

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. The advertisement shall show that the programme has been approved by the Jockey Club, shall state the days on which the meeting is to begin and end, and the names of the stewards, judge, starter, clerk of the scales, and handicapper."

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.

COLOURS.

- (Registered with the Auckland Racing Club.) Mr. Marangai ... First colours—The Huia: Black jacket, old gold collar, white armlets, black cap, white peak. Second colours—Pink jacket, black cap. Mr. J. Forth ... Blue body, white sleeves and sash, blue and white cap. Mr. J. Sutton ... Black body, cherry sleeves and cap. Mr. A. J. Wilson ... White jacket, yellow sash, and white cap, yellow tassel. Mr. J. Lowther ... Blue jacket, white sleeves and cap. Mr. J. Marshall ... All black. Mr. T. Morrin ... Black and amber stripes, black cap. Mr. W. Bobbett ... Black jacket, old gold sash, white cap. Mr. R. Burke ... Black body, gold sleeves and cap. Mr. A. Buckland ... Black and white stripes. Major R. N. George ... Black and white hoops. Mr. N. Dickey ... Blue and white hoops, blue cap. Mr. E. D. Nathan ... Pale blue jacket and cap, black sash. Mr. W. Robertson ... Chocolate body, gold sleeves and cap. Mr. T. B. Bell ... Terra outta and blue cap. Mr. D. McKinnon ... Maroon body, gold sleeves. Mr. H. H. Hayr ... Salmon and blue hoops. Mr. W. Walters ... Rose and white stripes. Mr. S. Cotton ... Primrose jacket, blue sash and cap. Mr. C. Weal ... First colours—Blue body, gold sleeves and blue cap. Second colours—Blue jacket, white sash and blue and white cap. Mr. A. Davis ... Old gold body, crimson sleeves and cap. Mr. A. Kidd ... White jacket, cardinal seams, and white cap. Mr. J. Rae ... First colours—Navy blue jacket, gold collar, cuffs and cap. Second colours—Navy blue jacket, gold cap. T. Cartwright ... Green body, mauve sleeves, yellow cap. D. A. McLeod ... Blue body, orangesleeves and cap. J. Cartwright ... Green body, mauve sleeves yellow cap.

ASSUMED NAMES.

C. E. Woodburn, J. Cartwright, J. Lowther, C. Sexton, E. 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. Morrison, 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. Browne, Henry French, John Egan, Charles Guff, E. 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, D. Creamer, Jas. Skeats, T. Morrison, P. Hammond, James Pyne, Koss Heaton, Alec Williams, W. Shaw, Hy. Priest, F. Davis, W. Smith, Harry Johnson, Joseph Duff, W. Quarterman, R. Collins, E. Wright, J. Gallagher, J. Carey, W. M. Hatfield, E. Donovan, E. 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. Neill, 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. Leing, Wm. Braybrooke, H. Berry, W. Gall, T. Ward, J. Hutton, W. Jackson, Peter Kingi.

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

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

PROGRAMMES PASSED.

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 horses Malabar, Ingria, and Arava.

The disqualification was removed from the pony Bob.

The following applications for the removal of disqualifications were deferred:—The horse Orura and the jockey John Pennell.

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 5th.

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 and their secretaries and vote counts.

Table listing racing clubs and their secretaries: Te Aroha Jockey Club (P. Snewin), Turanganui Racing Club (M. G. Nasmith), Te Kuiti Racing Club (H. M. Hettet), Te Puke Racing Club (W. Brady), Waikato Hunt Club (A. J. Storey), Waikato Racing Club (Robt. Grunter), Wairanga-a-Hika J. Club (J. A. Harding), Whatawhata Racing Club (E. C. Shepherd).

SPORTING FIXTURES ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

- July 5—Gisborne Park Steeplechase Meeting August 9, 11—C.J.C. Grand National Meeting AUSTRALIA. 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 October 13, 20—V. A. Turf Club November 3, 6, 8, 10—V.R.C. Spring Meeting ENGLAND. September 12—St. Leger Stakes

NOMINATIONS.

July 20—Royal Stakes, to be run at Auckland R. C. Summer Meeting, 1895-6

HANDICAPS.

July 11—N.Z. Grand National Steeplechase

ACCEPTANCES.

June 28—Gisborne Park Steeplechase Club July 20—N.Z. Grand National Hurdles and Steeplechase August 8—New Zealand Cup

FINAL PAYMENTS.

Aug. 6—N.Z. Grand National Steeplechase and Hurdle Race

COURSING.

July 4, 5, 8—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.

