

GISBORNE RACES.

GISBORNE, Thursday.

The first day of the Gisborne Racing Club's steeplechase meeting was held today in brilliant weather, with a good attendance.

The sum of £2504 was put through the totalisator and 13 bookmakers were licensed.

Results of the races are as follows:—Handicap Hurdle Race, one mile and three-quarters.—Reservoir, 10.5, 1; Cluque, 9.0, 2; Whatakura, 10.11, 3.

Also started: (2) Notoarua, Oasiti. The last two horses fell. Reservoir, 10.5, 1; Cluque, 9.0, 2; Whatakura, 10.11, 3.

Maiden Hack Handicap, four furlongs.—Andrew Mack, 9.0, 1; Mistime, 9.0, 2; Munga Munga, 9.0, 3.

There were twelve starters. Andrew Mack won by a length and a half. Time, 2.55.

Flying Handicap, six furlongs.—Stylish, 9.7, 1; Phooka, 9.0, 2; Lady Robina, 10.7, 3.

There were eleven starters. Stylish won by half a length. Time, 1.48.5.

Turf Steeplechase, about three miles.—Hullworth, 11.13, 1; Kapakapa, 10.5, 2; Reay, 9.7, 3.

Each furlong fell. There were seven starters. Time, 6.31.

Hack Flat Handicap, seven furlongs.—Spate, 10.3, 1; Pukana, 10.1, 2; Waiheke, 9.4, 3.

There were nine starters. Spate won by two lengths. Time, 1.34.4.5.

Trial Steeplechase, about two miles.—Aroha, 13.7, 1; Kurauhi, 9.7, 2.

There were three starters. Aroha won by twenty lengths. Time, 3.57.

Winter Oats Handicap.—Hinettama, 10.5, 1; White Lie, 10.2, 2; San Jose, 9.9, 3.

There were six starters. Hinettama won all the way. Time, 1.48.1.

GISBORNE, Friday.

For the second day of the Gisborne Racing Club's Steeplechase Meeting the weather prevailed, and there was a large attendance.

The sum of £2551 was put through the totalisator, making a total of £10,555 for the two days.

Second Hurdles.—Whatakura 1, Reservoir 2, Oasiti 3. Also started: Cluque, Time, 4.37.

Maiden Hack—Mistime 1, Papaka 2, Kaw 3.

Waikane Handicap, seven furlongs.—Sarilla, 10.4, 1; Hinettama, 11.4, 2; Bluck, 10.3, 3.

Also started: Stylish 10.4, Phooka 9.4, Sarilla won easily. Time, 1.53.

The Hapara Steeplechase, about two miles and a-half. Cluque, 10.2, 1; Reay, 9.7, 2; Morpeth, 10.0, 3.

Also started, Bullworth 10.10, Papatu 10.9, Kapakapa 10.7, Croust 10.3.

Croust ran off at the first hurdle, and Bullworth and Papatu fell. Cluque won by 20 lengths. Time, 5.31.

Hack Flat Handicap, six furlongs.—Mistime, 9.10, 1; Waiheke, 9.3, 2; Naydine, 9.2, 3.

There were 11 starters. Mistime won by a length. Time, 1.48.1.

Final Steeplechase, about two miles.—Aroha 10.12, 1; Baitie, 10.5, 2; Kurauhi, 9.7, 3.

These were the only starters. Aroha won anyhow. Time, 3.39.

Farewell Handicap—Danche, 10.13, 1; White Lie, 10.5, 2; Sarilla, 10.4, 3.

There were 10 starters. Danche won by a length and a-half. Time, 1.48.1.

WELLINGTON WINTER MEETING.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

The following are the acceptances for the handicap events on the first day of the Wellington Racing Club's meeting, to be held on July 18, 22, and 25:—

Stewards' Handicap, seven furlongs.—Irish Rifle 10.10, Martynian 10.9, Aborigine 10.3, Simplex 10.9, Lady Disdain 10.0, The Neez 9.3, Immanuel 9.10, Landwren 8.9, Golden Gate 9.9, Halsey 8.8, Kurawaka 9.8, Merrie Zealand 9.8, Ilro 9.8, Wharekura 9.7, Dmart 9.0.

Miramur Hack Handicap, seven furlongs.—California 10.4, Roughtonia 10.0, Vava 10.0, Sami Street 10.0, Cavalier 10.0, Monkey Fuzzle 9.10, Spindrift 9.10, Blue Ribbon 9.9, Research 9.8, Skye 9.4, Teutiful 9.4, Glentui 9.0.

First Hack Hurdle Handicap, one mile and three-quarters.—Ghorka, 10.11, Stronhold 10.11, Pop Beat 10.8, Paul Cry 10.0, Piero 9.12, Strathona 9.12, Hatley 9.6, Sherlock Holmes 9.4, Cyrus 9.4, Cossusion 9.3, Wathekau 9.0, Otara 9.0, Oakbourne 9.0, Lilagerer 9.0, Forest 9.0, Virtus 9.0.

