

ties. These are in making brilliant recoveries. If the wind happens to take the ball off the course into the rough, a splendid stroke may be made by a skilled hand, not hitting the ball in the centre, for it would not rise; not hitting too much below, for there would only be a "dull"; but slightly below the centre of the ball, with a sharp wrist jerk. Then, as to recovering from a bad lie on the green, much skill is needed to jerk in properly, and make the ball fly, especially against the wind, with a beautiful swallow-like motion, skimming a few feet above the ground until it rises suddenly before the final fall. Never to realise having a bad lie on the green was the opinion of a master hand like Tommy Morris. He used his driver throughout the course; a cupped ball he would make "leave that" with an intense power of wrist, which off the driver went about as far as a ball from the level.

In Conclusion.

One who can play the mid-noon well is frequently very successful in approaching. He can strike the ball in three ways, even with a full swing; and sparing a ball is generally fraught with mischief. By half-topping the ball he can carry it a longer distance; next, by a fair shot he has the natural; then, by a buff, the distance covered is shorter. He can negotiate according to his judgment; and this is a nicety.

A man like Yardon can give a twist to the drive so as to turn the corner of a wood; but that is a nicety beyond most players. Taylor's lofting masher pitches are the work of an inimitable master-hand. Planning for the second shot is also a nicety worth studying. Cheating the wind off the tee with a half top is also a successful stroke. But the players at the top of the tree, who are up to all the acknowledged niceties, have each some favourite stroke, which makes them feel at home. Lucky is it when they have this offered in an important match!

Miscellaneous.

In their leisure moments, while attending the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the annual match between twelve members of the United Free Church and the Church of Scotland will be played over the course at Barrnton, the home of the Edinburgh Burgess Golfing Society. The result was a win for the former.

Captain Hutcheson came within an ace of winning last year's amateur championship. During this spring he has made notable performances, and at Landwich the cherished trophy, St. George's vase (the most valuable golf prize in the world, £500) was won by Captain Hutcheson. He has placed himself alongside many champions. His score of 167 is four strokes worse than that which gave the victory to Mr S. H. Fry last year, and is four strokes better than the second aggregate.

The length of the Hoylake golf course is: Out, 3185 yards; in, 3276 yards. The full length of the course is 6465 yards.

The amateur and professional records for the Hoylake course are 71, Mr. Graham having possession of the former, and Herd of the latter. Mr. John Low considers that the first hole 420 yards is the finest two-shot hole of its kind in England.

The 17th hole at Saltford is becoming known all over the Kingdom, for three times within a few weeks has it been scored in one stroke. It certainly should in future be known as the "record" hole.

Miss E. Grant Suttie, Champion, has broken the record of the Datchet Club, going round in 78, and the Ascot Club, going round in 72.

Miss Lander has won the South of Ireland Ladies' Championship at Teanmore.

It is inadvisable to take a trial swing after seeing the ball if a photographer happens to be in the vicinity. Slasher committed this error of judgment during a recent county meeting, and was greatly flattered on hearing that his portrait had appeared in one of the London weeklies. His pleasure was turned to pain, however, when he bought the paper and read the title of the picture, "Missed It Again."

When going to the eighth hole in the afternoon of the final one hole before the match ended, Mr Ball was tackled by a number of small schoolboys, who offered him bits of paper, and begged for his autograph. The champion, in his good nature, stopped in his march to the green, and complied, making the children very happy.

"What's the difference between an amateur and a professional?" "One pays for play, and the other plays for pay!"

As soon as the presentation of the medals was done, Mr Ball went off in a friend's motor-car to get out of the way. Next morning, before 8 o'clock, he was feeding his chickens as usual. Championships do not disturb the serenity of his excellent and modest life.

Certainly the most unfortunate man at Hoylake was Mr. Gillies, who, though playing golf of the very highest order, against Mr. Graham, was beaten by a margin which would suggest that he could hardly play at all. Fancy doing only one over four for thirteen holes, and losing by six and five!

"What is a recognised golf club?" "One that couldn't possibly be mistaken for a polo stick or a croquet mallet."

