

THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR OF THE AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

THE SPORTING REVIEW has been appointed the Official Calendar for the publication of all programmes in the Provincial District of Auckland, in terms of Rule 17 of the Rules of Racing.

Rule 17 reads:—The programme of each meeting in which the added money is £100 or upwards must be advertised in full once at least in the Official Calendar.

All notifications for the future published in this column are so published under the authority of the Auckland Racing Club, and are binding on country clubs and others, who must therefore duly note the same.

Table with columns for names (Mr. Marangal, Mr. J. Forth, Mr. J. Sutton, etc.) and descriptions of racing silks (First colours, Black jacket, etc.).

ASSUMED NAMES: C. E. Woodburn, J. Cartwright, J. Lowther, C. Sexton, R. Burke, J. Sutton, J. Forth.

The following trainers have been granted licenses by the Auckland Racing Club:—H. Harrison, J. B. Williamson, John Rae, D. Morrighan, Adam Byers, F. Stening, F. McManamin, W. McManamin, F. Dodd, James Kean, G. Wright, J. Fletcher, H. Smith, Murdoch McKenzie, Archie McMillan, H. Hickton, J. McHugh, G. Absolum, Michael Maher, Alex Smith, Robert Smith, William Harrison, Walter Wilmott, Walter Mason, James Brown, Alex. Boyle, Alex. Parsons, P. Malone, W. F. Pearson, Harry Moore, Jas. Brown, Henry French, John Egan, Charles Guff, R. Marshall, W. H. Windsor, A. H. Barron.

The following jockeys have been licensed by the Auckland Racing Club:—Thos. Taylor, R. Ryan, Thos. Stewart, Fred Bay, A. McPherson, W. Gilly, W. Rayner, John Slater, J. Creamer, Jas. Skeats, T. Morrighan, P. Hammond, James Pyne, Koss Heaton, Alec Williams, W. Shaw, Hy. Priest, F. Davis, W. Smith, Harry Johnson, Joseph Duff, W. Quarterman, E. Collins, R. Wright, J. Gallagher, J. Carey, W. M. Hatfield, E. Donovan, R. Hall, C. Parker, J. Quinton, J. Homan, W. Moberley, John Farmer, Henry Smith, Sam Cook, H. Eva, J. Pennell, E. Duggan, G. W. Banks, Nathaniel Noble, G. E. Cudd, J. Keane, F. Burns, D. McKinnon, D. Wright, G. Donovan, T. Sharp, C. Coleman, W. Ashdown, Alfred Cook, John Cook, E. Monroe, Ambrose Dixon, Thomas Greenwood, E. Williams, James Donovan, James Buchanan, W. J. Williams, Robert Marshall, James Malone, John Delaney, Arthur Heyden, Wm. Barron, Alex. Sammons, Alfred Williams, John Casey, W. Neilley, Thomas Mahon, John Wells, Wm. Powell, Thomas Atkins, H. Weal, T. Moore, A. Haydin, H. Cusdin, J. E. Parsons, Thomas Hodson, John Callaghan, — Tye, W. Laing, Wm. Braybrooke, H. Berry, W. Gall, T. Ward, J. Hutton, W. Jackson.

Apprentices' licences have been granted to Ben Jones, W. Brown, E. Headley, James Mitchell, W. Oliver, John Stewart, R. Donovan, Bert Cartleton, F. Farrell, Joe Scotts, Thomas Hall, Wm. Parker, J. Munro, H. Ratford, Joseph Wren, C. Walker.

The following have been granted gentlemen riders' licenses:—Messrs Bates and Moody.

PROGRAMMES PASSED: Waerenga-a-hika J.C.—May 24; Gisborne Park Steeplechase Meeting—July 15.

