

# PIGEONS.

## THE PRIZES OF HONOR.

**THE SPORTING LIFE CUP**, 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.

### The Record to Date.

**THE SPORTING LIFE CUP.**  
Distance. Average Speed.  
May 19, Philadelphia Club... 200 miles. 77 1/2 yards.  
May 27, Philadelphia Club... 225 miles. 92 1/2 yards.  
June 6, Cresson Club... 205 miles. 134.75 yards.

**THE GEORGE W. CHILDS CUP.**  
May 27, Philadelphia Club... 325 miles.  
June 8, Quaker City Club... 360 miles.

By the conditions governing the competition for **THE SPORTING LIFE CUP** the last journey for it must be flown on or before June 30.

### JOURNEYS FOR RECORD.

**The Quaker City Still in the Lead for the George W. Childs Cup, and the Cresson's Speed for the "Sporting Life" Cup Not Beaten—The First From 500 Miles.**  
The Quaker City Club is encouraged to believe that the George W. Childs cup will remain with it, since, in the fortnight which has passed since its journey from Greensboro, N. C., a greater distance than that by which it has the lead has not been covered in the day. It was hoping to keep that lead that its next journey is arranged for Charlotte, N. C., 442 miles. The entry is—J. H. Hunsberger, 4; R. L. Hayes, 3; J. McGaughey, 3. The start was at 4:50 A. M. the 23d.

The start for the fifth journey of the birds of the Volunteer Association was at 7:34 A. M. This, for a journey of 405 miles, was too late. Whether birds were home at evening is not known, as the owners left the lofts to fill an engagement at six o'clock. But Mr. Charles Doane's D 210 and A 91, and Mr. Ritchie's R 91 were in the loft Sunday morning, and Mr. Pangborn's P 86, was at home, when he went to look for it for the first, at evening. The next fly will be from 500 miles.

The Bedford Club, Brooklyn, did not time its return from the start in Orange, Va., the morning of the 16th. At three o'clock Mr. Edwards said by wire—"Start at right, time all right, owner all right, weather all right. But the birds? Three o'clock, and not a feather!" As none were reported on Monday, our sympathies were extended, but happily were not needed. "I had seven home same day, eight on morning and ten on day, according to the statement of the nineteen sent," wrote Mr. Edwards. The delay was to be attributed to the severe hailstorm which crossed their course near home. The next journey will be on the 30th, from about 375 miles.

The Dando Club, Philadelphia, was first to have its birds started from the 500 mile station. This was selected for its third journey, the first being from 200 miles, the second from 375. The entry was Theodore F. Green, Woodbury, 6; W. F. Verrier, 3; James McGaughey, 1. The start was the 21st, at 6:35 A. M., Eastern standard, or, as the liberator expressed it, "fifteen minutes past sunrise." The return was reported—Green's Watkins at 10:30 A. M., the 24th, certified by wire at 10:45 A. M.; Theo at noon, reported by postal card. Distance, 507 miles. McGaughey's Volunteer sent in loft at 9:30 A. M., reported by postal card, distance 517 miles. Verrier's Vito in loft at 4:20 P. M., but through the delay of the inexperienced flier not certified until 5:02 P. M. Distance, about 512 miles.

The liberator says: "In one of the water tanks I found a large lot of tobacco, and the water was stained quite red from it. I do not think any of the birds drank it, however, as all seemed in good condition. The water in the other fountain was green. When I took the basket out to where I intended to open it, the birds seemed to know what was coming and were anxious to get out. When I raised the lid the birds left at about the same time, flying low and going due northeast. Four minutes later they came in eight again returning from the north, circled around once and left, going northeast. When last we saw they were all of them together. One of the hens (Volunteer) left an egg, which is now under a sitting hen."

The returning birds were in excellent condition, and without one volunteer, will have to make the journey again. The Dando expects their thanks to Mr. D. T. Lane for his excellent care and his great interest. Mr. Green's Watkins has been the first to return to the loft in every journey of the year, even from the training days. It has made the representative of the vicinity in Washington.

The Keystone Club for its third journey selected Salisbury, N. C., about 408 miles away. The entry was George W. Childs, 3; H. H. Hunsberger, 5; J. F. Verrier, 5. The start was reported for about 10:30 A. M. the 24th. The Queen City Club, of Buffalo, N. Y., had but four birds to enter in its 200 mile race, but for the 300 miles journey the entry is six, thus reversing the usual order. These are owned—J. G. Scholter, 2; John Beha, 1; Sam Enrich, 2; John Doss, 1. The start is to be from Circleville, O., 300 miles, the morning of the 24th.

