

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

INTERESTING TYRE COMPETITION.

With a view of encouraging careful driving and proper care and inflation of motor tyres on New Zealand and Australian roads, the Dunlop Rubber Co. have decided to institute a novel drivers' competition, starting from the 31st March, 1909. The sum of £100 will be given away in prizes, split up as follows:—£50 first, £20 second, £10 third, and four consolation prizes, same to be awarded to the professional drivers (excepting drivers of hiring-out cars and taxicabs) who obtain the best records from the end of March, 1909, to the end of December, 1909.

The conditions to be imposed are:—Dunlop tyres to be used on all wheels of cars; drivers who enter competition (which will be open to all chauffeurs in New Zealand and Australia) will have to fill in and furnish a monthly statement, giving mileage travelled, and enumerate every stop on road for tyre inflation, repair or replacement, and duration of each stop; and also give particulars of any cover or tube changed in garage. The form to be signed by driver and countersigned by car owner. At the end of 1909 the Dunlop Co., who are to be the sole judges in the competition, will award the prizes to the drivers who have, in their opinion, established the best records, taking into consideration weight, power of car, and mileage covered. Changing from one car owner to another will not disqualify driver, as long as the conditions of test are complied with. The competition is one that will appeal to all car owners who employ drivers, for it will offer a premium to careful and steady driving, which means longer life for tyres, and less tyre upkeep—a big consideration to motorists. It will also act as a deterrent against high speed, driving on the clutch around corners, and lead to proper inflation of tyres. Full details of this interesting competition will be issued at an early date.

AMATEURS TO THE FORE.

It is a common thing nowadays to hear the remark passed, "Oh! amateurism is as dead as the proverbial dodo." At cycling in particular this taunt is often cast. The fall of cycle track racing from its high pinnacle of popularity in Australia has no doubt been greatly contributed to through too much professionalism of the wrong sort. The writer believes that the popularity of cycle racing in this country could again be revived if such were carried out on true amateur lines, and in such a manner as would bring to the surface that dormant "love of the game" that is ingrained in most cyclists, once the veneer of professionalism is penetrated. The sport, if engineered on enthusiastic and proper lines, could be resuscitated, and racing for useful trophies of good value and worth would again bring into life the sporting spirit that now enthuses the average Australian road rider. Why should there be any difference in the nature of our track riders and our road riders? Physically they are the same. The difference lies in the matter in which they have been brought up. The former have been petted and spoiled, the result being an effete class of pedal pushers, who, at present, endeavour to add a few shillings to their incomes by following a sport that has been strangled by the hand of greed. The same riders under different surroundings would have been just as keen as the bands of enthusiastic road riders who are to be found all over the Dominion, ready to "take on" any task where the spirit of emulation leads and "honour" beckons. The writer does not infer that all our track riders to-day are poor sportsmen. Far from it, but as a class they are not to be compared to the clean-living and clean-riding brigade that rides for the "love of the game." No better illustration of "true amateurism" can be cited than the great rush by hundreds of road riders throughout New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, for relay sections in connection with the Dunlop Company's forthcoming Adelaide-to-Sydney (1133 miles) relay dispatch ride. Hundreds of riders have volunteered their services, being prepared in many instances to ride hundreds of miles to an allotted section

along the route, just to have the honour of carrying the military dispatch of a section ranging from 15 to 25 miles. They are prepared to cheerfully face having to wait hours, maybe in heavy rain, away on lonely bush roads and tracks, for the dispatch to arrive, and then to take on a 20 miles' rough bush ride in the dark. Time, place, and weather does not deter them. They simply as sportsmen want to assist in the big undertaking. They don't mind what they have to go through as long as they assist in the ride. In some districts so many riders want to assist that they suggest holding a test race over their section to determine which two riders will carry the dispatch. At the best their reward is a medallion. This is the spirit that imbues the majority of the Australian road riders, a trait that is worthy of the best traditions of cycling, and one that, if properly handled, could be utilised to again place track racing in this country on its old-time footing.

A SIX DAYS' CONTEST.

