start for the first lot was on the 17th last. The birds engaged are owned—Henry Wagner, 9; John Hicks, 8; G. W. Gould, 5.

The Keystones Club had its second journey from Danville, Va., on the 12th inst. The start was to have been the morning of the 12th, but, although all was favorable in wind and weather and waiting lofts at home, it was cloudy and raining in the morning, and the birds were held until the next morning at 8 o'clock. The returns were reported.

Vernie's Billy Patton. In loft at 3:51 P. M.; certified at 4:52 P. M.; average speed, 323.1 miles; average speed, 1,139 yards per minute.

Fell's Alert. In loft at 3:58 P. M.; certified at 4:04 P. M.; distance, 323.6 miles; average speed, 1,191.4 yards per minute.

Mr. Nellie K. was first to arrive at its loft, but so much time was lost in catching it no claim was made. The Bedford Club had twenty-nine birds to ship for the race from Orange, Va. These were owned—George B. Edwards, Jersey City, 2; Geo. F. Best, Brooklyn, 5; F. H. Platt, 2. The start was at 7:13 A. M. of the 16th; the weather clear and wind from the southwest.

Two birds of the C. O. Barrett loft, Boston, are to be flown over the New York Central route, the route over which the youngsters travelled so successfully last fall. The first station was Hoosick Falls, about 100 miles; the start, 10:30 A. M., the 16th. Mr. Barrett says "I have kept the birds in the Edwards basket. As the basket is not large enough for all at once I shall fly them in two lots of nine birds each until my losses have made the basket large enough to hold them all. I thought my training would thin them out, but they have all showed up together in good style."

Five birds owned by Mr. A. Shone, East Liverpool, Ohio, were liberated for record in Indianapolis, Ind., on the morning of the 10th. The birds were reported as follows: George S. P. 1; Columbus arriving the 14th. The countermarks were all right. St. Louis, arriving the 15th, had lost its countermark and all footers, and was so dirty one would think it had rode all the way home in a coal train. A third bird was also in loft the 15th. The next journey will be from St. Louis, Mo.

Caught or Shot. [Have your birds registered and mark each one. If Caught or Shot report this number to THE SPORTING LIFE, PHILADELPHIA, PA.] We will not be the owner's pleasure in publishing those reported to us, but we will not correspond with fluffers except in case of birds entered in a journey for record.]

F. H. Meyer, Hampden, Mass., reports 23 O B caught in his woodshed the morning of June 11.

Louis A. Schmitt, Washington, D. C., reports W. F. Vernier's Harry, reg. 494, as coming as a visitor to his loft the 12th inst.

John R. Henderson, Baltimore, Md., reports Theo. P. Theo's 533 caught at evening of June 8.

Geo. C. Mastis, Rock Hill, Md., reports Theo. P. Theo's 535 about 6:30 P. M.

Mr. John Kline, Baltimore, Md., says George S. Fell's 994 was given him by a lady into whose house it had flown. The bird was exhausted when found. J. H. Critchfield, Ellerslie, Md., found Theo. P. Theo's 590 asleep upon a door of an upper room in his house.

Mr. W. Bennett, 120 Academy street, Newark, N. J., says: "I have a visitor at my loft which wears a seamless band No. 145 and has a number 145 on its leg. The owner can have it by giving the number on the open band and telling the color of the bird."

John W. Otonasek, Baltimore, Md., says: "I caught a sleek silver bird, which I saw in the evening (June 12). She was really tired, so I know she has had a good way. Her mark is 1,009."

Oscar Eppert, Calletts, Fauquier Co., Va., reports Theo. P. Theo's 629, which is a bird bearing the number—possibly George S. Fell's 1,009.

Mr. Jesse M. Burrell, New Market, Md., reports Mr. John M. Judd's 138, caught by his 7-year-old son the afternoon of May 28.

Patrick Carbine, Long lane, below Reed street, Philadelphia, reports a bird bearing the name of George Gensaker, no address.