The birds of C. O. Barrett, Dorchester, were in two nines, the second to be sent as soon as the basket is returned from carrying away the first. The first station for record was Housick Falls. The start for this was at 10:10 A. M., the 24th. The return was at 12:45 P. M., about 12:45 P. M. The countermarks of Pathfinder, the first to pass the wire, being certified at 12:55 P. M. The all-time distance is 117 miles 547 yards, making the average speed 132 yards per minute. The record for 100 miles was made in 1883 by the bird Van Opstal in the journey from Cumberland, Md., to the loft of John Abel, Baltimore—117 miles, measured by the speed for the distance being 1293 yards per minute. Whether exact computation of this distance will make a difference we have not yet had time to determine, but the speed of the first Barrett nine to Dorchester is recorded to this club. The second nine was started at 10:25 A. M. the 20th. In Boston and vicinity "the weather was terrible; raining all day like fun," and instead of going home to congratulate the birds travelers upon their weathering the blast Mr. Barrett remained in Boston nursing his grief and writing his comments upon—well, our instructions, which should permit such weather to be out when his birds were there. At night, however, when he had courage to face the fact, he found all at home and sent the proof in the countermarks.

The next journey is to be by the first nine from Herkimer, weather willing, the 24th. The all-time distance is about 201 miles.

The Paterson, N. J., Club, has arrangements made for its fly for record from Washington, D. C., 205 miles. The entry is—Morton Clark 2, Edward Bolton 16, L. Hanson 7, John J. Byron 4.

The Patagonia Club will have about twenty birds for its journey from High Point, Va., the 24th, the distance about 300 miles. The last previous journey was from Clover, Va., when the return the day of the start "were first from the loft." These were in excellent condition as the Quaker City's flown the same day from Liberty, Va. Some thought this was due to the long stay in the basket, each lot having been detained by bad weather, but we do not think so. The birds were probably caught in a shower, and passing through it carried their wet feathers into the whirlwind of dust which sometimes accompanies a summer storm and the dirt sticks fast. The birds which arrived at home next day and later were "clean and nice." These probably sought a shelter during the storm and saved their clothes.

John Verrier, Jr., Philadelphia, when he removed his loft in the spring to another portion of the city, was almost in despair that he must lose the season's sport with his birds, and the satisfaction he anticipated in trying "those Johnsons" of the second year, he was so fortunate as to find them, and he was able to accustom his flyers to their new home, and on the 21st presented seventeen for countermarking for record from Gordonsville, Va., 208 miles.

The Cresson Club, Philadelphia, started a second lot of birds, the first journey for record to be from Gordonsville, Va. The entry for this was—George Hornberger 1, W. Hunter, Jr. 3, Henry Heitz 5, H. Dietzel 4, John Blood 3. The return from this lot will be sent with those of the first lot. The **SPORTING LIFE** rules for the club's prizes for 300 miles, and in a last grand attempt to better the speed which now holds the lead for **THE SPORTING LIFE CUP**. Mr. A. Stone, East Liverpool, O., will fly his birds for their second journey from St. Louis, Mo., the 20th. Mr. Joseph Makin, Providence, R. I., enters four birds for **THE SPORTING LIFE CUP**. The journey is to be from Beverly, N. J.

### Pigeons of Providence.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 22.—**EDITOR SPORTING LIFE:**—Last Monday evening several of the most noted local pigeon fanciers conceived the idea that to form a club would give the proper attraction, consequently they effected an association called a club. Accordingly, and held an impromptu meeting, elected officers to act until August, when it is hoped we will have a constitution and by-laws, also make some progress in the reverse method of raising a club. Attracted by this, and on our list the names of Arthur McCracken,

Harry Williams, William and Harry Goodby, Fred Moore, Joseph and Thomas Wyatt, D. Hall, Alf Evans, Jim Healy, P. Conagher, and J. A. Bontelle. Many more are expected to join the number, and by the time of our regular election we propose to show quite a membership. We have been requested to adopt **THE SPORTING LIFE** Rules, which we most cordially accept, although none of our members ever saw a copy. We fancy the older clubs will have considerable sport at our expense, and many a laugh until we get into line. We are all beginners, many of us never having had a race until Decoration Day. So it is quite easy to imagine how far we have advanced. We propose to have **THE SPORTING LIFE** on file at our rooms, although many of our number have as yet never seen a issue. We sincerely hope to hear from other clubs, and soon, with a little assistance, we will endeavor to give a respectable account of ourselves. Our present officers are—President, Arthur McCracken; secretary, James A. Bontelle; treasurer, Fred Moore. Should our progress amuse or entertain our readers we can well afford to contribute our mite.

