

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 names 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 Hui: 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 tassels. Mr. B. Thompson ... Chocolate jacket, gold cap. Mr. John Dennis ... Blue jacket, white sleeves and cap. Mr. J. Lowther ... All black. Mr. J. Marshall ... Black and amber stripes, black cap. Mr. T. Morris ... Black jacket, amber sash, white cap. Mr. W. Bobbett ... Black body, gold sleeves and cap. Mr. B. Burke ... Black and white stripes. Mr. A. Buckland ... Black and white hoops. Major E. N. George ... Blue and white hoops, blue cap. Mr. N. Dickie ... Pale blue jacket and cap, black sash. Mr. L. D. Nathan ... Sky blue and white stripes, white cap. Mr. W. Robertson ... Chocolate body, gold sleeves and Terra cotta and blue cap. Mr. T. B. Bell ... Maroon body, gold sleeves. Mr. D. McKinnon ... Salmon and blue hoops. Mr. H. H. Hayr ... Rose and white stripes. Mr. W. Walters ... Primrose jacket, blue sash and cap. Mr. S. Cotton ... 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.

Gisborne Park Steeplechase—July 14

DISQUALIFICATIONS.

The following disqualifications by the Te Aroha Jockey Club have been made:—That the horse Araua or Emmet, be disqualified for life. 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 of E. Monroe, the jockey, was removed by the A.R.C. committee at their meeting on the 7th inst. The disqualification of Maori Girl was also removed at the same meeting. The disqualification of Mr P. Grant has been removed by the A.R.C. Committee. The disqualification of the pony Ben and the jockeys W. Oliver, H. Hickton, J. Fletcher and R. Donovan has been removed.

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; A. ex. Williams, Ellerslie; F. Burns, A. E. Byers, W. Bird, W. Powell, D. Creamer, R. Collins, J. Carey, J. Dawson, C. Coleman, S. Ferguson, Martin Grace, Alfred Say, W. Gallie, J. Golding, Augustus Manning, T. Steward, R. Hall, W. Hammond, K. Heaton, C. Tutt, J. Katterer, W. McMinamin, H. Priest, W. Quartermain, W. Smith, F. Dodd, J. Pennel, J. Payne, Alf. Patterson, F. Reid, Ambrose C. Dixon, W. Rayner, W. Gillie, J. Rae, G. Donovan, W. Shaw, T. Taylor, C. Weal, H. Weal, W. Beaumont, D. Wright, E. Williams, W. Wilmot, G. Hammond, James Robert Whitelaw, W. Hatfield.

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

WM. PERCIVAL, SECRETARY.

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

Table with 2 columns: Club and Secretary. Lists various racing clubs and their respective secretaries.

ASSUMED NAMES.

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

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

Table with 2 columns: Duration and Rate. Shows rates for 3, 6, and 12 months.

SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

Table of coming events including Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter, Wellington Racing Club's Steeplechases, United Hunt Club (Wellington) Winter, Gisborne Park Steeplechases, and C.J.C. Grand National Steeplechases.

NOMINATIONS.

Table of nominations for Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Winter, United Hunt Club Steeplechase, and Gisborne Park Steeplechases.

WEIGHTS TO APPEAR.

Table showing weights to appear for United Hunt Club Steeplechase.

ACCEPTANCES DUE.

Table showing acceptances due for Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Winter, Gisborne Park Steeplechases, and United Hunt Club Steeplechase.

AUSTRALIAN RACES.

Table of Australian races including Victoria Amateur Turf Club Grand National Meeting and Victoria Amateur Turf Club Spring Meeting.

ENGLISH RACES.

Table of English races including Ascot Meeting, Goodwood Cup, Doncaster Legger, Cesarewitch Stakes, and Cambridgeshire Stakes.

COURSING.

Table of coursing events in Auckland and Dunedin.

RANGITIKEI HUNT CLUB FIXTURES, 1893.

Table of fixtures for Rangitikei Hunt Club including Philholme, Tadcroft, Kilkern, Wooddean, Eildon Farm, Grovelly, Muri's Bridge, Clydesdale, Carnarvon, Bellview, and Overton.

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Sporting Review.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1893.

