

**AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.**

WINTER MEETING, 1918.

SATURDAY AND MONDAY,  
(Great Northern Steeplechase.)

JUNE 1 AND 3, 1918.

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**GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLCHASE MEETING.**

FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1918.

**MAIDEN STEEPLCHASE (HANDICAP) of 200sovs;** second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a steeplechase of the value of 150sovs, or steeplechases of the collective value of 400sovs at time of nomination. Winner of any steeplechase after the declaration of weights to carry 10lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. About two miles and a-half.

**JERVOIS HANDICAP of 200sovs;** second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 150sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 400sovs at time of nomination. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Minimum weight, 8.0. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Seven furlongs.

**GREAT NORTHERN HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 1250sovs;** second horse to receive 250sovs, and third horse 100sovs out of the stake. Over ten flights of hurdles. Winner of any hurdle race or hurdle races collectively after declaration of weights of the value of 250sovs to carry 5lb; of 500sovs, 7lb; of 750sovs, 10lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 4sovs, with a final payment of 8sovs each. Two miles and a-half.

**CORNWALL HANDICAP of 650sovs;** second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Minimum weight, 8.0. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, acceptance 3sovs, with a final payment of 3sovs each. One mile and a-quarter.

**GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLCHASE (HANDICAP) of 1400sovs;** second horse to receive 250sovs, and third horse 150sovs out of the stake. Winner of any steeplechase or steeplechases collectively after declaration of weights of the value of 250sovs to carry 5lb; of 500sovs, 7lb; of 750sovs, 10lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 4sovs, with a final payment of 9sovs each. About three miles and a-half.

**HUNT CLUB HURDLES (HANDICAP) of 200sovs;** second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20sovs out of the stake. For horses the bona fide property of members of any recognised Hunt Club, and which have been duly qualified during the season of 1918 by a lady member or gentleman member of any such Hunt Club. No horse will be eligible which has won a race of any description of the value of more than 50sovs prior to time of starting. (Hunters' races excepted.) Owners must hand to the Secretary a certificate of qualification of their horses at time of nomination. Over eight flights of hurdles. Minimum weight, 10.0. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Two miles.

**MEMBERS' HANDICAP of 350sovs;** second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Minimum weight, 8.0. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. Six furlongs.

**SECOND DAY.**

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1918.

**HUNT CLUB CUP (HANDICAP STEEPLCHASE) of 200sovs;** second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20sovs out of the stake. For horses the bona fide property of members of any recognised Hunt Club, and which have been duly qualified during the season of 1918 by a lady member or gentleman member of any such Hunt Club. No horse will be eligible which has won a race of any description of the value of more than 50sovs prior to time of starting. (Hunters' races excepted.) Owners must hand to the Secretary a certificate of qualification of their horses at time of nomination. Minimum weight, 10.7. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. About three miles.

**ORAKEL HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 200sovs;** second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 150sovs, or hurdle races of the collective value of 400sovs at time of nomination. Over seven flights of hurdles. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile and three-quarters.

**VISITORS' HANDICAP of 350sovs;** second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Minimum weight, 9.0. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. Five furlongs.

**WINTER STEEPLCHASE (HANDICAP) of 750sovs;** second horse to receive 150sovs, and third horse 100 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 7sovs each. About three miles.

**YORK WELTER HANDICAP of 650 sovs;** second horse to receive 100 sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Minimum weight, 9.0. Winner of Visitors' Handicap to carry 7lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 6sovs each. One mile.

**REMUERA HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 400sovs;** second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30 sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of any hurdle race after declaration of weights to carry 10lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. Two miles.

**FITZROY WELTER HANDICAP of 200 sovs;** second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 150sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 400 sovs at time of nomination. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Minimum weight, 9.0. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Six furlongs.

**DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.**

**GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLCHASE MEETING, 1918.**

With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary, A.R.C.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, by 9 p.m.

**NOMINATIONS**—Great Northern Hurdles 1sov, Great Northern Steeplechase 1sov, Winter Steeplechase 1sov, Cornwall Handicap 1sov, York Welter Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, MAY 10 (GENERAL ENTRY), by 9 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCES**—Great Northern Hurdles 4sovs, Great Northern Steeplechase 4sovs, Cornwall Handicap 3sovs.

**NOMINATIONS**—Maiden Steeplechase 1sov, Jervois Handicap 1sov, Hunt Club Hurdles 1sov, Members' Handicap 1sov, Hunt Club Cup 1sov, Orakel Hurdles 1sov, Visitors' Handicap 1sov, Remuera Hurdles 1sov, Fitzroy Welter Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, MAY 24, by 9 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCES**—Maiden Steeplechase 1sov, Jervois Handicap 1sov, Hunt Club Hurdles 1sov, Members' Handicap 3sovs.

**FINAL PAYMENTS**—Great Northern Hurdles 8sovs, Great Northern Steeplechase 9sovs, Cornwall Handicap 3sovs.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, by 9 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCES**—Hunt Club Cup 1sov, Orakel Hurdles 1sov, Visitors' Handicap 3sovs, Winter Steeplechase 7sovs, York Welter Handicap 6sovs, Remuera Hurdles 3sovs, Fitzroy Welter Handicap 1sov.

**DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.**

MONDAY, MAY 6 (on or about).

Great Northern Hurdles, Great Northern Steeplechase, Cornwall Handicap.

MONDAY, MAY 20.

Maiden Steeplechase, Jervois Handicap, Hunt Club Hurdles, Members' Handicap.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, by 8 p.m.

Hunt Club Cup, Orakel Hurdles, Visitors' Handicap, Winter Steeplechase, York Welter Handicap, Remuera Hurdles, Fitzroy Welter Handicap.

W. S. SPENCE,

Secretary.

**WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.**

WINTER MEETING.

THURSDAY AND SATURDAY,

MAY 23 AND 25, 1918.

**OFFICERS:**

Patron: H. N. Harrison, Esq. President: E. A. Campbell, Esq. Vice-President: Allan Cameron, Esq. Hon. Timekeeper: A. E. T. Nixon. Judge: W. H. Hartgill. Starter: C. O'Connor. Handicapper: H. Coyle. Hon. Clerk of Scales: H. M. Speed. Clerk of Course: G. T. Lynch. Hon. Surgeon: Dr. Hatherly. Hon. Vet. Surgeon: P. Maxwell Edgar. Stewards: President, Vice-President and Treasurer (ex officio), Messrs. G. Marshall, James Higgle, Jas. Watt, H. M. Speed, R. Russell, C. G. Russell, J. C. Paterson, H. E. Good, Dr. M. Earle, W. McA. Duncan, C. E. Mackay, Russell Grace. Committee: President and Hon. Treasurer (ex officio), Messrs. G. Marshall, James Higgle, James Watt, H. M. Speed, R. Russell, C. G. Russell, J. C. Paterson, H. E. Good, Dr. M. Earle, W. McA. Duncan, C. E. Mackay, Russell Grace. Hon. Treasurer: J. F. Cutfield. Secretary: W. Hall.

**FIRST DAY.**

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1918.

1. **BOROUGH HANDICAP** of 275sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs.

2. **HACK STEEPLCHASE HANDICAP** of 175sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, about two miles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov.

3. **WANGANUI STEEPLCHASE HANDICAP** of 650sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50 sovs from the stakes. Over the Wanganui Steeplechase Course; Distance, about three miles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 5sovs.

4. **KAITOKE HACK HURDLE HANDICAP** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 15 sovs from the stakes. Distance, about one mile and three-quarters; over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. in height. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov.

5. **CENTURY HURDLE HANDICAP** of 425sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25sovs from the stakes. Distance, about two miles and a-quarter; over nine flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. in height. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs.

6. **CONNOLLY HANDICAP** of 325sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a-quarter. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs.

7. **PURUA HACK FLAT HANDICAP** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and 110 yards. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov.

**SECOND DAY.**

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1918.

1. **WINTER OATS HANDICAP** of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs.

2. **BALGOWNIE HACK HANDICAP** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a distance. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov.

3. **GRANDSTAND STEEPLCHASE HANDICAP** of 385sovs; second horse to receive 80sovs, and third horse 30sovs from the stakes. Distance, about two miles and a-half; over such course as the stewards shall direct. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2½sovs.

4. **RATA HACK HURDLE HANDICAP** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, about one mile and five furlongs; over six flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. in height. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov.

5. **MAY HURDLE HANDICAP** of 320 sovs; second horse to receive 45 sovs, and third horse 25sovs from the stakes. Distance, about one mile and three-quarters; over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. in height. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs.

6. **EMPIRE HANDICAP** of 275sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a distance. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2½ sovs.

7. **FAREWELL HACK FLAT HANDICAP** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 15 sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov.

**PENALTIES.**

Winner of any steeplechase after declaration of weights to carry 10lb penalty in a steeplechase, of any hurdle race to carry 10lb penalty in a hurdle race, and of any flat race to carry 7lb, two or more such races 10lb penalty in a flat race. No penalty will be required in an open race for having won a hack race or races.

**DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES**

And amounts to be forwarded to Secretary Wanganui Jockey Club.

**WINTER MEETING.**

MAY 23 AND 25, 1918.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1918, at 9.30 p.m.

**NOMINATIONS**—Borough Handicap 1sov, Hack Steeplechase 1sov, Wanganui Steeplechase 1sov, Kaitoke Hack Hurdles 1sov, Century Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Connolly Handicap 1sov, Purua Hack Flat Handicap 1sov, Winter Oats 1sov, Rata Hack Hurdles 1sov, Balgownie Hack Flat 1sov, Grandstand Steeplechase 1sov, May Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Empire Handicap 1sov, Farewell Hack Flat Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1918 (on or about).

**WEIGHTS** for Borough Handicap, Wanganui Steeplechase, Century Hurdle Handicap, Connolly Handicap, Hack Steeplechase Handicap, Kaitoke Hack Hurdles, Purua Hack Flat Handicap.

