

THE OHINEMURI JOCKEY CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Ohinemuri Jockey Club will take place at Paeroa on March 16 and 17, and as usual a good programme has been arranged for this. On the opening day the events are the Shorts Handicap, of 30 sovs, 4 furlongs; the Handicap Hurdles, of 40 sovs, 2 miles; the Nertherton Welter, of 30 sovs, 7 furlongs; the Karangahake Handicap, of 30 sovs; 5 furlongs, the Ohinemuri Cup, of 125 sovs, 1½ miles; the Komati Handicap, of 25 sovs, 7 furlongs; the Paeroa Steeplechase, of 50 sovs, 2½ miles; the St. Patrick's Handicap, of 40 sovs, 6 furlongs.

On the second day the programme will be made up of the Waitikauri Plate, of 35 sovs, 5 furlongs; the Waikino Welter, of 35 sovs, 7 furlongs; the District Hurdles, of 40 sovs, 1½ miles; Flying Handicap, of 30 sovs, 4 furlongs; Paeroa Handicap, of 80 sovs, one mile; Hikutaia Handicap, of 25 sovs, 6 furlongs; Tallyho Steeplechase, of 55 sovs, 3 miles; and Final Handicap, of 40 sovs, 6 furlongs. Mr H. Poland, the secretary, desires attention to be called to the fact that the date for closing entries is Friday, 21st February, when no doubt the response will be a liberal one.

MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN COMMITTEE.

The Hon. E. Mitchelson took the chair at Monday's meeting of the Metropolitan Committee. Disqualifications for riding at an unregistered meeting were removed from G. Devoran, A. Harper, and H. Clarke. The apprentice license of V. G. A. Fogden was cancelled and his name ordered to be posted for having left his employer (D. Moraghan) without notice. A report was read from the stewards of the Whangarei Racing Club, and consideration of the same was postponed for a fortnight, by which time it is anticipated that the report from the Auckland Trotting Club will also be available. A jockey's license was granted to Victor Coleman. The following programmes were approved of:—South Auckland Racing Club, March 27 and 28; Whakatane Racing Club, March 17; Mauku Racing Club, March 21; Matamata Racing Club, March 26; Waipa Racing Club, April 1; Waiuku Racing Club, March 21. The Te Puke Jockey Club's date was altered from March 12 to March 26.

A.R.C. COMMITTEE.

At Monday's meeting of the Auckland Racing Club Committee, the following transfers were passed:—L. C. Hazlett to John R. McDonald, chestnut colt, 1yr, by St. Amboise—Seashell; G. M. Aynsley, to J. S. Thane, mare Artillerie, 2yrs, by Royal Artillery—Nantes; W. J. Ralph to W. Walters, chestnut filly Clochette, 3yrs, by Seaton Delaval—La Cloche; Sir G. Clifford to W. J. Ralph, chestnut filly Guidwife, 3yrs, by Clanranald—Safeguard; I. G. Duncan to P. D. Watson, bay colt, 1yr, by Conqueror—Lady Principal; I. G. Duncan to G. G. Stead, bay filly, 1yr, by Royal Artillery—Bluefire; I. G. Duncan to H. Gaisford, brown filly, 1yr, by Kilcheran—Moreze; I. G. Duncan to P. Soames, brown colt, 1yr, by Merriwee—Olivette; I. G. Duncan to F. Preston, bay filly, 1yr, by St. Ambrose—Waiwhera; I. G. Duncan to A. McDonald, bay filly, 1yr, by Kilcheran—Ekaterina; I. G. Duncan to Sir G. Clifford, bay colt, 1yr, by Kilcheran—Success; I. G. Duncan to W. Cooper, brown filly, 1yr, by Kilcheran—Sombre; I. G. Duncan to Ryan and De Groen, brown colt, 1yr, by Kilcheran—Spun Gold; I. G. Duncan to C. B. Olive, chestnut colt, 1yr, by Conqueror—Berenice. Accounts amounting to £140 were passed for payment, and it was also agreed to pay the funeral expenses of the late Thomas Taylor.

