

whole the handicappers did their work very well. It is always hard to handicap well at the beginning of the season. It was very gratifying to see such a large entry, and considerable enthusiasm was displayed by those competing. The following are the scores:—

Table with 3 columns: Name, Gross score, Handicap score, Net score. Includes names like H. H. Pitman, G. G. Bridges, J. F. Miles, etc.

During the week Mr O'Rorke handed in the fine score of 79, which is evidence of the fact that he is rapidly getting into form, and if the Auckland contingent at the Championship will be small, it promises to be very strong. I fancy he would have done much better in the Medal Competition on Saturday, had it not been for the fact that his mate did not turn up, and he had to play with a long handicap man, which is nearly always disconcerting to a good player, as he has nothing to play up to.

CHRISTCHURCH, May 9.

The first Foursome Saturday was an unqualified success, a very large number of players turning up, and some very good and close games resulted. The new members seemed to appreciate the attention they received, and several of them performed very creditably. The Committee took upon themselves the responsibility of arranging the games on this occasion, in order that the disaster of four duffers going round by themselves should not take place. The result was satisfactory, as everyone was provided for. In future, however, members will arrange their own foursomes.

The Championship Meeting is now close upon us, and the representatives from Christchurch will probably be Messrs Wilder and W. Harman. There is a bare possibility that Mr Kitto may be able to get away, but he is very doubtful. It is to be regretted that a stronger team (numerically speaking) could not have gone to Dunedin, but the time of the year does not seem to suit a great many members. I hope to hear that the team, though small, has rendered a good account of itself.

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BOWLING.

(By No Bias.)

Note.—Secretaries of Bowling Clubs throughout the colony are requested to forward notices of meetings and results of games played—in fact, anything of benefit to bowlers generally—to "No Bias," "Graphic" Office.

MOUNT EDEN BOWLING CLUB.

The following games were played on Saturday. A rink from the Ponsbury Club being present played a friendly game against the home club, and proved victorious:—

- No. 1 Rink: I. Stewart, J. Buchanan, G. Court, A. Touche (skip), 27. G. Brier, J. Dooly, E. H. Ross, C. G. Brookes (skip), 18.
No. 2 Rink: Esom, Owen, Kight, Coe (skip), 23. V. Triggs, K. Southbrook, Ferguson, Hopper (skip), 13.
No. 3 Rink: Hades, Rendell, Garland (skip), 22. V. Mahony, Shepherd, Hudson (skip), 22.

PRESENTATION.

Mr J. Kirker, president of the Auckland Bowling Association, accompanied by Mr J. Blades, the indefatigable secretary, and other bowlers, visited the Mount Eden green for the purpose of presenting the champion of champions (Mr C. G. Brookes) with the trophy attached to this great bout. In making the presentation the president referred at some length to the history and development of bowling, and expressed the hope that next year there would be more inter-club contests, which were productive of so much good fellowship, friendly feeling, and esprit de corps. Speaking more particularly with regard to the championship recently concluded, Mr Kirker stated that the contest had been fought out in the most friendly spirit, and with consider-

able skill, which elicited the warm applause of those who witnessed the game. Mr Brookes had worthily maintained his position as a first-class bowler, and for himself he had a feeling of special satisfaction that the championship had fallen to one who took such an active part in the management of a club. The trophy, which consisted of a handsome silver teapot, sugar-basin, and cream-jug, with the following inscription: "Auckland Bowling Association Champion of Champions, 1905-1906," was handed to Mr Brookes, who expressed his thanks for the kind words said of him, and stated that his pleasure in winning the position was greatly enhanced by the fact that he represented the youngest club.

Mr Mahony, the club's president, in proposing success to the Bowling Association, paid a high tribute of admiration to Mr Brookes for the manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of principal executive officer, more particularly with regard to the great success of the tournament held last February, the toast being heartily responded to.

Mr Kirker in replying stated that he himself was more the spur-head, and that the success referred to must be credited to the proper officer, Mr Blades, the much-esteemed secretary.

NAPIER.

