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THOSE OF YOU who were able to attend, can vouch for the fact that the recent B.C.A. match was a success. Held at Werdermann's Hall Jan. 19, it was open to the public and all Bulldogs, whether or not their owners were members of the B.C.A. The response was a demonstration of real interest in the event and we thank all of you who were able to attend and put the affair across. Approximately 175 people were present to see 39 Bulldogs compete for the judge's favors. 111 attended the dinner after the match.

There is no room here to list all the placings, so let it suffice to say that the main wins were as follows: best male puppy was Haymaker's Hurly Burly, owned and bred by the E.I.Pratts of Connecticut: best puppy (both sexes) was the same fine youngster; best adult male was Neldona Jezebel Thornville (Nell and Don Yandell please note) which also was best grown dog in match. He is owned by the William Thormans of Brooklyn.

On the distaff side: best bitch puppy was Robert's Blazing Lass, a heavy-boned sample of Bull-pup if ever there was one in a female under six months of age, but puppyhood stopped her when it came the the show-down against the bitch that took best adult bitch, Milsande's Cinderella, which walked out with that award. She is owned and bred by the Secors of Long Island.

Our judge is well worthy of mention. George Foster, of Absecon, N. J., has been raising and showing Bulldogs for more years than some of us can remember. For Bulldog generations, he has known the breed from the moment he helped in the puppies' delivery until the time when he saw that same puppy finish its Championship. (Please don't ask how much Mrs. Foster has contributed to their success . . . we are sure that her contribution has been considerable.) The entry tested the judge's knowledge, being composed of a fine exhibit of very promising youngsters. George Foster was up to the occasion, however and did a most commendable job that was followed with great interest by ringsiders and exhibitors alike. Thanks to George for a real contribution to the success of the match. We are proud to welcome him, also, as one of our new members.

The ring was efficiently run with Mrs. Sherman R. Hoyt accepting the duties of stewardess. While she is best known as a breeder, exhibitor and judge of Poodles, Mrs. Hoyt is also a judge of other breeds including Bulldogs. Her stewarding was, of course, flawless and her genuine interest in the exhibits in every class and their placings was remarked by many in attendance. She saw an opportunity, apparently, to learn a little more about a breed of which she is already a qualified judge and she was not above taking advantage of the opportunity. We believe that we can all afford to profit by her example.

After the judging and a good dinner, President Frank Carolin welcomed those present and formally thanked the judge, stewardess and all others who assisted in putting the affair over to its success. Frank Fletcher, chairman of the committee, acted as master of ceremonies and introduced visiting officers of other clubs.

While this match-and-dinner has taken place in New York for the past two years, it is the hope of the Board to work out a way by which similar affairs may be operated at distant locations so that our out-of-town members may enjoy them and in order to further the feeling that they really belong to a beneficial club. Official representatives among members at a distance are being asked to serve in a coordinating capacity for the benefit of the members in their sections of the country. It is an extension of the policy of having Bulldog specialty clubs become honorary members and attend meetings either in person or through a representative. More of this at a later date.

We hope to continue the New York match annually at about the same time and place and look forward to more roomy quarters henceforth.

Items of interest in news of the B.C.A. include a decision to print small, pocket size editions of the official Standard and Scale of Points. These should be available soon and we hope to be able to give you the price and where they can be obtained in the next article. They will be sold at the lowest nominal rate possible. This is in reply to many requests for such a copy to be made available to fanciers:

The long-awaited vote on the reduction of dues has come in, with both that and the change in nominating requirements being carried by at least a two-thirds majority. The dues will henceforth be \$5. per year per individual. (The initiation fee remains at \$5. per individual.) Nominations to the Board of Governors will require that the written nomination by one member in good standing be mailed to the Secretary and in his hands not less than ten days before the elections at the annual meeting. This news was heartily accepted when President Carolin announced it at the recent dinner and many people present responded by applying for membership. We look forward to a larger membership that will more truly represent the interests of the Bulldog and his fanciers across the country. Those of you who are interested in supporting the B.C.A. and the work it is doing, will be welcomed to membership.

We do not ask any individual to join the B.C.A. to the exclusion of any other club. We do urge that you support your local specialty club to the fullest and to support the national interests of Bulldogs and Bulldoggers through the BCA. Application blanks may be obtained by sending your request to our Secretary, E. I. Pratt, Box 277, Route 1, Norwalk, Conn.
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