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(I. FRETWELL'S)

Mulgrave Road.

New Year's Day,

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 1897.

Judge: J. HANSFORD, ESQ. Starter: W. J. MUNRO, ESQ.
Handicapper: E. JACKMAN, ESQ.
Clerk of the Course: W. CANNON, ESQ.

—PROGRAMME.—

(To start at 11 o'clock.)

MAIDEN RACE, of 2 sovs., second horse to receive 10s from the prize. Six furlongs. Entrance, 2s 6d.

(To start at 11.40 a.m.)

HACK RACE, of £1 10s., second horse to receive 10s from the prize. For all horses that have never been entered for any race One mile. Entrance, 2s 6d.

(To start at 12.30 a.m.)

PONY RACE, of £1 10s., second pony to receive 10s from the prize. For ponies 14 hands and under. Once round the course. Entrance, 2s 6d.

—LUNCH.—

(To start at 2.45 a.m.)

NEW YEAR'S GIFT (Handicap) of £6; second horse to receive £1 from the prize. 1¼ mile; for all horses.

(To start at 3 p.m.)

HURRY SCURRY, £1 10s.; second horse to receive 10s from the prize. Catch weights; Half-mile. Entrance, 2s 6d.

(To start at 4 p.m.)

HACK RACE—12 stone up—of £3 10s.; second horse to receive 10s from the prize. One mile. Entrance, 5s.

(To start at 4.45 p.m.

WIND-UP HANDICAP of £2 10s.; second horse to receive 10s from the prize. 1 mile. Entrance, 3s.

General Conditions.

Nominations for New Year's Gift to be in the hands of the Secretary on Saturday, Dec. 26th, 1896, at 4 p.m.

Nominations must be accompanied by fee.

Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 2s 6d.

Acceptances close on Dec. 30th, 1896 at 8 p.m.

Performances, colors, etc., for the past twelve months must be sent in at time of nomination.

Weights will appear in Wednesday's and Thursday's (30th and 31st insts.) local papers.

All races, with the exception of New Year's Gift, post entry.

All matters of fact or racing law shall be decided by the Stewards, viz. Messrs Hansford, Munro, Canon, Jackman and Fretwell, and their decision shall be final.

JOHN CAIRNS,
Hon. Secretary.

The Cairns Post.

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1887.

"Nothing extenuate nor aught set down in malice."

The Cairns Jockey Club.

THIS body is now practically defunct, and whilst other towns in the North are arranging for race meetings Cairns is left out in the cold, and must depend upon other clubs for sport that we ought to be well able to provide for ourselves.

The causes which led to the downfall of the C.J.C. are many, and are all such as might have been averted had proper discrimination been shown when the club was first formed in the election of a competent staff of stewards, and what is still more important, a secretary at once careful, business-like, and energetic, with a thorough knowledge of all matters pertaining to the sport of horse-racing. From our position as one of the leading centres of Northern Queensland, from our population, and from the affluent condition of the district, we should possess the most prosperous club of any place in the North, but to our shame, be it said, we have no club, or worse than that, having had a club have allowed it to become defunct from want of proper management, and now nothing but the most vigorous efforts on the part of those interested will enable us to have a meeting this year at all. However, we are not disposed to waste time in singing a dirge over the moribund society, but would at once urge the sporting people of the Cairns district to take immediate action, and form a meeting to be held at the most convenient date. It can just be done, and only just, and to bring the matter to a successful issue steps must be taken at once, to-day, to call a gathering of the lovers of the pastime to arrange a programme of events and a prize list, appoint a president and secretary, and and take all further proceedings which may be deemed necessary in the matter. The preliminary meeting should be held at the Queen's Hotel, that being the Tattersall's for the time being, after which the right could be put up and sold to the highest bidder. The first thing to be considered after the appointment of officers, is the fixing of the days that will not clash with other meetings, and will also allow of all possible horses being present. The best that could be laid down would be the 8th and 9th of July next, as that would give owners good time to send their horses up by the Saturday's boat on the Saturday previous, and give them a rest before running, and then they would have ample time to get to Herberton and have a spell before being called on to engage at the Wild River meeting on the 3rd and 4th of August. The question of prizes could be arranged in the time, and also the added money, which for two days would have to be at least £500. As we have said, it can be done, and should if energy and judgement are brought to bear, and as soon as a properly constituted club is arranged a, proper course should be obtained at some spot, should it be found necessary to alter the present site, along the railway line. If properly fenced and made it would pay handsomely, and should bring at least £100 every meeting. All we say is, act, and that at once, and a successful affair will certainly result.