Mr. Arthur H. Sult says of the Verrier bird which he caught in the United States. Sult claims to reckon the bird is a Democrat. I found him perched over the door of Senator A. P. Gorman's committee room."

Mr. J. Charles Perry, Baltimore, Md., reports 1438 being the address of Morton Clark, Fateron, N. J., caught at 8:30 A. M. the 15th.

Notes and Notices. The Spring Garden Club has these officers for the current year.—President, Joseph Taggart; vice-president, M. Gilliam; treasurer, David Rogers; secretary, George Beck; race secretary, H. C. Yost; race committee, H. M. Gilliam and H. C. Yost.

The entry of the Patscop Club, Baltimore, did not reach Clover, Va. The 200 mile station, under the flag of the day named for the start. The race being off, the returns were not timed.

The Cresson Club will make a second trial for the 200 mile race with new birds from Gordonsville, and with both lots will make a third trial from Danville, Va. It will then try for the George W. Childs Cup for a distance just beyond that which holds it at the time its birds are ready. The birds which made the first journey from Danville were made a training fly from Liberty the 14th inst. The returns to the Danville loft were three of the four sent, the average speed 1,150 yards. The distance about 300 miles.

The birds of Mr. Fred K. Ewers, Fager River, Mass., were liberated in Beverly, N. J., at 8:15 A. M. the 15th. Both birds were found in the loft together at 2:45 P. M. These birds with others will fly for Beverly the 22d. The air line distance to be covered is about 226 miles.

The Spring Garden Club. PHILADELPHIA, June 15.—Editor SPORTING LIFE:—Our fly from Liberty, Va., about 300 miles, was on the 9th. The entry was F. K. Rogers, 1; Charles Hub, 4; G. Gensaker, 3. The returns were made at 1:21 P. M., average speed, 1,211.6 yards per minute. Gensaker's speed, 1,209.3 yards. Hub, speed, 1,202.5 yards. The Rogers' return was reported next morning.

GEORGE J. BECK, Sec'y.

F. H. Platt, 69 Thomas street, New York City. After New York, the cups will probably be shown in Boston, Mass., under the management of the Hub Club's secretary.

### THE STAGE.

#### NEW AMERICAN OPERA COMPANY.

Great Success of "The Chimes of Normandy" and "Il Trovatore." The New American Opera Company continues to prosper at the Grand Opera House, and fashionable residents of this city, as well as all classes, are showing their appreciation of the admirable operatic performances of Mr. Hinrichs' new company by filling this splendid theatre at every performance. It is certain that such complete and artistic representations of grand opera have never been offered to the public at any city in this country at such popular prices as now prevail at the Grand Opera House. A noticeable feature of the audience at this house has been the number of large theatre parties and social clubs which have attended several of the New American Opera Company's performances. Last week, for instance, the Black Ribbon Club, the '87 Club, the Philadelphia Base Ball Club, and several social organizations, secured seats for this week. The opportunity of hearing such admirable performances at such popular prices has aroused the interest of the musical public in Wilmington, Allentown, Easton, Norristown, Lancaster and other neighboring places, and they are arranging for large excursions to the theatre.

So great has been the success of the performances of "The Chimes of Normandy" and "Il Trovatore" that Mr. Hinrichs has been induced to retain these two operas for the present season. In "The Chimes of Normandy" will be given on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings and at the matinee next Saturday, and "Il Trovatore" will be the attraction on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights. In "The Chimes of Normandy" the popular tenor, William Castle, will be heard in the original role of the *Marquis*, while the part of *Grenachez* will be taken by William Xenien, who was one of the leading members of the "Bostonians" last season. Alonzo Stoddard will resume his successful performance of the part of the *Count di Luna* in "Il Trovatore." The advance sale for this week shows that "The Chimes of Normandy" and "Il Trovatore" will continue to draw large audiences this week.

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