DISQUALIFICATIONS: All horses, trainers, jockeys, and owners that took part in the Northern Waikato Racing Club Meeting, held on the 26th and 27th December, 1892, and the Whangarei Racing Club Meeting, held on 6th and 7th January, 1893, are disqualified. The disqualification has been removed by the A.R.C. from ponies, owners, trainers and jockeys that have competed at meetings at Potter's Paddock prior to 1st August, 1893. The disqualification of John Pennell, jockey, by the Thames Jockey Club, for six months, from 26th Dec., has been endorsed by the A.R.C. William A. Martin, nominator, is disqualified for wrong description of horse at a race meeting held at Pakarua on 25th November last. The following disqualifications have been removed:—Thomas McConnell and horse Kinross, Charles Whitley, and horse Malabar, Ingorina, and Arawa.

The Committee of the Auckland Racing Club meet on the first Monday in each month to pass programmes and transact general business. Mr. F. W. Edwards was appointed starter to the A.R.C. by the Committee on December 6th.

WM. PERCIVAL, SECRETARY.

LIST OF RACING CLUBS UNDER A.R.C.'S JURISDICTION.

Table listing racing clubs (Alexandra Racing Club, Avonlea Racing Club, etc.) with columns for Club, Secretary, and No. of Votes.

Table listing racing clubs (Waikato Hunt Club, Waikato Racing Club, etc.) with columns for Club and names.

SPORTING FIXTURES ETC

COMING EVENTS: May 19, 24—Takapuna J.C.; May 24—Wanganui J.C.; May 24—Otaki Maori Meeting; May 24—Town and Suburban Racing Club; May 24, 26—Dunedin J.C.; May 24—Waerenga-a-Hika Jockey Club; June 8, 9—Auckland Racing Club Winter; June 23—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter; June 23—Hawke's Bay Hunt Club; July 5—Gisborne Park Steeplechase Meeting; August 9, 11—C.J.C. Grand National Meeting.

ENGLAND: June 6—Derby Stakes; June 8—Oaks Stakes; September 12—St. Leger Stakes.

NOMINATIONS: May 21—Takapuna Jockey Club, Second Day; May 30—Auckland Racing Club General Entries; May 28—Dunedin J.C., Dunedin Stakes, 1894, and Champagne Stakes, 1895; June 1—New Zealand Cup and C.J.C. Champagne Stakes.

HANDICAPS: June 8—Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Winter; July 11—N.Z. Grand National Steeplechase.

FINAL PAYMENTS: June 6—A.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race; June 9—Great Northern Steeplechase; Aug. 6—N.Z. Grand National Steeplechase and Hurdle Race.

COURSING: June 6, 7, 8—Dunedin Plumpton Meeting; June 13, 16—Auckland Coursing Club; July 4, 5, 6—Dunedin Plumpton Meeting; July 11, 14—Auckland Coursing Club; August 15, 18—Auckland Coursing Club 1894 (opening meeting)—Dunedin Coursing Club's Challenge Stakes; 1894 (June)—Auckland Coursing Club's Northern Challenge Stakes. (Nominations closed October 27.)

HUNTING: WAIRARAPA HUNT CLUB. Saturday, May 26, Martinborough. Thursday, June 14, Masterton. Thursday, June 21, Carterton. Thursday, July 12, Featherston. Thursday, July 19, Morrison's Bush.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

In every case correspondents must enclose their correct names and addresses but not for publication, as no notice whatever can be taken of anonymous communications. The Secretaries of Racing, Rowing, Cricket, Football, Tennis, Polo, Yachting, Bicycle, Dramatic—in short of any and every kind of Athletic, Sporting, and Dramatic Clubs are cordially invited to send us any information that may be of interest to the public and of use in furthering their interests.

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NOTICE TO REVIEW READERS.

The Proprietor of the SPORTING REVIEW begs to announce that MR. R. G. PARDY has been appointed Travelling Correspondent for the REVIEW. Accounts will be collected by MR. PARDY, whose receipt will be a sufficient discharge.