The great American Annual Six Days' Cycle Race held at Madison Square Gardens, New York, is of particular interest to cyclists in this part of the world, inasmuch as it resulted in new records and a win for Floyd McFarland, who teamed with Moran. In all, 32 riders, including the best long-distance cranks of Europe, took part in the big event, making up 16 teams of two each, no competitor being permitted to be on the track for more than 12 hours out of every 24 hours. From the jump the pace was very fast, 25½ miles being recorded in the first hour, fast travelling for a ten-lap track. At 10 hours Rutt, Stol, Dupret and Georget, McFarland, Moran, Lawson and Fogler, Vanoni, Anderson, and Rupprecht, Bedell were all level with a score of 227 miles—7 laps—nearly 2 miles better than the previous record. An hour or so later, the two American cranks, Bedell and Moran, collided, the result being that Bedell was carried off the track with a broken collarbone. In the first 24 hours 514 miles were covered, four miles better than the previous record, which stood to the credit of McFarland and Elkes. Six teams were level at this stage, including last year's winners—Rutt and Stol at 40 hours, the scoring board showed 812 miles 8 laps. At 64 hours, Rutt and Stol, MacFarland and Moran, Fogler and Lawson, and De Mara and Hill, were running level with a score of 1150 miles 9 laps. Fogler shortly afterwards retired, and his team mate, Iver Lawson, followed suit a few hours later. At 90 hours, most

of the riders were having a bad time, the score being nearly 1746 miles. Soon afterwards McFarland had a bad fall, but soon pulled round after massage. On the last day £100 was offered by the promoters as a bonus to the leading teams if the record for the race was beaten. At 130 hours Rutt, Stol, MacFarland, Moran and De Mara, Hill led with a score of 2508 miles 9 laps. Excitement grew intense as the finish of the contest drew nigh, and at call of time the three teams were all practically level, the total mileage being 2737 miles 1 lap, or 3 miles 7 laps better than the previous record. The final placings in the sprint home resulted in MacFarland and Moran being placed first, Rutt and Stol second, and De Mara and Hill third. The event drew enormous crowds right through the week, and the race is said to have been the most successful of the series held.

FOOTBALL.

In the international Rugby match on Saturday Wales beat Scotland by a goal (five points) to a penalty goal (three points).

The "Wallabies" beat the California University at Berkeley by 27 points to nil.

THE AUSTRALIAN "PROS." IN ENGLAND.

The Australian League team met the Broughton Rangers on Saturday when they were defeated by four goals and two tries (14 points) to three goals and two tries (12 points).

In the first half Rangers secured two goals from tries, while Granes obtained a try for Australia, Messenger converting.

In the second half Rangers obtained two penalty goals, while Messenger kicked a penalty goal and Heidke scored a try which was unconverted.

THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD.

The Rugby International Board has disagreed on Scotland's proposition that the daily allowances to the New Zealand "All Black" team amounted to professionalism.

Scotland and Ireland voted for the proposition and England and Wales against it.

The Board unanimously resolved that cash allowances were contrary to the principle of Rugby football, and that no such allowance should be made in future.

AUSTRALIA AND ENGLAND PLAY A DRAW.

The match between the Australian League Rugby team (Northern Union rules) and England resulted in a draw, each team scoring four goals and three tries. The match was played at Glasgow, 3000 being present. The ground was very heavy. England scored a goal from a try and a dropped goal in the first half. The Australians got all their points in the second spell by fine dribbling rushes.

BOWLING.

At the opening of the new bowling green at Stawell (Vic.) the other day, the president, Mr. T. G. Crane, mentioned four axioms which he thought all bowlers should commit to memory and act upon. They were:—

1. No matter what obtains elsewhere, on the green all bowlers are on the same level.
2. Always remember that the bias is the complement of the ball, and should never be found in the player.
3. Never speak ill of your neighbour's green. Bear in mind that you only play on it occasionally; he has to play on it always.
4. Never speak ill of your own green; it may be a poor thing, but it is your own.

Dr. W. G. Grace has retired from the positions of captain and hon. secretary of the London County Bowling Club, which he held since bowls first found establishment at the Crystal Palace.

Entries (147) for this season's Single-handed Championship of Victoria constitute a record. The increase upon last year's number (112) speaks volumes as to how bowls is moving in that section of the Commonwealth.

A full rink match was played on Friday on Carlton green between a team skipped by Bill Lyons (Auckland) and another by Martin Taylor (Devonport). It was a fast and furious battle "Father Bill" just getting the game by a point. The losers are keen on another "for a dinner."

Some snapshots of the Cariton and Devonport match appear in this issue.

