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Hawks: March 31st.1892.

"Ursula"	Passage	Falcon	3 yrs. old.	
"Glaucia"	"	"	3 yrs. old,	died.
"Phyllis"	"	"	2 yrs. old,	died.
"Letty Lind"	"	"	2 yrs. old,	lost 4th. May.
"Olinda"	"	"	1 yr. old.	
"Cinderella"	"	"	1 yr. old,	lost July.
"Sweatmeat"	"	"	1 yr. old,	put down.
"Seabreeze"	"	"	1 yr. old,	lost 7th. May.
"Beatrice"	"	"	1 yr. old.	
"Mabel"	"	"	1 yr. old,	sold.
"Swiftsure"	"	"	1 yr. old,	lost 2nd. May.
"Ianthé"	Haggard	"		Cut adrift - Lyndhurst.
Eyass Tiercel			1 yr. old,	died.

List of Quarry killed by each Individual Hawk. April 1892.

	1st.	2nd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	9th.
"Ursula"	1.1+	1+		1	2		1	1
"Glauca"	2			1				
"Beatrice"	1				1+	1		1+
"Cinderella"				1+		1		
"Swiftsure"	1	1			1	1		1
"Olinda"				1+				
"Seabreeze"							1	
"Letty Lind"								1
"Phyllis"								
"Ianthe"								
"Seaweed"								
Total:	6	2		4	4	3	2	4
No. Flights:	7	3		6	8	6	6	5

o = crow. + = assisted by another hawk.

	12th.	13th.	14th.	15th.	16th.	18th.	19th.	20th.
"Ursula"	1		1					
"Glauca"								
"Beatrice"				1	1		1	1
"Cinderella"	1+		1+	1+	1		1	
"Swiftsure"	1	1	1	2	2	Lost till 27th.		
"Olinda"	1	1+		1				
"Seabreeze"	1		1+		1	1	1	
"Letty Lind"								1+
"Phyllis"					1+			
"Ianthe"								
"Seaweed"								
Total:	5	2	4	5	6	1	3	2
No. Flights:	7	3	6	7	8	4	6	6

	21st.	22nd.	23rd.	25th.	26th.	27th.	28th.	29th.
"Ursula"			1		1	1		1
"Glauca"								
"Beatrice"	1		1	1	1			
"Cinderella"	1	2		1	1			2
"Swiftsure"								
"Olinda"		1+	1					1
"Seabreeze"	1					1+		1
"Letty Lind"	1+			1	1+			
"Phyllis"			1+o					
"Ianthe"								1+
"Seaweed"	1*							
Total:	5	3	4	3	4	2	0	6
No. Flights:	4	6	4	7	9	2	1	7

* = magpie.

	30th.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	Total.
"Ursula"			1		1	1	1	18.
"Glauca"								3.
"Beatrice"	2	1	1			1+o		17.
"Cinderella"	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	26.
"Swiftsure"		Lost again.						12.
"Olinda"		1	1			1		10.
"Seabreeze"	1	1	2	1		1+o		15.
"Letty Lind"				Lost.				5.
"Phyllis"								2.
"Ianthé"								1.
"Seaweed"						1		2.
Total:	5	5	7	2	3	7	2	111.
No. Flights:	7	6	7	4	6	7	5	170.

April 1st. Col. Watson and the Sec. present at Everleigh, very hot- slight breeze from North - First chance at two crows near the Square. "Ursula" and "Cinderella", the young hawk flew too keen, but chivied the crow, which gave the old champion a chance for a fine stoop which was, of course, a "dead snip". Near Hougoumont "Letty Lind" and "Swiftsure"- both hawks flew well, the old one fetching them, and the second killing with a good stoop. "Letty" was just as bad as ever to pick up, and like a wild beast on hand. "Glauca" then killed well, alone. A move towards Easton got a good chance for "Ursula" and "Beatrice" who killed handsomely right and left, first stoop each. "Glauca" and "Olinda" at same place flew nicely enough and killed but crabbed and the rook got away. "Glauca" was flown again but had suffered from the previous tussle and flew badly.

5 rooks - 1 crow.

April 2nd. Beaches Barn. "Ursula" and "Cinderella" both flew well and the old one killed neatly. "Letty Lind" and "Swiftsure" divided and put into a fold, the young one stooping and hunting right well, till it got away and made Beaches Barn in front of her. Presently the hawk rattled off towards Enford after something and we lost her. In afternoon "Ursula" and "Beatrice" divided and both flew a rattling flight to trees between Beaches Barn and Netheravon. 1 rook. 3 flights. Whole day spent in searching for "Swiftsure". Was seen killing a rook at Combe Clump at 12 noon.

April 5th. "Swiftsure" recovered early this morning at Syrescot. We must have been all round her on Sat..

Very hot - out towards Bulford. "Ursula" and "Cinderella" killed from pond near Beaches Barn, both had one stoop - scored to young one. Same cast flown in afternoon, when "Ursula" killed first stoop cleverly. "Beatrice" got beaten twice into gorse but flew keenly each time. "Olinda" and "Seabreeze" had a very wet rook, and flew equally well - scored to "Olinda". "Glauca" put in to a bush and killed 2nd. stoop.

April 6th. Netheravon and Bustard country. "Ursula" flew two beautiful flights before luncheon, killing each at 3rd stoop - 2nd. flight had a pretty ring in it. "Beatrice" and "Cinderella" also flew a beautiful flight each ringing well over separate rooks. "Beatrice" put hers into a barn and the other hawk coming in a cracker they killed it. "Swiftsure" killed a wettish rook in very good style and is no worse for her outing. "Glauca" had a splendid chance in a fine place, but gave up after one stoop. "Letty Lind" and "Seabreeze" both flew fairly well at a very good rook which they put in three times, eventually getting beat. "Olinda" had a bad slip and put her rook without a stoop, and "Glauca" also had a chance too bad to kill.

April 7th. "Beatrice" killed well near West Everley first stoop. "Ursula" had an impossible chance and failed - second [time] got a demon rook who beat her down wind to covert after a hard flight. "Cinderella" and "Seabreeze" divided, "Seabreeze" flying hard into covert after a lot of flopping about and "Cinderella" killed in a tree clever. "Beatrice" had a very bad slip and tried hard to ring over a very good rook who fairly beat her. Had three hours trailing to get two flights - ground like granite - no rooks out. "Swiftsure" flew in fine form and after putting a rook in in grand form, killed one with diseased liver clever.

April 8th. Very dry and windy. No rooks out. "Ursula" refused a good slip on passage. "Swiftsure" had a bad side wind slip but put in well. Then "Beatrice" and "Seabreeze" worried a rook in a fold, and "Ursula" killed from a fine slip across the lower Easton valley. "Olinda" and "Letty Lind" at a fold flew badly. Shocking day - Lady F and Mrs. Algy Bourke and Miss Johnstone out - also Mr. Compton and Mr. Bradburne.

April 9th. Dryer - hotter - more wind from N.E.. To Enford. Found a herring gull at a fold and slipped "Ursula" at him. She went as keen as mustard, and after one stoop they started ringing, and went up into the very clouds - once she appeared to be above him but it was blowing very hard and he shot above her again and they went on ringing - at last at a terrific height she gave up and we took her in after a truly terrific flight. "Swiftsure" went well over rooks in a gale of wind and killed 3rd. stoop. "Ursula" slipped on passage raked off and flew cunning, killing out of a flock near Elbarrow. "Swiftsure" and "Cinderella" got a bad slip but worked very hard and rattled the rook in after fine stoops. "Beatrice" and "Seabreeze", a good hard down wind flight with many stoops and a clever kill. Both hawks flew well. "Letty Lind" and "Olinda" fetched their rooks well and after a hunt round some premises killed well. Newall went home after early breakfast.

April 12th. Fine and bright in morning. Clouded up in afternoon with strong and bitter cold wind. Hougoumont. "Ursula", flown three times, 1st. left her rook and killed another down wind. Second, she flew hard and well, but was beaten to gorse and wouldn't hunt. Third, she declined to go at all. "Swiftsure", from a bad slip, was beaten up wind to covert. Flown again, she turned down wind at a rook which got up behind her, and killed after a short hunt. "Cinderella", with "Beatrice", did all the work, the latter looking on till she came in to kill. "Olinda" and "Seabreeze" divided, put into a double hedge and each killed, "Seabreeze" in particular working hard.

5 rooks 7 flights.

April 13th. A dreadful morning, bitter cold with drizzling rain and sleet, and occasional snow showers. Did not get out till after lunch, then went down Hougoumont way. "Swiftsure" killed first stoop in good form. "Cinderella" and "Beatrice" both went rather too keen, the former doing most of the work: but on catching they crabbed and let the rook go. "Olinda" ran right into a bad rook, before "Seabreeze" had a chance. She let it go on the ground, when the other hawk went after it and caught it. 2 rooks 3 flights. Snowed hard at dusk. Saw a beautiful flight with a wild cock merlin at a lark, he had a lot of stoops, finally putting into a haystack.

April 14th. Bright and fine morning, but cloudy and bitter cold in afternoon. Elbarrow. G. Simmonds came at 12.

"Swiftsure" killed second stoop in capital form: flown again she was terrible shifty, and turned down wind to the Rookery. "Cinderella" was beaten to premises and wouldn't hunt. Flown again with "Olinda" at a fold they both flew badly but managed to catch a very bad rook. "Beatrice" and "Seabreeze" flew in very moderate form, the latter doing all the work except the kill. "Ursula" refused a rook on passage, turned down wind and was lost. She was found about half an hour afterwards in a very small and dirty hamper at a farm, where she had killed. 4 rooks 6 flights.

April 15th. Good Friday. In the Bulford country. Fine and bright morning, cloudy and cold in the evening. "Swiftsure" killed after a long gorse hunt. Flown again, she killed cleverly second stoop, in a very awkward place. "Beatrice" flew a beautiful flight to Bulford Rookery, stooping in fine form and finally catching him. "Cinderella" refused a capital chance, and "Seabreeze" never saw them at the same place. These two were flown together later on, when "Cinderella" caught in a sheep-fold. "Olinda" went hard from a very long slip at a flock and caught first stoop: she gave a lot of trouble to take up, as usual. "Letty" and "Mabel" gave up at once at a capital place. "Phyllis" had two grand chances at Curlew, but utterly refused to stoop at them. 5 rooks 7 flights.

April 16th. Hougoumont and Easton Valley.

"Swiftsure" flew grandly and killed first stoop though she took the rooks on the side wind. Flown a second time she flew, hunted and killed grandly in the great gorse at the mouth of lower Easton valley, the first time a rook has been killed there. "Beatrice" was flown near the pond at Hougoumont and drove her rook into horses which nearly caused an accident. "Olinda" slipped too near her rook and never got above him. "Phyllis" and the tiercel were cast off at a magpie which was grandly hunted in the large gorse afore said and killed by "Phyllis". "Seabreeze" and "Cinderella" both flew and hunted well two rooks and killed. "Cinderella" first. "Seabreeze" hunted in good form and stuck to her rook. "Olinda" flown again did not work. "Beatrice" flew well and killed first stoop. "Glauc" was beaten to cover and did not half try - only stooping once and that weakly. Mr. Leathart was out and was blooded.

April 18th. Cold with rain, snow and sleet showers. Fresh N.W. wind. Beache's Barn.

"Swiftsure" was beaten upwind, from the Pond to B. Barn Rookery, and driving into the trees, was lost to view: hunted for her a long time without success. "Cinderella" went over a flock in good form, but wouldn't stoop for a long time, and then only made one stoop and gave up. "Seabreeze" flew a clinking good flight over some premises, with some ringing and any amount of real good stooping. "Letty" and "Beatrice" divided, and there being only one member present, (B.H.J.... Col. Watson having lost us.) of course he rode madly after the wrong hawk, the old one who put into a fold and gave up. The young hawk flew hard into Beacher's Barn and luckily came back over Oxer's head. 1 rook 4 flights.

April 19th. Cold misty morning: all hands turned out to look for "Swiftsure" without success.

Bright, warm day. Went out through Enford to Elbarrow, along the Devizes Rd. to the Bustard, and home by Netheravon. Started at 11 and got home about 7. In all that distance we only got six flights, two of which were very poor chances. "Seabreeze" went hard on a side wind slip, put into gorse and killed. Flown again from a very long slip, she put into a stick heap, the rook got up over her, but she made some good rings and put him down again, and then gave up when she had him at her mercy. The sudden change to hot weather is perhaps the cause of this. "Cinderella", going a bit too keen, put into gorse, and tried to sit on him. The rook got up and beat her to the Rookery though she did her best. Flown again she went hard at a flock, and knocked one down third stoop, in good form. "Beatrice" killed very nicely in a baddish place going in very nice form, and footing him particularly well. "Ursula" put a couple of rooks into the "blasted tree" by Beach's Barn, and wouldn't wait to have them put out. She went on to the Rookery, and was some trouble to take down. 3 rooks 6 flights.

April 20th. Rain most of the day, with strong W. to S.W. Wind. To Silk Hill and down to the River. About the very worst day on record. "Seabreeze" put into gorse and gave up at once, without offering to hunt. "Cinderella" went hard, getting beaten to covert after making a good ring. Flown again, she put into a stack, and tried to sit on him, letting the rook escape. "Ursula" played with a rook, which she had at her mercy, and let him beat her to covert. "Beatrice" refused the rooks she was flown at, and fooled off to Beacher's Barn, down wind, killing a rook there. "Olinda" (with

“Letty”,) went hard and fetched a flock in, making a rather wild stoop, when the old hawk killed at once. 2 rooks 6 flights.
J.R. Fowler Esq., came in the evening.

