

**ATHLETICS.**

[By NIMBLEFOOT.]

**CRICKET.**

CRICKET promises to be much more interesting this year than for some seasons past, and players are already getting into form. There will be six senior clubs, Auckland, Alpha, Gordon, United, Parnell, and Warehousemen, and possibly another, St. Mary's, competing for the senior cup. All the clubs have held their annual meetings and a good many new members have been elected. Gordon have lost Kissing, their best bat, R. B. Lusk, and they will probably lose either H. B. Lusk or A. W. Rees; they will have Fowke (now captain), Williams, D. Meldrum, Kelly, Moresby, Goulstone, and Clayton of last year's team, but as far as I am aware, have no new men likely to be in the team.

Auckland will have Arneil, Beale, C. F. Reid, Richards, O'Brien, Neill, R. Seccombe, T. Neill, and Morrison of last year's team. J. Webster will also play regularly this year. They have got a new man, Howlett, from Melbourne, who is a really good bat and a fair bowler. Howard will play when able to get away.

United have lost two of their best all-round men, Clayton and McPherson, and as Yates says he is not going to play, they will not have such a strong team as last year, but with Stenson, W. and C. Harvie, Hawkins, McCormick, Lynch, Mumford, and Johnson, can still put a pretty good eleven in the field.

Parnell will put a stronger team in the field this year than they did last, and will have the following players available:—Gardiner, Mills, Holle, Lawson, Smith, Testro, Cromwell, and Carson.

Alpha will have much the same team as last year, with the exception of Hobson, one of their best men, who is not going to play this season.

Warehousemen will place a pretty strong eleven in the field which would be stronger if some of them were not playing for other clubs.

The season starts to-day when no doubt a very large number of players will turn up.

Mr. Jim Saxon, well-known in sporting circles, intends returning to Auckland at an early date with the object of fighting anyone his own weight, ten stone.

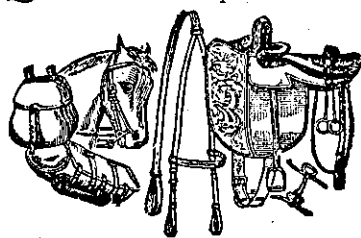
The match arranged between Messrs. A. G. Buchanan and Gibbs took place on Saturday, notwithstanding the inclement state of the weather. The conditions were that Buchanan should ride his bicycle from the Junction Hotel to Papakura and back while Gibbs walked from Papakura to the Junction Hotel. Mr. Gibbs won with about half-an-hour to spare, having got over the ground in the excellent time of three hours and seven minutes. The bad state of the road entirely spoilt what chance Buchanan had, and doubtless if the match was brought off again on a fine day when the road is dry the finish would be a much closer one, if indeed the positions were not reversed. It is to be hoped that such an arrangement will be arrived at.

The fourth annual cross-country steeplechase (handicap), open to all amateurs, was run at the Canterbury Amateur Athletic Club's Meeting, on September 20th, before a very large audience. The distance was about three miles, and the first prize worth £5. There were thirty-two starters, and the winner turned up in T. W. Reese, who had been handicapped with 90 secs. start, Mr. Suckling, 45 secs. being second, and G. W. Humphreys, 35 secs. third. Reese, going in beautiful style, and finishing with a strong spurt, won by upwards of 150 yards. Suckling and Humphreys ran a desperate race home, of which the former got the best by a short yard. Leveredge finished fourth, Cocks fifth, Cusack sixth, Phillips seventh, and Irvine eighth. Time—16min. 20 r-5th secs.

A marvellous performance on a bicycle was accomplished in England on August 1st. Mr. A. Holbrin covered 100 miles on the Great North Road in 5 hours, 54 minutes, 2 seconds. In order to keep up a high rate of speed Mr. Holbrin had pace makers along the various distances. He rode on a cushion-tired Whippel safety weighing 42lbs. It is quite probable that before the season is over Holbrin will accomplish 350 miles in 24 hours.

**SADDLERY AND HARNESS.**

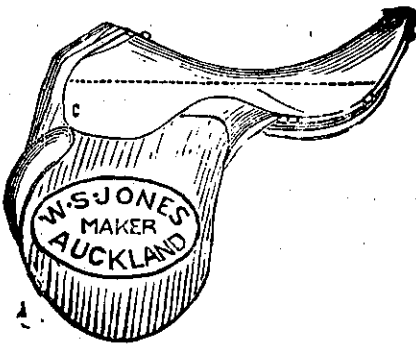
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**SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.**  
**SUMMER MEETING**

To be held on the CLAUDELANDS RACECOURSE, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1890.