THE AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

Summer is fast flitting by and soon the Autumn Meetings will engage attention. Prominent among these is the Avondale Jockey Club's fixture, which takes place on Wednesday and Saturday, April 29 and May 2. The programme arranged for the meeting is as follows: First Day: The Maiden Plate, of 60 sovs, 6 furlongs; Handicap Hurdles, of 80 sovs, 2 miles; Oakley Handicap, of 60 sovs, 5 furlongs; Juvenile Handicap, of 70 sovs, 5 furlongs; Avondale Handicap, of 200 sovs, 1½ miles; First Pony Handicap, of 50 sovs, 5 furlongs; Chevalier Handicap, of 60 sovs, 4 furlongs; Railway Handicap, of 100 sovs, 6 furlongs.

Second Day: Maiden Hurdles, of 70 sovs, 1½ miles; Flying Handicap, of 80 sovs, 4 furlongs; Second Pony Handicap, of 50 sovs, 5 furlongs; Autumn Handicap, of 130 sovs, one mile; Nursery Handicap, of 60 sovs, 6 furlongs; Steeplechase, of 70 sovs, 3 miles; Mt. Roskill Handicap, of 60 sovs, 6 furlongs; Waitakirei Handicap, of 100 sovs, 6 furlongs. Nominations for the Avondale, Autumn Steeplechase and Railway Handicap, close on Friday, April 3, while general entries are due with Mr Hayr a fortnight later.

CARNIVAL AT NAPIER.

The pretty sea-girt town of Napier, the capital of Hawke's Bay, will be en fete from the 15th to 25th of March next, for on the above dates their mammoth carnival is to take place. The citizens have prepared a programme of events which will appeal to all tastes. Every outdoor sport has been lavishly catered for, no less a sum than £2550 being allocated to the various events. This sum is far and away above any amount ever previously devoted in the Dominion for a similar venture, and the executive should be favoured with record entries all around. The attention of intending competitors is drawn to the carnival advertisement in another column of this issue, particularly as to closing dates of entries. Several are due this month, so that it behoves those interested not to miss their opportunity. The pleasure-seeker will be able to enjoy himself to his heart's content, while the business man, ever wound up to concert pitch, will find relaxation by taking a well-earned holiday during Napier carnival dates.

Any information will be gladly and promptly supplied by the secretary, Mr. A. E. Eagleton, Box 79, Napier.

THE NEWMARKET AND AUSTRALIAN CUP WEIGHTS.

These two big handicaps are looming largely in the racing world just now. In reviewing the handicaps the Melbourne correspondent to the "Town and Country Journal" says:—Handicapper Menzies appears to have got through his task in allotting the Newmarket Handicap and Australian Cup weights in a fairly satisfactory manner, and so far I have not heard much growing by owners or trainers. Though the 9st 10lb given Collarit in the place for honours for the Newmarket Handicap is quite enough for even such a brilliant customer, I would not like to say he has not a chance, as I question if we have ever seen any faster on his day over his favourite distance. Corroboree should have a show at half a stone less, and he is in nice order, despite the fact that he has done a fair amount of stud duty. Iolaire will, if himself, take a lot of beating at the same weight, and Istria reads well at a pound less. North Head should run well, and Step Out is given a chance at the same weight. Pink Un is well in at 8st 13lb, and Ebullition at the same weight, may repeat his win of last year.

If Traquair's wind trouble does not seriously affect him, and he retains his English brilliancy, he should have a say in the finish, with only 8st 8lb. The Owl must not be overlooked at 2lb less. Little Toy (8st 4lb) and Tartan, at the same weight, are entitled to respect, especially the latter, who, though so uncertain, has very great pace. The handicapper has given Scotland 8st 4lb, which he is about entitled to on his known public form. I am sorry Pompous has gone wrong, as if himself on the day he would probably have been amongst the first three, with only 7st 12lb. Of the others who read well as worthy of attention are Miss Bobby (8st 3lb), Grenadier (7st 12lb), Dalriada (7st 5lb), Maranui (7st 3lb), Submarine (7st), and Akim Foo and Fiery Star at the minimum. I was almost overlooking True Scot, who may be expected to run forward with 8st 10lb.

