

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.

COLOURS. (Registered with the Auckland Racing Club.) Mr. Marangal ... First colours—The Hula: Black jacket, old gold collar, white peak.

Mr. J. Forth ... Blue body, white sleeves and sash, blue and white cap. Mr. J. Sutton ... Black body, cherry sleeves and cap.

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. Morrigan, Adam Byers, F. Stening, F. McManamin, W. McManamin, F. Dodd, James Keane, 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 Willmott, Walter Mason, James Brown, Alex. Boyle, Alex. Parsons, P. Malone, W. F. Pearson, Harry Moore, Jas. Browne, 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 Say, A. McPherson, W. Gilly, W. Rayner, John Slater, D. Creamer, Jas. Skeates, T. Morrighan, P. Hammond, James Pyne, Koss Heaton, Alec Williams, W. Shaw, Hy. Priest, F. Davis, W. Smith, Harry Johnson, Joseph Duff, W. Quarterman, R. 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 Sceatts, 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. Gisborne Park Steeplechase Meeting—July 15

DISQUALIFICATIONS. All horses, trainers, jockeys, and owners that took part in the Northern Wairoa 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 Pakarae on 28th November last.

The following disqualifications have been removed:—Thomas McConnell and horse Kinross, Charles Whitley, and horses 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 with 3 columns: Club, Secretary, No. of Votes. Lists various racing clubs like Alexandra Racing Club, Awitua Racing Club, Avondale Jockey Club, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Club, Name. Lists Waikato Hunt Club, Waipi racing Club, Waikanae-Hika J. Club, Whatawhata Racing Club.

SPORTING FIXTURES ETC

COMING EVENTS. June 6. 9—Auckland Racing Club Winter June 22—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter June 28—Hawke's Bay Hunt Club July 5—Gisborne Park Steeplechase Meeting August 9, 11—C.J.C. Grand National Meeting

AUSTRALIA. June 4—Victorian Racing Club July 7—V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race July 14—V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase August 11—V.A.T.C. Steeplechase Meeting

ENGLAND. June 6—Derby Stakes June 8—Oats Stakes September 12—St. Leger Stakes

NOMINATIONS. May 28—Dunedin J.C., Dunedin Stakes, 1894, and Champagne Stakes, 1895 June 1—New Zealand Cup and C.J.C. Champagne Stakes June 16—Gisborne Park Steeplechase Club

HANDICAPS. June 8—Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Winter June 23—Gisborne Park Steeplechase Club July 11—N.Z. Grand National Steeplechase

ACCEPTANCES. June 28—Gisborne Park Steeplechase Club

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, 14—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. WAIKANA HUNT CLUB. 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.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"SPORT."—You can certainly run him under A.T.C. rules, but if you do so you cannot go back to the A.R.C. You must either stick to Ellerslie or Potter's Paddock. The reason why lies with the Auckland Racing Club.

Sporting Review.

THURSDAY, MAY 31, 1894.

An important suggestion which is worthy of consideration is put forward by Mr O. Samuels, a prominent member of the Taranaki Jockey Club, in a letter which was read at the annual meeting of that body on Friday night last. The full text of the communication is given in another column and will well repay perusal. The letter deals with the existing mode of dividing totalisator money, and advocates a system which is in use elsewhere, viz., of paying out on placed horses instead of only on the winner. Mr Samuel's suggestion is that in future the totalisator money, after the usual deductions are made, should be paid out on the first and second horses in the proportion of two-thirds on the first and one-third on the second. In the case of a dead heat the money would be distributed as at present, and if only two horses were backed, the scheme provides that the present rule of paying on the winner only would be retained. The propounder of the scheme has worked out roughly what would have been the results if the rule which he proposes had been adopted at the Taranaki Autumn Meeting, and gives the figures that would have been paid for every race. There is a lot to be said in favour of Mr Samuel's proposition and a certain amount to be said against it. When one knows a horse can do a certain distance in a given time, that he will be well ridden, and will run up to form, it is undoubtedly annoying to have your dividend snatched from you by a decision of "a short head" being given against him. Indeed it is very much to be questioned whether this short head business should not be done away with and a horse required to win with a clear head or be placed on a dead heat with the one that runs him so close. But this by the way. In a case like the one suggested we are inclined to back up Mr Samuel's suggestion. But a certain amount has to be said on the other side. For instance, according to his showing of what would have been the result at the Taranaki Autumn Meeting, had his idea been carried out, in five races it would have paid one better to back the second, rather than the first, horse, and the policy of that state of things being introduced is very much to be questioned. It would then pay a rider (or his backers) for him to finish second rather than first, and then where would we be? It would be a case of an owner studying the figures on the machine before he gave his jockey instructions how to ride. Then, again, would it be fair to pay out on a second horse who was beaten hopelessly by half-a-dozen lengths or so? The question is a nice one. And in the Hack Race at Taranaki, according to Mr Samuel's suggestion, those who backed the first horse would have got 19s for their £1 for their successful picking, while the backers of the second animal would have got £1 7s. Before approval can be given to Mr Samuel's scheme a lot of consideration is required.