The New Race Club.
25th MAY, 1887

By the exertions of several gentlemen in Cairns a race meeting has been arranged to take place on the 17th of August next, and a very attractive programme arranged, the most desirable item, of course, being the one hundred sovereign prize. The town has for some little time past been, from a racing point of view, regarded as dead, and now that the spirit of sport has been resuscitated, and risen like a phœnix from the ashes of the defunct club, we appeal to all public spirited men to put their hands in their pockets and subscribe liberally to the new enterprise. The fact that the committee have secured the services of such men as Mr. Gwynneth (the president), Mr. Geo. Hides (treasurer), and Mr. Bates (secretary), should be a sufficient guarantee that nothing will occur that can reflect any shadow of doubt on the bona fides of any engaged in the work. At the meeting on Monday night over £40 was subscribed in the room, and since then several gentlemen of means have come forward and put down their names for liberal amounts. If their good example is followed by the people of Cairns we shall be in a position to hold a successful meeting, and remove the bad impression that must exist in sporting circles of our energy and spirit as a community. A report of all proceedings will be found in another column.

Mulgrave Jockey Club.
4th MARCH, 1897
COMMITTEE MEETING.

A committee meeting of the Mulgrave Jockey Club was held at the residence of W. H. Collinson, Esq., on the 28th February, 1897, at 3.p.m. The following members were present:—Messrs W. H. Collinson (in the chair), E. Roberts, F. W. Pyne, Tom Thomas, Wm. Pryn, and H. Noone.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and on the motion of Mr Roberts, seconded by Mr Noone, were confirmed.

The Works Committee reported that they had instructed Mr Robert to make three drains across the course in certain places. The action of the Works Committee was endorsed on the motion of Mr Noone, seconded by Mr Pryn.

Mr Roberts moved, "That tenders be called for clearing the centre of the course, and a roadway as an approach to the saddling paddock. Specifications to be drawn up by the Secretary and tenders to be in before and considered at the next Committee meeting." Seconded by Mr F. W. Pyne, and carried.

The offer of Mr Noone to chain the course, and peg the places where the distance posts should be, was gratefully accepted by the Committee.

Mr Pryn moved, "That Messrs W. H. Collinson, W. Cannon, V. Carnie, and F. Pyne be appointed a Committee to draw up a programme of a one day's racing for the Queen's Birthday, and same to be submitted to the next meeting of the General Committee. The maximum amount of prize money to be £150." Seconded by Mr Roberts and carried.

It was resolved that the next Committee meeting should be held on the course on the 7th inst. at 3 p.m.

On the motion of Mr F. W. Pyne, seconded by Mr T. Thomas, the secretary was instructed to sell the right for the Mulgrave Jockey Club to Tattersalls, by public auction on the 6th inst.

Mr Noone moved, "That the secretary be empowered to get a plan and specification of a suitable Grand Stand, and submit same to the next Committee meeting. The meeting then closed.

Mulgrave Jockey Club.
18th MARCH, 1897

A meeting of the Committee of the Mulgrave Jockey Club was held on the Racecourse on March 7th, at 3 p.m., when the following were present—Messrs W. H. Collinson (in the chair), W. Cannon, Wm. Pryn, F. W. Pyne, and E. Robert.

The following tenders were received for clearing the course:—

A. Mackenzie, £24; Jas. Davies, £17 10s; J. Davies, £15; W. Mugford, £10; Hill Bros., 9s 6d per acre and 1s 6d per chain; R. Rouse, £16; A. O'Holloran, £20.

Mr Cannon moved, "That the tender of W. Mugford be accepted," seconded by Mr Pryn and carried.

On the motion of Mr E. Robert seconded by Mr Pryn the offer of Mrs M. M. Keam, Court House Hotel, Cairns, was accepted for the right to Tattersalls for the ensuing twelve months.