**BOURLE.**  
[With the loft of Joseph Makin, Ohio street, as the veteran flyer of Providence he will both enlighten and entertain you.—Ed.]

### 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 act the owner's pleasure in publishing those reports in an open column, but will not deal with others except in case of birds entered in a journey for record.]

Mr. John B. Henderson, 13 Lexington, E. Baltimore, Md., reports a bird wearing head 131.  
Mr. Charles A. Bayer, Baltimore, Md., reports John Verrier, Jr.'s S O 562.

Reg. 1046 owned by T. F. Road, Brooklyn, was shot at Westville, N. J., at 6:40 A. M., the 17th.

A pigeon wearing an open head 145, a visitor at 1032 Barre street, Baltimore, Md.

Ormsby McCammon, 1757 P street, Washington, D. C., reports a pigeon with wing marked 121.

Messrs Gill and Oswald, Baltimore, report V 79; John Verrier, Jr.'s Lady Johnson.

George Schammel, 618 S. Ann street, Baltimore, Md., reports bird with 618 wing mark and 230 brass leg mark.

Mr. A. Vance, 1117 Field street, city, reports a visitor which the owner may have by sending description and proving property.

Mr. A. G. Wright, Mabans, N. C., under date of the 20th, reports Mr. J. A. Wimer's bird, Jim.

Mr. Fred Longton, Haddonfield, N. J., reports a dark blue checker pigeon marked 47.

### THE WHEEL.

#### THE L. A. W. MEET.

New Officers Elected and the New Constitution Adopted—Races at Arlington Park, Etc.

The annual meeting of the League of American Wheelmen was held at Baltimore, June 18 and 19, and was in all respects one of the most successful gatherings in the history of the organization. Nearly every club in the country connected with the L. A. W. was represented, and the total number of visiting wheelmen was over 2,000. On the first day the meeting of the officers of the League met. The board is composed of the chief consul of each State and one representative for each fifty members. There were present at the meeting thirty-eight delegates, who held proxies for ninety-three more. The board elected the following national officers—President, T. J. Kirkpatrick, of Springfield, Ohio; vice president, W. W. Hayes, of Boston; treasurer, William M. Brewster, of St. Louis; and W. S. Ball, of Buffalo, who, with the president and vice president, form the executive committee. The secretary's report shows that the actual membership of the League is 10,000, and the treasurer's report shows it to be in good financial condition.

In the afternoon the wheelmen met in convention and adopted the new constitution formulated by the committee on reorganization last winter. The committee was organized to draw up a set of by-laws to use under the new constitution. The old by-laws, as far as they do not conflict with the new constitution, are to be re-adopted. There were present, by proxy and in person, 918 votes. Phil Hamill, of Chicago, was re-elected as an amateur and member of the League. Elected by members of the various local clubs the visiting wheelmen made runs through the afternoon, and in the evening the races at Arlington Driving Park in the afternoon were witnessed by fully 3,000 people, including a large number of ladies. The half-mile track was in excellent condition, but the weather was very warm and only fairly good time was made. Results:

One-mile race for the League championship—Won by W. W. Windle, of Lynn, Mass.; Fred Foster, of Toronto, 2d; time, 2:45.

Three-mile race, laps to count—W. W. Windle, of Lynn, Mass., defeated Fred Foster, of Toronto, who pushed him hard; time, 9:32-3.

Two-mile race, won by W. Kingsland, of Baltimore, beat Phil S. Brown, of Washington, by a short length; time, 7m. 4s.

Three-mile handicap—W. E. McCune, of Everett, Mass., crossed the wire thirteen seconds in front of Windle, of Lynn, though the latter had forty-five seconds' start.