Parliamentary Handicap, one mile.—Mystification 10.11, Truce 10.9, Irish Rifle 10.9, Dawn 10.9, Sir Fisco 10.2, Wallethe 10.2, Seaman 10.1, Probable 9.11, Clanchattan 9.10, Swimming 9.10, Cavalier 9.10, Star Rose 9.10, Landwren 9.8, Raupapa 9.8, Merrie Zealand 9.7, Haldane 9.7, Maharami 9.6, Comedian 9.6, Silken Belt 9.4, Misset 9.4.

Winter Hurdle Handicap, two miles.—Shrapnel 11.10, Lady Howe 11.5, Exmoor 11.5, Black Baynard 10.11, Sen Nim 10.7, Ability 10.5, Le Benn 10.2, Prospector 10.2, Arangi 10.0, Eurus 9.12, Scotty 9.12, Compass 9.5, Lock 9.5, Whatakura 9.2, St. Amelia 9.0, Slip 9.0.

To Ann Hack Handicap, 5 furlongs.—Nauwai 11.9, Sir Fisco 11.7, North Pole 10.2, Silk Web 10.2, Taupiti 10.2, Yostol 9.13, Conquer 9.13, Leebich 9.1, Cavitation 9.13, Glen 9.3, Cohort 9.0, Sir Antrim 9.0, Pronom 9.0, Dr. Shimose 9.0, Fiddles 9.0.

AUSTRALIAN RACING.

THE ASCOT THOUSAND.

MELBOURNE, July 6.

The weather was most unfavourable, but the going was good, at Ascot racecourse today, when the cream of New South Wales, Victoria, and New Zealand gaily competed for the Ascot Thousand.

Notwithstanding a severe bump when founding the first turn, Balgonie galloped fast up the long straight, and scored a comfortable victory over the Sydney gelding Little Bee, who looked all over a winner jocosely from home.

The winner, Balgonie, was bred by Mr. J. Marshall, of Auckland, and is by Phoebe Apollo—Balbirnie. She was sold by auction for 32gs to Mr. F. Hill, acting on behalf of Mr. R. McLean, and was afterwards disposed of by the latter for 70gs. She competed at the Wellington Pony and Gaitway meetings last season with considerable success.

V.R.C. G.N. STEEPLECHASE.

MELBOURNE, July 11.

The V.R.C. Winter Meeting was concluded today at Ascot racecourse, showing was the result of the principal event:—

THE GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE, of 1500000s.

Mr. A. Miller's gr g Cardinal, aged, by Richelieu—dam by Humphrey (Hunter 11.2 (Dickerson))

Also ran: Kuala Lumpur, Napier, Encampment, Bolddale, Quail, Swimmer, Boomerang, Tiger, Dalry, Wolsley, Navik, Confederate, Middlecree, Comet, Outcast, Postboy, Middlecree, Comet, Outcast.

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SYDNEY, this day.

The Sydney pony, Miss Mayfield, run third in the Ascot Thousand race. The time was 1.4.

HUNTING.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—How few of the many that follow the Pukaranga Hounds ever think of all of the very great privileges they are allowed, or take into consideration the inconvenience the landowners and occupiers of farms are put to when the hounds are over their land for a day's hunting; butters as it is what part of the country, not one meet is held without some of the farmers are put to trouble and expense in some form or other. Many take the trouble to put horses, sheep, also cows near calving, into yards or sties, and padlocks near the housesteads. Many of these owners never come out with the hounds the whole season. How many members of the hunt ever consider the time it takes to do as above stated, also, after the hunt is over and the hounds are gone, to let the stock out again and drive them back to the paddocks they were taken from in the morning. I know many of the farmers would rather not have hunting over their farms, but they are such good sportsmen they can't refuse or like to prevent others enjoying themselves. It costs many farmers a lot more than the member's subscription of £3 3/ per annum. Some of the members have the erroneous idea that by paying this annual subscription they can ride where and how they like; this gets the master into a lot of trouble. Many paddocks in crop would be open to the hunt, if the followers would only take the trouble to think out how where they are riding. If all rode close under the hedge and drove very little damage is done, but many will not do so; one or two will persist in riding out a little way, and then others go wider still, and, in consequence, quite a chink wide is cut up and a lot of damage done. The last meet at Sylvia Park, Mr. W. Wallace took the trouble to yard some sheep he had just purchased, so as to keep them from mixing with his other flock, and naturally thought they would be quite safe there; but no, someone opened the gate and rode through the yard, which was bad enough, but he left the gate open behind him, and, of course, all Mr. Wallace's trouble and time was wasted. This was done because a horse could not jump the two bottom rails of a divided fence; the same thing was done on the previous meet at Sylvia Park. That time Mr. Turnbull was the sufferer. The Pukaranga Hunt Club have received for years £200 per annum from the A.R.C. more than the average annual members' subscriptions; surely if it is time the members gave something extra, not taken from the club fund, but a whip round of not less than 2/ or more per member, for a good social dinner to the farmers and on some other night a ball for the farmers and members together; they would be able to talk hunting matters over, and this would be a great benefit to the club. With such a large following of the hunt now on Saturdays, averaging quite 150, it ought not to be any trouble to collect quite £100. I am sure there are not more than 50 farmers and their sons out of the 150 followers. Being an old member of the hunt, I am willing to give £2 2/ if 25 members will give the same. This will show that I am practising as well as preaching. The above amount has been placed in the hands of the treasurer. I am, etc. OLD MEMBER.

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