Moved by Mr Cannon, "That the printing be divided as near as possible equally between the "Morning Post" and the "Cairns Argus". Seconded by Mr Pyne and carried.

It was resolved that a grand stand be erected at a cost of £150, and debentures issued to the amount of £200 at £5 each, bearing 15 per cent interest, but to be taken up by the club at call. All present signified their willingness to take debentures.

Resolved that the following officers be appointed:—

Judge, Mr W. H. Swallow; starter, Mr W. J. Munro; clerk of the scales, Mr G. R. Mayers; clerk of course, Mr A. Mestrez.

The members then proceeded to inspect the course.

Mr Cannon moved, "That the contractor be granted £1 10s for making the three drains, and an additional £4 for making another drain at a place pointed out, and for harrowing the course again twice, once each way and rolling once. Seconded by Mr Collinson and carried.

The attention of the contractor was drawn to several places that required improving, and which he promised to make satisfactory.

The meeting terminated after a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Mulgrave Jockey Club.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY MEETING.

EXCURSION TRAINS will be run on the Cairns: Mulgrave Tramway on MONDAY, 24th May, 1897, as follow:—

—UP TRAINS.—

	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.
Cairns depart ...	6.30	9.45	12.0	4.0
			P.M.	
Fretwell ,,,	7.2	10.18	12.32	4.32
Mulgrave arrive ...	7.40	—	—	5.10

—DOWN TRAINS—

	A.M.	A.M.	PM.	P.M.
Mulgrave depart...	8.0	—	—	5.25
Fretwells' ,,,	8.38	10.30	2.0	6.3
Cairns arrive ...	9.10	11.0	2.30	6.35

—FARES—

Return Ticket, Cairns to Fretwell's, 2s
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JOHN CAIRNS,
Secretary.

New Year's Day.

Race Meeting at Fretwell's

Doncaster Park Races.

After a long spell of inaction Mr Fretwell, the well-known landlord of the Racecourse Hotel, at the Eight Mile, Mulgrave Road, determined to tempt the public with a New Year's programme to be carried out on what he is pleased to call Doncaster Course—a private 6 furlong racing track, laid out by him within a stone's throw of his hotel. Mr Fretwell left the matter a little too late before taking the public into his confidence, with the result that the attendance was not quite as numerous as could have been desired, although fully 200 picnic sports put in an appearance. The fact that Mr Fretwell did not publicly announce his intention of charging regulation rates at the gates apparently gave offence to a large number of country residents who, in the light of the flutter—nature of the programme, regarded the day as a picnic or grass fed meeting, where the inexorable demand for one or two shillings admission money would not be made. By way of protest these sports sulkily dangled their heels from the top rail of the outside fence, with a kind of "on principle" air of "see you blow'd first before we'll part to 'go in." This stand was not justifiable on the part of those who took it, and perhaps they would not have so acted had they for a moment remembered that the owner of the course had already spent in hard cash five or six hundred pounds to make the race track, what it is, and therefore it was a fair thing for him to get whatever gate money he chose to charge. As a result these men kept a certain amount of cash in their pockets which otherwise would have jingled to the order of superfluous shandies at the booth. It is of course questionable whether the publican-proprietor would not have acted wisely by throwing open the gates, and doing without entrance money, contenting himself with the racecourse bar takings, and it is also questionable whether he showed business foresight in practically closing the main hotel bar with a view probably to forcing Eight Mile visitors through the gates to the booth. However these are matters for Mr Fretwell's own decision, but in the light that this paper fervently hopes that similar programmes may come along every two or three months we feel it desirable to mention them in passing. The weather was not over kind, a heavy shower at lunch time creating considerable trouble. At any other season of the year a shower and slight wetting would not hurt any amphibious Cairns crowd, but latterly things have been so very dry that a shower is regarded as a trouble. Mr John Cairns, as Hon. Secretary, filled the bill completely, as did Mr Hansford as judge. The latter looked very wise and impressive, shut one eye and glanced along the post in orthodox style, and always appeared relieved when out of the box and comfortably connected with *terra firma*. Mr Munro and Mr Jackman acted as starters, the lion's share of the work falling to the latter, but each of the flag wielders showed himself quite equal to the task. Mr Cannon, as Clerk of the course, did very well—in fact everybody worked to carry out the programme without a hitch. The races were races in the proper acceptance of the word, as every neddy entered was on the job and determined to win. The liquors supplied at the booth were as good as money could purchase, and gave every satisfaction. The s.s. Dove started from B.P. & Co.'s wharf in the morning at 9·30 o'clock conveying about 80 passengers to Hambledon wharf, from whence they went on by tramway to the course. When the next programme is published the tramway will probably be in full swing, with the result that an attendance of five or six hundred will reward Mr Fretwell's enterprise. The following are the details of the racing:—

