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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 \$150 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 scales, and handicapper."

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As some doubts have arisen as to whether the recent action of the Racing Committee has interfered with the appointment of the SPORTING REVIEW by the Auckland Racing Club as the Official Calendar, we publish the following letter for general information:—

MEMO. FROM AUCKLAND RACING CLUB. Auckland, 4th December, 1895.

THE PROPRIETOR SPORTING REVIEW, AUCKLAND. DEAR SIR,—In answer to yours of 2nd December, my Committee have decided not to alter existing arrangements at present.—Yours truly, Wm. Percival, Secretary A.R.C.

The Committee of the Auckland Racing Club meet on the first Monday in each month to pass programmes and transact general business.

The disqualifications have been removed from the following:—W. Martin, M. Moore, Thos. Geach, A. C. Greenwood, Mr. Chatteris' pony Sulky, Kimihia Club, and the chestnut horse Joe.

Licenses were granted to W. E. McCutcheon, J. Gallagher, and W. H. Mahaffey to train their own horses.

Pony Measuring Committee meet second and fourth Monday at 10 a.m.

OWNERS' PERMITS.

The following owners' permits have been granted:—George Hill to train Onko and Getzer; Henry Warrington, Fable; John Clark, Hoggarden, Tam O'Shanter, Souter Johnnie; F. Sistrone, Brian Boru, Jewel, Cottage; D. Hepburn, The Turk, Wool Queen, Lord Raven; Mr. Weston, Kalo; Robert Thorpe, St. Ella, Silkwoman; Finley McKenzie, Macaroni; T. Kenesly, Paki Paki, The Saint; W. E. Cooper, Miss Bevan, Kiora, blk g by Kalo, blk g by Emin Bay; Wm. Adams, Maritana, Craiggard; H. Barr, Rodney; Wm. A. Ralph, Arena, Sameday, Reville.

LICENSES.

The following licenses have been granted:— TRAINERS.—G. Wright, G. Absolum, Frank Dodd, Winter J. Hamon, Hy. Chatteris, James Patterson, Alex. Parsons, James Brown, James Leggot, W. J. Harrison, H. Linnell, Edward Kelly, A. E. Byers, John Rae, John Chaeffe, Fred Stenning, Wm. Moberley, J. B. Williamson, Wm. Croll, James Kean, G. H. Allen, Thomas Hodson, A. S. Caulton, Dennis Morrison, J. McHugh, Alec Williams, M. H. Harrison, C. Coleman, W. McManamin, J. H. Howe, Walter Willmott, Frank McManamin, Wm. Braybrook, W. H. Frewin, T. Warr, J. Homan. JOCKEYS.—Harry Gillespie, Wm. Parker, Wm. Tozer, Frank Farrell, John Griffiths, Alf. Williams, Fred Power, A. Butterworth, F. Benson, Joe Gallagher, Chas. Russell, John E. Parsons, Thos. Greenwood, James Leggot, W. J. Harrison, George Banks, G. Cuda, John Chaeffe, junr, John Kean, D. Swanson, James Whitelaw, Alf Woodfield, Dan Morrison, F. Say, Murdoch McKinnon, J. Buchanan, Robert Hall, G. Tute, Fred Davis, Joe Scats, Thos. Sharp, F. Burns, D. Wright, Robert Wright, Wm. Gall, Joe Duff, W. Hatfield, J. Quinton, Joe Gunson, John Wells, Robert Collins, J. Fletcher, Thos. Hall, R. Donovan, P. Castleton, D. Creamer, F. Weston, T. McErwin, W. Bird, Jas. Johnson, Wm. Smith, J. Stewart, Edward Kelly, Samuel Pergus, Wm. Ashdown, John Rae, Thos. Hodson, Dennis Morrison, Alec Williams, W. McManamin, W. Quarterman, J. W. Brady, A. Haydon, A. Somers, A. Blaine, Speakman, Sharp. APRENTICES.—Alfred D. G. Adams, Sydney Chaeffe, W. Parker, Jas. Burdett, Albert Woolley, Wm. Lynch, Hy. Johnson, Laurence Jilling, Arthur Judd, E. Baker, A. McMillan, Hugh Boyd.

