

SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

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| Jan. 16 | Onehunga Racing Club | Summer |
| Jan. 19, 20 | Gisborne Summer Meeting | |
| Jan. 22 | Foxton Jockey Club | |
| Jan. 22, 23 | Wellington R.C. | Summer |
| Jan. 26 | Sydney Turf Club | |
| Jan. 27 | Danevirke Jockey Club | |
| Jan. 30 | Canterbury Jockey Club | |
| Jan. 29, 30 | Takapuna Jockey Club | Summer Meeting |
| Feb. 3, 4 | Nelson Jockey Club | |
| Feb. 13 | Otahuhu Trotting Club | |
| Feb. 17, 18 | Egmont Racing Club | |
| Feb. 18 | A.R.C.—Onslow Farewell Meeting. | |
| Feb. 18 | Rotorua Jockey Club | |
| Feb. 20 | Papakura Racing Club | |
| Feb. 24, 25, 27 | Dunedin Jockey Club | |
| Feb. 27 | Lake Racing Club | |
| Mar. 1, 3, 6 | Victoria Racing Club—autumn | |
| Mar. 3, 4 | Wanganui Jockey Club | |
| Mar. 5 | Onslow Trotting Club | |
| Mar. 17, 18 | Hawke's Bay Jockey Club | |
| Mar. 17 | Henderson's Mill Turf Club | |
| Mar. 23, 24 | Dunedin Jockey Club | |
| Mar. 23, 24 | Napier Park Racing Club | |
| Mar. 31 | Taranaki Jockey Club | |
| Apr. 18, 19 | Auckland Racing Club | |
| Apr. 18, 19 | Canterbury Jockey Club | |
| Apr. 26, 30 | Wellington Racing Club | |
| May 24, 25 | Dunedin Jockey Club | |
| May 24 | Takapuna Jockey Club | Winter Meeting |
| June 4, 6 | Auckland Racing Club | |
| June 24 | Hawke's Bay J.C., Winter | |
| July 9 | Wellington Racing Club | |

NOMINATIONS CLOSE.

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| Jan. 16 | Nelson Jockey Club |
| Jan. 15, 23 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| Jan. 21 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Jan. 23 | Egmont Racing Club |
| Jan. 29 | Papakura Racing Club |
| Feb. 3, 11 | Rotorua Jockey Club |
| Feb. 5 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| Feb. 12 | Lake Racing Club |
| Feb. 13 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Feb. 19 | Onslow Trotting Club |
| Feb. 20 | Henderson's Mill Turf Club |
| Feb. 20 | Taranaki Jockey Club |
| Mar. 1 | Hawke's Bay Jockey Club |
| Mar. 1, 12, 25 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Mar. 4 | Auckland Racing Club |
| Mar. 8 | Wellington Racing Club |
| Apr. 1, 14, 20 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| Apr. 4 | Wellington Racing Club |
| Apr. 8, 22 | Auckland Racing Club |
| Apr. 9 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| May 10 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| May 10 | Hawke's Bay Jockey Club |
| May 27 | Auckland Racing Club |
| June 5, 27 | Wellington Racing Club |
| June 17 | Hawke's Bay Jockey Club |
| June 20 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| July 25 | Canterbury Jockey Club |

WEIGHTS APPEAR.

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| Jan. 11 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Jan. 16 | Nelson Jockey Club |
| Jan. 18, 29 | Takapuna Jockey Club |
| Jan. 22 | Wellington Racing Club |
| Jan. 25 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| Feb. 2 | Takapuna Jockey Club |
| Feb. 3, 24, 26 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Feb. 4, 17 | Egmont Racing Club |
| Feb. 16 | Lake Racing Club |
| Feb. 18 | Papakura Racing Club |
| Feb. 22 | Onslow Trotting Club |
| Mar. 2 | Henderson's Mill Turf Club |
| Mar. 7, 23 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Mar. 17 | Hawke's Bay Jockey Club |
| Mar. 19 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| Mar. 19 | Taranaki Jockey Club |
| Apr. 4, 13, 18 | Auckland Racing Club |
| Apr. 8, 19 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| Apr. 20, 29 | Wellington Racing Club |
| May 3, 24 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| May 10, 30 | Auckland Racing Club |
| June 4 | Auckland Racing Club |
| June 8 | Hawke's Bay Jockey Club |
| June 25, 30 | Wellington Racing Club |

ACCEPTANCES DUE.

