

PIGEONS.

JOURNEYS FOR RECORD.

Grey Skies for the Quakers and Speed for the Cressons—No Report from Paterson. The Quaker City Club had sixteen birds for liberating in its first race. The start was 9:35 A. M. May 26; the distance about 205 miles. The returns reported were eleven; none listed except by postal, sent the same day. The second journey was from Greensboro, N. C., about 365 miles. The start was of thirteen birds at 6:10 A. M., June 8. Three returns had certified time, the best being 6:23 P. M., the others 6:24 P. M. and 7:22 P. M. The best speed, 578 yards per minute, was not beaten, and the journey round the best for distance in the day until July 7. The third journey was from Charlotte, N. C., about 445 miles. The start was of ten birds at 4:50 A. M., June 23. None were reported the same day, but eight returned next day, one the second day, and one July 8. The birds had bad weather for every journey.

The Cresson Club, Philadelphia, had 23 birds for its first race. The start was at 7:00 A. M., from Gordonsville, Va., about 205 miles. The returns were six, under conditions favorable. Two of the six lofts engaged excepting one had the time of first returns certified. It was in this race that 1,347 yards, the best average speed of the season for 100 miles or over, was made. The second journey was from Danville, Va., about 325 miles. The entry 25 birds. The start at 6:14 A. M. June 30. Three lofts had returns certified for time, the best being over 1,000 yards per minute. For the third and last the start was at 5:30 A. M., July 12, from High Point, N. C. The entry was twelve birds. The distance, about 386 miles, was covered and the time certified before 6 P. M., breaking the record for distance in the day for the season held since June 8 by the Quaker City Club. This ended the season's work for the club. Individual members flew their birds from Salisbury, 410 miles, and from Kings Mountain, 470 miles, but all were without returns the same day, although sent, excepting one that was shot, have been reported at home.

The Paterson, N. J., Club had 34 birds for entry in its first race. The start for this was at 8 A. M., June 10, from Washington, D. C., about 205 miles. The first return was certified as in left at 12:45 P. M., giving an average speed of 1,270 yards per minute. Twenty-three birds were reported by countermark. The second journey was for about 350 miles for club prizes and club record. The third was for a record, from High Point, N. C., about 450 miles. The entry for this was 22 birds. The start was at 6 o'clock the morning of August 1. The majority of the birds are said to be at home, but "the president has gone a-fishing" and none have been reported.

Pigeons of Providence. SOUTH PROVIDENCE, R. I., Aug. 23.—Editor SPORTING LIFE:—The second race for the club's birds was from Worcester, and was decided on Monday. Owing to the severe storm during the week previous to the race, only thirteen of the original thirty were on hand the morning of the fly. Although many said these birds were not lost, and one that had been training on another race, still it looked to a casual observer as very suggestive. The winter this month was Mr. Fred Moore, with his splash-headed youngster, one of the pair he had marked to fly against Mr. C. Cruden for the fifty miles race in September. The time from Worcester was 1h. 13m. The second prize, a handsome basket, was won by William Goodby, and David Williams took the third. Everything passed off very pleasantly and great credit is due the race committee for the careful manner in which every arrangement was made to avoid mistakes and delays.

THE DETAILS OF IT. The first bird was loosed at Worcester at 12 o'clock and the rest went off at five-minute intervals, the last one starting at 1 o'clock. Each bird flew to his own cage and was seized by the runner, who put him in a small bag and ran for the club headquarters, where the judges were. The runners were stripped down and made as lively time as possible, as each had an allowance of a number of seconds, according to the distance of the cage from headquarters. The judges were all ready and quite a crowd was gathered, when at 1:28 a cry was heard, "Here comes Boutelle," and he was seen coming down the street along the last 100 yards in about ten seconds, bringing Fred Moore's splash bird No. 23, and he landed him, having made the fly in 1h. 13m 2/5, with the time allowance. Number 613 and 24 came in next, but their time was slower than the splash, and when for a long time no others arrived Moore's bird was looked upon as a dead sure winner. After the first three birds were in there was some anxious waiting, for the last bird had started one hour after the first, but at 2:27 1/2, the last time for the last bird to take third prize, the winners were sure and were declared. Fred Moore's splash taking first, William Goodby's blue crest the second prize, and David Williams' blue third prize. Up to 2:30 no more birds had been brought in, and their owners feeling certain that they had not won, the judges declared the winners and the race was over. The times of the racers were as follows:

Table with columns: Owner, H. M., H. S., Sec., H. M. E. Rows include Moore, Goodby, and other pigeon owners with their respective race times.

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 these reports to us, but we will not correspond with finders except in case of birds entered in a journey for record.] The bird 7474 stopping in Trenton, N. J., belongs to me and I am much obliged to you for reporting it. I think if it is kept until in good condition and then let it go it will come home. G. E. Smith, Brooklyn, N. Y. Rufus King, Tenth Town, D. C. writes:—"It was so gentle I caught it easily, but I had it a week before I noticed the reading on the wings. One of the marks is 1712 and 46." The bird is probably one owned by John Verrier, Philadelphia, and liberated in Gordonsville. Mr. D. J. Crotty, 1011 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, reports Z 4748 as a visitor.