April 21st. Fine and warm: fresh S.W. Breeze. A grand hawking day. Left at 11.30 and went to Bulford, round Porton Firs on to the Salisbury Rd. and back to Bulford: arriving home at 7.30. After all this travel we only got four flights at rooks. “Cinderella” went hard from a tremendously long slip, hit him twice and caught. “Letty” and “Olinda” divided at a flock and each made one stoop; the old one caught and the young hawk left her rook to join in. “Seabreeze” put into premises and flew another tremendous flight, with any amount of grand stooping, finally catching when both rook and hawk were about played out. “Beatrice” put into premises, and went on after a rook in the distance, knocking him down first stoop. “Seaweed” went up high over a curlew, hit him hard and tried to sit on him: the curlew got a good start, but she went on after him and caught him in covert. “Mabel” was put up over another, and went after him hard till the curlew sat down, when she declined to tackle him. 4 rooks 1 curlew 4 flights.

April 22nd. Fine and warm. Strong S.W. Wind, which went down in the evening. Beacher’s Barn. “Cinderella” killed cleverly 2nd. stoop. Flown again at a long side wind slip, she put into a big fold and killed without help. “Seabreeze” refused her rooks, turned down wind, and put a rook into Beacher’s Barn, and was lost. “Phyllis” and “Seaweed” had a desperate hunt at a jackdaw in some bushes, the former doing all the work, but the jackdaw got to ground in a rabbit hole when he was fairly beat. “Beatrice” had two good stoops at a rook, feathering him once, and put into a bush, where she at once left him. 3 rooks 6 flights.

April 23rd. Fine and hot. Fresh S.W. Wind. “Seabreeze” was found by George at about 11.a.m. close to Beacher’s Barn.
“Beacher’s Barn country. “Cinderella” put into premises, from whence the rook went ringing up into the sky: she stuck to him well, and had just got on terms with him, when unfortunately George, (who had lost sight of her,) showed his pigeon, and she came in to it: the rook dropping into an empty fold at the same time. She would most likely have killed but for this. “Beatrice” killed third stoop in a very cramped place. “Olinda” and “Letty” divided at a flock, the young hawk killing first stoop. “Letty” made a bad stoop, got below her rook, and was taken down. “Ursula” went very hard, and caught just as he put into a wire fence: they went such a rattle into the wire that he broke loose, and got into a bush, out of which she hunted him into some rails and caught him without help. A pair of mags were driven out of the round covert at Beach’s Barn and the hen secured by “Phyllis”, assisted but little by the tiercel. She is about as good a magpie hawk as could be found, and as keen as mustard at them. 3 rooks 1 mag. 4 flights.

April 25th. Rain in the morning up to 10.30 but not enough to do us any real good: cleared up into a fine day with strong N.W. Wind. Stonehenge country. Large field out. “Cinderella”, with very little room was beaten to covert. Flown again she met a good rook, who beat her to covert without a stoop, after some ringing. Flown again, (with “Seabreeze”,) she ran straight into a bad rook. “Ursula” was beaten to covert, with little room. Flown again she put into a fold and turned off at rooks down wind, putting into a tree: the rook was put out, and she caught him, but let go again and he beat her to covert. “Beatrice” flew in very moderate form, but managed to kill her rook eventually, though much inclined to cut it twice. “Letty” and “Olinda” were flown at a flock, and both went very shifty, the old hawk killing first stoop: the young one put rooks into Normanton gorse and came in to the kill. 3 rooks 7 flights.
J.R. Fowler left in the evening.

April 26th. Upavon Clumps. Showery, fresh breeze. "Seabreeze" refused a good chance. Flown again she went in very good form, but was beat to covert. Flown again with "Letty" they were beat up wind to covert without a stoop. "Cinderella" went in good style and killed easily. "Beatrice" flew very badly and was beaten down to the river by a ringing rook, after feathering him once. Flown again she went much better and killed nicely. "Ursula" went quite in her old form, high over her rooks; knocked one down second stoop and caught. "Letty" (with "Olinda",) went high over her rooks, and made a capital stoop, when the young hawk who had given up, came in and killed. (Scored to "Letty".) "Letty" and "Ianthé" flew in good form but were finally beaten to covert. "Phyllis" flew a rattling ringing flight at a jackdaw putting him into Beach's Barn, the tiercel was flown with her, but didn't help. 4 rooks 9 flights.

E.P.L. Hare came in the evening.

"Swiftsure" was found sitting on the downs, and took a pigeon, but we couldn't get her before dark came on.

April 27th. George snared "Swiftsure" in the morning, close to Beacher's Barn Rookery.

Fine morning but came on to rain hard about one o'clock and rained most of the afternoon with a high wind. Heavy hail and sleet storms in the evening. Went through Upavon to Elbarrow and back: only got two flights. "Ursula" put into gorse, stuck to him well and caught him in a bush. "Seabreeze", (with "Beatrice",) fetched them into a stack and hunted well; "Beatrice", who had refused to face the wind, coming in to kill. (Scored to "Seabreeze".)

April 28th. Gale of wind from N.W. with showers. Didn't venture out till 3.30. Then flew "Seabreeze" and "Cinderella", above Collingbourne. They divided, "Seabreeze" hunting well down a double fence and just getting beat to covert down wind, and very nearly lost, going right to Collingbourne. Came home very thankful not to have lost her.

April 29th. G. Lascelles arrived in the morning.

To Netheravon. Cold N.E. wind. "Ursula" did not fly very honest and went upwind to Beaches Barn, leaving the rookery and killing finely on the N. side close to Saddler's pit. "Cinderella" also flew up wind but killed cleverly 2nd. stoop. "Beatrice" had a long flight to farm buildings and hunted well but was beaten at a second lot of buildings after much hunting - followed her rook to Netheravon rookery, and soared but came in well. "Seabreeze" had a capital hunt at a fold, stuck to him well and killed. "Letty Lind" and "Olinda". The old hawk flew hard and well but changed to a lot in the distance which she rattled in well. A put in rook came out under "Olinda" and she mopped him up. "Cinderella" from a very long slip had a long flight and killed very cleverly almost in covert. "Letty" and "Ianthé" put into a sheep fold at once and the haggard killed.

April 30th. Fine day, wind N.W. Beat Square for a mag. but failed to get him out. "Beatrice", a bad chance and a long slip, put into Nuth's farm and mopped up a bad rook. In the afternoon did the same thing at Hougoumont. "Cinderella" hunted and killed cleverly in a fold. "Ursula" flew a lovely flight over a flock of rooks, put in three grand stoops, and then shut up with the rook at her mercy. The downs will be worth exploring for the rich deposits of sulphur! A long trail and no flight - then a real good one with "Seabreeze" who went well over her rooks, stooped grandly, then after getting the worst of it made a fine ring and killed with a long raking stoop, as the rook was putting in to one of Lord Ailesbury's clumps - "Letty Lind" and "Olinda" were fairly beat by a good rook at a bad chance - the old B.. caught a scarecrow, gave as much trouble to get hold of as she is worth. "Cinderella" late in evening flew a pretty flight, going well over a flock, "shepherding" them beautifully, and killing 3rd. stoop. 7 flights and 5 kills and a very long day. Downs hard and dry, and no food for rooks.

May 2nd. Cold and showery. Strong wind from N.E. Netheravon country. "Cinderella" flew in capital form and caught after half a dozen stoops down wind. Flown again, she killed after a longish hustle over some trees. "Beatrice" chased her rook downwind and killed in a stick heap. "Seabreeze" in a very cramped place, went high over rooks, and killed second stoop in grand style. "Letty" and "Olinda" were given a rather awkward slip and only the old hawk tried, and she soon gave up. The young hawk went off and killed in a flock. "Swiftsure" flew hard from the barn near Everleigh to the gorses West of Beacher's Barn making 8 or 9 good stoops: the rook being hustled out she hunted him into some trees and then raked off and was lost. A heavy rain storm came on just at that moment, or we might have got her. 5 rooks 6 flights.

May 3rd. Cold and showery. Fresh N. wind. Beacher's Barn [B.H.J. clearly means Beache's Barn]. "Cinderella" put into a fold and sat on him. Flown again she did ditto in premises after some hunting. "Seabreeze" killed twice, both times putting into folds. "Ursula" was flown at a large flock, and put into buildings, hunted him out and caught cleverly at covert. "Beatrice" flown at rooks on passage, took an impossible one, and had given up when the rook was over a covert: but for some unknown reason he turned off down wind, and she rattled after him and caught him first stoop. "Olinda" and "Letty" were flown at a passage on the Hougoumont Rd., the young one running straight into him. 7 rooks 7 flights.

May 4th. Cold gale from N.E. with rain. "Cinderella", a nice slip went beautifully over rooks and killed in 4 stoops in good style. "Seabreeze" shot grandly over her rooks - put him on to a stack - waited well and then flew a nice flight down wind stooping well, and throwing herself away finely till she killed about a mile off. "Ursula" flew too keen, and in bad style - but made a fine ring over a strong rook and fetched him in well. "Letty" and "Olinda" divided - the young hawk went well over her rook, and stooped well once or twice but gave up. The old one followed a good rook down to Chisenbury, and was lost. 4 flights 2 rooks.

May 5th. N.E. wind, cold, fine, d...nable. To Netheravon and Elbarrow. "Cinderella" put in after a pretty flight to the old "blasted tree" and after much "racking" and climbing on the part of Regy we got him out and killed him. "Seabreeze" a fine flight of four stoops and a ring, when she changed to another rook and put him in. "Ursula" a fine flight, put in two lovely stoops - then put into sheep, drove him through, and then into covert with buildings where the old queen hunted like a tiger for about ten minutes - at last when no one could get the rook out for her, went and caught him in a tree - Tried "Seaweed" at a curlew but he wouldn't try. "Cinderella" flew a pretty flight and killed 3rd. stoop. "Seabreeze" - a brilliant flight from a bad slip - got well over her rooks and put in two stoops that were a sight to see, caught close to covert and let him go. "Beatrice" had a long slip and turned it up.

May 6th. N.E. wind as usual. To Nine Mile Water and Beacon Hill. "Cinderella" 1st. a pretty flight of four stoops and a kill. In afternoon a dreadful slip but fine flight downwind towards Amesbury. Five grand stoops and then a great hunt on a double hedgerow and kill. "Ursula" and "Seabreeze" at a crow together - the old hawk put into a tree and hunted him like a terrier, put him out and "Seabreeze" killed well. Then tried "Seaweed" at a curlew but she raked off and killed a rook. Tried again she did worse. "Mabel" would not look at one. We caught him at last with "Olinda" who caught in the middle of the pond leaving the curlew to swim about in the water "racked" by Bengy with shocking bad words and finally to be collared on the bank, a mass of sopping feathers. A magpie escaped us - it is presumed down a rabbit hole. "Ursula" flown at a bad chance sloped off to Bulford and took a young rook. "Beatrice" and "Seabreeze" had a long slip at a crow which they never saw, but he came to mob them, and "Seabreeze" eventually swung over him a chance to reverse the medal. Meanwhile "Beatrice" made a real fine ring got high over both and came in with

a dinging stoop which was resistless. A further try for a magpie was fruitless, and so home by Tedworth at 8.15.

May 7th. Wind W., finer day. Flew "Seabreeze" near Everleigh. She flew slack, went ringing when she should have been stooping and put into the rookery and went on the soar, and was lost! "Cinderella" put into a flock of sheep stooping hard for a long time, then got him away and after a pretty flight was beat to covert, raked off to a flock and killed. Later on she and "Phyllis" had a go at the Beaches Barn jackdaw but he got into the rookery without a stoop. "Ursula" then killed after a fine stoop and a put in to a bush, and "Beatrice" flew moderately, put into Hougomont, and raked off with a pigeon under her, but fortunately not killing - a little more of such tricks and she will go the way of "Swiftsure" - she then sat down and was taken up - a miserable finish to a truly miserable day. 5 flights 2 kills 1 hawk lost.

List of Quarry killed - May 1892.

	9th.	10th.	11th.	12th.	13th.	14th.	Total.	
"Ursula"	1	1					20.	
"Glauca"							3.	Died.
"Beatrice"							17.	
"Cinderella"	1o1	1	1	2	1	1	34.	Lost.
"Swiftsure"							12.	Lost.
"Olinda"	1	1	2	1		2	17.	
"Seabreeze"							15.	Lost.
"Letty Lind"							5.	Lost.
"Phyllis"							2.	Died.
"Ianthé"							1.	Let go.
"Mabel"						1m+	1.	Sold.
"Seaweed"							2.	Killed.
Total:	4	3	3	3	1	4	129.	
Flights.	10	3	7	7	2	3	202.	

m = magpie.

May 9th. Fine and very hot. Light S.E. breeze. Upavon and Elbarrow. Another wretched bad day. Flights were easier got than they have been at any time this season, but hawks, without exception, flew most infamously. "Cinderella" killed a crow, first stoop, out of a flock of about a dozen. Flown again she flew very badly at a good rook, finally giving him up when he started ringing. She then had a most beautiful chance at a rook in one of the deep valleys, and let him beat her to the rookery. The fourth chance she caught a very ragged rook out of a flock. "Olinda" killed a bad rook third stoop. "Ursula" flew shocking bad and soon gave up a good rook. Flown again she went well over rooks, but wouldn't stoop till they got to a sheep-fold, where she knocked one down, but left him and went off to the nearest Rookery where she caught a young one. "Beatrice" put into premises and gave up at once. Flown again she flew cruel badly, and a very poor rook fairly played with her, though she feathered him putting into covert. She is all amiss and very low in condition. "Glauca" went hard at a flock, until they got near Stagg's Rookery when she gave up.

1 crow 3 rooks 10 flights.

The sudden change to very hot weather has no doubt set all the hawks wrong.

May 10th. Fine and hot: fresh S.E. breeze. Stonehenge country. Another "dies iroe."

"Cinderella" didn't see her rooks till they had got a long way, when she rattled off and ran right into one. "Olinda" flew a very nice flight near the Stones, killing in good form after several good stoops. Then "Ursula" had a grand chance in the bottom E. of the Cursus, but left the rooks to rattle after a lot of tame pigeons, which she put into the covert near the Keeper's house: she then went off to the

River. Looked for her a long time, and had just given her up, when we got news she had been seen flying a gull near Wilsford. Found she had killed a young rook close to Wilsford, and been picked up by a shepherd, who sent word to Newall, and he went out and got her. 3 rooks 3 flights.