THE PROPRIETOR, SPORTING REVIEW.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

As APPLICATIONS are continually being made to the proprietor of the SPORTING REVIEW to invest money on the Totalisator at local race meetings, he has decided, for the convenience of subscribers living at a distance, to accept the same, provided the amount of such investment is forwarded with instructions. Five per cent. will be charged on all winning amounts to defray expenses.

Sporting Review.

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1894.

THE Takapuna Meeting showed one thing and that was that in future there should be some racing regulation prohibiting any trainer holding his horse's head at the post, as was the case in the Pony Handicap. Through Carbuncle's trainer holding the mare's head and remaining with her some distance behind the field, fully half-a-dozen excellent starts were lost, and a considerable amount of time wasted. Every time the field got in line Carbuncle was sure to be standing a couple of lengths in the rear with her head held. Under the circumstances it was impossible for Mr Halstead to drop the flag, although we think he was asked to consider the mare too much. There should be no bridle holding at the post. If a jockey cannot hold his horse at the post, the owner should obtain the services of another rider, and rather than see the chances of the other horses affected and the time of the public wasted, we would urge Mr Halstead in the event of a similar occurrence to that of Saturday last, to send the horse and rider back to the paddock and let the owner find a rider who is able to control his horse. And there's this to be considered. There is not the slightest doubt in the world that the bridle holding business affected Carbuncle's chance. Even if she had been fractious left alone with her rider she could not have been left more badly at the post than was the case, and in all probability her disinclination to move at the fall of the flag was due to the fact that she was cold and comparatively lifeless through being held by the head too long. A horse that has a man hanging on to its bridle has not the same life and action and chance of getting well off the mark as a horse that is free and moving and jumping about. In future we hope there will be no holding business at the post, and we are glad to say Mr Halstead is determined not to allow such an occurrence again. If a trainer appears at the post he will be asked whether the rider cannot hold his horse, and if an answer be given in the affirmative the trainer will be asked to take the horse back to the saddling paddock and obtain a rider who can hold the animal in position.

As others see us. A Sydney racing man who was recently on a visit to New Zealand writes to the Sydney Referee to say that during a four months' trip he did not see a really high-class racehorse. He is willing to admit that several good handicap horses came under his notice, but "nothing out of the common." The two-year-olds he classed as only moderate, and the position of champion, he accorded to Bluefire, by Maxim—Sapphira. But as regards her his praise is decidedly weak. To quote him, "She is no doubt a beautifully-bred filly on both sides, and she can gallop fast, but does not look up to weight, and the opposition was not of the strongest." Castor's colt, Casket, he declares, showed up as a non-stayer in the Challenge Stakes, and, to his mind, Mr Morrin will be interested to learn, Castor is hardly the sort of horse to make a good sire. To use his own words, "That he may get stock good-looking and able to gallop I have no doubt, but all the good sires that I can call to mind have been good, strong, vigorous horses, as well as good performers, such as Musket, Panic, Fisherman, and Yattendon. Trenton has all the qualities of a good sire, being a most vigorous horse. On the other side, Grand Flaneur was a great racehorse, but much more of the effeminate type, and he has certainly not been a great success as a sire." Loyalty fairly showed up the three-year-olds, he thinks, and their form is set down as certainly behind the Australian colts. "Amongst the older horses there are certainly some very good ones on the turf in New Zealand, but not up to the standard of such horses as Trenton and other celebrities. Merganser is considered a very high-class mare, but as she was amiss I did not see her. A mare named Lady Zetland won the double at the Canterbury meeting, beating a fair field; but I think she is hardly up to Caulfield or Melbourne Cup form. A hurdle horse named Kulnine, a perfect gentleman, won two flat races with hard on to 9.0 on his back, and won like a racehorse; and in my opinion he was one of the best horses I saw. If he is as good over hurdles as he is on the flat it will take a regular Redleap to beat him at that game. Prime Warden, Quadrant, and Liberator are all good handicap horses. Stepniak was not as well as