THESE horseowners who feel themselves aggrieved at the new policy of retrenchment, &c., proposed by the Victoria Racing Club were to tackle the august committee of that body on the 1st inst. but as our latest sporting news from Melbourne only takes us to May 30 we shall have to wait till next week before knowing the outcome of the deliberations. By our files, though, we note that the horseowners met on May 26, and sketched out a plan of action for their conference with the Victoria Racing Club's committee. The first motion to be brought before the V.R.C. urged the committee to do away with the new system of handicapping winning horses, and to adopt some system of fixed penalties on such graduated scale as the committee may see fit. The horseowners in their second resolution cordially agree with the V.R.C. committee as to the necessity for retrenchment, but differ with them as to the method by which such retrenchment should be achieved. Instead of the club annexing acceptances and nominations the horseowners suggest that a very considerable saving should be effected in the expenditure of the club in respect of maintenance, salaries, and improvements, and that the balance of any deficiency should be made up by taking the sum required from the added money. The horseowners strongly support the idea that the nominations and acceptances should remain intact, even if the committee had to sacrifice the entire £15,000 added to the stakes. It will be interesting to watch how the horseowners fare in their Conference with the V.R.C.'s committee. There is no doubt in our mind that they have a

good deal of right on their side, especially as regards their argument that while they are taxed extra by the club the "salaries and maintenance" account does not diminish. This latter has been a big bone of contention for some time, but we fancy that the V.R.C. committee will be compelled to make the account show a material diminution next week.

THE Canterbury Times, which, like this journal, has been a strong advocate of the country clubs being represented at the Metropolitan Clubs' Conferences, threshes out the question in alluding to the Conference which the Ashburton Racing Club have already convened, and says:—

Few of the country clubs have yet met to consider the course of action to be taken by their delegates, but individuals who have a leading share in guiding the affairs of their respective clubs have indicated that they have other aspirations besides mere representation on the Racing Conference, or New Zealand Jockey Club, into which they believe the Conference will before long develop. They claim that the country clubs should also be represented on the provincial Metropolitan Committee, so that they may have a voice in the decision of the many questions and appeals which are from time to time referred to the Metropolitan Clubs by the country clubs. It must be distinctly understood that they have no wish to interfere in the internal affairs of the Metropolitan Clubs as clubs—in the affairs of the Canterbury Jockey Club for instance—but they wish to have a say in matters in which the country clubs and racing generally are interested. * * * The country clubs disclaim any wish for separate jurisdiction. They desire and are determined to have their claims and rights duly considered in turf legislation and administration, and if this desire be acceded to, there will be no conflict of authority. They are, however, resolved that rather than submit longer to what they regard as 'class' legislation and government, they will set up a tribunal of their own. That is their position, but it is improbable that they will be forced to take the ultimate step.

THE Auckland Racing Club, we are glad to hear, will not, in spite of the wretched weather they experienced for their Winter Meeting, come out on the wrong side of the ledger over that gathering. On the contrary a profit of about £150 falls to them, but this is but a drop of comfort in the hard luck they have experienced during the season. They opened the season most auspiciously, the weather for their First Spring Meeting seeming, as we mentioned at the time, to have been made to order. But some "Jonah" turned up between that time and the Club's Second Spring Meeting, for the rain was so heavy on the morning of the second day originally fixed for that meeting that it had to be postponed. And as soon as the committee had decided on a postponement the weather changed and the sun came out! The sun beamed on them for the first day of their Summer Meeting—which is the meeting the club always look to as their "boom" time, and Boxing Day, when they commenced their proceedings, was lovely enough, but just when they thought they had got the New Year holiday makers in town for the Derby and Steeplechase days, the rain came down and consequently the profit usually looked forward to by the club did not reach their coffers. There was fine weather for the Autumn Meeting, but counter attractions of Easter Monday militated against the attendance, so the club did not come out financially as well as was anticipated. But they looked to the Steeplechase Meeting for their "boom" of the season, and they would not have looked in vain, we are sure, had the weather been at all favourable. The 3rd and 7th insts. were the dates originally fixed, but a postponement had to be made owing to the attentions of Jupiter Pluvius, and the consequence was that the Grand National Hurdle Race day came on the Wednesday instead of the Saturday. The weather was all right, then, with the exception of one or two slight showers during the afternoon, but the Wednesday half-holiday did not draw as many as was expected. With a Saturday for their big Steeplechase—a species of race which is intensely popular in Auckland—the A.R.C. were justified in expecting a bumper attendance, but, though the night preceding was beautifully fine, the rain came down in torrents early in the morning, and, as our contributor "Sir Launcelot" puts it, few, if any, race-meetings have been carried out in New Zealand under more disadvantageous surroundings. This being so, it is the more surprising that the attendance was by no means bad and that the club came out with a slight profit. It is not their own fault that they have not been more successful during the season. Their meetings have been well conducted; the handicapper's adjustments have provided some close finishes; and all their bad luck has been due to

the vagaries of the weather. In that respect they are not the only Metropolitan Club that have suffered. We wish them better fortune during the next racing year.

