

CHILTERN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

The Chiltern Bicycle Club Road Race—Chiltern to Barnawartha and return—was run off on Saturday afternoon last, and created great excitement. The first prize was a handsome gold medal, and second prize a silver medal, the gift of Mr. R. Eckhoff. Over 300 persons assembled to see the start in front of the Chiltern Town Hall. The race was a time handicap with a 15 minutes limit over 12 miles of inferior road. The limit man, W. Boucher, moved off at 4.35 p.m., followed five minutes later by E. Weatherall and A. Quinn, who were on the 10 minutes mark; then in another minute W. Parker, J. Booth, and W. R. Bryant got away. After an interval of five minutes Tim Wall, who had four minutes from scratch, was off, followed four minutes after by Gus Pohlson, the scratch man, shot off amidst a ringing cheer. At Barnawartha the arrivals were checked and given tickets by Mr. Walter Harman. After patiently waiting A. Quinn came in an easy winner with 1min. 8sec. to spare, the official time being 48min. 42sec. A great race took place for second place 300 yards from home. E. Weatherall, T. Wall, and Gus. Pohlson were together, when the former met with an accident. Pohlson, who finished with a magnificent spurt, gained second place. E)

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Weatherall third, and T. Wall close up fourth ; a very exciting race. Gus. Pohson was congratulated on the plucky race he rode. The winner, A. Quin, rode with excellent judgment. Messrs. K. Eckhoff and J. Brann acted as timekeepers and judges.

The committee of the Chiltern Racing Club are leaving no stone unturned to ensure a successful meeting on April 2 and 3. Excellent nominations have been received for the various events. Several improvements of a permanent nature have been effected, which will add to the comfort of the patrons of the club. The Hon. J. A. Wallace will be present at the meeting. For the convenience of the visitors on the Wangaratta side of Chiltern, the club have arranged for the 5 p.m. train from Wodonga to be detained at Chiltern till 6.40 p.m. Owners of horses are reminded that nominations for Handicap Disposal Stakes of 5 sovs., Pony Race of 5 sovs., Half-mile Handicap of 7 sovs., and Bookmakers's Purse, for second day's races, close 8.30 p.m., Friday, April 2. Howard's starting machine will be used on both days.