May 11th. Fine and hot. Strong N.E. Wind. Collingbourne Rd.. Large field. Rev. A. Astley, Harting, Ashetton Smith, and Mrs. Pilkington from Town. "Cinderella" fetched rooks in well, and had two or three good stoops, but was beaten to premises, where the rook got under a roof and she lost him. Flown again she let a flock beat her to a big gorse on a side wind. Flown again she flew badly and gave up when the rook began ringing. Flown again on passage, she flew a grand flight at a real good rook, fetching him from a good height, and making five or six clinking stoops before killing. "Olinda" disabled a rook first stoop. Flown again she caught first stoop, but came down so hard he broke loose: however she soon caught him again. "Glauca" had a very poor chance on a side wind, and didn't get a stoop till they got to a fold: here she knocked one over but wouldn't hunt him. 3 rooks 7 flights.

May 12th. Blazing hot: light N.E. wind. Nine Mile Water. Enormous field out: largest on Record. "Cinderella" killed clever 2nd. stoop. Flown again she put into a hedge and drove in after him, with the usual result of letting him beat her to Princess' Gorse. Flown again she never saw the rook, but luckily a big flock got up some way up wind, and she went on and caught one first stoop. "Olinda" went high and well and caught first stoop. Flown again she flew hard up wind to a belt and caught close to covert, but he broke loose and got in. Flown again she put into a thorn bush, but was too confident and got beaten to covert. "Glauca" made three fine stoops, and then gave up, blown. She is in no condition or wind to fly hard. 3 rooks 7 flights.

An unlucky day as two rooks escaped that had been caught.

May 13th. Cooler, a few drops of rain during the day. All hands otter hunting with Tracy at Netheravon. Went out on Collingbourne Rd. with a couple of hawks at 5 p.m. Only got two flights. "Cinderella" ran right into a rook on passage which never saw her. "Olinda" was flown at another on passage, but gave up directly she saw she would have to ring to fetch him. 1 rook 2 flights.

May 14th. Drizzling rain in morning. Cleared up into a fine day with strong S.W. Wind, Nine Mile Water. Met two magpies on the down by the head of Nine Mile Water. The cock escaped to the clump by the skin of his teeth, but "Mabel" secured the hen, both hawks going hard. We then drove the cock out towards Bulford, and had the hardest hunt on record, right away to the patch of thorn trees below Beacon Hill. The hawks did their best, but there was only one mounted man to help them and mag. finally escaped. This mag. must have been stooped at for the best part of a mile. "Cinderella" went hard up wind and fetched rooks into Premises where she flew a grand flight with any amount of real fine stooping, finally killing. "Olinda" killed clever first stoop. Flown again she made two or three good stoops and then let him get over her: she made a good ring, but was beaten to covert. She then went straight off to Boscombe Rookery and picked up a young rook. She carried, and gave a lot of trouble: in fact it was great luck not losing her. 1 mag. 3 rooks. 3 flights.

A nest was obtained from the cliffs near Dover, one from Horn Head, and one from Waterford and hacked at Lyndhurst. One falcon "Agatha" turned out a real good one. She was from the Dover nest - One tiercel was also fair. The hawks were at Langwell from Aug. 12th. to Sept. 20th. then at Lilford for a short time where "Agatha" was lost.

Game killed in autumn 1892.

	Grouse.	Part.	Rook.	Lark.	Gulls.	
“Agatha”	34	8				
“Ursula”	21				6	
“Phyllis”	13					
“Seaweed”	5					
Tiercel	1		1	1		
	74	8	1	1	6	92.

“Cinderella” broke loose with her leash on, at Lyndhurst, but was never seen, or heard of and lost.

Oct.20th. The Earl of Londesbrough withdrew from active membership of the Club, but consented to continue as an honorary member.

Nov.11th. Mr. J.E. Harting was elected an honorary member of the Club.

Members O.H.C. 1893:

<u>Members:</u>	<u>Honorary Members:</u>
Lord Lilford	Hon. Cecil Duncombe
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Rev. W. Newcome	F.H. Salvin
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Duke of Portland	
Hon. E.W.B. Portman	
Col. Watson	
A. Newall	
J.E. Harting	
Hon. G. Lascelles	Hon. Sec.

Falconer:	G. Oxe
Under falconer:	Reg. Moore

Hawks March 1893.

“Ursula”	passage falcon	4 yr. old	Lost at Langwell.
“Olinda”	“ “	2 yr. old	Sold J. Mann £5.
“Beatrice”	“ “	2 yr. old	Sold.
“Danceaway”	“ “	1 yr. old	
“The Midget”	“ “	1 yr. old	
“Hilda”	“ “	1 yr. old	Sold.
“Rosalba”	“ “	1 yr. old	
“Herpy”	“ “	1 yr. old	Sent to Zoo.
“Madcap”	“ “	1 yr. old	Put down.
“Patricia”	haggard “		Sold.
	passage tiercel	1 yr. old	Dead.
	eyass “	1 yr. old	Sold J. Simonds for £3, died, “Beatrice” sent.

List of Quarry killed by each individual Hawk. Spring 1893.

March. 1893.	28th.	29th.	30th.	31st.	Ap.1st.	3rd.	4th.
“The Midget”	1	1		1		lost till 5th.	
“Olinda”	1+		1				
“Danceaway”			1+	1+	1+	1+	
“Rosalba”			1+	1+			
“Ursula”				1+			
“Hilda”							
“Patricia”							
“Pride of Scampston”							
No. of kills	2	1	3	4	1	1	0
Flights:	3	5	5	7	4	3	3

April 1893.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	10th.	11th.	12th.	13th.
"The Midget"			1	1	2	2	1	2.1*
"Olinda"								
"Danceaway"		1+	1+	1+	1			1.2+
"Rosalba"	1+ lost till 7th.					1	1	1
"Ursula"								
"Hilda"							1+	
"Patricia"			1	1+	1	Bad until 26th.		
"Pride of Scampston"							1+	
No. of kills:	1	1	3	3	4	4	4	7
Flights:	2	5	3	7			4	9

April cont.	14th.	15th.	17th.	18th.	19th.	20th.	21st.	22nd.
"The Midget"	2	2	2	1*	1.1*	1 Lost till 23rd.		
"Olinda"								
"Danceaway"	2	1		1	1	2	2	3
"Rosalba"	2	2	1	2	2	2		2
"Ursula"								
"Hilda"								
"Patricia"								
"Pride of Sc."	1+	1+						
No. of kills:	7	6	3	4	5	5	2	5
Flights:	9	8	4	9	6	6	5	6

April cont.	24th.	25th.	26th.	27th.	28th.	29th.	Total:
"The Midget"				1	2	1	27.
"Olinda"							2.
"Danceaway"	1	2	1	2	1	1	31.
"Rosalba"	1	2	1.1	1	3		28.
"Ursula"							1.
"Hilda"	1*						3.
"Patricia"					1+		4.
"Pride of Sc."				1+			4.
No. of kills:	3	4	3	5	7	2	100.
Flights:	6	4	8	8	9	5	167.

March 30th. Very hot - downs very dry and hard, rooks very hard to find. "Midget" went well over rooks but got taken off by pigeons. "Danceaway" did not try but later these two together flew pretty - "Danceaway" sticking well to her rook with "The Midget" who had divided, coming in with a rattle to the kill at the finish. "Olinda" flew in fine form in spite of bad swelled feet and bowled a rook over first stoop. "Madcap" came in and crabbed her badly - "Rosalba" flew well but too keen, and after a long hard flight "Beatrice", who had been of no assistance just picked up the beaten rook which she afterwards let go. Trained the haggard and the tiercels and home.

March 31st. Hot and dry - could get no flights except at the Beache's Barn pond where with no exceptions we flew all the hawks. "Danceaway" and "Midget" a very pretty flight in a strong S.W. breeze, both flying well, but the big one best. "Olinda" was given two chances but declined - something wrong. Badly crabbed yesterday. "Danceaway" and "Rosalba" - the former went exceedingly well but "Rosalba" who came in and killed was very slack. "Midget" and "Madcap". The little hawk flew beautifully and killed when the other bad tempered brute came in and crabbed her making let go the rook twice. In spite of all she went on and caught him a third time! "Olinda"

and "Hilda" went fairly, and put their rook in to the pond where they tried to sit on him and got beaten. "Ursula" and "Patricia" went well and straight at a moderate rook that scrambled into some gorse and was made short work of by two such old hands.

April 1st. A very hot day with little or no wind. Went out through the Square and found a Rook at the Pond. Flew "Danceaway" and "Midget". "Danceaway" went in brilliant style, the little one joining in. The hawks drove the rook down the fence side to the Stacks in the bottom where "Danceaway" drove it in. When put out "Midget" did most of the work along the fence, helped by "Danceaway", and killed. Scored to "Danceaway". "Olinda" and "Hilda" had a good chance but did not avail themselves of it. "Danceaway" and "Rosalba". "Danceaway" again to the fore, footing her rook twice and a last time just as he reached cover where he escaped. "Rosalba" gave up. "Midget" and "Hilda" divided and after an unsuccessful trial both gave up. "Ursula" and "Patience" - The old'un flew pigeon but after a distance turned to help "Patricia" who stuck to her rook putting into a fold at Collingbourne. Thanks to Mr. Rowth who happened to come up and lent his horse to George who was thus able to follow and get both hawks. The other mounted man having ridden "they say" after pigeon.

April 3rd. Beach's Barn. Very bright and hot. B.H. Jones arrived by 11.44 train. "Danceaway" and "Hilda": the former flew well at a first rate rook, doing a lot of fine stooping, but got beaten to covert, "Hilda" only joining in for a stoop or two in the middle of the flight. "Midget" put into farm buildings and flew a grand flight, with some beautiful ringing and stooping; but eventually gave up, took to the soar and was lost. "Danceaway" and "Rosalba" put into gorse, the former catching. 3 flights 1 kill.

April 4th. Fine and hot. Fresh E. Breeze. Netheravon. Another disastrous day - "Danceaway" flew in good form, but as usual was miles off him at every shot, and was beaten to covert. "Olinda" and "Rosalba" divided: the old hawk knocked her rook down, but let it up again and got beaten to premises. The young hawk put into the same place, going very keen. "Danceaway" and "Patricia" crabbed on being unhooded. "Ursula" and "Rosalba" had a good chance; the old hawk made one stoop and then went straight away up wind and was lost. The young hawk flew well but was beaten to trees.

April 5th. Fine and hot. Fresh E. Breeze. Netheravon. "Danceaway" and "Rosalba" flew a nice flight, the former fetching them and making first stoop, and the latter killing with a real good stoop. Flown again they were beaten to premises, and "Rosalba" went on after rooks and was lost. In searching for her, both "Midget" and "Ursula" were recovered at Stagg's Rookery, but "Rosalba" was left out. 1 rook - 2 flights.

April 6th. Hotter than ever. E. Wind as usual, and very hazy till evening. "Danceaway" and "Hilda" put into a fold, and crabbed trying to sit on him. Flown again "Danceaway" fetched them in well, and made several fine stoops, (though as usual several yards from the mark aimed at,) finally catching after a stoop from "Hilda", (who only came in at the end,) had driven him almost on to the ground. "Olinda" was flown twice: first time refused: second time gave up after a couple of stoops. "Midget" and "Patricia" divided, the former getting beaten to covert. The haggard flew a real good flight to the Rookery, with a lot of stooping, and would have killed but for a wire fence in the last hundred yards - as it was she had hold just as he put in but let go again. 1 rook 5 flights.

April 7th. Hot, glaring, a E. wind: downs like iron - No flights at all before luncheon. Then got news of "Rosalba" on Stagg's down, and on showing a pigeon she came up, and after a little trouble was "wound up" - "Danceaway" and "Hilda" had a long slip - the latter made an effort, but the big hawk rattled well to some premises, and then on to covert near rookery - "Midget" and "Patricia"

divided, both killing after two stoops of no merit. "Danceaway" and "Hilda", another long slip, and again "Danceaway" fetched them grandly, and after her first stoop "Hilda" was slipped and killed easily - scored of course to "Danceaway". Trained the other hawks - Weather hopeless for hawking.

April 8th. Cold N. wind, bright sun - very dry. "Danceaway" assisted by "Hilda" went grandly over rooks but made shocking bad stoops and was beaten to a fold - "Midget" alone, had a fine chance, fetched her rook well down among the field, and even knocked him down but made very half hearted stoops, and let the rook beat her after a long flight. "Danceaway" and the haggard crabbed at once - Then "Midget" and St. Quintin's haggard both flew well but the little hawk killed first stoop. Next time "Danceaway" flew well and fetched rooks well into some stacks and killed, "Hilda" making one half hearted stoop. "Midget" and "Patricia" both went rarely, the haggard showing most pace and killing nicely third stoop. "Olinda" and "Madcap" turned it up the moment rooks began to ring. 7 flights 3 kills.

April 10th. Collingbourne Road. Fine and hot. Light N.E. Wind. "Danceaway" and "Hilda" divided, the former flying a rattling ringing flight and killing high in the air, the other hawk put into a fold and gave up. "Midget" was beaten to covert by a good rook, flying hard. "Danceaway" and "Patricia", the young hawk got first stoop and the haggard caught at once. "Midget", with St. Quintin's haggard, (now called "Pride of Scampston",) put into a stack and sat on him. "Rosalba" and "Hilda" both going hard were beaten up wind to a thick hedge. "Midget" gave up a high ringing rook after two or three stoops - Flown again she put into a pond, and out of that into a fold, and then changed onto one of the flock which hadn't put in, and him she drove into a fence and caught. "Madcap" was quite unable to get on terms with her rooks. 4 rooks 8 flights.

