

## THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR

## AUCLAND 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. Malcolm	Black body, pink sleeves and cap.
Mr. A. J. Wilson	White jacket, yellow sash, and white cap, yellow tassel.
Mr. B. Thompson	All red.
Mr. John Dennis	Chocolate jacket, gold cap.
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, amber 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. J. D. Nathan	Pale blue jacket and cap, black sash.
Mr. W. Turner	Sky blue and white stripes, white cap.
Mr. W. Robertson	Chocolate body, gold sleeves and cap.
Mr. T. B. Bell	Terra cotta 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.

## PROGRAMMES PASSED.

Poverty Bay Turf Club Summer, January 10 and 11  
 Gisborne Racing Club, January 17 and 18.  
 Papakura Races, March Summer, January 28 and 30  
 Takapuna Jockey Club, March 14  
 Te Aroha Jockey Club, Winter, May 24  
 Ngaurahia Racing Club, January 21  
 Bay of Plenty Racing Club, January 20  
 Te Puke, February 9  
 Rotorua Jockey Club, February 16

## DISQUALIFICATIONS.

The following disqualifications by the Te Aroha Jockey Club have been endorsed by the A.R.C.:—That the horse Arawa, or Emmett, be disqualified for life, and that Mr. Grant be disqualified during the pleasure of the Club.  
 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.

## JOCKEYS' LICENSES.

Licenses have been granted by the A.R.C. to the following jockeys:—W. McLean, Gisborne; T. Hodson, Ellerslie; E. Munro, Papakura; Dennis Morrison, Ellerslie; Alex. Williams, Ellerslie; F. Burns, A. E. Byers, W. Bird, W. Powell, D. Creamer, R. Collins, J. Carey, J. Dawson, C. Coleman, S. Fergus, Martin Grace, Alfred Say, W. Gallie, J. Golding, Augustus Manning, T. Steward, R. Hall, W. Hammond, E. Heaton, C. Tutt, J. Katers, F. Dodd, J. Pennel, J. W. Quartermain, W. Smith, E. McDermott, H. Priest, Pyne, Alf. Patterson, E. Reid, A. Ambrose, C. Dixon, W. Bayner, W. Gillie, E. Rae, G. Donovan, W. Shaw, T. Taylor, C. Weal, H. Weal, W. Beaumont, D. Wright, E. Williams, W. Wilmet.

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

WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary.

## LIST OF RACING CLUBS UNDER A.R.C.'S JURISDICTION.

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Avitu Racing Club	R. Millett
Avondale Jockey Club	H. H. Hayr
Bay of Plenty Jockey Club	J. D. Dailey
Babylon Racing Club	Hone Paupatete
Drury Racing Club	D. Maher
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Richmond Racing Club	Chas. Newberry
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Whangamata Racing Club	Te Wharepapa
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## ASSUMED NAMES.

The following assumed names are registered with the Auckland Racing Club:—Mr. L. Ward, Mr. J. Watson, Mr. J. Malcolm, Mr. Marangai, Mr. J. Forth, Mr. W. Turner, Mr. B. Thompson, Mr. J. Dennis, Mr. J. Lowther, Mr. J. Sutton, Mr. C. Archibald, Mr. Arthur Morgan, Mr. J. Bland.

## 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.

The Secretaries of Racing, Rowing, Cricket, Football, Tennis, Polo, Yachting, Bicycle, Dramatic—in short of any and every kind of Athletic, Sporting, and Dramatic Clubs are cordially invited to send us any information that may be of interest to the public and of use in furthering their interests.

The Editor will at all times be willing to do his best to answer any questions or decide any disputes on matters of sporting or general interest.

All communications respecting subscriptions or advertisements should be addressed to the Manager.

## SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC

## COMING EVENTS.

Jan. 17, 18.....	Gisborne Racing Club's Summer
Jan. 21.....	Ngaurahia Racing Club
Jan. 23, 25.....	Wellington Racing Club's Summer
Jan. 28, 30.....	Takapuna Jockey Club Summer
Jan. 30.....	Bay of Plenty
Feb. 9.....	Te Puke Racing Club
Feb. 16.....	Rotorua Jockey Club
Feb. 16, 18.....	Egmont Racing Club
Feb. 22, 23, 25.....	Dunedin J.C. Autumn
Mar. 9, 10.....	Wanganui Jockey Club
March 11.....	Mangatangi Racing Club's Annual
Mar. 16, 17.....	Hawke's Bay J.C. Autumn
March 17.....	Papakura Races
March 17.....	Ohiomuri Races
Mar. 23.....	Dunedin J.C. Anniversary
April 1, 8.....	Auckland Racing Club Autumn
April 8.....	South Auckland Racing Club Autumn
May 10.....	Egmont Racing Club Winter
May 24.....	Takapuna Jockey Club Winter
May 24, 27.....	Dunedin J.C. May Meeting
June 23.....	Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter

## NOMINATIONS.

Jan. 13.....	G.N. Derby and Foal Stakes, 1894-5
Jan. 13.....	Takapuna J.C. Summer
Jan. 24.....	Egmont Racing Club
Feb. 1.....	Rotorua Jockey Club
Feb. 9.....	Rotorua Jockey Club
Feb. 11.....	Dunedin J.C. Autumn
Feb. 25.....	Egmont R.C. Sires Produce Stake
April 28.....	Takapuna J.C. Winter
May 19.....	Takapuna J.C. Winter

## WEIGHTS APPEAR.

Jan. 11.....	Wellington R.C. Summer
Jan. 16.....	Takapuna Jockey Club Summer
Jan. 17.....	Bay of Plenty J.C. Annual
Jan. 25.....	Takapuna Jockey Club Summer
Feb. 4.....	Egmont Racing Club Hacks
Feb. 14.....	Rotorua Jockey Club
Feb. 15.....	Egmont Racing Club
Feb. 16.....	Rotorua Jockey Club
May 12.....	Takapuna Jockey Club Winter

## ACCEPTANCES DUE.

Jan. 16.....	Wellington R.C. Summer
Jan. 17.....	Bay of Plenty J.C. Annual
Jan. 19.....	Dunedin J.C. Autumn
Jan. 20.....	Wellington Cup (final payment)
Jan. 20.....	Takapuna Jockey Club Summer
Jan. 24.....	Egmont Racing Club
Jan. 28.....	Takapuna Jockey Club Summer
Feb. 9.....	Rotorua Jockey Club
Feb. 11.....	Egmont Racing Club
Feb. 15.....	Egmont Racing Club
May 19.....	Takapuna Jockey Club Winter

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## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W.B. (Te Puke).—Thanks for pointing out the mistake, but our Napier correspondent, in his letter in our last issue, clearly explained how it was made.

"Tug" (Ellerslie).—St. Hippo is by the same sire as the colt's sire is sired by, and out of the same dam. Breeders of blood stock generally reckon their relationship through the dam and not through the sire, and therefore, for all *Stud Book* purposes, the colt recently foaled is a half-brother to St. Hippo.

BOOTMAKER (Auckland).—Fishmonger has won a Steeplechase at Avondale, and therefore you win your wager. It was not at the Avondale Jockey Club's Meeting, but at that of the Henderson's Mill Turf Club held on the Avondale course on March 17th, 1891. He carried 10.7, and beat Hopeful Kate, 10.4, a neck, the other starters being Nap, Begorrah, General, and Moderator.

## Sporting Review.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1893.

HAD not everybody been damped by the wet weather, we are sure there would have been a lot more comment than there was on New Year's Day about St. Hippo being barred in the totalisator betting on the Great Northern Derby. We are quite aware that the power of Racing Clubs' stewards is so autocratic nowadays that they can pretty well do as they like—and some of them do not hesitate at doing it—but this "barring" on the totalisator is open to great objection, even if an owner gives his consent, as Mr L. D. Nathan, St. Hippo's owner, did in the present instance. It would be extremely undesirable to make such "barring" in any way a manner of custom. Of course we are quite aware that there is nothing in the Rules of Racing to prevent any Club whatever indulging in such a practice whenever they like, but it is not right that such a state of things should exist. In the case of

some country clubs it might very easily open the door to fraud. "Random," in the *Canterbury Times*, in commenting on the fact of St. Hippo being barred in the totalisator betting on the Great Northern Derby, says:—