Golfer (about to putt, referring to the state of the game): "What have I got this for, hoy?" (Caddie (regarding with disapproval a new "freak" club which he has handed out): "To try and putt with, I suppose, sir."

"He who would command his club, must first learn to command his temper."

Nervous Man: "I don't like playing in this thunderstorm. I once heard of a poor fellow who was killed by the lightning being attracted to his clubs." Skipper: "No; really? By Jove, I'm glad I brought out a caddie to-day. Here, boy, turn the clubs head downwards, and—you needn't follow me quite so close."

Mr. Spooner, S.C. (a neophyte): "This is my ball, I think."

Colonel Bunting (an adept): "By Jove! that's a jolly good lie."

Mr. Spooner: "Really, Bunting, we're very good friends, of course; but I do think you might find a pleasanter way of pointing out a perfectly unintentional mistake."

The old politician lay speechless in bed; His cold was so bad that he got no repose. He scarcely could think how to "act," it is said.

To follow the "eyes," or to run with the "knees," His cold was so bad that he got no repose. That cough I'd "unseat," and the illness "defeat."

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FIXTURES.

Aug. 9, 11 and 13—C.J.C. Grand National
Oct. 12, 15 — Auckland Trotting Club Spring
Sept. 17, 21, and 24—Avondale J. C. Spring
Nov. 19, 23—Otauhu T.C. Spring
Dec. 27, 31, Jan. 7 — A.T.C. Summer

Mr John Rowe, of Auckland, has been re-elected president of the N.Z. Trotting Conference.

The Trainers and Jockeys' Provident Fund of the Auckland Racing Club is in credit £1409 15.11.

In riding Dogger Bank to victory at Trentham on Wednesday, Mark Ryan rode his first winner on the course.

The Wellington Racing Club conclude their Winter Meeting to-day, the gathering closing, the season of 1909-10.

F. Stenning has just started on the rising three-year-old Holdfast, by Gluten — Coweb.

C. Cross has been engaged to ride Prophet in his engagements at the C.J.C. Winter Meeting.

Four first favourites were successful on the opening day of the Wellington Racing Club's Winter Meeting.

The Finland gelding Rohrbokoff, which has been enjoying a short spell, was to have resumed work again this week.

A motion to grant the Wellington Racing Club an extra day for their Summer Meeting was rejected by the Conference.

Totalisator receipts amounted to £1444, and the revenue from bookmakers' licenses came to £463.

The amount received by the Auckland Racing Club from their gates and grandstand during the past season amounted to £876 11/6.

The victories of White Cockade at Wellington have had the effect of bringing the son of Finland into prominence for the C.J.C. National Hurdles, and he is now one of the favourites for that event.

The following names have been claimed for Auckland-owned rising two-year-olds: Royal Irish, br c, by Soult — Asthore; Lady Gluteu, br f, by Gluteu — Soult Rose; and Obobe, b f, by Obligado — Cythera.

The Menschikoff—Armita colt Tawlaiki, which ran second to Morecambe in the Trial Plate at Trentham, has yet to win a race. The winner is a full brother to Kaituma, and was sent out a very hot favourite.

The Auckland-owned horse Ngatupa was sent out in the position of third favourite for the Parliamentary Handicap at Trentham on Saturday, but was never prominent at any stage of the race, and finished a long way back.

The feature of the racing on the opening day of the Wellington Racing Club's Winter Meeting was the success of the Hon. J. D. Ormond's colours, which were carried to victory in three events. All the winners were ridden by F. D. Jones.

Out of the last eight Wellington Steeplechases run, horses hailing from the Auckland Province have won on five occasions: Nor-west Iron in 1903, Kintore in 1904 and 1905, Haydn in 1907, and Capitot this season.

H. Gray and A. Julian are at the head of winning horsemen on the flat and over fences respectively for the 1909-10 racing season. Each receives a gold watch and gold-mounted whip, presented by Wellington tradesmen.