April 11th. Netheravon. A good deal colder, strong N.E. Wind. "Danceaway" was beaten up wind to Beach's Barn by a very good rook: she flew hard and well and feathered him once - "Rosalba", (with "Patricia") fetched in a rook on passage in first rate form, and the haggard picked him up. Scored to "Rosalba". "Midget" and "Pride of Scampston" were short of room, and were beaten up wind to covert. Flown again they put into a fold and the young hawk caught. "Danceaway" and "Hilda" both wet and, the former doing most work, but "Hilda" catching him with a beautiful stoop. "Midget", (with "Patricia",) ran into a bad rook. Unluckily a bad crab over him, the haggard getting the worst of it. The Passage Tiercel was enlarged at a Curlew but wouldn't go. 4 rooks 6 flights.

April 12th. Collingbourne Rd.. Fine and bright. Fresh N.E. breeze. Never got a flight till 3.30 and only got four all day. "Rosalba" flew a beautiful flight, going in real good form and killed. "Midget" and "Pride of Scampston" were flown at a rook on passage, the haggard showing much the most pace and running right into him. "Danceaway" and "Hilda" put into stacks where the latter killed. "Midget" was beaten to covert without a stoop, from an impossible slip: she went on and picked a rook out of a flock. 4 rooks 4 flights.

April 13th. Netheravon. Cloudy morning, fine bright afternoon. Fresh coldish N.E. breeze. Good day's sport. "Rosalba" was beaten to covert, going hard. Flown again she killed second stoop in fine form. "Midget" killed in good style. Flown again she put a rook into a pond: as she threw up from her stoop, three wild duck got up off the pond, and she cracked over an old mallard at once and caught him. He was afterwards let go, none the worse. Flown again she caught cleverly, third stoop. "Danceaway" flew in grand form, cutting out her rook's tail third stoop and driving him into a sheep fold: out of this he tried to ring, but she rang up over him, drove him down into another fold and killed unassisted. Flown again with "Hilda" they had a hustle at a rook close to covert and secured him. Flown again (with "Pride of Scampston",) she went high over them and caught first stoop. "Pride of Scampston" had a very easy chance at a bad rook, which she ought to have caught a dozen times, but couldn't. 6 rooks 1 wild duck 9 flights.

April 14th. Dry, very hot. "Rosalba" flew three times, well, killing easily twice, and putting into a fold third time. "Danceaway" killed handsomely first time, second time put her rook into a fold, hunted him out, rang well over him and played with him, making false stoops, for a long time till he got too near to cover when she nailed him quickly. "Midget" flew in very pretty form twice killing very neatly. The first flight really good. "Pride of Scampston" and "Hilda" wouldn't try but the haggard flew a fine ringing flight, fetched her rook at last out of the sky into some gorse, where she just got hold, but let go again and made no score.

April 15th. Upavon Clumps. Fine and very hot. S.E. breeze. "Rosalba" killed twice in very good form. "Midget" killed second stoop, cleverly. Flown again, she got her eye on something and turned off. Flown again she went hard and killed second stoop. "Danceaway" had a rook at her mercy, but refused to ring; on account of the heat no doubt. Flown again she went hard and high over rooks, hit one first stoop and caught the second. "Hilda" and "Pride of Scampston" had a ding-dong flight in a cramped place, the old hawk catching: of course "Hilda" crabbed her and made her leave go, but the rook was scored to her. 6 rooks 8 flights.

There were slight showers on Sunday night and Monday morning, but not enough to even lay the dust.

April 17th. Netheravon to Stonehenge and on to Amesbury. Dull and cloudy. S.E. breeze. Flights almost impossible to get, not from the shyness of the rooks, but from their scarcity. "Rosalba" killed cleverly third stoop. "Midget" killed in good form first stoop. Flown again at a very long slip on passage she went really hard and honest and killed first stoop. "Hilda" and "Pride of Scampston" were flown at a flock, the young hawk declining. The haggard went keen, and put into a barn, where she managed to injure her wing rather badly and the rook escaped. From that time (about 3.30) till 6.30 we trailed round by Stonehenge and back almost to Stag's down without being able to get another flight. 3 rooks 4 flights.

Col. Watson arrived for rest of the season.

April 18th. Fine and very hot. Light S.E. breeze. Porton Firs. Large field out, and consequently bad luck. "Midget" took the wrong rook, and was beaten up wind to a gorse without a stoop. "Rosalba" put into a hedge and knocked her rook down, but drove in after him and got hung up, the rook escaping. "Danceaway" flew a rattling high ringing flight, flying hard, and driving him down into a fold, where she hunted keen and killed unassisted. "Midget" was flown at a long slip on passage, but unluckily a whole flock of woodpigeons got up right under her, and she hammered one right down into the Boscombe valley, where she caught him. "Rosalba" flew a nice ringing flight and caught near a fold. "Midget" was beaten to covert on a side-wind by a good rook. "Rosalba" took the wrong rooks which she put into a fold and refused to hunt. "Midget" refused and played the fool. "Rosalba" flew another nice ringing flight and caught high up. 3 rooks 1 woodpigeon 9 flights.

April 19th. Stonehenge. Very hot sun, strongish S.W. wind. "Danceaway" went high over her rooks cut one out and after some pretty stooping throwing herself well away, hit him over into grass then ran into him as he rose. "Rosalba", good sporting slip and after some stoops caught on a side wind not very far from thick wood. "Midget" went well at her rooks knocked one over very easily having previously struck him hard on the ground. "Danceaway" after several stoops failed to get her rook who went low up wind close to ground and over a high bank and road and beat her to covert. These flights all at Durrington. "Rosalba" had a pretty chase at Coles Farm and after three or four good put in stoops nailed him cleverly a yard from cover. "Midget" went high over her rooks, but a

curlew getting up right under her she struck him over first stoop and got him second. Trailed over a lot more ground but no flights. 4 rooks 1 curlew 6 flights.

April 20th. Hotter than ever, not a cloud, very little wind. Started late. "Danceaway" flew finely, fetched her rooks well, killing second stoop. "Rosalba" played with her rooks for a bit, checked three times then cut one out nearing cover, killing first stoop. These flights at Red House Farm (Beacon Hill). "Midget" flew very well, made two fine stoops, killing second. "Danceaway" long slip, rooks went up wind, she put two into a hedge, then after the rest who were making for a fold 300 yds. off and killed unassisted. "Rosalba" flew grandly, two excellent stoops, her killing one. A fine performance. "Midget" had a poor slip at rook leaving pond on a side wind, she ought however to have killed as plenty of room but the rook was a good one and her stoops not nearly good enough and he beat her to covert where she left him and after, we thought, woodpigeons, near and east of Beacon Hill and was lost in Wilbury Belt. 5 rooks 6 flights.

April 21st. S.E. wind as hot as July. George out looking for "Midget" till two o'clock. Out by Stonehenge. "Danceaway" went finely over her rooks and killed first stoop. "Rosalba" flew rather slack, but put well in to a bush, after which the rook was at her mercy, but she let him get above her, refused to ring, and went on the soar - recovered by George at a pond, where we had all passed her. "Danceaway" made three or four nice stoops at a very good rook but refused to ring; "Ursula" flew a curlew well, but got beat in some farm premises, and went on down wind regardless of lures - B.H.J. got her eventually - "Hilda" and "Pride of Scampston" were indulged in a "sheep fold worry," but shut up after knocking down at least one rook - One was left in the fold, and shamefully mopped up with "Danceaway" - A "dies carlone notanda" R. Blathwayte, Mr. Standish, visitors to the Club - Several ladies out - usual result.

April 22nd. Bright sun, not a cloud, with gale blowing from S.E. Large field out. Beacon Hill. "Danceaway" flew finely on side wind slip flying strong but wide stooping at first, afterwards came in with a rattling fine stoop, caught, driven off rook by labourers, but again took hold. "Rosalba" met easy rook, but she flew well in the gale, killing second stoop. "Rosalba" again, after lunch, slipped at rook which she put in (some say struck down) into a fold, then at flock several hundreds of yards away and killed in open. "Danceaway" slipped at rook near the pond which she hammered pretty smartly, killing almost immediately. Flown again (3rd. time) at Porton Firs she showed great speed, putting in two good stoops before the rooks going down wind could reach farm only a very short distance off, hustled one around the premises, catching at edge of pond. Lascelles and friends, R. Blathwayte and W. Standish left for Salisbury. "Hilda" and "Pride of Scampston" divided, former hustled a rook for some time and would have killed had she continued a little longer. The haggard went down wind and after desultory wild chasing at the flock was taken down. 5 rooks 6 flights.

On Sunday morning, 23rd., Col. Watson driving down to Porton Station, saw "Midget" driving rooks about near Porton. He sent back word by his trap and George went out and snared her.

April 24th. Druid's Head. Very hot indeed, hardly any wind. Did not attempt to fly a hawk before 3.30 and it was too hot then to expect any sport. "Danceaway" put into gorse after cutting out his tail, and hunted well but was beaten to the Rookery which was close by. Flown again she killed after a long and not very good flight: the weather is much against her. "Rosalba" flew as if she felt the heat, and was beaten to the Rookery after feathering him once. She turned off at rooks coming in, and knocked one into a hedge where she tried to sit on him and he escaped. Flown again she flew nicely, working well to windward of her rooks, and killed second stoop. Flown again she put into gorse and hunted well till the rook began ringing: she went up after him, but very lazily, and only started to fly hard when she saw he was going to put into covert. "Hilda" and "Pride of

Scampston” wouldn’t try. “Hilda” was afterwards put up to wait on over a curlew and cracked him over in fine style. 2 rooks 1 curlew 6 flights.
Very large field out.

April 25th. Elbarrow. As hot as ever. At 11.30 a.m. The Thermometer stood at 120 in the sun in Amesbury. Light N. Wind, which changed round to S.E. about 4 o’clock. “Danceaway” killed easily third stoop. Flown again she had a desperate hunt over some premises, with at least five and twenty stoops: she stuck to him in the most wonderful way, considering the heat, and finally caught him. “Rosalba” had a very bad chance and was beaten to covert up wind without a stoop. She went on and killed out of a flock some way off. Flown again she caught first stoop. “Hilda” put a curlew into a pond but wouldn’t persevere when he was hustled out. 4 rooks 4 flights.

April 26th. Hot as ever - dry wind from S.E.. Weather unfit for any kind of sport. “Danceaway” first flight, fetched her rook well and had a pretty flight down to a barn and trees where we took her down. Second time fetched into a pond and nailed him in four stoops. Third time - a fine flight with two good rings in it, and finally put in to a hedge a mile away. “Rosalba” killed first time easily and well. Second time was beaten to Wilbury, raked off and killed almost at once - a bad trick. “Midget” flown for first time after her recovery, passed the rook she was slipped at, and went on to a flock up wind which got in in front of her. Came in to a pigeon well, and behaved nicely. “Hilda” displayed the worst of all her bad qualities in the chase of a curlew which defeated her signally. “Patricia” and “Pride of Scampston” had two chances on passage but contrived to be of no assistance to each other and let two rooks escape. 3 kills 8 flights.
A bad day bar “Danceaway’s” three flights. Large field out.

April 27th. Cooler wind. Travelled across to Winterbourne Stoke to Yarnbury Castle, found lots of good country hitherto little frequented, and refreshingly unsuspecting rooks. “Danceaway” first time met a clinking rook, and flew a long fine flight to covert never stooping near him, and was beaten. Except that she was a little too keen she did well - second and third time she killed first stoop each time, going in fine form. “Rosalba”, first time flew well and killed second stoop - next time she fetched her rook into a crowd of horsemen in the open. They did not separate and she would not stoop for a long time - at last she feathered him, but he got down hill to covert. “Midget”, first time was taken off by a flock of pigeons at which she flew a rattler, but they beat her, and she came out of the sky at Mr. B. who was cut over but escaped, tailless into a rabbit hole. Second time she went quite in her old form and killed prettily. “Patricia” and “Pride of S.” went well over rooks and bowled one over first try. 8 flights 5 kills.
And a rather pretty day.

April 28th. Cool wind. A cloudy and fair hawking day. “Danceaway” killed first stoop from a long slip - second time from a side wind slip put in after a long flight to premises and annexed a duckling. Third time a fine flight in good form with many stoops and one ring, catching him once but losing him at the last. “Rosalba” checked first time but killed a moderate rook in a fold - killed two other rooks first and second stoop, but was rather lucky though her form was good. “Midget” flew in splendid form twice killing first stoop, once, and the last flight a really good performance with many stoops throwing herself finely away, and killing well. “Patricia” went well up to rooks with “Pride of S.” behind her, and the two flew a give and take flight and killed. In this flight B.H.J. took a real base over apex toss and was temporarily knocked out.

April 29th. Very rough from S.W. almost a gale, strange to tell no field out except Fowler. “Danceaway” very poor slip near Red House Farm; rook by help of fence and hedge reached cover. “Rosalba” a very poor chance, rook reached wood before it was possible for her to fetch him. “Danceaway”, great hunt entirely at farm premises near Salisbury road, struck rook down twice on

ground before holding. "Midget" flew grandly, fine long slip at rooks; she went and fetched them in grand style, turned them down wind, and after one feint made a slashing drive, knocking old cock rook senseless to the ground. "Rosalba", tremendous hunt round premises; after innumerable stoops and twice feathering rook, he eventually saved his skin. Blowing too hard to fly the haggards. Newall out but Lascelles left, also Fowler. 5 flights 2 kills.

List of Quarry killed by each Hawk: May 1893.

May 1893.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	8th.	9th.
"Midget"	1	3	1c2	2	1	2	2	3
"Olinda"								
"Danceaway"	2	1c1	3	3	2	3	3	3
"Rosalba"	3	1	1	2		2	1	
"Ursula"								
"Hilda"								
"Patricia"		1+	1+			1		
"Pride of S"				1+				
No of kills:	6	7	8	8	3	8	6	6
Flights:	7	9	10	9	5	10	10	8

May 1893.	10th.	11th.	12th.	Total.
"Midget"	2	1	2	49.
"Olinda"				2.
"Danceaway"	3	2	3	60.
"Rosalba"		1		39.
"Ursula"				1.
"Hilda"				3.
"Patricia"				7.
"Pride of S"				5.
Kills:	5	4	5	166.
Flights:	7	6	5	253.

