

Annual Coursing Meeting 1914



The open coursing meeting held on the Wardour Estate, by the kind permission of Lady Arundell and the tenants, took place on Wednesday.

Owing to the war there was no tenant's cup this year, and the card was limited to three events, two for greyhounds of all ages, and a stake for puppies.

There was a plentiful supply of hares, but they were not running so strong as usual, and the percentage of kills was quite remarkable for coursing in this neighbourhood.

The meet was at Whitsuns Cross at the usual hour, but the attendance was very small in comparison with previous years. There were allusions, of course, to the losses sustained by the coursing world in the deaths of Mr. Alexander, of Everleigh, and Mr. Percy Wyndham, of Clouds, two staunch supporters of this branch of field sports.

With little prospect of coursing at Knoyle or Collingbourne for several years to come, Wardour is the only regular meeting left in the south-west of England, and much gratification was expressed that the promoters of it permitted themselves to carry on, even though there was a subdued spirit about the gathering in keeping with the times.

All sportsmen were pleased to see Mr. W. Trimmer present. His black and white dog Runwick Pat was considered to have a great chance in the Wardour Stakes, but he was put out with a short course by Mr. F. Eyres' Molasine. In the second round Molasine was a strong favourite in a course with Mr. Randall Jones's Running Jex. The latter, a black bitch, improving on a bad display in a bye, easily beat Molasine, and subsequently divided the stake with Messrs. C. L. and J. A. Vicary's Belted Earl, after an unsuccessful attempt to run the final.

In the Arundell Stake there was a division between three owners. Some useful puppies competed in the Donhead Stake. Most of the coursing by the youngsters took place in a big grass field north of the Shaftesbury-road, and the spectators had a fine view of some very clever work. Mr. G. Burrough, one of the dividers in the Arundell Stake, again took half the stake with a red dog, Blithe Saxon, and a nice fawn, Cease Barking, secured the other moiety for Messrs. J. M. and V. Collins-Browne. Mr. and

Mrs. Gerald Arundell and their children were out all day, but were not present at the final scene, when cheers were given in appreciation of the hospitality of Lady Arundell and the tenants. Mr. C. Brown provided an excellent bread and cheese luncheon.

The following were the officials:--

Stewards	Messrs. Vicary, Randall Jones, Minchinton, W. Trimmer, G. Burrough, F. Eyres, and H. Allen.
Field Stewards	Messrs. Mounty, H. Cadley, Brain, Bastable, Keynes, E. Gibbs, J. Jeffery, E. Cadley, and A. Hiscock.
Judge	Mr. T. J. Fear,
Slipper	Mr. T. Hunt,
Flag Steward	Mr. P. Alford,
Slip Steward	Mr. C. Ford,
Hon. Secretary	Mr. Wightman.

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