DEFEAT has once again been Mr Dan O'Brien's portion in the matter of the Challenge Stakes dispute, but Loyalty's owner is determined to keep his sabre drawn, and has announced his intention, through his legal representative, of carrying the matter before the Privy Council. It will be remembered that Mr O'Brien sued Mr G. G. Stead, the treasurer of the Canterbury Jockey Club, to compel him to render accounts of the money received by him in connection with the Challenge Stakes, claiming that this was considerably in excess of the sum of £1520 received by him as the full amount of the stakes. The judgment went against him, and he appealed to have that ruling set aside. His appeal was dismissed and costs entered up against him on the highest scale. So far so good. It is a legal matter in which we can have no footing. But what follows. Mr Justice Richmond said "it was almost scandalous to bring such a case into a court of justice, and to talk of taking it to the Privy Council increased the scandal. That was the reason for putting the plaintiff under the severest terms. It was a pity such cases were allowed into a court of justice." So because the case concerned racing it was a scandal to bring it before a court of justice; and to talk of taking it before the Privy Council,

as Mr O'Brien had, increased the scandal. And, if you please, that was Mr Justice Richmond's reason for putting the plaintiff under the severest terms and for awarding costs against him on the highest scale. This is a nice thing indeed. The country, therefore the law, accepts so much per annum in totalisator percentage and yet a servant of the law announces from the full court that if you are swindled by a racing club (no insinuation re the C.J.C. meant) you should not go to law because it is a scandal, Mr Justice Richmond's remarks will be read with interest throughout New Zealand, and will afford sportsmen some idea as to what sort of a prejudice exists in his mind in matters relating to the turf.

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[FROM OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

WELLINGTON.

May 26.

It is expected, so I am informed, that the Hawke's Bay Hunt Club Steeplechase Meeting will prove a pronounced success. It is to be held the last week in June, and the promoters deserve a pleasurable and profitable gathering. That a large number of entries will be received for the various events coloured on the card is pretty certain, as nearly every member has either one or two hunters likely to start. Hunting has caught on well in the Hawke's Bay district lately, and a steeplechase gathering such as it is proposed to hold, should give the sport considerable impetus.

Vain Glory's win at Te Kohitanga shows that Escutcheon has not produced bad stock. Banner, Buckler, and Vain Glory, all winners lately, are all by the son of Musket.

A fresh inmate of R. Gooseman's stables is Hikurangi, who hails from the Gisborne district, where he has performed sometimes with success in inferior company. At present he is in preparation for some of the hunter events. He is by no means an attractive looking animal, and doesn't look a Carbine in the galloping or staying line. However, Gooseman will soon ascertain his abilities in this direction. His owner is a genuine sport.

The permit to use the totalisator at the Maori meeting near Masterton the other day, did not arrive until a quarter of an hour before the first race started. Even then if any red tape had been practised in the colonial secretary's office the officials would not have received it until a few days afterwards. Application was made for it only two days before the meeting. This was rather bad management; but the secretary had been absent from Masterton, and the Natives ran the show their own way. There was rather a comical side to the scales question. Weighing apparatus is a necessary adjunct to every race meeting, but on this occasion they forgot all about them. There was consequently a delay until they were carted from Masterton, which is nearly two miles away. Then things would not run smoothly, for the driver ran against a gate post and smashed the scales. Then stilliards were procured, and it was rather good fun watching the jockeys getting weighed like so many carcasses of pork. The funniest part of the proceedings, though, was when the moon and stars made their appearance, and shed their refulgent rays on an assorted gathering of sporting humanity. When this occurred the Natives deemed it advisable to go home to tea and resume the racing on the morrow.

I have seen some starters in my time, but the one at this meeting took the turf cake, which is not always full of plums. He was a daisy without a doubt. In one race he kept the animals at the post thirty-five minutes, and the other waits were all on a par with this one. In starting a private match afterwards, between two horses, there were half-a-dozen breaks away before he let them go. The longer his fields were kept at the post the less chance he seemed to have of sending them away in a line. However—Maori like—he seemed to have great faith in his abilities, and fancied himself greatly on his Masterton Carbine with his little red flag.

A peculiar thing happened in the big event, in which the machine paid out on three horses—Makomako and Vain Glory, who ran a dead heat, and Bangor, who was bracketed with the last named, and who was never in the hunt. Strange to say, when Vain Glory won on the second day, there was another horse bracketed with her—Marapene, who likewise had no possible chance unless the other fifteen fell down.