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB. Saturday, July 7—Scotch Church, Tamaki, for Mr Harris' Farm, at noon. Wednesdays at 12 noon at Kennels. The Pakuranga Hounds will meet at Bleak House, Pakuranga, on Saturday, the 23rd instant, at 12 o'clock sharp. Members and subscribers to the hunt are invited.

WAIKARAPA HUNT CLUB.

Thursday, July 12, Featherston. Thursday, July 19, Morrison's Bush.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

F. C. SPARKES.—She won the Maiden Plate at the A.R.C. Spring meeting. She also ran several seconds. The colt was her first foal.

Sporting Review.

THURSDAY, JULY 5, 1894.

ONE of the matters to be brought forward at the Racing Conference by the Auckland Racing Club's delegates has reference to jockeys' fees, and it will no doubt receive the support of owners, whom we think are unanimous in the belief that the present rates are too high. The motion to be submitted and advocated by Messrs. Percival and Kirkwood reads:—"That the fees as at present paid to jockeys in accordance with the provisions of Rule 169 are generally too high, and that the Conference take into its consideration some scheme for the adoption of a lower scale." We consider there is good reason for the drafting of such a motion. The scale is undoubtedly too high, and requires an alteration. It is provided for by existing Rule 169 that in the absence of a special agreement the fee to a winning jockey shall be 5 per cent. upon the net amount received by the owner up to £200, and 2½ for all sums over that sum; provided that in no case shall a winning jockey receive less than £3. It is further provided that the fee to a losing jockey shall be £2 in any race up to £100; £3 up to £500; and £5 for any race over that amount. This provision is losing in all very well for races for fair stakes, but what about races of the value of £10, £15, £20 and £25? According to the present rule jockeys receive £2 for losing a £10 race and £3 for winning one! That is too high. In big races owners cheerfully pay the fees as fixed by the rules, but in the smaller events the scale is really too high after an owner has paid running and training fees. And respecting doubling the fees for jumping races (on account, doubtless, of the sup-

posed risks) we will not say anything further than that it is a moot point whether racing statistics will not show that there are more accidents over fences than on the flat. For instance that terrible Caulfield Cup smash is seldom equalled over the fences.

THE decision of the Australian Jockey Club to admit the members of Sydney Bowes' Tattersall's to the fielding privileges of the saddling paddock at Randwick has created a considerable stir in Sydney turf circles, and the sporting press of that colony generally agrees in condemning the innovation. The A.J.C. has always been a rather autocratic body, but as a writer in the Sydney Referee puts the matter, the club has redeemed its autocracy by the conservative preservation of the purity of sport at headquarters. Undesirable characters could never be seen in the Randwick saddling paddock, the class of bookmakers privileged by the A.J.C. being men who are held in the highest esteem by the sporting public. That being so, the Referee considers it is extraordinary that the A.J.C. should now take steps to introduce to the patrons of Randwick a class of bookmakers who are held to be certainly not on as high a level as those with whom N.S.W. sportsmen have hitherto done business. This statement is not put forward by the journal quoted as an aspersion on Bowes' Club, but it is pointed out that the members of that club are certainly not of the same standing as the members of Tattersall's. The fee charged for admission to the two clubs has a broad indication in that direction. Tattersall's charge is £250; the Bowes' Club figure is only £50. The higher fee should be a guarantee that the men admitted have financial strength, and it is further pointed out that they have to tender evidence of a genuine and substantial bank balance as a guarantee that they are prepared to stand a series of losses. The sum of £50 can certainly not be held to give a similar guarantee. A decidedly strong argument is given against the innovation by the Referee when it points out that at the present time the Ring at Randwick is numerically strong enough for all betting purposes. Now some of the advocates of the new system point out that the admission of a larger number of bookmakers would make the market better for backers. Nothing of the sort. As our contemporary remarks, a superfluity of bookmakers in the paddock would have quite an opposite result. The increase of the number of pencillers in the paddock would split up the money of backers, and the metallicians would not, as a rule, hold enough money to field in a legitimate manner. They would then have to lessen the odds and gamble or mark certain horses. A 6 to 1 price with a given number of bookmakers would be 10 to 1 if that number were reduced by one half, on account of the greater amount of money held in the book. If a bookmaker can obtain the privileges of the Randwick Ring by the payment of the Bowe's £50 fee he will not pay the Tattersall's figure of £250, and as the Referee puts it, "This will reduce the standard fee to bookmakers to become members of clubs, which is very undesirable. There is no telling where such a retrogressive step may end. In time to come the fee to enter a bookmakers' club might be reduced to a 'tenner.'"