If Tartan is in anything like his best form, 9st 11lb cannot be regarded as excessive for him in the Australian Cup, and the handicapper could not well give Apologue less. Antonious is nicely placed at 9st 11lb, and I like Melodrama's chance at 8st 11lb. Booran will have to improve to win with 8st 7lb, but he is pretty good when really well. Tulkeroo is not harshly treated at 8st 2lb, and old Proceador may make matters merry with 2lb less. I like Welcome Trist very much at 7st 12lb, and Dyed Garments should run well with 3lb less, as, though not fast, he is a great plodder. Mira will not start owing to leg trouble, but Seddon reads very well at 7st 3lb, and another hurdler in Bribery may emulate the example of Realm. Altogether, the handicap should be productive of a good race, as nothing stands out very prominently so far.

According to an Australian paper, though there is very little right out wagering on the Newmarket Handicap and Australian Cup, the double event layers are fairly busy. According to their books the most fancied horse for the Newmarket is Scotland, while Dusky Morn, Istria, Little Toy, Seddon, Tangaroa, Pink 'Un, Thalaba, and Antonio, are coupled with Tartan, Apologue, Gaby, Putty, and Melodeon. Some of these doubles are backed at a very short price.

LATE RACING.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

The Summer Meeting of the Otahuhu Trotting Club was continued yesterday afternoon at Alexandra Park. The weather was very hot, a thick haze from bush fires not making matters more pleasant. The attendance for an off day was very fair indeed, and the sport interesting. Some of the finishes were particularly close, notably in the Trial Trot, the Suburban Handicap, and the Summer Trot.

Results were as follows—

TRIAL TROT HANDICAP (one and a-half miles).
Mack (Crotty), 10s 1
Harold Huon (Lowe), 6s 2
Orakei (Rae), 12s 3
Other starters:—Miss Vola, scr.; Little Dick, 7s; John Harold, 8s; Chaar-jin, 10s; Castaway, 11s; Porangi, 15s; Rita, 18s.
A fine finish, Mack winning by half a yard.

TRAMWAY TROT HANDICAP (one and a-half miles).
Harold Huon (Low A.), 11s 1
Little Paul (Crotty), scr 2
Fibre (Lecky), 12s 3
Also started:—Lissie Eheg, scr.; Bert, 5s; Nat Gould, 6s; Royal Albert, 10s; Major Election, 10s; Plaintiff, 11s.
Won by ten yards. Time, 4 12 2-5.

SUBURBAN PONY HANDICAP (five furlongs).
Hughie (Brown, R.), 8.0 1
Waihou (Chaafe), 8.11 2
Hopscotch (Conquest), 8.6 3
Also started:—Dr. Quest, 7.10; Balgonie, 6.10.
A good race, Hughie winning by a neck. Time, 1.5.

SUMMER TROT HANDICAP (2 miles).
Duke C (Herbert), 10s 1
Happy (Orange), 13s 2
Agnes B (Lowe, A.), 15s 3
Also started:—Viscount, 1s; All Night, 6s; Tableau, 12s; Special Light, 14s; Redleaf, 15s; Macquarrie, 20s.
Redleaf refused to trot, and All Night threw his rider. Happy looked like winning easily, but broke near the finish, Duke C getting up in time to win by five yards. Time, 5.8.3-5.

MANGERE TROT HANDICAP (one and a-half miles).
Bogey (Orange), 11s 1
Miss Huon (Lowe), 17s 2
Plaintiff (Paul), 20s 3
Also started:—Cleveland's Pride, 7s; Bert, 14s; Pukerimu, 14s.
Bogey won with ridiculous ease by 40 yards. Time, 4.3.1-5.
The stewards held a meeting and disqualified Bogey for inconsistent running.

HIGH-CLASS TROT HANDICAP (one and a-half miles).
Maplewood (Orange), 13s 1
Stranger (Crotty), 16s 2
Le Rosier (Duncan), 15s 3
Also started:—Rosebud, 12s; Robex, 15s; Kohine, 15s; Baxter, 19s.
Won without an effort by 30 yards. Time, 3.48.

ALEXANDRA HANDICAP (4 furlongs).
Hughie (Brown), 8.7 1
Waihou (Chaafe), 8.11 2
Paul Beaver (Whittaker), 7.0 3
Also ran:—Dr. Quest, 7.10.
Won easily after a bad start by a length. Time, 57s.

NOTES.

(By The Judge.)

The last race on the programme of the Otahuhu Trotting Club yesterday was timed for ten minutes past six. This is too late an hour altogether to finish a meeting, as it means a very late return to town for those who remain for the final event. Half-past five is quite late enough to finish, even in the summer.