METROPOLITAN CLUBS.

Metropolitan Clubs meet as under:— Auckland—First Monday in each month. W. Percival, secretary. Taranaki—Last Friday in each month. R. G. Bauchope, secretary. Wanganui—First Friday in each month. F. R. Jackson, secretary. Wellington—First Monday in each month. H. M. Lyon, secretary. Hawke's Bay—First Friday in each month. F. D. Luckie, secretary. Nelson—Last Wednesday in each month. J. H. Glen, secretary. Marlborough—As arranged. C. J. W. Griffiths, secretary. Canterbury—First Tuesday in each month. W. H. E. Wanklyn, secretary. Dunedin—Last Thursday in each month. S. James, secretary. Greymouth—Last Friday in each month. J. C. Doogan, secretary.

PROGRAMMES PASSED.

Gisborne Park Steeplechase Meeting, July 9. WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary.

RACING CALENDAR.

NEW ZEALAND. July 9, Thursday—Gisborne Park Steeplechase Club. July 22, Wednesday; 25, Saturday—Wellington R.C. Winter. August 13, Thursday; 15, Saturday—N.Z. Grand National

NOMINATIONS.

July 3—Wellington Winter. July 24—N.Z. Grand National (general entries). July 28—Hawke's Bay Stakes, 1898.

HANDICAPS.

July 6—Wellington Winter. July 31—N.Z. Grand National. July 15—N.Z. Grand National.

ACCEPTANCES.

July 17—Wellington Winter. July 24—New Zealand Grand National. August 7—New Zealand Cup. August 10—Final Payments Grand National Hurdles and Steeplechase.

AUSTRALIA.

July 4, 11—Victoria Racing Club's Grand National.

ENGLAND.

June 30; July 1, 2, 3—Newmarket First July Meeting. July 14, 15, 16—Newmarket Second July Meeting. July 17—The Eliphe Stakes. July 23, 29, 30, 31—Goodwood Meeting.

OWNERS & TRAINERS' REMINDERS

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

On Friday, 3rd July, at 9 p.m., nominations will close for all events at the meeting.

RACING RECORDS.

NEW ZEALAND.

4 furlongs—47s, Safeguard, 2yrs, 8.3, C.J.C. Spring Meeting, 1894. Golden Fleece, 3yrs, also made this time at the same meeting, carrying 7.11. 5 furlongs—1m 1s, Forester, 5yrs, 7.3, C.J.C. Flying Handicap, 1895. 6 furlongs—1m 14s, Loyalty, 2yrs, 7.4, C.J.C. Challenge Stakes, 1893. Barnby also made this record in Sept., 1894, at Ashburton. 7 furlongs—1m 27s, Ruby, 4yrs, 7.13, C.J.C. Craven Stakes, 1893. 1 mile—1m 41s, Merganser, 4yrs, 8.0, J.C. Handicap, C.J.C. Spring, 1892. 1 1/2 mile—2m 5 1/2s, Tit Bit, 4yrs, 7.5, C.J.C. Grandstand, 1897. 1 3/4 mile—2m 5 1/2s—Merganser, 4yrs, 9.8, C.J.C. Great Autumn Handicap, 1893. 1 1/2 mile—3m 4-5s, Spindrift, 4yrs, 7.8, Wanganui Cup, 1896; 3m 5s, Waitiri, 4yrs, 8.5, A.R.C. Handicap, 1897; St. Katherine, 3yrs, 7.11, Wanganui Cup, 1893. 2 miles—3m 29s, Rosefeldt, 5yrs, 7.7, N.Z. Cup, 1893. 2 miles and a distance—3m 50s, Occident, 6yrs, 7.10 Dunedin Cup, 1891. 2 1/2 miles—5m 57 1/2s, Euroclydon, 3yrs, 7.9, Canterbury Cup, 1895.

AMERICAN AND AUSTRALIAN.