On the Queen's Birthday, which is to be the last day of the season, the Napier Bowling Club will play a match against the Hastings and Bluff Hill Clubs on the Napier Green. Messrs Cherry, Platford, Runciman and Parsonson won the final match in the Rink Tournament, and will thus receive Mr Jarge's trophy. The remaining rinks will compete for second place. The following were the scores last week:—

Winners: Cherry, Platford, Runciman, Parsonson (skip), 23. v Losers: Morton, J. P. Smith, Revans, Stubbs (skip), 17.

Winners: Balfour, Hodgson, Morrison, Dinwiddie (skip), 25. v Losers: Bristy, Fielder, Jarge, Lucas (skip), 16.

Winners: Evans, Lockwood, Taylor, Faulkuor (skip), 20. v Losers: W. H. Cooper, Gilberd, W. Smith, Newman (skip), 14.

Kennel and Field.

(By "Tui.")

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WHISPERS OF THE FANCY.

It is in recognition of the increasing interest in kennel matters that this column is included in the "Graphic." Items of interest, such as whelpings, importation of pedigree stock, dates of shows, schedules, photographs, and performances in the field, will receive notice if addressed to "Tui," Kennel and Field Column, "N.Z. Graphic."

One day last week I visited an auction room not many miles from town to witness the sale of several dogs, being curious as to the quality offered, and prices they would realise. The bidding started in shillings for a Setter (English) who according to the auctioneer would retrieve anything. Two gentlemen were particularly prominent in the bidding, with the result that it soon amounted to pounds, the dog eventually being sold for three pounds odd. The auctioneer remarked when it was being taken away, that the purchaser had secured a bargain and an animal that would retrieve anything. A person in the room said quietly, "I've known that dog for a long time, and I'll swear he'll never retrieve the three pounds just paid for him." The remark greatly amused those who heard it. This incident is only one of many purchases made in the dark. Buyers go to these places for a cheap dog, and take everything for granted they hear of those offered for sale. A fancier who imports and breeds good stock, which he sells at a reasonable figure, is ignored, and his dogs pass as inferior to those without a pedigree, and of uncertain breed.

Mr G. V. Edgecombe's fine little Irish Terrier bitch "Lady Nora," visited Mr Blair's "Blarney Judge" last week. Lady Nora took second honours in the puppy class at the last Auckland K.C. Show, when Waipawa Con won.

Mr T. Shewring has a capital litter of Foxterriers by Auckland Charlie—Auckland Daisy. There are three dog pups in the litter, all of which have been secured by admirers of the breed.

I learn on good authority that Waipawa Con, the Irish Terrier that had such a good season last year on the Show bench, will be a competitor at the Auckland K.C. Show in August.

The death is recorded at Home of the famous Irish Terrier Mutton—Iris. It is thought that Iris never got over the

effect of being buried in a rat hole for three whole days, about three years ago. Iris, (Breda Iris) was bred by Mr J. P. Cinnamon, a well-known name, in dare-devil circles. She was born in June, '89. Her sire was Mr G. J. Barnett's great little dog Bachelor, her dam Breda Florence, by Breda Rattle. It was after she had given birth to Chutney—bought by Miss Hulscher for £100—that Mr G. R. Krell bought her from Mr Wm. Graham for £30. Failing, after one or two attempts, to breed from her, she was sold to her last owner, Mr Geo. Mayall, for £10. At the first time of asking for Mr Mayall she bred Champions Checkmate and Breda Muddler. Among her other progeny must be mentioned the famous dogs Chutney Chaff, Charon, Farndon Mixer, and Check.

By English files to hand I notice that several champions have been beaten. At the Leicestershire Show held on March 7th and 8th, at Leicester, Bolton Woods, Mixer, Moreton, Crooner, Broadlands, Bushful and Master Briar were defeated. There were 76 championships to be competed for, and 340 classes in this show but the entries were not satisfactory.

A very good greyhound has been imported to Auckland lately by a resident of the city. I will give full particulars in my next week's notes.

Exchange Notes.

Gold output this month only reached £40,591 3/9, as the returns from the big companies arrived too late to be included.

The N.Z. Crown's output of bullion for April was the best produced by that Company this year, being £5066 from 2927 tons.