when at Randwick, and perhaps he has not forgotten that memorable three miles some of the punters I have no doubt remember." That New Zealand is a country well adapted to raising thoroughbred stock our critic admits. In fact, he says there is no doubt about, but, says he, "you can not go on for ever producing racehorses from one strain of blood, and now they have got so much Musket blood that if they don't very soon hit upon some fresh sire to take the old horse's place it may be a long time before they give us the champions as of yore." What about St. Leger, as good a sire as any in the colonies. "None of Musket's sons, at present standing in New Zealand, have produced anything high-class. Maxton they sold to go to America, Trenton Mr W. R. Wilson has, Nordenfeldt is at Mr S. Hordern's stud farm. Strathmore and Zalinski, grandsons of the old horse, are also both in Victoria." Quite true. Respecting the totalisator, he considers it is like all gambling machines; if you play long enough the bank will have all the money. He does not think you could win £500 on a single race in N.Z. unless you were prepared to lay odds on, and the fact of having to pay 10 per cent. for the privilege of wagering a pound evidently does not meet with his approbation. As for our jockeys, with the exception of Derrett, they are put down as "very moderate," and as for the starting and the trainers he says: "The starting is very bad right through the whole of both islands. The trainers are, with the exception of Mason, Goodman, Cutts, Butler, Kean and Wright, and perhaps another or two, men of inferior ability, judging from the condition I saw their horses in. Candid to say the least of it.

REFERRING to the death of Dutch Oven after foaling a colt foal to St. Simon, the well-known sporting writer "Verax" says:—"Dutch Oven was a wonderfully good mare on the turf. I saw her win several races, the most notable being her victory in the Doncaster St. Leger in 1882. That was a mare's year with a vengeance, as Shotover won the Two Thousand and the Derby, and the places in the St. Leger were all occupied by fillies. Shotover and Geheimniss, the latter the Oaks winner, were well backed for the race, Dutch Oven, with Fred Archer in the saddle, going out at 40 to 1 or more. It was a wonderful sight to see Archer beat the favourites on Lord Falmouth's outsider. Dutch Oven went amiss before the race, and was not considered to have much chance, but Archer fairly beat the others in the run home, after handling the mare in the most careful manner. I was in the Salutation Hotel the night before the race, when a peculiar-looking individual strolled in and began to converse freely with those about him. He had evidently got Dutch Oven on the brain, for he vowed the mare would be sure to win next day. I fancied I had seen the man before somewhere, so after shouting a drink for him, questioned him. He was one of those peculiar hangers-on of the turf who had seen better days. I soon found out that where last I had seen him was on Doncaster railway platform the year before when Archer rode his celebrated victory in the St. Leger on the American, Iroquois. He was in trouble on that occasion, and he reminded me that I was one of a few who had clubbed together and saw him home, or, as he put it, 'through.' What he knew about Dutch Oven I did not enquire, but he was so sanguine about her winning that he induced me to make a modest investment on the mare. How she won is a matter of turf history, Geheimniss and Shotover finishing behind her. Dutch Oven was sold at Lord Falmouth's sale for 3000gs., but she was a failure at the stud."

The Victorian judge His Honor, Judge Molesworth argues against the totalisator that many men, women and children who do not go to races are tempted to bet through the medium of the machine. Concerning which argument "Asmodeus," of the Melbourne Leader, writes:—"I fail to see that the machine offers greater encouragement in this respect than do the book-makers, the numerous sweep promoters, or the private betting shops and secret totes. As far as women and boys are concerned, a law could easily be made prohibiting them from betting in any shape or form. While admiring Judge Molesworth's apprehension for the moral welfare of the community at large, particularly the betting portion of it, I fear the theories he propounds for the cure of the betting evil are not likely to achieve the object in view. It is perhaps a pity we cannot have horse racing without betting, but to expect people to go to Flemington without having their pound on a race is as unreasonable as to ask the more saintly section of the community to go to a prayer meeting and not pray. When racing ceases to be the sport of the masses, then, and then only, will gambling in horse flesh disappear. He's dead right there."