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THE AKC SANCTION MATCH of the Bulldog Club of America, held at Werdermann's Hall, New York City, Jan 13, was a success beyond the Club's highest expectations. More than 150 Bulldog fanciers from many eastern states attended, and the popular Philip Murphy made his selections from an entry of 39 "sourmugs." Phil found his best puppy in Stephen Averill's splendid, young Averill's Major Luck which came up from the 9 to 12 month PUPPY dog class. Best grown-dog in match went to Robert Horne's beautiful, young Hobbyhorne Cinastar, which appears destined soon to take his place on the championship roll of honor alongside several older brothers and sisters that became title winners. Frank Fletcher's good, young Fletcher's Buddy took top honors in the open dog class, whereas Mrs. Hathaway's beautiful, white-pied Photogenic Letty of Jeffaway was best open bitch. Quality predominated throughout in both dogs and bitches, and the competition was fast in several classes.

After the judging, more than 100 Bulldoggers remained for the banquet, and a good time was had by all. Guests of honor at the dinner were Mrs. Phyllis Robson of England's Dog World, and Charles G. Hopton, "dean of the Bulldog world." Mrs. Robson spoke in her usual charming manner, telling of Bulldogs she had seen in other parts of the country and of some in England and Africa. Mr. Hopton spoke briefly of by gone days in Bulldogs both in America and England and kept the crowd laughing with a series of his humorous anecdotes about the breed.

The magnificent support of members of both the Bulldog Club of New Jersey and the Bulldog Club of Philadelphia accounted for the unusually large attendance. Many drove several hours through a snowstorm to attend. The Club extends its thanks and appreciation to all who helped make the match show a success and feels sure that everyone had such a good time that they were glad they came.

Particular, thanks go to Jack Wilmot, secretary of the Philadelphia Club, who lent his experienced hand to help things go smoothly in every way and who cheerfully gave his time to steward for the judge. When three large clubs, all centered near the metropolitan area, can co-operate so splendidly in supporting each other it speaks well for the breed and for the fanciers in the breed.

The Bulldog Club of America wishes every success to the forthcoming specialty show of the Bulldog Club of Washington, and to the specialty show of the Bulldog Club of New Jersey. We will all be there. A new organization known as the Bulldog Club of Rhode Island has been granted permission to hold a specialty show, details of which will be announced shortly and we wish this enthusiastic young club every success in this, its first major event.
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