3 furlongs—36s, Cumberland, Maribyrnong (Vic.), Sept. 1893, Australia. 3/4 mile—46s Geraldine, West Chester Course, N.Y. (track partly down hill), August 30, 1893, America. 5 furlongs—67s, Correction, West Chester Course, N.Y. (track partly down hill), Sept. 29, 1893; Dr. Hasbrouck also made this record; America. 1m, Patroness, Randwick, March 26, 1894, Australia. 1m 0 1/2s, Walwa, Maribyrnong (Vic.), Sept. 30, 1893, Australia. 5 1/2 furlongs—1m 7s, Wild Rose, Caulfield, Feb., 1891, Australia. 1/2 mile—1m 9s, Domino, Morris Park, N.Y. (track partly down hill), Sept. 29, 1892, America. 1m 14s, Ascot Vale, Flemington, Vic., Jan. 2, 1893; Volcano, N.S.W., Vaucluse, Randwick, and Walwa, Vic., also made this record; Australia. 7 furlongs—1m 23 1/2s, Bella B, Monmouth Park, July 8, 1890, America. 1m 27s, Trieste, Flemington, Vic., Nov. 3, 1891, Australia. 1 mile—1m 35 1/2s, Salvador, against time, Monmouth Park, N.J., Aug. 8, 1890, America. 1m 40s, Bungebah, Randwick, N.S.W., Sept., 1890; this record has also been made by Boodika, Kingfish, Delaware, and Paris; Australia. 1 mile and 1 furlong—1m 5 1/2s, Tristan, Morris Park, N.Y. June 2, 1891, America. 1m 55 1/2s, Rosebrook, Flemington, Vic., Nov. 4, 1893, Acome, Reconstruction, and Cerise and Blue also made this time; Australia. 1 1/2 mile—2m 3 1/2s, Banquet, Monmouth Park, N.J., July 17, 1890, America. 2m 6s, Hova, Flemington, Vic., Nov. 11, 1893, Australia. 1 mile 3 furlongs—2m 22 1/2s, Aristocrat and Leichardt, Rosehill; Australia. 1 1/2 mile—2m 32 1/2s, Lamplighter, Monmouth Park, N.J., Aug. 8, 1892, America. 2m 35 1/2s, Prince Imperial, Hawkesbury, 1885; Mega-king, Hawkesbury, N.S.W., Sept. 6, 1890, and King Olaf, Hawkesbury, N.S.W., April 11, 1891, Australia. 1 mile 5 furlongs—2m 49 1/2s, Hopetoun, Flemington, Jan., 1893; Australia. 1 1/2 mile—3m 0 1/2s, Hotspur, San Francisco, April 30, 1891, America. 3m 3s, Corzeze, Flemington, Vic., Nov. 8, 1890, Australia. Donation also made this record, Flemington, Nov. 1893. 2 miles—3m 27 1/2s, Ten Broeck, against time, Louisville, Kentucky, May 29, 1877, America. 3m 28 1/2s, Carbine carrying 10.6, Flemington, Vic., Nov. 4, 1890, Australia. 2 1/2 miles—3m 56 1/2s, Freakness and Springbok, dead heat, Saratoga, N.Y., July 29, 1875, America. 3m 59 1/2s, Idolator, Flemington, Vic., March 3, 1896, and Dreadnought, Flemington, Victoria, March 4, 1890, Australia. 3 miles—5m 23 1/2s, Wallace and Quiver dead heat, Flemington, Vic., March 5, 1896, Australia.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

T.M., Thames.—We are pleased to say that Dante is all right! It is advisable not to start a horse within a reasonable time after breaking a blood vessel, notwithstanding veterinary advice to the contrary. Yes; his owner and trainer, when in Auckland, informed me that the horse would be given a spell until the beginning of next year, and perhaps would not be started till the autumn. QUERRY, Ohaupo.—Yes; Spindrift's. These are generally overhauled at the end of the season, and all corrections made then.

Sporting Review

AND LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE. WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED THE WEEKLY STANDARD.

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1896

TURF GOSSIP.