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| Jan. 15, 20 | Wellington Racing Club |
| Jan. 15, 28 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| Jan. 21 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Jan. 22, 29 | Takapuna Jockey Club |
| Jan. 23 | Egmont Racing Club |
| Jan. 23, Feb. 3, 4 | Nelson Jockey Club |
| Feb. 3 | Takapuna Jockey Club |
| Feb. 5 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| Feb. 11, 17 | Egmont Racing Club |
| Feb. 13 | Onehunga Racing Club |
| Feb. 19 | Lake Racing Club |
| Feb. 19 | Papakura Racing Club |
| Feb. 22, 24 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Feb. 26 | Onslow Trotting Club |
| Mar. 1, 14, 17 | Hawke's Bay Jockey Club |
| Mar. 6 | Henderson's Mill Turf Club |
| Mar. 12, 23 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Mar. 26, 30, 31 | Taranaki Jockey Club |
| April 1, 14, 18 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| April 8, 14, 18 | Auckland Racing Club |
| April 25 | Wellington Racing Club |
| May 10, 24 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| May 20 | Auckland Racing Club |
| June 1, 4 | Auckland Racing Club |
| June 17 | Hawke's Bay Jockey Club |
| June 1, 6 | Wellington Racing Club |

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1892.

It will be remembered by our readers that Mr. T. Hungerford requested the stewards of the Auckland Racing Club to investigate the way Gallagher rode his colt Whakawatea in the Musket Stakes at the late Ellerslie meeting. It is reported that the jockey Gallagher made a similar application. A meeting of the stewards was held on the 6th inst. As is usual it was held in private, therefore we were unable to glean any particulars in time for last week's issue. Let us preface our remarks by asking the following question—Why are all the enquiries held by the A.R.C. secret, like the Chamber of Inquisition? Are they afraid of their doings being made public? We may soon expect to see the courts of law held in private; then perhaps may the public feeling be aroused. But one thing is certain—that as long as the Press is excluded from these enquiries the public will suspect that things are not conducted *en regle*. From information received, the following were among the stewards present: Messrs L. D. Nathan, T. Morrin, A. E. Devore, R. Garrett, and H. T. Gorrie. This case is, we think, without precedent. Messrs. Nathan and Morrin are the employers of the jockey Gallagher; *de ipso facto* they should not have been on the enquiry at all. It is a recognised rule in racing that no one having any interest in the case should act on the enquiry. One might as well expect a Resident Magistrate or a Justice of the Peace to adjudicate on their own case. The enquiry and the verdict are certainly curious. The evidence of Mr. Hungerford (the owner), Smith (the trainer of Whakawatea), and Messrs. D. McKinnon and J. Hawkins was heard. Gallagher admitted that he did not ride to orders, his excuse being that he could not hold the horse in third place and that when he called on the colt in the straight he would not answer to him. This may or may not be the case. Now comes the extraordinary verdict—"That after hearing the evidence of Mr. Hungerford, his trainer, jockey and witnesses, the stewards are satisfied that Gallagher did not ride to orders in the Musket Stakes, and censure him for not doing so, and that Mr. Hungerford is free from all blame of any nature whatever." Now Gallagher must be either guilty or not guilty. Not riding to orders—except they are to "rope"—is a great fault, unless proved that the jockey could not help it. If the stewards were satisfied that Gallagher could not hold the colt, why censure him. If on the contrary they should have severely punished him. How any blame could have attached to Mr. Hungerford we fail to see. He backed his horse, and lost his money through bad riding; therefore the concluding part of the verdict is superfluous. We shall wait with interest the opinions of our *confreres* in England and Australia, as this is an unique case.