MAIDEN RACE, of 2 sovs., second horse to receive 10s from the prize. Six furlongs. Entrance, 2s 6d.

E. Pyne's Kyogle (E. Pyne) 1
W. J. Hanna's Stanley (Bluey) ... 2
J. Andrew's Joe Gardner (J. King) 3

The other starters were: G. Emery's Nelly (Carmody); Fletcher's Gaylad (R. Martin); E. Cumming's Billy (J. Fretwell). Kyogle carried 5lbs overweight, Stanley 7lbs, Joe Gardner 20lbs, Billy 8lbs, Gaylad 6lb.

Splendid start. Kyogle jumped away, and maintained a two lengths' lead throughout, with Stanley and Joe Gardner immediately behind. At the half-mile post Joe Gardiner went up to Kyogle and raced that way to the end of the straight, when Stanley passed the brown horse, and made a good race for second place. Ebb Pyne came in for an appreciative cheer, his win being decidedly popular. Gaylad was fourth, Billy fifth, and Nelly last.

HACK RACE, of £1 10s., second horse to receive 10s from the prize. For all horses that have never been entered for any race One mile. Entrance, 2s 6d.

F. Jenner's Ruby, 8st. (Owner) .. 1
W. Cannon's Why Not, 8st 6lb (Bluey) 2
R. Hastie's Myrtle, 10st (J. Hides) .. 3

G. Emery's Nelly, 6st (T. Smith); J. Clarke's Ulster, 8st (J. Carmody); C. Butler's Pet, 7st (C. Butler); and J. Cain's Scrub Buck, 10st 6lb (J. King); were the other starters. Mr Munro got his field of seven away to a splendid start, Why Not at once getting in front, followed by Ruby. At the half-mile post Scrub Buck and Ulster pressed Why Not, and raced this way to the six-furlong post, when Ruby shot out and won by four lengths. Young Hastie's Myrtle proved a game animal. Immediately prior to the start of the race, this galloway galloped in from the Mulgrave Central Mill, having been ridden out that morning from Cairns. Twenty-four miles of a preliminary, and a third place in a race immediately afterwards, just about knocks the proverbial Arab steed romance into a cocked hat, and stamps the mare as a bit of flesh equal to anything 15 hands in the district.

Ruby carried 20lbs over weight, Why Not 10lbs, Myrtle (weight), Scrub Buck (weight), Pet 6lbs over, Ulster 10lbs, Nelly 4lbs.

Time, 2min 9 1-5sec.

PONY RACE, of £1 10s., second pony to receive 10s from the prize. For ponies 14 hands and under. Once round the course. Entrance, 2s 6d.

F. Pyne's Mary Ellen (P. Dossetto) .. 1
W. Hannaysee's Ginger (Fretwell) .. 2
Jimmy Donegan's Jessie (T. Stewart) 3

The following also started:—E. O'Connor's "Rover" (Teddy Harrison); R. W. Bates' "Masher" (T. Lees); J. A. Bunting's "Dandy" (Bob Bunting); Burke's "Colleen"; J. Cross's "Dolly"; Johnny Italiano's "Baldy"; G. Ross's "Firefly" (Bob Martin); and Ernest Walsh's "Fairy" (E. Walsh).