In the New Four in Hand mine, Coromandel, the reef in some of the stopes is 6ft in width, with gold showing in the quartz.

Steps are being taken to establish a School of Mines at Karangahake.

Talisman return this month was £2640 12/9 from 793 tons, average value of ore nearly £3 8/ per ton.

Operations in the Mahara Royal Mine, Tapu, are now confined to the development of the Shannon section only.

An improvement is reported in the value of the ore now being won from the Felipse mine, Thames, 125 tons having yielded bullion worth £296 7/1.

Insurance stocks had excellent demand this week. New Zealand sold at 63/ South British at 58/6, and Nationals at 17/6. Buyers now offer 59/ for South British and 23/ for N.Z. Accident.

Westport coal shares firmed in price, 69/ being offered. This is due to the enormously increased sales as an outcome of the demand created by the war.

Whanganui Gold Corporation return this month was £1163 16/ from 853 tons.

Waitekauri shares did not maintain the whole of the advance noted last week, sales being made at 51/ with further buyers at the same rate.

A rich patch of specimens was struck by tributaries in the May Queen of Hauraki mine. Riley and Co. (18 men), treated 311 tons for 187oz 18dwt of gold, of which 150oz were obtained from 120lb picked stone, which was found in one patch in one foot ground. Their return was £333 7/1.

Negotiations are in progress for the acquirement of the Maratoto property and plant by the Hikutaia Gold Syndicate. Maratoto shares sold from 1/2 to 1/6 in consequence.

During the month of April the Tararu Creek Company's battery worked 221 days, and crushed 1280 tons of ore, which yielded bullion valued at £1445 3/2.

Tributers in the Harbour View mine Coromandel, have bunked 39lbs of picked stone.

Inquiries were made this week for Kauri Timber shares, 113d being offered for contributing, and 4/6 for paid up issue.

Tributers in the Purn Consolidated mine at Thames crushed 59 tons of ore for a yield of 40oz 3dwt of bullion, valued at £2 13/3 per oz, total returns being £107 13/9.

Widit shares have had steady demand at 29/4d, but no sales resulted.

The tributaries in the No. 1 section of the Hauraki Associated mine, at Coro-

mandel, have treated a small parcel of general ore, for a return of bullion valued at £2 13/5.

The Monowai Gold Mining Company's battery, at Waioimo, commenced crushing operations on Monday last. The new machinery is running well. Operations in the mine are in full progress, and sufficient quartz is available to keep the battery going.

The Glenrock Consolidated Company, of Mactown, Otago, cleaned up for the month of April, and from 150 tons crushed, obtained 103oz 11dwt 15gr gold. During the month 16 tons of concentrates were treated for a yield of 131oz 11dwt 11gr smelted gold. This return has enabled the company to more than pay expenses, leaving a balance for remittance to London.

Five tribute parties in the Moanatafari mine crushed ore this month which yielded bullion worth £101 3/10.

The Kauri Freehold Gold Estates report that at the No. 2 level in the Maiden section the reef has opened out to a width of eleven feet, and the average assay value of the ore broken down was £1 8/ per ton.

Mr F. Holdsworth has replaced Captain Hodge as manager of the Royal Oak mine. The return this month was £215 from 145 tons of ore.

Better prospects are reported from the Komata Reefs mine. Shares had steady buyers at about 1/9.

The Southern gold returns reported this week are as follows:—Big River, 77oz 14dwt 15gr retorted gold from 98 tons; Buller Dredge, 13oz gold from 134 hours' work. About 6000oz of gold was also won by various dredges, exclusive of Hartley and Riley's.

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NO. IV.—THE NURSE.

Nurse Roberts writes:—I cannot speak too highly of Dr. Tibbles' Vi-Cocoa. My youngest son, who has been feeling very badly, assures me that he feels much better and stronger since he has taken Dr. Tibbles' Vi-Cocoa, and we shall continue to use it. I find it has a pleasant flavour, and it is also the most sustaining and invigorating beverage I have ever met with. I shall have much pleasure in recommending Vi-Cocoa to my friends and patients, and you may use this testimony if you like.

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