LAST week, owing to want of space, we only briefly acknowledged the receipt of "Bailey's Magazine," one of the oldest and best sporting ones in England. We now give an epitome of its contents, to prove to our readers, especially those that have never been in England, the usefulness of the work, giving, as it does, the best information on all kinds of sports. The November number gives a capital portrait of Lord Brougham and his biography, also an account by the Hon. F. Lany of the life of the late Richard Wall, Esq., of Burton Hall,

Beverley, one of the best known Yorkshire breeders and racehorse owners. Three or four good sporting stories, such as "Dreams over an Old Diary," "A Shooting Cruise on the Albanian Coast," etc., and a capital article on "The Feeding of Horses." Then there is "Our Van," which is worth reading, as it contains an epitome of all the sports for the month, a summary of all prominent results, and last, but not least, "Odds and Ends," of which we quote a sample:—

A BIG SHOOT.—A clergyman in the eastern part of Sussex a few days since—says a journal bearing date October, 1793—at a single discharge of his gun killed a partridge, shot a man, a hog, and a hog-sty, broke fourteen panes of glass, and knocked down sixteen gingerbread kings and queens that were on the mantelpiece opposite the window.

CRICKET EXTRAORDINARY.—On Friday, October 12th, 1793, a grand single match took place in Lord's Ground Mary-le-Bone. Five gentlemen of the Globe Club played against four gentlemen of the Mary-le-Bone Club for one hundred guineas.

| GLOBE CLUB. | | 2nd innings. | |
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| 1st innings. | | | |
| Mr. J. Beeston b Lord | | 1 b Lord | |
| Mr. Beeston b Lord | | 0 b Lord | |
| Mr. Hurnshaw, sen., b Lord | | 0 b Lord | |
| Mr. Booth, b Lord | | 0 b Lord | |
| Mr. Hurnshaw, b Lord | | 0 b Lord | |

| MARY-LE-BONE CLUB. | |
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| Mr. Ray, b Beeston | |
| Mr. Sleek c Beeston | |
| Mr. Wall, run out | |
| Mr. Lord, c J. Beeston | |

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OUR contemporary, the *Canterbury Times*, winds up the year with the following lament: "The racing clubs seem determined to allow the nomenclature nuisance to flourish, in spite of rules and protests; and it is no good, apparently, to raise our voice in denunciation of those who can think of nothing more original than Tommy, and Jenny, and Eclipse." When we first started we took up this question, and pointed out that in time this duplication of names, and naming horses after Australian and even English celebrities would sooner or later cause confusion, especially with breeders. In fact we are at the present time sometimes confused as regards pedigrees, and it is only by closely comparing dates that we can come to a correct conclusion. We perfectly agree with our contemporary that it is quite time the Metropolitan Clubs took the question up; but when they are so lax in one case it is hardly to be hoped that they will be less so in another. Our esteemed contemporary would be doing a great benefit to racing in New Zealand if they would assist us in trying to impress on Metropolitan Clubs, and in fact all racing clubs, the necessity of strictly adhering to the rules of racing as adopted by the Metropolitan Clubs of New Zealand, dated November, 1891, and published by authority. You cannot go to a single meeting, Metropolitan or otherwise, but you will find one or more of these rules that are ignored. The first we will call attention to is Rule 56, which reads thus:—"That every entry shall state the name or assumed name of the owner," etc. Now it is a common thing to see a horse running first in the name of one person, then a month or two later in the name of another. In fact at the present time there are some horses running in the North Island that would puzzle the cutest detective to find out who was the real owner. Rule 66 with its clause as to registering an assumed name is in many instances ignored, and we safely say that we have never seen a list of registered names. Rules 67 and 67A appear to be a dead letter, as we have never seen either of them acted upon. There are many others that we could call attention to that are seldom enforced, while some are played upon. There is one rule that is broken without the slightest compunction by the Auckland Racing Club—that is as regards the allowance to geldings; the recognised scale of weight for age distinctly says that they shall be allowed 3lb all the year through, but the A.R.C. Committee say that it shall be 5lb. Why should they differ from the other clubs? With regard to the colours being so similar, that appears in the latter part of the article. We can hardly see, however much it may be to the benefit of the racing public, how it can be altered, as we know that in very few cases are