+ = with another hawk.

c = crow.

* = various.

May 1st. Light shower in the morning, heavier showers in the evening. Fresh S.W. breeze. "Danceaway, from a nearly down wind slip went hard and caught first stoop. Flown again she knocked down a very moderate rook at once. "Rosalba" seemed bothered by a large flock, and stooped at two or three before securing one. Flown again she caught first stoop, and repeated the performance in the evening at a rook on passage. "Midget" went keen and put a whole flock into an old fold: after a lot of hunting two went away and she went after them and caught first stoop. The two haggards were slipped at a crow, but "Scampston" unfortunately turned off at rooks down wind. "Patricia" flew a pretty flight at him, with four or five real good stoops, but got beaten to covert. 6 rooks 7 flights.

May 2nd. Cloudy: fresh S.W. breeze. Shower of rain about 6.30. Yarnbury Castle. "Danceaway" flew a grand flight at a crow over the castle, with a grand ring, and a lot of beautiful stoops, catching close to covert. Flown again she killed a moderate rook easily. Flown again she had a desperate hunt down wind, putting in four times into gorse, trees, hedges etc., and hunting like a terrier, no one being able to get up to help her: the rook finally beat her to covert. "Rosalba" put into a fence, where she hit him hard, but he got on into an old fold where she caught him, but he broke loose and she wouldn't persevere. Flown again she caught easily. "Midget" flew a very nice

flight at a rook over an old fold; he never put in, but wouldn't leave it and she had a dozen good stoops before she caught. She afterwards caught two more, first stoop each. The two haggards had a longish slip, and "Scampston" as usual turned down wind. "Patricia" went hard but slowish, getting over them after a long time and putting into a barn, where the other hawk, (which had done nothing till then,) came in and killed.

1 crow 4 rooks 9 flights.

May 3rd. Fine and very hot. N.W. breeze. Nine Mile Water. A good day's sport. "Danceaway" went high over rooks and killed second stoop in first rate form. Flown again, (with very little room,) she caught a shabby rook pretty easy. Flown again she killed after a short hunt round some farm buildings. "Midget" went up in grand form over a pair of crows, and caught first stoop, high up in the air. A really high class performance. Flown again she put a flock into a fold, and hunted one away into some farm buildings, where she caught him easily. Flown again, she put a rook down into a fence, and sat on him. "Rosalba" was flown with "Patricia" at a pair of crows, and they unfortunately divided, both hawks getting beaten to covert. Flown again, at the Beach's Barn pond, "Rosalba" went very slow and never got up to them till near the Rookery when she only had time for a couple of stoops and failed to kill. She seems to feel the heat more than the others, as in the cool of the evening she went well over a rook on passage and killed first stoop. "Patricia" and "Pride of Scampston" divided, the Club hawk putting into some premises and hunting well, till the other came into help her to kill.

1 crow 7 rooks 10 flights.

May 4th. Very hot indeed. Light S. Wind. Longbarrow. "Danceaway" caught first stoop. Second time she put into gorse and caught after a short hunt. Third time, she never saw the rook she was flown at, which sat down and could not re get up in time: she went off at rooks in the distance and killed in a gorse. "Midget" flew in nice form, and killed twice, the second flight a very pretty one with a good ring in it. "Rosalba" caught first stoop, close to covert. Flown again she was beaten to covert, with very little room. As she came back she got her eye on a rook in the distance and caught him. The two haggards put a rook into a gorse, and hunted a bit; but it way too hot to expect them to persevere. Flown in the evening at a flock, "Patricia" fetched them, "Scampston" got first stoop, and killed after a ding-dong flight.

8 rooks 9 flights.

May 5th. Hotter than ever. Impossible to fly a hawk till evening, and flights hard to get. Porton Firs. L.H. Jones, and Mrs. Pilkington from London for the day. "Danceaway" was flown at a large flock mixed up with pigeons, and stooped at a pigeon first: she then threw up high over the rooks and caught first stoop. Second time she killed by a pond. Third time she got beaten to covert in a bad place. "Midget" knocked a rook down second stoop. "Rosalba" was beaten to covert in a wretched bad place. A poor day's sport.

3 rooks 5 flights.

May 6th. Rather cooler. Fresh S.E. breeze. Porton Firs. "Danceaway" went hard over rooks and caught first stoop. She afterwards killed two more rooks easily. "Rosalba" put into premises and caught cleverly. Second time she was beaten downwind to covert. Third time she put into an old fold and caught him. "Midget" put into premises, hunted well and killed. Flown again she flew a beautiful flight from the pond South of the Beacon Hill Rd., killing close to Bulford Rookery, after having to ring twice to get over him. The haggards divided at a flock, "Patricia" flying a very pretty flight with five or six good stoops, killing close to covert. "Scampston" put into a fence, and left him to go to "Patricia's" kill. "Hilda" went keen at a big flock, but put into an old fold and gave up.

8 rooks 10 flights.

May 8th. Fine and hot. Strong N.E. Wind. Bustard and Newfoundland. "Danceaway" killed twice easily. Third time she was beaten to covert. Fourth time she killed some way down wind in the middle of a big field of high rye. Many very anxious minutes passed before we could find her. "Midget" flew a most desperate flight on Stagg's Down, putting into three different strong gorses,

hunting each time, (mostly on the ground,). Out of the third gorse the rook got a long start and got up so high that George threw out a pigeon, thinking it hopeless. But she went for one tremendous ring, fetched him in with a rattle and caught him in a gorse bush. A great performance. Second time she had three or four good stoops when a flock of pigeons got up and took her off. Third time she flew a bit shifty, leaving her up wind rook to kill an easier one down wind of her, first stoop. "Rosalba" did not like the wind and flew badly. Second time she went keen, but was beaten up wind to cover; in which, however, she managed somehow to catch an old rook. "Patricia" flew very slack indeed, and after two or three stoops took off after birds. 6 rooks 10 flights. Saw a female hen-harrier just above Newfoundland farm. She passed quite close to us. A very light coloured one.

May 9th. Fine and hot. Strong N.E. wind, blowing harder than yesterday. Beacon Hill. "Danceaway" unfortunately got her eye on a rook that got up very wide of her, and was beaten down wind to cover. She went on and caught a rook down wind. Second time she hustled round premises and killed. Third time she flew a bit too keen, but was always master of him, and after a couple of rings she killed a long way down wind with a pretty stoop. "Midget" killed three rooks, the two first stoop, and the third second stoop. She is flying in A.1. form. "Rosalba" wouldn't face the wind and turned down wind, catching a rook a long way off, but either letting him go or being driven off, as we found her coming back to meet us. George saw her catch through his glasses. The haggards were slipped at a flock; "Patricia" put into a fold and wouldn't hunt, while "Scampston" fooled about. 6 rooks 8 flights.

May 10th. Blowing very hard from N.E.. Hot sun. Longbarrow, Bustard and Elbarrow. "Danceaway" at a long slip flew well and killed third stoop. "Midget" put into a pond, hunted well, and killed her rook cleverly. Two hours then elapsed before we flew "Danceaway" again when she went grandly over rooks, and after several good stoops killed close to the field of rye where she was nearly lost a few days ago. "Midget" had a similar but even finer flight hunting her rook through and over the rye and killing him. "Danceaway" again was given a very long high slip, so far off that she had to ring before putting in a stoop when she fetched her rook down into the aforesaid rye where he escaped. Later on she was flown at the biggest "budget" of rooks ever seen, and after putting into a fold, killed clever. "Rosalba" flew slow - but put a rook in, caught it, let it go, and lost it. 7 flights 5 kills.

May 11th. Otter hunting in morning - with Tracy, Nunton Bridge - blank day. Out at four o'clock. Beacon Hill. "Danceaway" put into a bush and killed clever. Second time was beaten to Wilbury, and put in a lot of pigeons. Third time hustled a bad rook very easily. "Midget", first time went finely over her rook, but after two good stoops left him for a "brown" which beat her to covert. Afterwards flew some pigeons hard but came in well. This has developed into a really good hawk. Second time she flew in beautiful style and killed in a fold. "Rosalba" flew slack and slowly but kept the mastery of her rook and as, except a pond, there was nowhere for him to go she at last killed him. 6 flights 4 kills.

May 12th. Last day. Blowing from west. Up Nine Mile Water. The day may be summed up by "Danceaway" being flown twice, and "Midget" twice, all at, as it turned out, bad rooks, all being caught easily. Five flights, five kills. A bloody day - a rotten day - but just not - a b...y rotten day.

August 1893. Game killed at Langwell in August and September.

	Grouse.	Pheasant.	Partridge.	Gulls.	
"Ursula"	18			8	
Eyass falcon	22	5	2		
"Midget"	14				
"Patricia"	9				
"Pride of Sc."	5				
The Duke's falcon	1				
	68.	6.	2.	8.	84.

Old Hawking Club. 1894.

List of Members - as in previous year q.v.

“Danceaway”	Passage falcon.	2 yr. old.	
“Midget”	do do	2 yr. old.	
“Rosalba”	do do		Sold M. Belvalette.
“Jannette”	do do	1 yr. old.	
“Irene”	do do	1 yr. old.	
“Marcia”	do do	1 yr. old.	
“Whirlwind”	do do	1 yr. old.	
“Pauline”	Haggarddo	Lost.	
Eyass falcon		1 yr. old.	Died.
do (The Duke’s)		1 yr. old.	

Let it be remembered that this makes the TWENTY-FIRST season since the present Hon. Sec. took charge of the affairs of the Club.

“Danceaway” and “Midget” were well moulted at Larkhill [B.H.J.]. “Rosalba” at Feltwell.

Of the young lot, two, of the most promising, were attacked by virulent frounce, low in the throat which of course speedily killed them.

The others were sent to Everleigh on 8th March and hawking commenced on Friday March 23rd. being the Friday before the feast of Easter.

March 23rd. Towards Silk Hill and Figheldean. “Danceaway” and “Irene” had a very long slip - the old hawk went up in grand form, had to ring to get over her rooks, very high, and fetched one finely - “Irene” flew slack, but joined in and then coursed her rook in bad style, being too keen when close to him finally caught the old hawk by mistake and both had to give up - a fine but unlucky flight. “Midget” and “Marcia” - neither flew well, and let the rooks get in up wind. “Danceaway” and Jannette”; the old one again fetched her rooks in the finest possible style, “Jannette” going hard at other rooks, but coming in, they soon polished off the rook. No more flights. Trained some of the hawks. “Marcia” refused a bagman. “Rosalba” flew in fine style. A. Newall came.

March 1894. List of game killed by each individual hawk.

	23rd.	24th.	26th.	27th.	28th.	29th.	31st.
“Danceaway”	1+	1+		1	1		1
“Jannette”		1	1	1		1	1
“Irene”				1	1		
“Midget”				1		1	
“Rosalba”							1
Eyass							
“Pauline”							
“Marcia”							
“Nemesis”							
“Nibilist”							
Kills:	1	2	1	4	2	2	3
Flights:	3	5	4	6	6	5	5

April 1894.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	6th.	7th.	9th.	10th.	11th.
"Danceaway"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
"Jannette"				1		1	2	1
"Irene"								1
"Midget"	1				1	1		
"Rosalba"	1	1						
Eyass					1c			
"Pauline"							1+	
"Marcia"								
Kills:	3	2	1	2	3	3	4	3
Flights:	5	3	3	3	4	4	7	5

April:	12th.	13th.	14th.	17th.	18th.	19th.	20th.	21st.
"Danceaway"	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	1
"Jannette"		1		1	1	2	3	1
"Irene"							1+	
"Midget"								
"Rosalba"	1			2			1+	
Eyass						1c		
"Pauline"				1	1	1	2	1
"Marcia"								
Kills:	2	2	1	6	4	4	9	3
Flights:			1	7	6	7	9	7

April:	23rd.	24th.	25th.	26th.	27th.	28th.	30th.	1st.
"Danceaway"	1	3	3	2	2	3	2	2
"Jannette"	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	1
"Irene"								
"Midget"							1	
"Rosalba"						1	1	1
Eyass								
"Pauline"		1	2	2		1	1	1
"Marcia"			1+					
"Nemesis"					1+			
"Nibilist"							1+	
Kills:	2	5	8	6	4	7	8	5
Flights:	2	8	8	8	9	12	11	9

May.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	7th.	8th.	Total.
"Danceaway"	3	1v1	3	2	2		54.
"Jannette"	1	3	3	2	1	1	42.
"Irene"							4.
"Midget"	1	1				1	9.
"Rosalba"	1	1			1+	2	15.
Eyass							2.
"Pauline"	2	1	2				21.
"Marcia"			1+	1+		1	4.
"Nemesis"							1.
"Nibilist"							1.
Kills;	8	8	9	5	4	5	153.
Flights:	8	9	11	6	6	6	230.

+ = assisted by another hawk. c = curlew. v = various.

Total; 150 rooks, 2 curlews, 1 lark.

Falconry. [from newspaper]

Falconry, which has now been taken up by the young Duchess of Marlborough and by several other ladies of much wealth and distinction, both in England and on the Continent, is never likely to become a vulgar or common sport. Indeed, it is a very costly hobby, even the most ordinary hawks used for falconry costing as much as £100 a-piece. They require most careful attention, and it is difficult to get men qualified to take charge of them for a lower salary than £200 a year. It is the most scientific and difficult of all sports, and differs from all others in that it can be followed in one form or another all the year round.