This was once round, the start being made from in front of the *grand* stand. Mr Munro got the crowd of eleven into a nice even line across the straight, and dropped his flag to as pretty a start as could be wished for. Whips were going from the jump, and there were not two lengths separating the lot at the half-mile post. After this Firefly and Fairy shot to the front, and raced together to the five-furlong post, when Jimmy Donegan's black pony put in her claim, and looked all over a winner. Peter Dossetto was not to be denied just here, and he shot "Mary Ellen" to the front like a streak of greased lightning, maintaining the lead to the finish, winning by four lengths. Hannaysee's Ginger and Donegan's Jessie had a real good "go" for second place, Ginger just managing to beat the mare.

What bid fair to prove an ugly accident occurred during the race, when Ted O'Connor's Rover, ridden by the district crack lightweight, Teddy Harrison, ran off the course. This was at the two-furlong post, just as the lad was riding for position. Rover was right in the centre of the field of eleven, when he took it into his head to clear off, and, notwithstanding the crush, darted for the slip-rails leading into Fretwell's Hotel yard—a track the pony was familiar with. Fairy was bumped heavily by Rover, and her chance of a win completely spoilt, one or two of the other ponies also being checked. Luckily the slip-rails were down, otherwise with the pace the runaway was going he must have crashed into the fence—with a result probably disastrous to young Harrison.

NEW YEAR'S GIFT (Handicap) of £6; second horse to receive £1 from the prize. 1¼ mile; for all horses.

E. T. Smith's Dreadnought, 10st 6lb (J. King) 1
E. Pyne's Kyogle, 9st 6lb (E. Pyne) .. 2
P. Cain's Overlander, 10st (F. W. Pyne)... 3

Joe Gardner, the only other nomination, was scratched.

Mr E. Jackman now wielded the flag instead of Mr Munro, who, having gone down to Hambledon to lunch, got caught in the heavy rain that fell about 1 o'clock, and getting wet through, did not return. A by-stander informs us that the new starter approached business something after this fashion:—"Now look here, you fellows, you all know me, and it is no use trying any funny business. Go back to the post and walk up together, and you'll all get a fair cut." This line of tactics answered admirably, and the three horses got away to a good start. Kyogle went at once to the front, with Overlander in close attendance, Dreadnought four lengths behind. They raced this way until the six-furlong post was reached, when Overlander made a move and got on even terms with Kyogle. Then there were cries of "Overlander wins," and King on Dreadnought, sitting unmoved, thought his claim should now come in. He at once shook Dreadnought up, went to the front and stopped there, winning easily by fully three lengths. Kyogle and Overlander had a good race for second place, but for want of condition the game old veteran, Overlander, was beaten 100 yards from home. Jack King, the rider of Dreadnought, merits a word of praise. He was as cool as a frog in a well, and won like a tradesman. Time, 2min 31 1-5sec.

HURRY SCURRY, £1 10s.; second horse to receive 10s from the prize. Catch weights; Half-mile. Entrance, 2s 6d.

Mrs G. Hides' Falcon (J. Hides) .. 1
J. Andrew's Joe Gardner (J. King) ... 2
N. McLean's Gloaming (E. O'Connor) 3

The other four starters were: George Ross's Gaylad (Owner); E. Cummings' Billy (Jockey); J. Cain's Winchester (E. Pyne); and F. Pyne's Overlander (F. Pyne).

The start of this race was marked by the use of several emphatic phrases, gently thrown about by Starter Jackman. The race being only half-a-mile, everything depended on the start, and the flag-holder had his hands full. Ebb Pyne, on Winchester, appeared determined to get away first, quite regardless of the fact that the other six in the race had a keen desire for his company. He was repeatedly ordered to "Get behind the post, get behind the post," his reply on one occasion being, "They won't let me, sir." Mr Jackman then got behind him and drove him up, and the astute Buns caved in. However, the starters' language during the interim was classical. "Go back, you ——, go back" (the dash on this special occasion standing for angels) was more than once carried far and wide by the gentle breeze, and gave a sort of religious softening to the whole proceedings. Finally, George Ross on Gaylad got the best of the start, only to be passed within 50 yards by Joe Gardner, who sailed away in front as far as the entrance of the straight, when Jack Hides sat down on Falcon, and beat the Caulfield boy home. Directly Joe Gardner heard Falcon clattering behind him at the three-furlongs he shut up like a disturbed clam, and the race was Falcon's, Gardner beating the Gloaming by three lengths for second place. The latter mare got a bad start through the inexperience of the rider, and probably would have scored a long way better under more favorable circumstances. When Falcon came abreast of Joe Gardner, King drew out his whip, and by accident hit Hides on the back, an accident for which he afterwards amply apologised. Time, 56½sec.