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Inter-Provincial

[FROM OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

WANGANUI.

June 27.

FRED HARRISON, who has lately arrived from the Wairarapa, where he has been in charge of Mr Fabian's colt Britian, will, I hear, have charge of Countess and a couple more at Patea to prepare them for next season's racing.

Charlie Woodley has another new inmate in his stable, viz., a four-year-old brown colt by Torpedo—Foam, and from his looks he should be heard of when asked to race.

Alick McCormick is busy breaking in a couple of two-year-old fillies, viz., one out of Vermecelli, and the other out of First Flash. Both youngsters are by Mr McCaul's Wapiti, who is getting in great favour with breeders on this coast. The Vermecelli filly is engaged in the Egmont Sires' Hack Produce Stakes, and the First Flash filly in the Wanganui Two-Year-Old Stakes.

Splitlink, Strayshot, and Stranger were sent twice round over small sticks last

Saturday, the two first-named jumping well, but Stranger I do not think will ever make a brilliant fencer. Splitlink, who is a full brother to Swivel, will, I predict, make a name for himself at the illegitimate game as he takes his jumps without dwelling at them. It is quite likely that he will be a starter in the C.J.C. Grand National Hurdles, but I fancy that race is too much to ask of him at first time of starting.

Rangipuhi, Tuhiwai and Co are now being trained by George Blanche at Parawanui. Potto, their old trainer, is at present in Wanganui.

Melinite's defeat in the Hawke's Bay Hurdles came as a great surprise to backers here, as they looked upon the race as a gift to the daughter of Nordenfeldt—Pearl Ash.

The Ascot horse Goodwood, now owned by J. Belcher, was in great form, and he justified the confidence reposed in him by his trainer by winning the Welter Handicap and running second to King John in the June Handicap. The horse only left Wanganui on Wednesday morning as Mr Belcher considered owing to the wet weather and the meeting being postponed that it would be ample time.

Morag, who won the Steeplechase, is well known on this coast as he has performed with great credit both in hack hurdle events and flat hack races, and on that account was backed by a number of punters.

Mr R. McRae's steeplechaser Whalebone, who was injured at the Wanganui meeting, has so far recovered under the treatment of our local vet., Mr Hawke, that he was shipped by train for his owner's place last Saturday morning. It is quite improbable that the horse will ever race again, and I believe it is the owner's intention to use the son of Volunteer as a hack. Whalebone as a steeplechaser was well known, and he has placed a good few wins to his credit, among them being the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase, Napier Park Steeplechase, Final Steeplechase at Wanganui, and other events. At one and a half miles over country it was hard to find his equal, and the way he negotiated his jumps was always highly appreciated by those who witnessed his performances.

Amalgam, owned by Mr J. E. Nugent, is now located at W. Butler's stable. He will probably be nominated for the C.J.C. Meeting in the hunters' events.

Kai Iwi Lady returned home from Auckland the week before last in the care of W. Higgins. The mare is in a bit of a mess owing to both ligaments being injured, and it will take her some time to recover to enable her to race again.

Jacobite, who also journeyed to Auckland, has returned home in care of McElwain. The class of horses he had to meet are no doubt a long way superior to him.

Sommambulist, the jumper, is reported to have broken down.

Nanakia is looking well, and will almost for a certainty be a starter in the C.J.C. Grand National Steeplechase.

George Blanche is now, I hear, installed trainer of Rangipuhi and Co. at Parawanui.

Jimmy Laing, brother to George, is now at present in Wanganui, having lately arrived from the other side, where his abilities as a cross-country horseman were greatly appreciated.

Elk's withdrawal from the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase came as a bit of surprise to local backers, as he was greatly fancied for that event here, and had he gone to the post he would have carried a fair amount of money.

DUNEDIN.

[BY WIRE.]

June 30.

PRIME WARDEN has been backed to win £800 at hundreds to five for the N.Z. Cup.

The Dunedin visitors to your late Coursing Meeting speak well of the treatment received in your city, and would like to visit you again. There will be an endeavour to get your club to postpone their August meeting with that view, as our Champion Stakes take place on the 1st, 5th and 6th August. Yours being advertised for the 16th the New Zealand Grand National intervenes, thus precluding them getting up in time. A ten days' postponement is desired.

Verdi, Sweetwater, White Star and Bequeath are to be competitors in the Waterloo Cup. Heres to E.E. Couranto and Lucia will be in the Bracelet.

The following represent the members nominated for the Waterloo Cup and Bracelet, to be run off next week:—Waterloo Cup: E. Kidd, J. C. Jerome,