From Abroad. One of the most exciting races of the season was down to Antwerp into the fifth last. The start was of 1,483 birds at five o'clock from Corcoetes, France, distant about 188 miles from home. The average speed was below the average, being less than a half-mile to the minute, but the birds began to arrive they came so fast that many were not reported. The first return was to the loft of Mr. H. Reussens, at 11:55 A. M., but at twelve o'clock fifteen minutes later, 115 birds had been timed. At 12:10 P. M., the 292d prize had been won, and at 12:21:10, the 298th prize and last was placed. In this race Mr. Georges Gita with his entry of twelve birds, won the 98th, 99th, 149th, 214th, 226th and 278th prizes for single birds, two pool prizes, and prizes for series of each two, three, four, six, eight, ten and twelve birds. The closing race of the London Club's old bird season was from the Seilly Isles, about 250 miles. The entry was fifty-three birds, the start at 6 A. M., and the best average speed about 850yds. per minute. The Yorkshire Club had its old bird season race from Rennes, France. The entry, thirteen birds, was started July 27. The best speed was 1,226yds. from 405 miles; the second was 1,061yds. for 417 miles. In a race from Vivonne to Antwerp, about 382 miles, down July 15, the start was at 6:33 A. M., and the first and last prize was won. In this race the entry fees amounted to fr. 2,502; the expenses to fr. 871.15.

Dates and Distances. The Federation of Buffalo, N. Y., comprising the lofts of the Excelsior and Queens, Eng. the English race dates and stations for the autumn races—September 2, Westfield, N. Y., 90 miles; 9th, Cambridge, Pa., 95 miles; 16th, Warren, O., 145 miles; 30th, New Philadelphia, O., 210 miles. All are to be under this Sporting Life rules. The Dando Club, Philadelphia and Woodbury, N. J., will have its first race Sept. 10, from Gordonsville, Va., 205 miles. Other stations and dates are to be: 14th, Danville, Va., 325 miles; 24th, Charlotte, N. C., 472 miles; Oct. 3, from 550 miles. The entry will comprise the birds of the Messrs. McLaughery, Verrier and Green and probably those of Mr. B. W. Andrews. Transfers of Stock. From the loft of Thomas Clark, Brooklyn, N. Y.—To Justus Prior, Brooklyn. Reg. 36 T. C. From the loft of Justus Prior.—To Thomas Clark, P. 106, 108, 85, 81, 72, A. 85. From the loft of F. H. Platt, New York City, and 25 T. R. F. H. Platt, New York City, 24 and 25 T. R. From the loft of F. H. Platt, New York City, 1.—To E. S. Starr, Philadelphia, three pairs youngsters. 2.—To Jacob H. Seem, Bangor, Pa., Nos. 26, 28, 80 and 87 P.

THE KENNEL.

The Fox Terrier Club show, which opened at Saratoga last Wednesday, was a decided success, both as to numbers, quality of exhibits and attendance were concerned. The judging gave satisfaction and we heard very few complaints, even from disappointed exhibitors. Sprites, as usual, tended to the sky, so that it is well to mention that this part of the program was well done. Mr. Thomas Johnson, of Winnepesaukee, Manitoa, has recently imported from the kennel of Mr. A. P. Heywood-Lonsdale, Winchester, Eng., the English setter bitch PHU Sing. She was whelped Jan. 25, 1894, and is by Baron Doveridge and out of Nora. Mr. Winchell, of Fair Haven, Vt., has sold the bloodhound Burmiston to Mr. O. F. Nash, Mr. Winchell has recently imported from the kennel of Mr. Edwin Brown, Scarborough, Eng., the bloodhound bitch PHU Sing.

men, has just joined the great majority. Mr. Hartley imported several good setters, including Rake, Ruby, Royal Ranger, Daisy Queen, Gally and Queen Alice. Mr. E. B. Sears, of Melrose, Mass., received last week the St. Bernard bitch Lady Wellington, purchased by him in England last June from Mr. S. W. Smith, of Leeds. She was bred July 15 to Phinlimmon. Mr. Will A. Brunette, of Jefferson, Wis., has recently imported the Sussex spaniel bitch Sussex Queen. She is by champion Baryta and out of Jill, she by champion Bachelor and out of Dore. Messrs. Harrison, Hoff, Saunders, Cook, Sawyer, Nash and Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have withdrawn from the National Dog Club. Mr. Mitchell Harrison has advised Buffalo that unless A. K. C. rules are adopted he will not show there. The sport of greyhound coursing does not seem to make any headway in the East. Mr. J. S. Hudson, of Covington, Ky., has purchased the English setter Ben Hill.

Esquimaux All Right Now. Kalamazoo, Mich., Aug. 20.—Editor SPORTING LIFE: We stand solid in fifth place, about eight games behind first place and three games from second place, and, as our team are in the best condition they have been in this year and we now have a long series of games at home we are well satisfied with our position in the race. We have had some financial trouble, but that is past now, the money being raised to carry us through the season. We will now be in at the finish. Too much credit cannot be given our players for the many and generous way they have acted while there was uncertainty as to the money being raised to carry the team through. All waited without complaining, and submitted to a reduction of salary for the balance of the season, and this with nearly every man in the team was receiving offers of salaries equal to, or more, than they were getting. O'Neill received seven offers of positions in four days. Our great third baseman, Connel, and hard-hitting fielder, Dwyer, were wired by the Detroit management for terms. Our big first baseman, Dally, keeps knocking out triples and home runs. Kazoo.

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