The Auckland stewards are original people. As the favouritism of St. Hippo threatened to paralyse the totalisator betting on the Great Northern Derby they arranged to bar Mr. Nathan's colt on the machine and confine the betting to the other competitors. The effect, so far as the club was concerned, was very satisfactory. Investors tumbled over one another in their efforts to pick the best of the outsiders, and the "pool" was large enough to produce a substantial commission. The legality of the proceeding is another matter. The stewards have, perhaps, power to do anything, but it seems to an outsider that they should have considered the interests of people who wished to get a big price about outsiders or cover part of the money they had laid about St. Hippo, or hedge part of the money they had received about the favourite. But I have heard no complaints, and I suppose everyone was satisfied. It is to be hoped, however, that this plan of barring the favourites will not be generally adopted.

WHILE we have not had much cause during the present racing season to lament the decadence of our thoroughbreds judging from the standpoint of *racehorses*; while classic events for youngsters all over the colonies have filled well; while the leading thoroughbred "ranch" of New Zealand—Mr. T. Morrin's Wellington Park Stud—has been distinguished by a capital sale last week; and while we have unearthed two such good three-year-olds as St. Hippo and Stepniak, not to mention brilliant two-year-olds like Strawn, Geraint, Skirmisher, Pegasus and Westmere, it is a remarkable thing that most of the racing clubs throughout the colony, great and small, have had since the season opened on August 1st last to face a serious shrinkage in their totalisator revenue. More especially have the Metropolitan Clubs been sufferers in this respect, and, writing from memory, we do not think one single Metropolitan Club in the colony has had anything but a decrease in totalisator revenue over the transactions of the present season except the Wellington Racing Club, who had good cause to congratulate themselves on the amount handled at the machines at their Spring Meeting. Judging by what our Wellington correspondent says in his usual weekly letter in another column, the Wellington country clubs have also been very successful as regards totalisator money during the Christmas and New Year holidays, and well have they deserved it, for they conduct their racing operations in a most legitimate manner. Going further South we may say that we have not yet seen—owing to the interruption of the customary telegraphic and mail communication during the Christmas and New Year holidays—anything like a full return of the amounts put through the totalisator at the Otago Goldfields meetings, which are so numerous at Christmas and New Year time. But from what we can gather weather and attendance have alike been unpropitious, and some of our Otago country friends will, we fear, have to draw in their horns at future meetings. We quite expected that after the bad weather the Dunedin Jockey Club experienced at their Spring Meeting in November last, and the shrinkage of revenue and attendance consequently experienced that they would have to come down in the matter of stake money next year. The Dunedin Jockey Club, contrary to the practice of our other Metropolitan Clubs, commence their financial year not with the racing season but with the new year, consequently their usual meeting of members was held on Monday last, when as the report submitted showed such a serious loss on the year's operations as £1,365 2s. 9d. (the totalisator investments being less by £20,000 odd), it was decided to curtail the number of days' racing for the season of 1892-93. Candour forces the confession that the Dunedin Jockey Club have at times somewhat overdone their racing, especially at their Spring time, when visitors have been compelled to finish four days' racing with a mixed programme of trots, selling flat races, and selling hurdle races. But still we are extremely sorry to find them compelled to retrench as much as they have now announced their intention of doing. They have decided to cut down the number of racing days for next season by three days, taking a day off the 'Spring, a day off the Anniversary, and a day off the Queen's Birthday Meeting. While regretting this curtailment, and hoping that better times will soon be in store for the Club, we can at least be heartily thankful that the attractions of their most popular gathering, the Dunedin Cup meeting, will not be diminished, and

neither will those of the meeting they hold on the Queen's natal day and the day following.