The Annual Rotorua tournament takes place next week. Quite a host of Auckland bowlers are going up. The Rotorua people always give visitors a good time and the week in the "hot water city" is always looked forward to. Entries close on Friday for the fours.

AFTER THE TWINKLERS.

A match was played at Ponsonby green on Saturday between Ponsonby and Rocky Nook for the Edwin stars; Ponsonby (holders)—Becroft, Coutts, Gardiner, Langsford (skip)—25, v. Rocky Nook (challengers)—Hodgson, Needham, Butler, Ellidson (skip)—18.

AT ONEHUNGA GREEN.

The following games have been played on the Onehunga green during the week day:—

Club Fours: Browne, Neill, Clark, Blyth (skip), 25, v. Tresidder, Anderson, Yockney, T. R. George (skip) 19. Lomax, Gailaher, James, Bradley (skip) 15 v. F. Court, E. lison, Schnauer, E. Clarke (skip) 21. Neilson, Fr.ar, Jenkins, McIntosh (skip) 16 v. Kenny, Green, Haslett, E. B. Wright (skip), 17. Clarkson, Clark, Haslett, Brown (skip), 12, v. Rintoul, Gallagher, Browne, Harvey (skip), 31. Noakes, Hills, Wright, Mackay (skip), 26 v. Knight, Mudie, Brookfield, Appieby (skip), 19.

Championship Pairs: Kenny and Shadrick (skip), 18, v. Laird and James (skip), 15; D. Neilson and W. Court (skip), 30, v. Anderson and A. Ellison (skip), 13; E. Sutherland and T. R. George (skip), 16, v. Craig and McIntosh (skip), 23.

Championship Singles: C. J. Schnauer, 21, v. T. S. Bassett, 16.

Handicap Singles: H. George, 20, v. W. J. Sayers, 18.

AT GREY LYNN.

The following games have been played on the Grey Lynn green during the week:—

Club Fours: J. H. Cowden, F. Boyce, J. Campling, W. Mills (skip) 19, v. A. Bruce, G. Jenkins, A. Burfoot, Geo. Baildon (skip), 20. C. W. Mirin, D. Buckley, W. Baildon, jun., V. Casey (skip) 23 v. Wheeler, G. Mirin, R. Courtenay, Jas. Pascoe (skip), 22. S. R. James, E. Healy, W. S. Smith, W. Dimery (skip) 23 v. H. Schofield, R. C. Snelling, J. J. Rich, C. A. Brown (skip), 12. A. Johnston, W. Baildon, sen., J. Volkner, T. Mills (skip) 11 v. H. Buckley, Ellis, J. Knight, R. Waite (skip), 28.

Club Pairs: E. Healy and T. Mills (skip) 22 v. A. Bruce and W. Baildon, jun. (skip) 19; John Ferguson and A. Burfoot (skip) 26 v. S. R. James and D. Buckley (skip) 18.

Club Championship: R. Waite 22 v. J. J. Rich 18; Geo. Baildon 18 v. Jas. Pascoe 17; J. J. Knight 17 v. V. Casey 18; J. J. Rich 13 v. C. A. Brown 20; R. Waite 17 v. W. Dimery 16; V. Casey 17 v. J. L. Jones 16.

Handicap Singles: T. Mills 21 v. W. Baildon, sen., 20; V. Casey 16 v. J. Volkner 13; G. Baildon 23 v. W. Mills 17; V. Casey 19 v. A. Burfoot 13.

First-year Players: G. McKellar 18 v. E. Healy 23.

AT MOUNT EDEN.


The following matches have been played at the Mount Eden Green during the week:—

Championship Singles: Young 21 v. Hudson 18; Brimblecombe 21 v. H. O. Brown 10; A. W. Jones 21 v. Cordes 9; Burns 22 v. Gavin 17; Wooller 21 v. Cordes 14; Surman 21 v. J. W. Jones 12.

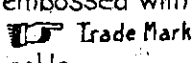
Club Pairs: Smith and Gill (skip) 33 v. Dickey and Ferguson (skip) 28 (three extra heads had to be played owing to a tie); Harle Giles and Garland (skip) 25 v. Braithwaite and Tattersall (skip) 13.

Club Fours: R. Walton, Jones, Gill, Young (skip) 26 v. Little, Marshall, McGregor, Garland (skip) 16. Young's four meet Brookes' four in the final.

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