BETTING LAWS.

THE uncertainty of the betting law, and the delightful ambiguity of the clauses relating thereto, must be admitted both by the ordinary racing or sporting man and those more directly affected—the bookmakers. What appears to be wanted is an appeal to the Privy Council, so that what constitutes a "place" for betting purposes should be decided once and for all. It will also be admitted that the betting laws, or the Gaming and Lotteries Act, is simply absurd in its bearing in some directions. For instance, a road or a street is a "place," but a private lane is not, that is according to New South Wales law. We have a common observance of the law in New Zealand in this way, that bets or wagers

must not be registered or recorded in a "place"—i.e., in an office, shop, or other similar place. Then there is the old-fashioned idea of "standing on a box," every boy in the street knows that is not allowed. Then, again, a man may not stand at one particular lamp-post, let us say, and lay wagers; yet by moving about he may book as many as he can get hold of. Probably, the local stipendiary magistrate may define what a "place" is in connection with certain cases to be heard next week, in which the betting law is said to have been infringed. But with all due respect to the knowledge of our local magistrate, who, we are well aware, is well versed in legal knowledge, there is no finality to any judgment he may give, as it does not follow that such judgment is to be accepted as a precedent by other magistrates; therefore the position is a very unsettled one. The New Zealand Gaming and Lotteries Act does not mince matters much in connection with our system of betting, but it does not define what is a "place." The law, too, in New South Wales is of the two kinds sort—one for the rich and one for the poor—and the following particulars bearing on the subject, which we take from "Delaware's" notes in the Sydney Truth, will cause many to wonder how the law is administered in that part of the world. Truth takes the following par. from the Sydney Herald, and then follows up with comments, and particulars such as have come under "Delaware's" notice:—"The Minister for Justice, in answer to Mr Affleck, who asked the reason why betting men outside the Kensington Racecourse were prosecuted and fined, and no notice taken of those inside the grounds, both portions being Crown lands, said that he was informed by the Inspector-General of Police that the betting carried on inside the race grounds was not under such circumstances as the law would reach, there being no erection used coming within the definition of the Act as a 'place,' etc.—Herald." So the poor broken outsider, who has been busted by six days' racing a week, comes within the definition of the Act, and because he hasn't the wherewithal to gain admission, and have a bet when he gets there, he is amenable to the law, whilst his more favoured brother, who somehow manages to pay the admission tariff, escapes. I have made some enquiries and observations regarding this outside evil, as it is called by those interested, and have concluded that not one in twenty stays outside from choice, but through their inability to pay. Racing has got a thorough hold of them, and whilst there is a meeting they will scrape up their pence and have a bit with a few small bookmakers, who would do business outside the gates of—Paradise. This class of race-goer has been created by the proprietary octopus, and, like gamblers, will sit around and watch others bet, even though they cannot do so themselves. I have noticed very many women outside the gates. Some of them, no doubt, prefer to stay outside to going in the inside and mixing with the Aspasiacs and extremely frisky women-punters who parade under the protection of a marriage certificate. However, many women stay outside and bet in pennies, because they are like the majority of the outsiders—unable to pass the turnstiles. My correspondent higher up has shown that Canterbury demands 3s to go in. On Wednesday about 500 people were congregated outside Canterbury gates, and many of them told me they would pay a shilling to go on the flat if they were allowed to bet, but the proprietary will not allow them to bet, unless they pay 2s extra. The police, of course, have been introduced, and assisted by the hired racecourse cop, 'chivvy' these unfortunates about, much in the same arbitrary way that Bucket 'chivvied' Jo. The other day they went to extremes—no doubt they were inspired by the racecourse proprietors—to arrest an outsider for not having sufficient means of support, and when the big flat-footed 'Guardian' of his own interests went into the box he said, 'he didn't know whether the prisoner had sufficient means of support.' . . . These poor people have as much right on the road as Mr Reid (Premier) or his supine colleague, Mr Gould. . . . These people are children of circumstance, and their present poverty can well be laid at the door of racecourse proprietors and their friends the Government."