



Sporting Event Oaksey

The V.W.H Hunt
Steeplechases
Will take place
At Oaksey Park
Near Cirencester and Malmesbury
On Thursday the 19th day of April 1888
Under the Grand National Rules

The Course is all Grass, and good going, with fair natural fences. Accommodation for Horses, &c, can be had at either the Hotels at Cirencester and Malmesbury.

Stewards:	J Adamthwaite, esq, Calley,	Hon H Agar, T Forsyth Forrest, esq,	Captain H Van Notten Pole, esq, J Hampson Jones, esq,
Judge and Clerk of Scales		C A R Hoare, esq, Hugh Owen, esq.	Messrs Pratt & Co
Starter		T Forsyth Forrest, esq.	
Clerk of the Course		J Adamthwaite, esq.	
Hon Sec		Hugh Owen, esq, Querns, Cirencester.	

Programme

Open Hunter's Steeplechase of 40 sovs.

Four-year-olds to carry 10 st 7 lbs; five, 11 st 12 lbs; six and aged, 12 st 7 lbs. Winners in 1887-88 of 50 sovs, 5 lbs extra; twice or once of 100 sovs, 8 lbs extra; thrice or twice of 100 sovs, 14 lbs extra. Five-year-olds and upwards, never having won a steeplechase value 50 sovs, allowed 7 lbs, but horses having won a race value 100 sovs, not entitled to this allowance. Qualified riders under rules 163-4-5. Entrance 2 sovs to the fund. About 3 miles. Close April 14th, and colours to be declared to Messrs Weatherby, Messrs Pratt & Co, or Clerk of Course.

V W H Farmer's Cup

Value 40 sovs, presented by C A R Hoare, esq, to the winner; with 15 sovs presented by Hugh Owen, esq, for second horse; and 5 sovs for third horse, presented by T Forsyth Forrest, esq. For qualified hunters that have never won a race of any description, the bona fide and unconditional property of farmers or their sons, since March 1st, 1888, farming not less than 100 acres of land, within the limits of the VWH Hunt, and following no other occupation. Four-year-olds to carry 10 st 7 lbs; five, 11 st 12 lbs; six and aged, 12 st 7 lbs. Horses bred by owner at starting allowed 7 lbs. To be ridden by persons that have never ridden for hire (not paid servants). Riders of winners (VWH Hunt meetings excepted), singly or collectively of 50 sovs, to carry 14 lbs extra. Entrance 5 sovs. About 3 miles.

United Farmers and Tradesmen's Steeplechase of 30 sovs.

(15 sovs given by the Ladies of the Hunt)

For hunters the property of farmers and tradesmen, since March 1st 1888, residing within the limits of the VWH, Duke of Beaufort's Cotswold, Heythrop, Old Berks, Craven, or Lord Fitzharding's Hunts, and that have been regularly hunted with either of the above named packs. Four-year-olds to carry 10 st 10 lbs; five, 12 st 1 lb; six and aged, 12 st 10 lbs. Winners once, 5 lbs; twice, 10 lbs; thrice of 40 sovs or once of 100 sovs, 18 lbs extra. If entered to be sold for 100 sovs allowed 5 lbs; if for 50 sovs, 10 lbs; surplus (if any) to be divided between second horse and the fund. To be ridden by persons that have never ridden for hire (not being a paid servant). Entrance, 1 sov to the fund. About 3 miles.

United Hunter's Steeplechase of 30 sovs.

For hunters that have been regularly hunted with the VWH, Duke of Beaufort's, Heythrop, Craven, Cotswold, Old Berks, or Lord Fitzharding's Hounds since March 1st, 1888. Four-year-olds to carry 10 st 7 lbs; five, 11 st 12 lbs; six and aged, 12 st 7 lbs. Winners once, 5 lbs; twice of 50 sovs, or once of 100 sovs, 14 lbs; Thrice Of 50 sovs, 18 lbs extra. Qualified riders under Rules 163-4-5. Entrance 2 sovs to the fund. About 3 miles.

Red and Blue Coat Race of 30 sovs

For hunters that have never won 20 sovs, bona fide the property of gentlemen residing within the limits of the VWH and Duke of Beaufort's Hunts, and that have been regularly hunted by their owners during the present season with the same, 12 st 7 lbs each. To be ridden in full hunting costume by gentlemen hunting regularly with the above mentioned Packs, or qualified riders under Rules 163-4-5. Entrance 2 sovs top the fund. About 3 miles.

Conditions

All Entries close, and Colours to be declared with entry, by Saturday, April 14th, to Hon Secretary, Querns, Cirencester. All Entrance Fees to be sent with Entry.

If less than Four Horses start for either Race (VWH Farmer's Cup excepted), the amount to be given at the option of the Stewards.

Five Shillings will be charged Weighing Fee for each Entry.

In all Races at this Meeting confined to Hunters that have been hunted with the VWH, Duke of Beaufort's, Old Berkshire, Heythrop, Craven, Cotswold, or Lord Fitzharding's Hounds, Owners must be prepared to produce at Scale, if required, a Certificate from one of the Masters of the above named Packs, stating that the Horse entered has been regularly hunted with their Hounds.

Admission to the Course

Four horse Carriages, £2 2s; Two horse Carriages, £1 1s; One horse Carriages, with four wheels, 10s; Waggon, 5s; all others, 2s 6d. No Saddle Horses allowed. Accommodation will be found for Horses at the Park Farm; also Two Horse Stalls for Gentlemen's Carriage Horses, on application before April 17th.

No Booth or Stall to be erected without sanction from the Stewards, and conditionally that they are removed by seven o'clock the same evening.

No Itinerant Vendors will be allowed in the Park.

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