An effort was made to secure H. Gray's services for Master Soult in his Australian engagements, but it is understood that the New Plymouth horseman has accepted a retainer from Mr G. D. Greenwood, and is therefore unable to make the trip.

A good word comes from the South for White Cockade, which won the Peninsula Hurdle Handicap, on the opening day of the Wellington meeting. White Cockade is engaged in the C.J.C. National Hurdles, in which he will have to carry 6.5.

The Awapuni trainer, G. Price, has just received an interesting letter from L. H. Hewitt, who has been riding in Austria for the past couple of seasons. At the time the letter was written, Hewitt was at the head of the list of winning jockeys in Aus-

tralis, having two wins more than the Victorian, H. Garsdale. Hewitt's victories included five of the principal races in that country. If he can spare the necessary time, he intends to pay a visit to Sydney next Christmas. He planned a trip last year, but was unable to carry it out.

The stallion Marble Arch, imported from Australia by Mr W. Walters, was not allowed to land, but was taken to Motuhi, where he will have to stay for the necessary time to place him outside the quarantine regulations in connection with horses hailing from Brisbane.

A statement appears in a southern paper to the effect that C. Brown is to ride Master Soult in his Australian engagements, but this is not correct. Negotiations are in progress for the services of one of the leading Australian horsemen, but nothing definite has yet been decided on.

The Masterton Racing Club has had a very bad year, principally owing to book-makers, who seriously interfere with the totalisator revenue, and wet weather. There is a fairly heavy debit balance. The sum of £2500 was spent in stakes during the past year.

It now transpires that A. Julian had his collar-bone fractured when Audax fell over him in the Wellington Steeplechase. The mishap is a bit of bad luck for the Auckland horseman, as it will probably keep him out of the saddle at the C.J.C. National Meeting.

The rising two-year-old filly, by Obligado—Cythera in the Stenning stable, while being led yesterday, broke away and galloped about on the roads for some time before she was caught again. Although she had one or two narrow escapes, she got off without any serious damage.

The N.Z. Racing Conference decided to ask for a permit from the Papakura Racing Club, the Auckland district being entitled to one more permit. Applications by Strath-Treich, Stratford, Tararua, Marton, Waverley, Waitotara, Horowhenua, Tararua-Carterton, and Waikarapa Clubs were refused.

The N.Z. Trotting Conference have decided that where it is necessary, owing to the number of horses engaged, to run a race in heats, the first three in each heat are to start in the final. The totalisator would only be opened as on the one race, and would be closed before the start of the first heat.

It has been definitely decided that, all going well in the meantime, Master Soult will be shipped to Australia on August 8. The brilliant son of Soult will probably be taken over by his trainer, Denis Moran, who will remain with the horse and prepare him for his Australian engagements.

Mr H. R. McKenzie arrived back from Australia by the Melbore on Sunday, with the stallion Penny, which is now located at Ascot Stud Farm, Manurewa. Experts who examined Penny, pronounce him as one of the finest horses yet imported into this country, and Mr McKenzie should have no reason to regret the money expended on his purchase.

The many friends of Mr W. Lyons will be pleased to hear that he has far recovered as to be able to leave the private hospital of which he has been an inmate for some time, and return to his home at Parramatta. Mr Lyons has had rather a critical time of it, but now that he is on the mend, it is to be hoped that he will soon be his old self again.

The Auckland horse Elektrakoff was sent out a warm favourite for the Stewards' Handicap, which he won at Trentham on Saturday, and getting into a winning position at the end of the second furlong, never let the field near him, having three lengths advantage when he passed the post. Elektrakoff has earned a big name for the Winter Cup, which will bring his weight up to 10.0.

After all the flourishing of trumpets and drawing-up of regulations for the appointment of stewards, there is not the slightest doubt he is wanted, and especially at the smaller meetings. However, a dead net is made against his introduction by a certain section who seem to have sufficient influence and support to keep the question closed.

When the appeal of L. B. Harris for the removal of his life disqualification was before the N.Z. Racing conference, the judges appointed to consider the case reported that they were not unanimous as to whether