March 24th. Fine - wind N.E. Collingbourne side. "Danceaway" and "Irene" got a bad slip too near a fold. Put in rooks and hunted well, but could not get hold. "Midget" a fine flight in a good place met a very good rook and went ringing in fine form down to Everleigh rookery where he beat her. "Danceaway" and "Irene" then got a fair chance, and flying stoop for stoop, killed. The old hawk fetched the rook and caught. "Midget" and "Jannette" got a good slip in a valley, divided, and both flew well, the old hawk putting in to gorse after a pretty flight, the young one killing third stoop in fine form. "Rosalba" flew fast and well to a long slip and put in to a sheep fold.

J.E. Harting came. J.H. Fowler got badly kicked by a cob of Newall's, and left for London.

March 26th. Out towards Upavon, thence by Enford to Elbarrow and back by Netheravon, over all of which country we trailed for but four flights. "Danceaway" flew well, twice putting in to premises each time. Would have killed first time had it not been for the escape of a pigeon from a gentleman's pocket at the critical moment. "Midget" and "Irene" divided, and so neither killed unluckily. Both flew well. "Jannette" went in good style and killed first stoop. With a little more practise should go to the top of the handicap.

March 27th. Hougoumont and Easton Valley.

"Danceaway" and "Irene" divided, the old one mounting over her rook drove it to cover; the young one out paced the former and killed with a brilliant stoop. "Danceaway", flown again, alone, at a rook on a stack, hunted him and killed. "Midget" hunted her rook along a fence and all but got him but he broke away towards a fold and other cover and escaped. "Jannette" flown in lower Easton

Valley killed easily. "Rosalba" flown at Hougoumont flew well and should have caught her rook, but lost him by making a feint to near cover. "Midget" flown again went up to her rook and caught it first stoop.

Lascelles left. The first Wheatear seen.

March 28th. Towards Silk Hill - very warm.

"Danceaway" was flown at a rook just outside on the down which took at first stoop. "Irene" flown at a small flock, selected that farthest from her and putting it into a bush was taken down. "Jannette", flown on Silk Hill went well and killed cleverly. "Midget", met a good rook, who after her first stoop mounted high. The hawk swung up well above him, and missing him again began to soar but was taken down at once. "Rosalba", flown at the same place, put into premises. "Midget" flown again near Everleigh and meeting a good rook she chucked it. Some thick knee plovers were seen in the first field along the Marlborough Road.

March 29th. Durrington Down. Very warm. "Danceaway" - flown at Everleigh went well over her rooks - put in, after three fine stoops, into the square. She then dashed away after Rooks near the Post Office and again put in, was taken down. "Jannette" flown at Longbarrow, flew grandly and killed in a fold. "Danceaway" flown at the same place put the rook into premises. "Midget", went well over her rooks and cut one down first stoop. "Irene", made so hard a stoop that she could not recover herself to try again. "Pauline" and "Marcia" both had bagged rooks which they took well.

5 flights 2 rooks.

March 30th. Strong wind - did not go out until 6 p.m. and did some training.

March 31st. Collingbourne way. Bright and fine. "Danceaway" flew well and killed with a fine stoop. "Jannette" got up well over her rooks and with a smashing stoop brought him to earth bowling him and herself over and over. "Midget" flown twice and each time she went cunning and gave up. "Rosalba" - with a good quarter mile slip flew "the flight of the season" making several very masterly stoops, cut him over and caught him well up in the air.

5 flights 3 kills.

April 2nd. Upavon road and country. "Janette", got badly placed, the rook making for a team of horses at work and put in. "Rosalba" flown twice, first flew well, but was beaten to cover, second time she went with great power making grand stoops and killed. "Danceaway" got up well and killed. "Midget", flown in an awkward place, worked her rooks well up wind and killed with only six inches to spare at a fold where she just caught her rook as he got in.

5 flights 3 kills.

April 3rd. Collingbourne Road. "Danceaway" flew well and killed second stoop. "Jannette", met an unusually good rook and after one or two stoops both ringed up to a great height drifting at the same time towards a fold. When the rook dived for shelter the hawk made a most brilliant stoop and would have killed, had not a dog rushed in just as the rook and hawk reached the hurdles. "Rosalba" made a pretty stoop and killed. No more flights were to be got.

3 flights 2 kills.

Colonel Watson arrived.

April 4th. Silk Hill and Durrington downs. Weather - usual - bright. dry. hot.

"Danceaway" flew very well and with her second or third stoops knocked the rook over and over catching him with her fourth stoop. "Rosalba" should have killed, but put into a fold and would not hunt. "Jannette" missed a poor chance and checked - putting into a fold.

April 5th. Strong wind, did not venture out.

April 6th. Collingbourne Road. N.E. wind, slight rain.

“Danceaway” in an easy place, mopped up a hen rook first stoop. “Jannette” also in an easy fashion, after two or three stoops caught a rook. “Midget”, should have killed, but she flew cunningly and put into Nuth’s farm. Did some training, “Pauline” taking a bagged rook well. Flights 3 Rooks 2. “Danceaway” is improving in her footing and has twice lately caught her rook very cleverly.

April 7th. Light E. wind and very bad light, afternoon hot. Silk Hill and across river beyond Figheldean.

“Danceaway” met a clinking rook but tried him hard, put in three or four good stoops but he beat her to cover, she was rather too keen and had little room. Flown again and after two to three good stoops and a good ring which did the trick, killed in a fold unassisted. She flew in good form. “Jannette” had a rook at her mercy in a hurdle and tried to sit on him, rook rang up with a good start, she off the ground after him and both went up to an immense height (a fine performance) but rook saved his skin into Netheravon trees over the river. We had a long way to go for her and with such bad light, were lucky to find her. (George could not keep her in view with his glasses). “Midget” sporting slip (450 yds.) put a rook into some hurdles and after feathering him once after a very long hunt at some hurdles turned it up - George thought the noise and shouting distracted her - The Eyass went high over a curlew and after hitting him on to the ground twice and hustling him out of a wood killed in gorse. Had a long trail for these flights, the ground at Everleigh (owing to the scarcity and shyness of the rooks and large sheep folds occupying the best positions) seems played out - Saw first swallow - Capt. and Miss La T..... out. Flights 4 Rooks 2 Curlew 1.

April 9th. Collingbourne Road. Silk Hill. S. wind.

“Danceaway” flew extremely well, cutting her rook off from cover and killing in grand style.

“Midget” flown on Silk Hill, after a long and weary journey over rookless country, turned her rooks cleverly up wind and then checked at a down wind one after flying to Brigmerston and killed.

“Jannette” flew well and killed cleverly at a fold.

“Rosalba” flown at Beeches Barn Pond never got on terms with him and put in.

“Pauline” was given a bagman which she took at once. She promises to be a nice hawk.

Flights 4 Rooks 3.

April 10th. Hotter, dryer and harder than ever. Out to Netheravon, Figheldean. “Danceaway” first time - a fine flight - fetched rooks well and after three good stoops put into stacks where she hammered the rook about well but being a very good one he made a good start and he struggled into stronger covert. Second, she also put in after a long slip and after a hunt secured him. “Jannette” flew brilliantly and killed second stoop. Second time (with “Irene”) killed first stoop. “Rosalba” and “Pauline” both flew well and the young hawk killed. Second time “Rosalba” did not go quite so well, but gave a fine flight to covert. “Midget” worked hard; a good flight; but got beat.

April 11th. Through the square, Marlborough Rd..

“Danceaway” and “Irene”, a very fine flight, both flying grandly. “Danceaway” fetched them, “Irene” killed. “Janette” and “Pauline” unfortunately met “Mr. Brown”, which spoiled a flight. “Pauline” killing. “Danceaway” and “Pauline” met a demon rook, which tried to put into Collingbourne Barn - a fine hunt, “Danceaway” doing most work close to the building - “Pauline” hanging on for outside stoops. The former killed. “Jannette” flown again - caught her rook with her third stoop. “Midget”, going very hard put a rook into a small hedge, stooping in after him, she caught the grass with her feet and could not get free quick enough to get him. “Marcia” had a bagged rook given her which she took very well. Weather very hot and thundery. Rooks hard to get.

5 flights 3 kills.

April 12th. Upavon Road. Cold and dull after a thunder storm. “Danceaway” flown near W. Everleigh, put a flock of rooks into stacks, making several stoops until one was driven away and put

into the Parson's trees. "Rosalba" with a very fine first stoop knocked the rook silly on the ground. He recovered to go ten yards and was killed. "Danceaway" flown a second time - killed very cleverly. "Midget" flown twice, first near Saddler's Pit, put the Rook in twice and was taken down. The second time she should have killed on Collingbourne Road but she flew cunningly and lost the rook. 5 flights 2 kills.

April 13th. Cooler, but very little wind. "Danceaway" from a long slip fetched her rooks grandly, and when stooping at them, "Irene" was slipped at them and caught the rook, which was scored to the old hawk. "Jannette" first time sailed into a bad rook. Second time got a very bad slip, and the rooks got well in front of her with never a stoop. Third time encountered a demon of a rook which she fetched in well, but which beat her both at stooping and ringing, and though she got over him at last, fairly beat her into Durrington. "Irene" and "Midget" both flew moderately and let a rook escape, but "Rosalba" and "Pauline" both went right well at a rook on passage and brought him into a barn where the haggard cut him over, and chased him afoot through a hole in the wall, where he hid in a bed of sand: after Jack Frost had knocked him over with his glove, actually made his lucky escape while both hawks were on the ground.!

April 14th. Heavy gale and rain from South. One flight in afternoon, with "Danceaway" and killed.

April 17th. Salisbury Road. "Danceaway" flown thrice - First she met a worthless rook and killed almost standing still - Second she went over a flock and checked at two down wind and put in. Third a very fine flight - drove her rook to a fold and with a grand stoop killed. "Jannette" flew and killed in three stoops very prettily. "Rosalba" went over her rook and caught him first stoop. Flown again she caught her rook entering a hedge. "Pauline" flew most beautifully and killed cleverly on Ogbury Camp. Eyass flown at thick knee 0.

April 18th. Wind N.E.. Cold, thunderstorms. Out at 1.30 towards Shrewton. "Danceaway" and "Jannette" both got hold of bad rooks first stoop. Then "Pauline" went well over rooks, and turned it up after heavy storm and much delay. "Danceaway" and "Marcia" fetched a rook well into some hurdles and a fence, and then killed after a little hunt. "Pauline" and "Irene" had a similar chance but divided - the haggard killed cleverly - "Irene" turned it up when she might have easily polished him off.

April 19th. Cold wind from N.E. but good hawking day. B.H. Jones arrived. "Jannette" got a nice slip on the side of Beacon Hill, rattled well over him and killed first stoop. A very similar flight in the afternoon resulted in the same way. "Danceaway" a nice slip on passage; flew a mighty flight of many stoops to covert, on far side of Beacon Hill. "Rosalba" had a similar chance and flight but got to good a one - "Pauline" and "Marcia" both flew with the haggard killing cleverly, and "Marcia" putting in at Porton. "Danceaway" got a long slip on passage and turned from it to a downwind [one] which she overhauled in great form and killed. "Rosalba" and "Irene" got a similar chance

April 24th. Wet all morning; cleared up in afternoon; strong wind blowing. Porton Firs. "Danceaway" rattled into the wind, showed great generalship and caught first stoop. Flown again she put into a fold and sat on him. Flown again she caught a bad rook that hung about trees. "Janette" was beaten up wind to Princess' gorse without a stoop. Flown again she met a good rook which hung about the van and horses for some time, and after several stoops got up high and beat her to Wilbury belt. Flown again she put into a barn and sat on him. "Pauline" flew a fine flight; putting into a roller she got him out without assistance, rattled after him and caught him high up near Wilbury belt. They came down in high corn, and we had some trouble finding her. "Rosalba" put into premises and gave up. 5 rooks 8 flights.

J.E. Harting came in time to see the last three flights. G. Lascelles arrived in the evening.

[Notes from J.E. Harting: April 24th. Porton Firs. 8 flights 5 kills.]

April 25th. Heavy showers from S.W. and blowing hard. To Yarnbury Castle. Got a flight near Stonehenge with "Danceaway", who crept along the ground nearly to the rooks and then threw herself up quite in the old style and after a feint, killed first stoop. "Jannette" went very well into the wind, put into an empty fold and killed after a stoop or two. "Danceaway" at same place had nearly the same flight. "Jannette" again killed first stoop. "Pauline" first flight went beautifully up over her rooks, and killed first stoop. Second time did nearly the same, but fainted till a rook left the flock for a hedge when she nailed him at once. "Danceaway" again flew well, heading the rooks skilfully off some gorse and killing directly she meant to. "Rosalba" and "Marcia" went strongly over a single rook and killed at third stoop behaving very well on the ground. 8 rooks 8 flights.

[April 25th. Heavy showers from S.W. and blowing hard. Rode out past Stonehenge to Yarnbury Castle and on to Deptford Down. In spite of the weather, got 8 flights - 8 kills. One near Stonehenge with "Danceaway" who skimmed along the ground nearly to the rooks, then threw herself up in her old style, and after a short chase, killed first stoop. J.E.H.]

April 26th. Very stormy all morning. Rained heavily at times, fine in afternoon. "Danceaway" flew first, near Stagg's down, a long slip, a fine flight in a gale of wind, eight stoops and a kill close to covert. Second time a rather similar flight but that she checked at a downwind rook, put him into the van, and finally let him struggle to covert. Third time late in the day, she dashed at her rook from a nice slip, faster than ever I saw a hawk start before, and killed second stoop as a "hawk should do". "Jannette" twice, threw herself grandly into the wind fine over rooks and killed first stoop first, and second stoop again "as a hawk should do". "Pauline" first time checked - but at rooks upwind - put in, and rattled over others, killing cleverly enough at finish, but, "as a hawk should NOT do". Second time she had a poor slip and the rook got into gorse in front of her without a stoop. Not much use to him for she had him out at once, fetched him and caught him on foot without assistance - the Lord deliver a rook from the foot of a haggard -! "Rosalba" and "Marcia" divided - raked after rooks down wind, put them in and were taken down after a failure.