HACK RACE—12 stone up—of £3 10s.; second horse to receive 10s from the prize. One mile. Entrance, 5s.

C. McLean's Byron (Chas. McLean) 1
E. T. Smith's Dreadnought (J. King) 2
W. J. Hanna's Stanley .. (owner) 3

The only other starter was Mrs. G. Hides' Falcon, Jack Hides up.

This was the best race of the day and well worth the journey to Doncaster. A real good start was effected, Stanley going to the front, followed by Falcon, Dreadnought, and Byron. After passing the half-mile post Stanley was done and Falcon took charge of affairs, the riders of Dreadnought and Byron appearing to take no notice of the other two, contenting themselves with watching each other. At the 5 furlong post the two horses settled down in real earnest, and quickly passing Falcon, from that out one of the best fights for first honors seen for many a day took place. From the fall of the flag not half a length separated the bay and chestnut, and there was not a pound difference between the two horses as they entered the straight. Here together they drew their whips and ding-donged to the finish. Twenty yards from home they were locked together, neck and neck, and it was still anybody's race. The mile and a quarter race previously won by Dreadnought, carrying 10st 6lb, here told, and Byron beat him by a head. Excitement was very keen over this race, and sundry friendly challenges were soon cruising around. Dreadnought weighed out correctly under the supervision of the clerk of the scales (Mr T. Binnie) his 12 stone being made up by nine cloths. Upon returning to the scales after the race he was 5 lb. short, and yet had the correct number of cloths. It was supposed that the old scales had gone wrong, but wrong or right Dreadnought had to give way for second money to "Stanley". Mr Binnie, we believe, afterwards took the scale to pieces and found that a little hook in connection with the internal mechanism had slipped, which probably accounted for the discrepancy. Time, 2 mins. 1 secs.

WIND-UP HANDICAP of £2 10s.; second horse to receive 10s from the prize. 1¼ mile. Entrance, 3s.

C. McLean's Byron, 10st 6lb (Owner) 1
N. McLean's Glooming, 7st 6lb (E. O'Connor) 2
E. Pyne's Kyogle, 9st (E. Pyne) .. 3

The following also started:—Rasmussen's Sardine, 8 st. (Bluey); E. T. Smith's Dreadnought, 10 st. 6 lb. (J. King); and J. Cain's Winchester, 7 st. (J. Fretwell).

Good start again. Kyogle went to the front, followed by Gloaming, Sardine, and Dreadnought. C. McLean on Byron being last for the first mile. After passing the six furlong post Gloaming assumed command, and Dreadnought and Byron then moved up to Gloaming who still maintained the lead into the straight. Byron raced up alongside the leader, and gaining a lead of half a length maintained it to the finish with Dreadnought tailing off, the final order of the others being Kyogle, Dreadnought, Sardine, and Winchester. Time, 3 mins. 2 secs.

CONSOLATION RACE for all beaten horses: First horse to receive £1; second, 10s. Distance, ¼ mile. Entrance, 2s 6d.

J. Clarke's Ulster (J. Fretwell) ... 1
C. Lawrence's Jack (E. Pyne) .. 2
W. Cannon's Why Not (Bluey) .. 3

The others starting were J. Hides' Rover (E. O'Connor); C. Butler's Pet (C. Butler); and E. Cumming's Billy (owner up).

This race brought the programme to a close. The start was a good one, and they all raced together to the three furlong post, where Ulster and Jack went to the front. The latter maintained the lead for half way up the straight, when Fretwell sat down on Ulster and drove him home a winner by three lengths, Why Not third, the others strung out nowhere.

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← **"LUCKY THE SLIP-RAILS WERE DOWN"**

← **"STARTER Mr Munro had gone down to Hambledon for lunch and got caught in a storm - Sounds a bit "Sus" to me.**

← **NOTE: The bit about the Starters Language**

← **NOTE: The bit about returning to scale 5lb short and the reason given**