ANOTHER Metropolitan Club that has been in almost a similar position as regards the weather affecting its finances is the Dunedin Jockey Club. Like the Auckland Racing Club, it is an open secret that they have a "leettle" interest to pay on a mortgage, and therefore a bad season presses harder on them than it does on other clubs. More than one of their meetings was marred by bad weather. Hail, rain and snow are by no means uncommon accompaniments to racing in the Southern capital about Queen's Birthday time; but, strange to say, the Dunedin Jockey Club were not troubled in that way this year, while Auckland, at the extreme end of the colony a fortnight later had most tempestuous weather.

WITH the conclusion of the Dunedin Jockey Club's Birthday Meeting the curtain may be said to have been rung down on the flat racing proper of this colony for the season of 1892-93. True there have since been small flat races on the Auckland Racing Club's winter programme and there are a couple on the bill of fare provided by the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club on June 23rd, but with the Dunedin meeting the doings of the cracks of the season have terminated. Let us, therefore, take a brief glance at the most salient features of the racing season of 1892-93.

It may at once be said that the season has been by no means devoid of incident, more especially as there has been some very pronounced record smashing. The palm in this direction undoubtedly belongs to Merganser, whose mighty performance in winning the Great Autumn Handicap under 9.8 (the highest weight ever carried to the front in that race) and lowering the mile and a half record to 2min 35 3/4 sec, will not be soon effaced from the memory of turfites. At the same meeting another record was lowered when Loyalty got over the six furlongs of the Challenge Stakes in 1min 14sec. Earlier in the season than these records were established, two "saints"—St. Hippo and St. Katherine—had put up sterling times in the New Zealand Cup and Wanganui Cup respectively, and Merganser had covered the fastest mile ever accomplished in New Zealand. The performances to which we allude were St. Hippo's New Zealand Cup, 2 miles, 3min 30 3/4 sec; Merganser's Jockey Club Handicap, 1 mile, 1min 41 3/4 sec; and St. Katherine's Wanganui Cup, one mile and three quarters, 3min 5sec, this latter being a tie for the record for the distance with that put up by Waitiri in the Auckland Racing Club Handicap during the season of 1886-87. In none of these cases do the times recorded beat the Australian records, but Loyalty's 1min 14sec ties with the time made for six furlongs in Australia by both Volcano and Ascot Vale.

DESPITE the croakings of a lot of pessimists there did not seem to be much, if any, deterioration among the two-year-olds of the season, and we should see some fine three-year-old racing next season. With the Auckland two-year-olds, such as Pegasus, Eve, and Royal Rose not meeting the Southern cracks (except when Eve ran against Strowan at Wanganui) it is hard to say who is really "boss" of the two-year-old division, and this will render the problems of the Hawke's Bay Guineas, Canterbury, Auckland, and Dunedin Derbies more interesting. There can be no doubt from their performances that Strowan, Skirmisher, and Loyalty are colts a good deal above the average, and among the Southerners we might add Outpost and Response. Then, among the Aucklanders, Pegasus, Royal Rose and Eve stand out most prominently, while Wanganui can claim a smart colt in Westmer, and Hawke's Bay a smart filly in Noyade. Two Hawke's Bay owners also possess a decent pair in the fillies St. Cecilia and Zanella. Nor must it be forgotten that Mr. Stead has a couple of two-year-olds, besides Strowan who have scored this season, namely, Geraint and Reflector, and though he has not entered either for the New Zealand Cup they may be equal to following up their two-year-old records by earning some winning brackets as three-year-olds. Gitano and Beadonwell are a couple of Dunedinites that scored in minor races, and gave promise of better things. On the strength of his being a half-brother to Pygmalion and Cynisca, in addition to the fine quality he