6 kills 8 flights

Harting drove to Porton to meet Mm. Pichot and Belvalette who arrived today - W.H. St. Quintin, the long lost prodigal returned, and "all was forgiven" in light that was universally expressed at that event.

[April 26th. Rode out on Stagg's down and had a few flights. J.E.H.]

April 27th. Fresh breeze. Beacon Hill and Porton Firs. Large field and poor day. "Jannette" killed near Bulford Rookery, second stoop in fine form. Flown again she flew a pretty flight, but was beaten to covert at Princess' gorse. Flown the third time she put into Farm buildings and after a long hunt gave up, as we couldn't get the rook out. "Danceaway" flew a nice flight down wind, catching after five or six rattling stoops. Flown again she put into a fold-yard and caught after a short hunt. St. Q's "Nemesis" had a very bad chance and failed to make the best of it. She was Flown again with his "Nihilist" late in the evening at a rook on passage which they put into a fold-yard and caught. "Pauline" had a good chance but left her rooks to go at a big flock near Bulford Rookery and failed to catch - Flown again she was beaten to covert after again changing off her own rook. A disappointing day. 4 rooks 9 flights.

[April 27. To Beacon Hill and Porton Firs. J.E.H.]

April 28th. A nice hawking day, and first rate sport. Stonehenge, Long Barrow etc.. A largish field. W. St. Quintin come down. Got seven chances at one set of ploughs!

“Jannette” killed in brilliant style second stoop, second time she flew a very fast ringing flight, rook and hawk getting up to a great height above us. Finally the falcon with an extraordinary effort got above him, and he was forced to drop down into Normanton Gorse, the hawk putting in some half dozen fine stoops before he reached the trees, a really grand flight. Third time she never got sighted, as the rook pitched as the hood was taken off until he had got so far that he reached trees before she got a stoop in. Fourth flown at a very long slip, she went very hard and overhauled her rooks within 100 yds. of the Durrington trees, and killed cleverly second stoop. “Danceaway” went “hammer and tongs” and killed her rook after five or six stoops. Second very much the same sort of flight, the old hawk putting in stoop after stoop with marvellous rapidity and really never giving her rook a chance. Third, killed a moderate rook with ridiculous ease, “dusting” him over several times on the ground before she bound on. “Pauline” hooded off at a rare good ringing rook, after flying well for some time, suddenly gave it up. Second time was going up well to a good rook, when a stock-dove suddenly showed above him, the old falcon instantly checked, and went up to him, but on his shifting, changed her mind and went hard after the rook, and with a few zigzag stoops from a great height, killed him within fifteen yards of a fold. “Nemesis” gave up, evidently quite out of form. Second time with “Nebelist” was beaten to a hopelessly strong cover, before they could get in a stoop. “Rosalba” flown with “Martia” at a couple of rooks. The old hawk went high and well, and killed easily first stoop: the young one feathering hers, and all but killing, but she then began to course, and finally was beaten, the rook reaching the valley. 7 rooks 12 flights.

April 29th. Another good day’s sport, tho’ the weather was unpleasant, and owing to the rain we made a late start. Durrington Valley, Long Barrow to Druid’s Head etc. “Danceaway” killed very easily. Second time for want of room was beaten to trees after three fine stoops. Third, killed well after a dashing flight in a stiffish wind behind the Druid’s Head. “Jannette” hooded off at a very long slip in a good place near Long Barrow, was bothered by a peewit, and didn’t get sighted at first, and the rooks had a very long start. However the falcon rattled away well, and soon overhauled them and after several magnificent stoops, killed brilliantly. Second, got beaten to trees up wind in an impossible place. Third, killed at a straw stack after a fine stoop. “Pauline”; only flown once, went well, and after herding her rooks high in the air, got one in the right position, and ran into him with a fine down wind stoop. “Rosalba” and “Martia”; the old hawk killed first stoop, the young one also got hold, but left go, before reaching the ground; coursed, and was unfortunately beaten to trees a long way down wind. “Nemesis” and “Nibelist” would not half go at a good rook, and were easily beaten. Second time went keen, and killed at some premises, showing much better form. All the other hawks being fed, we were left with little “Midget” only: but any doubts that we felt at her being ready to fly rooks were soon dispelled, for the little falcon showed us a most beautiful flight, stealing along the ground after her rooks, at a long slip against a nasty wind, finally throwing herself over them, and playing with them a bit, before she put in two or three tremendous stoops and killed. 11 flights 8 rooks.

May 1st. Yarnbury Castle. Very moderate day. “Danceaway” killed first stoop near Normanton Gorse. Second flew a good flight with plenty of hard stooping ending in a rat hunt at some gorse bushes. Third time the old hawk checked, and got beaten to a rookery, after very nearly nailing a rook coming in from the other side. “Jannette” killed in splendid form, third stoop close to Yarnbury Castle. Second, after going up to her rooks, quite unaccountably declined to stoop, and allowed him to get away down wind underneath her. “Pauline” would not fly a rook which dropped on to some hurdles. Second killed easily. “Rosalba” allowed her rooks to get a long way upwind, finally killing close to trees first stoop. “Nemesis” allowed herself to be beaten to a rookery by a very moderate rook flying disgracefully! 9 flights 5 rooks.

May 2nd. Good hawking. Up Beacon Hill then across railway at Porton on to virgin ground beyond - good country and well off for rooks. "Danceaway", off Beacon Hill killed third stoop like a thunderbolt. Second time was loosed at two crows which dropped into covert close by, and the hawk rattled away at a terrible pace after a big lot of rooks, killing second stoop. Third chance, flew another pretty flight and killed third stoop. "Janette" reported slightly amiss went a short slip well, but had to ring to get over the rook which she did well, missing her first fine stoop but putting in another quicker than I ever saw done, nailed him just before getting into a fold. She was then fed. "Pauline" first time went finely over a flock and killed first stoop. Second time killed easily a rook which never seemed to realize her intentions. "Rosalba" at a rook on passage went slow, but well - got over him then had to ring hard to get up, at last getting above him, and fetched him into a fold - after putting him out she had to ring again to get over him which she did well, and after no little hunting, killed him. "Midget", who has been amiss most of the season, flew a fine flight, going high over rooks, and bringing the whole flock into a barn. There she rung well over them going very high and keeping them in order till she singled one of them, stooped at him ding dong in fine style till at last she got him. As good round and honest a performance as possible and quite like the "Midget" of last year. 8 flights 8 kills.

W. St. Quintin and E. Waldo left.

[List of names for hawks on headed paper of B. Heywood Jones]

Telegrams 1 The Brook

Larkhill,
West Derby,
Liverpool.

"Aileen"	"Amelia"		
"Elbana"	"Chemisette"		
"Emilia"	"Mona"	"Gertrude"	"Salome"
"Burletta"	"Loelia"	"Diana"	"Skittles"
"Agility"	"Rebecca"	"Morella"	"Tartlet"
"Apology"	"Clorinda"	"Mendora"	"Pomona"
"Parthenia"	"Circe"	"Czarina"	"Ariadne"
"Carita"	"Zerlina"	"Hebe"	"Belinda"
"Adeliza"	"Caprice"	"Barmaid"	"Hecate"
"Strategy"	"Spitfire"	"Barbara"	"Invicta"
"Scylla"	"Estelle"	"Leah"	"Sophia"
"Maria"	"Sally"	"Thalia"	"Minerva"
"Hagar"	"Comet"	"Sabina"	"Hurricane"
"Penelope"	"Helloise"	"Mora"	"Duenna"
"Thespia"	"Belgravi"	"Hippolyta"	"Endora"
"Melpornene"	"Delphina"	"Minette"	"Stewardess"
"Roxana"	"Lunette"	"Niobe"	"Vanity"
"Nike"	"Manilla"	"Messalina"	"Virginia"
"Berenice"	"Sheelah"	"Chloris"	"Celeste"
"Amanda"	"Amelia"	"Cornelia"	"Honorina"
"Boadicea"	"Wildfire"	"Ophelia"	"Lobelia"
"Julia"	"Breda"	"Rosabel"	"Patty"
"Brunette"	"Battery"	"Rosetta"	"Luna"
"Treasure"	"Normah"	"Jocasta"	
"Janette"	"Una"	"Alma"	

“Rhoda”	“Peeress”	“Urania”
“Valeria”	“Isabella	“Georgina”
“Cassandra”	“Minima”	“Victory”
“Jemima”	“Cornelia”	“Gladys”
“Laura”	“Titania”	“Arabella”
“Olga”	“Adela”	“Hermia”
“Carlotta”	“Egeria”	“Senorita”
“Fenella”	“Rosina”	“Sultana”
“Pauline”	“Antonia”	“Georgia”
“Marcia”	“Dodona”	“Semiramis”
“Alicia”	“Piccola”	“Whirlwind”
	“Elaine”	“Querida”
“Eva”	“Isoline”	“Sappho”
“Susannah”	“Frea”	“Thalestris”
“Termagant”	“Ethel”	“Topsy”
“Olivia”		“Irene”
“Lavinia”	“Lesbia”	“Miranda”
	“Babette”	
“Tabitha”		“Nebula”
“Selma”	“Favonia”	
“Meteorite”	“Selina”	
“Dorinda”	“Traviata”	
“Delia”	“Bathsheba”	
	“Rita”	

May 3rd. Dark and gloomy but only a drop or two of rain - Strong wind. Cleared up into a fine evening. Stonehenge. Good day's sport. “Jannette” caught a rook near the stones in fine form. “Danceaway”, with rooks all round her went as honest as the day, and caught after a pretty flight. “Pauline” had three rooks over some gorse, and kept them there a long time, high above them but refusing to stoop at them. At last she let them go. “Rosalba” put into low covert near Virgo, and caught after a very meritorious hunt. “Jannette” flew a fine flight from Shrewton X Roads, killing in high corn a long way down wind. “Midget” put into a fence and had a hard flight down wind, catching close to buildings. “Danceaway” flew a hard down wind flight with lots of stooping: she knocked him down within a yard of covert and nearly caught him, but he just managed to scramble in. She went a little way down wind and we found her eating a lark which she had managed to catch - “Pauline” flew a grand flight at a real good rook, who kept working up against a strong wind and never gave her a single down wind chance; she had eight or nine good stoops and a lot of ringing, but unluckily just as she was going for a good ring, which would very likely have done the trick, a very bad rook came right under her and she caught him. “Jannette” has an awkward side wind slip but went hard, and caught first stoop close to covert after a long stern chase.

7 rooks 1 lark 9 flights.

G. Lascelles and R. Blaithwayte left.

Oh man of wrath you've left the path of rectitude and virtue
 And schemed, and plotted to deceive poor Folks who never hurt you.
 You skimmed the milk although full well you knew you didn't oughter,
 And not content with that you then diluted it with water.
 But now your sins have found you out
 The laws strong hand has grabbed you,

And till you expiate your crimes,
Has most securely nabbed you.
You might have now been sitting here
If you'd not been so silly,
And shared the Hawksters dainty fare
Instead of supping skilly.

May 4th. Stagg's down. Fine but coldish. Very strong wind. Good day's sport. "Danceaway" killed in grand form fourth stoop. Flown again she had two or three good stoops at a rook which hung over the carriages: he left there and got into some gorse where she tried to sit on him: got him out and he escaped down wind to a strong fold: here she flew a magnificent flight, stooping and throwing herself up into the sky against the strong wind in a way that quite demoralized the rook, and after at least a dozen stoops and a ring or two she caught him. A FINE PERFORMANCE. Flown again she , for some unknown reason, refused an easy rook. Flown again she went hard, knocked the greater part of the stuffing out of him first stoop, and caught the third stoop. "Jannette" flew very shifty: left the rook she was flown at for a flock which got into a fold and then turned down wind and killed a long way off near Stagg's Rookery. Flown again she had a long stern chase on a side wind and caught first stoop she got. Flown again she caught second stoop in fine form, but she was in two minds about going at all, and let him get a long start before she decided to have him. "Pauline" flew beautifully, catching third stoop, after a good ring. Flown again she ran right into a bad rook. "Midget" went hard after a rook, but refused to stoop at him when she got over him. "Rosalba" and "Marcia" had a nice chance. The old hawk went up high and fetched him, putting in two grand stoops, when the young one, (who had gone up even higher,) came down a regular rattler and caught. Scored to "Marcia" though really the old hawk's rook. 9 rooks 11 flights.

May 5th. Very hot bright morning. Cool breeze in afternoon and better hawking day. Beacon Hill up to Nine Mile Water and Back to Salisbury Road. Flights very bad to get. "Danceaway" killed a couple of rooks, first stoop each. "Jannette" was rather too near and could not get high enough for mounting rooks, but made a very clever feint, which drove them down and then caught first stoop. "Rosalba" and "Marcia" went keen and had a stoop each, the young one catching. "Pauline" had a nice chance on passage but refused. "Jannette" and "Marcia" were flown at rooks in a fold near premises - "Jannette" went straight over them at a big flock half a mile up wind, and caught first stoop. "Marcia" made a very poor stoop at a rook coming in, and then went off to the kill. 4 rooks 5 flights.

May 7th. Fine. Strong wind. Stonehenge to Stagg's down, across the River and home by Bulford Rookery. "Danceaway" flew a fine flight near the stones with a couple of good rings and half a dozen beautiful stoops, killing within 10 yds. of strong covert. Flown again she left a rook on passage for a flock down wind but finding they had too much start, she changed again on to a rook coming in which she put into gorse and tried to sit on it - From here she had a desperate hunt, putting into five strong gorses, hunting the rook out of three of them unassisted, and finally waiting a long time at the last one, till the beaten off horsemen could get up to put the rook out for her to kill - A remarkable performance. She was hooded off at the pond near the Rookery by Mr. Ruddle's barn, and killed at the nearest gorse to Stagg's Rookery. "Jannette" killed first stoop. Flown again she flew shifty, and left a nice chance on passage, for a large flock close to the Rookery, which of course got in. "Rosalba" and "Martia" threw a little variety into the usual proceedings, by the young hawk fetching them and the old one killing. "Pauline" hit her rook hard first stoop and nearly held him; but he was a real good rook, and went up in great form - She made two good rings, but chucked it on finding herself still below him, took to the soar and was lost. Looked for her the rest of the evening. 4 rooks 6 flights.