MONDAY, MAY 20, 1918, at 9.30 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCES**—Borough Handicap 2sovs, Wanganui Steeplechase 5sovs, Hack Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Kaitoke Hack Hurdles 1sov, Century Hurdle Handicap 4sovs, Connolly Handicap 3sovs, Purua Hack Flat Handicap 1sov.

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1918, 8.30 p.m. (at or about).

**WEIGHTS** for Winter Oats, Grandstand Steeplechase, Balgownie Hack Flat, Rata Hack Hurdles, May Hurdles, Empire Handicap and Farewell Hack Flat.

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1918, at noon.

**ACCEPTANCES**—Winter Oats 2sovs, Grandstand Steeplechase 2½sovs, Balgownie Hack Flat 1sov, Rata Hack Hurdles 1sov, May Hurdles 2sovs, Empire Handicap 2½sovs, Farewell Hack Flat 1sov.

W. HALL,  
Secretary.

A returned New Zealander who was recently in Melbourne, states that the Masterton-owned Three (The Welkin—Teppo) has lost all form for some months past, and the brilliancy which he used to show in his two and three-year-old races has entirely left him. His owner, Mr. R. Buick, of Masterton, is considering retiring him to the stud next spring, but so far he has not decided where to stand him.

**TURF GOSSIP.**

Undecided and Doon are being prepared by F. Higgott at Otaki for winter jumping races.

The North Island horsemen H. Watson and G. Clarke fulfilled riding engagements at the South Canterbury J.C.'s recent meeting. The former was successful on Gay Lad and Mortham, and Clarke won the big handicap the second day on Battle Eve.

Recently J. McLaughlin, the Trentham trainer, made a trip to Blenheim and brought back some additions to his team. Sunburst, by Boniform—Rose Petal, is a half-brother to Imarose and Rosiam. Sunburst, who has been gelded since he arrived at Trentham, will race next season as a three-year-old. He was purchased from his breeder (Mr. H. L. Jackson) by McLaughlin. A six-year-old mare by Sensation is from Zither, who belongs to the same family as Merrie Zealand. Another of the Blenheim lot is a four-year-old unbroken mare by Marengo—Queen Margaret. A patron of the stable recently purchased from Messrs. Riddford the four-year-old mare Ready Made, by All Red—Ancilla, a daughter of Chryseis, who belongs to the same family as Heatherbrae, dam of Heathercote. The other member of the team is a gelding by Chatsworth, who is intended for jumping races.

The Birkenhead—Peace filly which recently joined H. Telford's stable is short and thick-set like Chakwana, and may come to hand early (writes "Sir Belvedere" in the Wellington "Evening Post"). The imported fillies will race next season as three-year-olds, although they will only be two and a-half. Braxted, sire of the Bald Coot filly, is by Forarshire (sire of Panmure), and was a good performer in England. Marajax, sire of the Viorne filly, is by Ajax, son of Flying Fox. Ajax won the Grand Prix, French Derby, and was unbeaten on the turf. Marajax was a good performer in England, where he won the Manchester Cup and other races.

Johnny Walker, Mascot and Cooing have been turned out for the winter months. Their boxes at Lowe's establishment have been filled by three rising two-year-olds. They are a bay colt by Solferino—Rosalia, brown colt by Martian—Intelligence, and bay filly by Demosthenes—Formality. The latter was on the track recently, and trotted a couple of times round in company with Courtfield, who has recently been taken up after a good spell. The name "Solfanello" has been claimed for the Solferino colt, and the son of Intelligence will be known as Motuhi. The latter is a half-brother to Distinction (by Daunt), a useful handicap performer a few seasons back.

**JOCKEYSHIP.**

What makes a successful jockey? Perhaps it cannot be said that a jockey is altogether born and not made, for practice and experience have their effect. At the same time, unless a boy or man has what may be called an instinctive aptitude for race riding, it is exceedingly improbable that he will ever come to much. Indeed, this aptitude is the chief essential, says "Pathfinder" in "Stage and Cinema." Many successful trainers, not only of horseflesh but of the lads under their charge, I have met in my time, and such men as Walter Higginbottom, Jack Mayo and Tom Lamond take the greatest care with their apprentices. Some of these are very fair horsemen when entering upon their indentures, whilst others are novices. I have seen one of the best Australian trainers take as much patience with a lad's horse studies as any schoolmaster. Stone told an amusing story. A boy named Smith, who afterwards made a big reputation, went to his stable after having had some experience elsewhere and was told to sit in the stand and pay particular attention to a race which was about to be run. When it was over his master proceeded to extract his opinion. "Well, how do you think the boy rode?" he was asked. "Oh, he rode very well," was the reply, too general to be acceptable. "Yes," continued the trainer, "but what did he do right or wrong? Did you notice anything in particular?" "Well, sir," Smith replied, "I thought he would have won if he had been trying," the implication, of course, being that the horse was not "on the job," an idea which Smith had gained from the manner in which things were done in some other stables whose methods he thought he had fathomed.