As rulers of various Metropolitan bodies know only too well nowadays the proverbial "coach and four" is only too often driven through the enactments framed, with the best of intentions, by them. Perhaps it may be urged—and with some show of justice—that the rules on certain points are woefully ambiguous, but still there is a good deal too much of the "win, tie, and wrangle" business with some of the owners nowadays. Looking at the work and labour that has been expended in the preparation of the various codes of Turf law now governing the Australasian Colonies, it is curious to glance back 82 years ago and see what laws were in force in Sydney in the year 1810. A copy of the "Rules and orders of the Sydney Race Club established under the patronage of His Excellency Governor Macquarie in the year 1810," was recently presented to the Australian Jockey Club by Mr H. C. Dangar and to the reporter of the *Sydney Referee*, who has had a look through them, we are indebted for some interesting particulars of the regulations contained therein. From what he says we gather that members admitted to the Sydney Race Club in 1810 had to pay an entrance fee of 6gs, exclusive of the annual subscription of 2gs. It was further enacted—and wisely too perhaps—that "any member neglecting to pay his annual subscription on or before the first day of the races in each succeeding year shall be obliged to pay double." This would suit some of our present day racing clubs "all to pieces." The subscribers to the Sydney race fund of 1810 met annually at dinner on January 5th, and it was decreed that "any member is at liberty to introduce a friend, being a non-resident of the colony, by giving previous notice of such intention to the stewards." At this same dinner it would seem that business as well as pleasure was transacted, for Rule 5 says: "Three members shall be appointed stewards, to commence their office annually on June 6th; and one new steward to be appointed every year on June 5th by the steward who quits, subject to the approbation of the majority of the members of the Club present at dinner on that day." But we will leave the Sydney *Referee's* writer to tell his own story and make his own comments about the rest of these old time rules:—

The stewards in those days had several important powers conferred upon them. They made any regulations they thought proper in regard to the exercise ground and course, appointed a clerk of the course, and all persons connected with the holding of a race meeting. The stewards were responsible for all moneys collected, and they settled all disputes in racing, their decision being final. With regard to horses running, we find from Rule 12 that "no horse or mare imported into this colony shall be allowed to run more than once for plate, sweepstakes or subscription; and that they must be entered six weeks previous to the race, paying £2 2s. entrance, or double if belonging to a non-subscriber." No gelding was allowed to run that had not been bred in the colony. The date of age was as it is now—August 1. The rules for the conduct of racing did not materially differ from those of the A.J.C. When no particular weight was specified in a match or sweepstakes the horse carried 9.0 each, and if any weight was given the *highest weight* was fixed at 9.0. Care was taken to have the age and pedigree of the horses correctly entered. Rule 22 says:—"The horse that has his head first at the ending post wins the heat;" and Rule 27 reads: "For the best of the heats the horse is second that beats the others twice out of three times, though he doth not win a heat." Precautions were taken against foul riding, and Rule 32 says: "As many of the riders as shall cross, jostle or strike, or raise any other foul play, as shall be judged by the stewards present, such rider shall be made incapable of ever riding any horse or gelding in any plate, &c." There are no half terms about this, and a rider caught in such acts would no doubt have had short shift at the hands of the stewards. Rule 35 is one I shall lay special stress upon. It reads as follows:—"The riding jockeys shall be paid in the following manner: The jockey riding the winning horse, £5 5s each; and all others £3 3s each. Any gentleman who shall pay a greater or less sum than above subscribed to be expelled the club." The italics are mine, and I especially wish to draw the notice of our present day racing men to them. Extravagant presents (?) to jockeys have done much to bring the turf into disrepute and to encourage stiff running. Jockeys have been paid to lose races as well as win them. The stewards of the Sydney Race Club in 1810 evidently knew what they were about. To prevent the bribing of jockeys they no doubt framed that rule, and the briber—for such lavish presents are merely bribes—when discovered was to be expelled the club. Rule 37 provides: That the following weights be carried by mares and geldings running for any cup, plate, or purse:—Entire horses, 3lb extra; two years, 6.2; three, 7.4; four, 8.0; five, 8.12; six, 9.10; aged, 10.0. The stewards for the year 1813 were—John Thomas Campbell, Captain Henry Glenholme, 73rd Regiment, and Captain Anthony Coane, 73rd Regiment; treasurer, Lieut. Eagar. The list of members is as follows:—His Excellency Governor Macquarie, His Hon. Lieut.-Governor O'Connell, Captains Murray, Ritchie, Glenholme, Cameron, Coane, Pike, Kenny and Walker, Lieutenants Wright, Shot-