One-mile tri-cyclo race for the League championship—Kingsland, of Baltimore, beat Brown, of Washington, by two seconds; time, 3m. 2.

Safety bicycle handicap, two miles—Awarded to J. F. Midgeley, of Worcester, Mass.; E. J. Decker, of Newark, 2d; time, 5:57.

Steeplechase, three-quarters of a mile—Won by F. C. Gilbert, of Elizabeth, N. J.

In the evening the visiting wheelmen were entertained by the local clubs with a "smoker," at Concordia Opera House. Mayor F. C. LaRosa made a short address, and the entertainment was embellished with music, singing and athletic exercises. On Wednesday the visitors were given a steamboat ride down the Chesapeake, followed by a banquet, after which the visitors dispersed.

**Wheel Notes.**  
Kauffman, the American champion trick rider, has had scarlet fever in Vienna.

George T. Laing has been elected president and F. W. Gruen vice president of the Pennsylvania Club.

H. Barber, of Washington (with 200yds. start), won a two-mile handicap at Long Eaton, Eng., by six inches in 7m. 30s.

A number of the English professional riders are booked for the Buffalo tournament, but the amateurs are still holding out.

Frank Reed has resigned as president of the Century Wheelmen, and Thos. Hare is the unanimous choice of the members for the office.

The Capital Bicycle Club, of Washington, D. C., recently elected the following officers—President, J. Q. A. Rice; vice president, W. S. Dodge; recording secretary, A. P. Smith; corresponding secretary, P. E. Donlon; treasurer, J. E. Leaming; captain, E. A. Denary.

The bicyclists of Burlington City, N. J., have organized a permanent organization. The officers are—President, Harry F. Wheeler; vice president, J. Wesley Warner; secretary, Charles H. Smith; treasurer, George C. Gunn; captain, M. J. Gray; color bearer, Robert Ewan.

The Omaha Wheelmen, at their annual meeting June 14, elected the following officers: President, H. J. H. Barber, vice president, A. G. Clayton, secretary, E. L. Mord; treasurer, George R. Brown; club captain, H. B. Weaver; club lieutenant, William Northrop; executive committee, A. W. Nash, H. L. Chew.

There were seven starters in the twenty-five mile bicyclic race for the championship on tracks at Leicester, Eng., June 9. Fred Wood, of Leicester, won by six inches in 77m. 30s. Knapp, an American, was second. Crocker, also an American, and three others fell in a heap, but none of them were seriously injured.

At a Sportsmen's tournament, held in England May 29, lot mile safety race won by F. W. Allard; time, 2m. 47s.; S. G. Whitaker finished 2d. The mile bicyclic championship fell to W. A. Rowe, in 2m. 54.1-5; W. F. Knapp 2d. H. Temple won the mile professional race, in 2m. 57.5; beating Whitaker, with 55yds.; time, 2m. 44.1-5.

At Queens, L. I., June 16, the Queen's Bicycle Club held a tournament at which the winners were—Bicycling for Queen's track record medal, one mile—E. B. Brough, Hudson County Wheelmen, 2m. 54.4-5; 1st, J. W. Schafer, B. B. C. 30m. 4yds. 2d, H. L. Bradley, B. B. C. 30m. 10yds. 3d, Two-mile bicycling handicap—F. B. Brough, H. C. W. G. G. 32yds. 1st, S. A. Maguire, G. C. G. G. 2m. 53.2-3; 2d, One-mile mile bicyclic—S. A. Maguire, G. C. G. G. 2m. 53.1-5; A. C. Bogler, New York City, 2m. 12yds.

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TERRE HAUTE CLUB'S TOURNAMENT—Held at Terre Haute, Ind., Decoration Day. Winners—Mile novice race—E. I. Halstead, 1:50. Half-mile, 1:30. Quarter-mile, 1:15. Mile club championship—W. Bidenour; 3:15. Half-mile hurdle—J. F. Frost, 2:47.5. Half-mile State championship—E. Hulman, 1:23.4-5. Mile Steeplechase—W. Bidenour, 3:45. Quarter-mile, 1:15. Mile, 3:15. Mile open—E. Hulman, 3:07.5. Mile Star—H. D. Gilly, 3:15. Banana race, 1/4 mile—F. E. Eastick, 4:14.5. Mile road wheels—W. Bidenour, 3:10. Two mile State championship—W. Lee, 6:11.

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