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PURSUANT to our policy of serving the Bulldog, its breeders and owners to the greatest possible extent, the Board of Governors resolved last April to invite the secretaries of all Bulldog specialty clubs to become honorary members of the Bulldog Club of America. These honorary memberships will continue for the term of office of each secretary and carry with them our invitation to be guests at meetings of the Board whenever a specialty club wishes to present for discussion any subject of interest to it or to the breed. We believe that this policy will help co-ordinate the interests of fanciers throughout the country and foster a stronger feeling of common interest and progress. In the case of secretaries living too far away to attend meetings, the suggestion is offered that another person be delegated who is able to attend and represent the distant club. Letters to this effect have been sent to all specialty clubs in the Bulldog breed.

A breeders' Futurity competition, open to all owners of registered Bulldog bitches in America, whether members of the Bulldog Club of America or not, has been adopted by the Club. The speed with which the rules were accepted by both the Board and the AKC does credit to the work of R.S.Horne and E.I.Pratt in drawing up the conditions. Miss Bertha B.Quintana is chairman of the Futurity. We invite all good Bulldoggers to write her for rules and application blanks at 32 Glannan Road, Livingston, N. J. and to enter and enjoy the competition.

At the last meeting of the Board, the application of the Bulldog Club of New England for permission to join the AKC as a direct member was acted upon and permission was granted. We extend our heartiest good wishes to the New England Club in the membership that we feel sure will be granted by the AKC. It is New England's 25 anniversary and this is by way of celebration, according to Mrs. Florence White, the secretary. We hope its future will be as resplendent with top-notch Bulldogs, shows and members as has been its past.

The Bulldog Club Specialty, held in conjunction with the North Westchester Kennel Club show on June 8, will be history by the time this goes to press; so more of that later. We do, however, want to take this opportunity to thank the many friends who have contributed so generously of their time as well as thoughts and trophies to make our first Specialty since the war a success. This appreciation extends to the exhibitors who will bring their Bulldogs there. More than 60 are reported at this writing. We just pray that the weatherman will smile upon us on that eventful day.

Congratulations are due to the Bulldog Club of New Jersey for the fine Specialty it held in conjunction with the Plainfield K.C. on May 26. Exhibitors from all over the East and as far away as Ohio contributed to its success and made the competition keen and the entry large, despite the hot, muggy weather that was unable to dampen the spirits of the enthusiasts. The hard-working committee, the enviable trophy list and the good work of the judges were well deserving of this support. It was a pleasure to see Mrs. Hoyt judging the Sourmugs and doing such a fine job of it. Unless we are mistaken, it was her first appearance in the Bulldog ring as judge, although we've all seen her officiate in the group many times. Her experience judging other breeds showed in her approach to this assignment.

It was a pleasure to have Bulldogs included in the resumption of the Morris and Essex Show. Sixty-nine Bulldogs welcomed this famous fixture's first post-war event and drew a large gallery to see them go through their paces, leaving no room for doubt as to the public interest in the breed.

Here we must apologize to any readers of this Bulldog column for the omission of an article last month and the consequent telescoping of news in this communication. Warren Blaisdell was our correspondent since last fall and was doing a fine service to the Club and the breed until recently, when press of business, which takes him out of town periodically, his duties in the Naval Reserve and the time required as treasurer of the Club forced him to give up writing for us, at least temporarily. We thank him heartily for past services and hope he will be able to resume in the near future.

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