**PROGRAMME.**

Passed by the Auckland Racing Club.

**CHRISTMAS HANDICAP** of 25 sovs. For all horses that have never won an advertised race of more than £25 at time of entry. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, about 1 mile.

**HANDICAP HURDLES** of 40 sovs. Over 8 flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. high. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, 2 miles.

**SOUTH AUCKLAND CUP** (Handicap), of 115 sovs. First horse £100, second horse £10, third horse £5. The winner of any race of the advertised value of £50 after the declaration of the weights to carry 7lb. extra; of two such races, 10lb. extra. Nomination, £2; acceptance, £3. Distance, 1½ miles.

**NOVEL RACE** of 25 sovs. Winner to become the absolute property of the Club; to be sold immediately after the race, and half the proceeds to go to second horse. Weight for age. Entry, 25s. Distance, 7 furlongs.

**HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE** of 60 sovs. £5 out of stakes to go to second horse. Nomination, 25s; acceptance, 35s. Distance, about 3 miles.

**TRADESMAN'S PLATE** (Handicap) of 35 sovs. Winner of the South Auckland Cup to carry 10lb. extra; winner of any other race after the declaration of the weights to carry 7lb. extra; penalties not cumulative. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, 1½ miles.

**SELLING HURDLES** of 20 sovs. Over 6 flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. high. Four-year-olds to carry 11st. 7lb; 5yrs., 12st. 5lb.; 6yrs. and aged, 12st. 11lb. Winner to be sold immediately after the race for £50. If entered to be sold for £40, allowed 7lb.; if for £30, 14lb.; if for £20, 21lb.; if for £10, 28lb.; if for nil, 35lb. Half the proceeds over selling price to go to second horse. Entry, 20s. Distance, 1½ miles.

**FLYING STAKES HANDICAP** of 20 sovs. Winner of South Auckland Cup to carry 10lb. extra. Winner of Tradesman's Plate to carry 7lb. extra; penalties not cumulative. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, 6 furlongs.

**CONDITIONS.**

Nominations for Christmas Handicap, Handicap Hurdles, South Auckland Cup, Handicap Steeplechase, Tradesman's Plate Handicap, and Flying Stakes Handicap to be made to the Secretary, Hamilton, before 9 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26th.

Weights to appear on or about Wednesday, December 3rd. Acceptances to be declared before 9 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10th.

Nominations for Novel Race and Selling Hurdles to be made to the Secretary before 9 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10th, day of general entry.

Mr. H. H. Hayr, of Auckland, is authorised to receive nominations, etc.

**WAIKATO PRODUCE STAKES, 1892-93** (for now foals got in the Counties of Raglan, Waipa, Waikato and Piako), of 60 sovs, added to a sweepstakes of 2 sovs. each, 1 sov. ft., or no liability if declared by 8 o'clock p.m. on the night of general entry for the Summer Meeting, 1892; the second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stakes. For two-year-olds. Colts, 8st. 10lb; fillies and geldings, 8st. 5lb. The forfeit (1 sov.) to be declared and paid to the Secretary by 12 noon on the day before the race, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stakes. Nomination, with 10s. 6d., to be made to the Secretary on or before 9 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10th, 1890. Distance, 6 furlongs.

G. H. CARTER, Hon. Sec.



**PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.**

The ANNUAL RACE MEETING of the above Club will be held on SATURDAY, 18th OCTOBER, on the ELLERSLIE RACECOURSE.

Acceptances and Entries for Ladies' Bracelet close with the Secretary, at the office of the SPORTING REVIEW, City Chambers, Vulcan Lane, on FRIDAY, October 10th, at 8 p.m. Order of running subject to alteration. Weights will appear on or about October 2nd.

HARRY H. HAYR,  
Hon. Sec.

**PAKURANGA RACING CLUB.**

The Annual Race Meeting of the above Club will be held on the Otahuhu Racecourse, on Saturday, 22nd November, 1890.

Full particulars in future issue.

RICHARD WILLIAMS,  
Hon. Secretary.

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