find where I went out on a limb to say that Mirror would be the best whippet of that year. It seems that it often takes a long while for predictions to become a reality. Mirror of Meander placed second in the hound group to the Afghan hound, which latter went best in show.

The racing class, this year, drew a much better entry than that of last. In the class for dogs, Finis La Guerre, 2nd, took top honors; and in the class for bitches, Lady Swank was the winner. It is very seldom that decisions in this type of class are very satisfactory with the dog owners.

At last, one of my very first suggestions has been realized. A coursing club is now getting in full swing. Rules are now under construction, and in a very short time actual trials will begin. Breeders in starting clubs in their respective sections will be supplied with full rules and information if they so desire.

Don't forget the shows during April. They are as follows: Charlottesville, Va.; Alexandria, Va.; Washington, D. C.; and the Baltimore County Kennel Club at Pikesville, Md. Let's set a whippet record with these four shows. Our breed is on the upward march. Why not keep it there!

A full report of whippet and greyhound news from the Westminster show will be featured next month. LOUIS PEGRAM, JR., 730 St. Johns Rd., Baltimore, Md.

Pointers

ENTRIES at Westminster dropped off in many breeds. Pointers fell from 48 in 1939, to 32 this year. We will have to attribute it to the health of the dogs and owners during this unusual winter, and not to the drawing power of John G. Bates. There has been an epidemic of influenza rather widespread over the country, and many familiar faces were absent and their dogs with them.

At our specialty show at Morris and Essex, we hope to see all those who were absent at New York. Speaking of an ideal circuit for pointer fanciers may I suggest that you consider the Pittsburgh show this year, immediately before Morris and Essex. Pittsburgh has had five points in dogs and bitches in pointers in each of its two shows, and five points these days are hard to find in our breed. Why? You answer that one, I am not allowed.

There are many young dogs being held back waiting for some shows in the warmer weather period. Also some new imports making an appearance now and then at a favorable spot. All these will blossom forth shortly into some hot competition.

Members of our Club will be happy to learn Paul Palmer of Rolew Kennels is a member, again, and fills the vacancy of director on the board. Mr. Palmer has been active in importing and breeding since he became interested in pointers, and has been very successful.

Committees will be announced shortly, by our president, Leo A. Dunn, for the annual specialty show. If appointed, your cooperation will render the Club and the breed a lot of help. As regards trophies, Morris and Essex is always very generous, and it is hoped the membership will respond in entries and trophies as it did last year.

Charles Hopton has been invited to officiate at Morris and Essex. The entry committee should have an easy time to break 100. Why not 125?

Orchids to Mrs. Dodge and McClure Halley for having us again this year.—GEORGE D. BLAIR, M.D., *Secretary*, American Pointer Club.

Golden Retrievers

GOLDEN retriever activity at least within my general scope has been very limited, recently. What there is, seems to be preparation for things to come. A picture of the Golden Retriever Club setup for 1940 might not be amiss at this time. As you know from last month's issue, our new president is John K. Wallace of St. Louis, Missouri. The other officers and directors are as follows:

1st vice-president, Harold R. Ward; 2nd vice-president, E. F. Rivinus, Jr.; Secretary-treasurer, Edwin N. Dodge; AKC delegate, John C. Gibbons, still to be elected by the American Kennel Club.

Directors: R. G. Bealt, Winona, Minnesota; H. B. Christian, White Bear Lake, Minnesota; M. A. Clemens, 204 Edgemont Place, Teaneck, N. J.; E. N. Dodge, Minneapolis, Minnesota; J. C. Gibbons, Greenwich, Connecticut; S. S. Magoffin, Englewood, Colorado; E. F. Rivinus, Jr., Wayne, Pennsylvania; A. G. Siems, St. Paul, Minnesota; J. S. Thompson, St. Paul, Minnesota; J. K. Wallace, St. Louis, Missouri; M. B. Wallace, Jr., St. Louis, Missouri; and H. R. Ward, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

As the new slate takes over the reins of the organization, I know that the members of the Club will join me in thanking Mr. Magoffin and Mr. Gregg, through whose perseverance and effort the Golden Retriever Club of America came through its first year with flying colors. From this point on, it is up to the individual members and their individual dogs. Rip's performance will always be before us as a shining example, but it is only a beginning. The future is now pretty much in the hands of the breeders.

There are now representatives in America of practically every worthwhile strain of goldens. The Speedwell, Noranby, Yelma, Rockhaven, Anningsley, and Stubbings pedigrees are liberally scattered about the country. With such a wide range to choose from, we can now be increasingly selective in our breeding. Most of us who have been able to watch two or more generations of our dogs reach their prime, must have been able to note certain physical characteristics which prove dominant.