Lady French beat Azoff very easily in a £20-aside match at Hamilton on Saturday.

The finish of the Otahuhu Trotting Cup was one of the best ever seen at Alexandra Park, the three placed horses finishing in a bunch.

Pohutu went south on Sunday to run at the Egmont Meeting.

The Ayrshire horse Traquair figures in the Newmarket Handicap with 8st 8lbs. He was a smashing two-year-old in England, but "has never done anything since" and whistles a bit.

Among the passengers for Egmont on Sunday were A. Julian, H. Gray, W. O'Connell, C. West, and a large number of sportsmen going down to assist at the meeting.

It is a moot point as to whether trotting is making any headway in Auckland. If it has, the advance has been very light indeed. The appointments at Alexandra Park are still rather primitive, and the course is in none too good a state. As for the trotters themselves, when such a very ancient gelding as Duke C comes

out and wins the big race, as he did yesterday, it is evident that class has not improved greatly. Perhaps in the purity of the sport the biggest strides have been made.

Elevation's handicap of 9st 11lb in the Newmarket Handicap, was 2lbs more than the mighty Carbine was asked to carry in the same race.

Diana, a daughter of the Auckland-bred Uniform (Hotchkiss—Forma) won the South African Derby of 1000 sovs.

C. Jenkin's application to have his riding license reinstated has been refused by the Wanganui Metropolitan Committee.

The Messrs Duder have named the yearling filly by Soult—Queen Anne, La Reine, a very happy effort. The youngster is a beauty to look at.

I hear Mr Alison has a beautiful youngster at the Lake, which claims Monoform a sire and which is said to do the son of Multiform great credit.

Sir George Clifford had a great innings at the C.J.C. Summer Meeting, his horses capturing half the programme.

The Poverty Bay Turf Club's Meeting takes place to-day and to-morrow.

Hautapu and Lady Hune have been sent to Egmont to contest the jumping events at the meeting.

The Ohaupo Racing Club's meeting will take place on the 26th inst.

By her sixth consecutive victory, Fleetfoot has proved that she is the best of her year in the Dominion.

The Rotorua Jockey Club will hold a meeting at Cambridge on the 22nd inst. Australia won the fourth test match in Melbourne by 308 runs. Australia made 214 and 385 (Armstrong 133 not out), to England's 105 and 186. The Old Country representatives had the worst of the luck in the matter of wickets.

Entries for the Taranaki J.C. Autumn Meeting close on February 28.

Excellent entries have been received for the opening meeting of the Wellington Pony and Galloway Club, which takes place on the 22nd inst.

A. Gray has been acquitted by the Takapuna Jockey Club of any intention to "pull" Tanglefoot in the Rangitoto Steeplechase, while John Deery was exonerated from blame when Inniskillen ran off in the same race.

Te Aroha Meeting takes place next Wednesday and Thursday.

Nominations for the popular Papakura Meeting are due with Mr Gouge to-morrow evening. The programme is a good one and a lengthy list of nominations should be received.

Stratagem, who won the Midsummer Handicap at Riccarton, and has been given top weight in the Dunedin Cup, is a daughter of old Nelson and Dudu. It is interesting to note that Nelson was foaled in 1880 and Dudu in 1884.

There were 14 applications for the billet of starter to the Masterton Racing Club and Mr A. C. Macdonald received the appointment.

The champion Poseidon is not to be sent over from Sydney to compete at the V.R.C. Autumn Meeting.

Mr Cleland has named the colt by Eton from Senga, Etonian, and the colt by Soult from Lady Emmeline, Monsieur Soult.

The Wanganui Cup weights are due on Saturday next.

Entries for the big events of the A.R.C. autumn meeting are due on March 12.

The Otahuhu Trotting Club's summer meeting will be concluded on Saturday next.

Nominations for the Taranaki J.C. autumn meeting are due with Mr Fleetwood on the 28th inst.

The Auckland Trotting Club is still sifting the jockey ring allegations to the bottom. Mr. Mark and his committee deserve warm praise for the painstaking way they have gone about a difficult task.

A prominent English jockey, J. McCall, had his left leg broken in two places last month. He was riding a yearling, which fell with him.

Long before "doping" was introduced into England, it was, of course, a common enough practice to give