May 8th. George [Oxer], Jack [Frost] and B.H.J. [Benjy Heywood Jones] paraded at 3.30 a.m. and looked for "Pauline" without success. "Danceaway" hurt her foot in the last flight overnight, and it was very hot and swollen, so she was left at home.

Stonehenge, over Stagg's down to Newfoundland. "Jannette" flew a pretty flight near the Stones, getting beaten to covert after a lot of good flying and stooping. Flown again she caught first stoop. "Rosalba", flown at a flock, feathered her rook first stoop, and he made haste to dive into a small gorse bush. At once all his pals, who were in perfect safety miles above the hawk, dived in after him till there was more rook than gorse, and the old hawk had no difficulty in catching one. Flown again at a large flock, she shepherded them for a long time, ringing over them downwind and making feints: they went a good half mile before she picked her rook, and then she missed him first stoop, and had to go for a ring to get over him again, killing handsomely. "Midget" flew a pretty flight at a good rook which hung in the wind and refused to turn down wind; she had eight to ten good stoops and caught him. "Marcia" was flown at a flock at the Stones: she made two fair stoops, the last of which hit him hard, but gave her away. The rook got up high, but she stuck to him well, made a couple of good rings and a rattling stoop, catching him high in the air up on the opposite hill near the Keeper's house. Would no doubt have been a goodish hawk with more flying.

5 rooks 6 flights.

[Letter : dated April 29th. 1895: from Pierre Pichot.]

Paris, April 29th. 95.

Dear Mr. Lascelles,

Your kind invitation to join you at Amesbury, has set my blood astirring, but I really do not know if I can manage to go to England before you leave the Salisbury downs. I have been very ill this winter from a strong pulmonary congestion and influenza which kept me in bed during all the month of February, and though all right now, the weather is so cold and disagreeable that I did not think of travelling at all at present. However if in the course of a few days I see my way of so doing, I shall immediately let you know. I have not met with any of our brother - falconers since some time; Belvallette had a great mind to pay you again a visit this season but I do not know if he can. I shall see him presently.

We had been expecting to see some of our amiable host, at the Dog Show in May last. Captain Jones had promised to come but we heard nothing from him nor from anybody. I do beseech you all to apprise me when ever some of you come to Paris, as I should be most desirous to acquit myself in some way of the cordiality with which you have always greeted me in England. What on earth is become of Harting? I have written to him several times lately without ever getting an answer. If you can tell me of his whereabouts you shall greatly oblige me.

I have not much to say about our last season's campaign. The best part of it has been Gervais setting up a Dutch hut in autumn to catch some passage hawks for Count de He caught about eight or ten and the falconer Knowlton, who has been engaged by Count de Fels, took these birds back with him to England when he left. I understand he is to come back to the Count's with some birds during the Summer. Perhaps you may like to have the enclosed photos inserted in the Club's famous book? They are views taken from the peeping window in Gervais's hut.

I quite agree with you that the lecture of D'Arcussia is quite delightful. He is so honest, so straight forward, with an occasional philosophical hint and even some malicious fun. I have not met with any other copy since the one I sent you.

Remember me most kindly to all our “confreres,” some of whom I hope shall come to the Dog Show (of which I send a program ,) and believe me truly

Yours
Pierre Amidee Pichot.

1895.

On January 1st. there set in the severest frost known in England for forty years, and it lasted till March 1st. The thermometer fell to 8 o - 10 o at Lyndhurst for many consecutive nights. By careful feeding and the use of a good stove, Oxer brought the hawks through this trying time without a single case of sickness. They were of course very late in their training, and as the passage of 1894 was a particularly early one, had to stand idle even longer than usual.

A. Newall notified his desire to withdraw from the Club.

Mr. Clarke, Brookfield House, Haywards Heath was proposed by Hon. G. Lascelles, seconded by B.H. Jones and Elected a member of the Club. March 1895.

J.H. Fowler. M.D., 35 Clarges St. London. was proposed by B.H. Jones, seconded by Hon. G. Lascelles and Elected a Member of the Club. March 1895.

Hawking did not commence till April 3rd. when B.H. Jones opened the ball single handed. Hawks all rather fat and not well entered.

Hawks - March 1895.

"Danceaway"	Passage Falcon		3rd. season.
"Jannette"	do do	Lost at Rhidarock.	2nd. season.
"Marcia"	do do		2nd. season.
"Caprice"	do do	Lost - Lyndhurst	1st. season.
"Yvette"	do do		1st. season.
"Ulrica"	do do	Sold £4.	1st. season.
"Nerissa"	do do		1st. season.
"Daisy"	do do	Put away.	1st. season.
"Eva"	do do	Sold £2.	1st. season.
"Elaine"	do do	Died.	1st. season.
"Babette"	do do	Lost.	1st. season.
"Termagant"	do do		1st. season.

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[Scores of individual hawks. April 1895

April 1895.	3rd.	5th.	9th.	10th.	11th.	12th.	13th.	15th.
"Danceaway"	1+		1+	1	1+	1	1.1+	1
"Jannette"				1+	1			
"Marcia"								
"Caprice"								
"Yvette"			1+	1+		1+		1
"Ulrica"								
"Nerissa"								
"Daisy"								
"Eva"								
"Elaine"	1	1+		1+		1+	1	2
"Babette"			1+			1+		1
"Termagant"								
Kills:	2	1	3	4	2	4	4	5
Flights:	2	4	3	5	5	6	6	8

April 1895.	16th.	17th.	18th.	19th.	20th.	22nd.	23rd.	24th.
"Danceaway"	1	1	1	1.1+	1+	1	2	3
"Jannette"	1							1
"Caprice"								
"Yvette"							1+	1
"Nerissa"								
"Elaine"	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	2
Kills:	3	2	3	3	3	2	5	7
Flights:	5	4	5	5	5	4	6	7

April 1895.	25th.	26th.	27th.	29th.	30th.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
"Danceaway"	2	2		2	1	2	3	1
"Jannette"		1	1+	1+			1+	
"Caprice"		1	1+		1c	1+		
"Yvette"		1	2	1		1	2	
"Nerissa"								1+m
"Elaine"	1	3	3	2	2	3	2	2
Kills:	3	8	7	6	4	7	8	4
Flights:	5		9	7	8	9	10	7

May 1895.	4th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	9th.	10th.	11th.	Total.
"Danceaway"	3	3	3	2	1	2	3	50.
"Jannette"		1+	2+					10.
"Caprice"		1+		1+	1	1		8.
"Yvette"	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	29.
"Nerissa"								1.
"Elaine"	3	3	2	2.1c	1	1.1+	2	54.
"Babette"								3.
Kills:	8	11	10	9	5	7	7	155.
Flights:	8	11	14	10	7	10	9	

+ = assisted by another hawk. c = stone curlew. m = magpie.]

April 3rd. Coldish: very little wind. Hougoumont. Flights very difficult to get. "Elaine", flew wonderfully for a young hawk at her first attempt; five good stoops and a capital ring and killed within 20 yds. of Hougoumont. "Danceaway" and "Ulrica" had a stoop each and put into a bush, when the young hawk gave up. The old hawk hunted him hard down a hedge and killed cleverly unassisted. 2 rooks 2 flights.

April 4th. Weather same as before, but a bit more wind. Out to Upavon Clumps, then back over all that country, over the Netheravon Rd., all over the Figheldean country: then left handed up to Sidbury Hill, and on to Hougoumont, and so home by Collingbourne Rd.. All this country did we drag over AND NEVER GOT A FLIGHT. The first blank day on record. There was absolutely only one chance, and that a hopeless one close to some farm buildings.

April 5th. Fine but cold - wind S.W. All over Hougoumont and Collingbourne for two hours, no flight - No rooks about. The first Easton Valley. "Elaine" and "Yvette" got a chance, the first falcon cut her rook over first stoop, then killed. "Yvette" took a bad chance at distant rooks and put in. Came back well and later took a bagman well. "Danceaway" and "Ulrica", and the old one put in two fine stoops, and gave up, the young hawk never went at all. "Jannette" and "Babette" had a poor chance but both flew hard and put in to gorse. "Danceaway" again - put into a fold and would not hunt. Not the old hawk's form at all. 4 flights 1 kill.
A death warrant drawn and signed for "Marcia" who is badly moulted and has all gone to pieces.

April 6th. Blew a gale from S.W. all morning. Went out about 1.30, still blowing hard and threatening rain. Before we got a flight B.J's horse got badly cut with a flint - G. Lascelles' had a sore back, and it began to rain very heavy, so sport was chucked.

April 7th. G.L. [Lascelles] and B.H.J. [Bengy Heywood Jones] went to Lyndhurst and hunted on the 8th. Mr. Clarke arrived on the 8th.

April 9th. Out about 1, the train from Andover being nearly an hour late. Fine day. Fresh S.W. breeze. Figheldean country. "Elaine" and "Yvette" divided and both flew well, but "Elaine" joined "Yvette" at the end though the latter killed. "Danceaway", (flown with "Ulrica", who refused,) had a hard flight at a teg rook who worked persistently up wind. She had about a dozen stoops before she caught; at last knocking him down and sitting on him. "Jannette", with "Babette", fetched the rooks for the young hawk to kill. Could never get another chance. 3 rooks 3 flights.

April 10th. Nice day. Wind S.W. Out towards Enford - crossed the river and worked home via Elbarrow, Charlton Down and Upavon. Flew "Elaine" alone first, on F. Moore's land - she flew fast and well, but too keen, and was beaten to gorse, and afterwards to stronger covert. "Danceaway" had a good chance but one that required hard work, and she declined. But later in the day the old hawk went up well to a long slip and killed - But she has learnt to use her head more than her wings, and is not quite the honest old thing of last year. "Yvette" and "Elaine" at a fair chance divided - "Elaine" killed beautifully first stoop - the big hawk was a little keen and sharp but stuck to it, and killed ten yards from the other. "Jannette" and "Babette" - The old hawk fetched the rooks well and put in a good stoop or two - but the young one raked off to a peewit - then seeing the stooping she came in and killed. Scored to "Jannette". No more rooks could be found so home 9 miles. 4 rooks 5 flights.

April 11th. Beautiful day. Wind S.W. J.H. Fowler came in morning. Out towards Silk Hill crossed river at Figheldean, travelled over Stagg's down, up to Shrewton Folly, and home by Enford. All for five flights! "Elaine" refused. "Yvette" the same, fair chances both. "Danceaway" flew a real

good up wind flight in grand form killing third stoop before “Termagant”, who went straight, ever got there. “Elaine” and “Yvette” together - the big hawk went hard and well but did not give herself time to stoop; then “Elaine” who had turned it up came in and killed with a pretty stoop. Then they crabbed and the rook got away after all - No credit to any of them! “Jannette” flew in nice form and killed prettily on top of a stack - “Babette” was not hooded off in time to take part.

Five flights 3 catches, 2 kills and a d..ed poor day.

April 12th. Fine day. Wind W. Out towards Upavon, crossed river, up to Elbarrow, home by Netheravon. “Elaine” and “Yvette”, a long slip on Moor’s land. “Yvette” would not go. “Elaine” went very high and very well, put in three fine stoops, and caught at a great height - a lovely flight. “Danceaway”, again a long slip near Upavon clump, put into stacks, and killed, a pretty flight. “Yvette” and “Babette” both went well - “Yvette” fetched them, and “Babette” killed. “Jannette” and “Termagant”; the old hawk went well over rooks, but shut up the moment she saw the other hawk, having been badly crabbed the day before. A splendid chance chucked away - “Danceaway” and “Yvette” both flew well, a pretty flight, stoop for stoop - “Yvette” killed. “Jannette” had a rather poor chance, put into a fold and then into trees, did not hunt well. 6 flights 4 kills. Not a bad day - as these evil times go.

April 13th. Wind N.E. Fine. Cold. “Elaine” killed very sharp at a fold - “Danceaway”, the like at the pond near Lugershall. Next “Elaine” flown near Hougoumont fetched her rooks finely, put in to small fence, stooping well and often; the rook then got the best of it and beautiful ringing ensued, when the hawk - alas - gave up at a great height. Had she persevered and killed, or even fetched him, it might probably have been the flight of the season! “Yvette” slipped at a flock unluckily took on a rook that was coming in and which she had no earthly chance to catch - “Danceaway” and “Babette” flown at three rooks near gorse, fetched them in, both flying well, the young hawk catching second stoop and the old one going on and killed well after a most tremendous hunt. “Jannette” had a poor chance late in the day - flew very well, putting her rook in and trying to sit on it, which did not succeed. 6 flights 4 kills.

April 15th. Fine. Cold East Wind, which blew hard in the afternoon. Col. Watson arrived. Hougoumont and Beach’s Barn. “Elaine” put into a fold and killed first stoop. Flown again she put into a roller and caught: a sheepdog came up and worried her and the rook, making her leave go; but when the dog dropped her she pursued her rook and recaptured him. No harm seems to have been done her beyond two broken tail feathers. “Danceaway” got beaten to covert with very little room. Flown again she put into a fold, and after a short hunt there, into strong gorse, where she had a most desperate long hunt, and at last caught: both rook and hawk fairly cooked. “Babette” flew rather green, but caught a bad rook easily. “Yvette” went much too keen, in the Beach’s Barn valley: she went well over them but made several of the most clumsy stoops; however she feathered him twice before he got to the Netheravon Rd. Here she had to ring and had a stern chase to the premises but the wind carried him past and he couldn’t make them. She had several stoops at him here, and had to ring again and had another down wind chase to a stack, hunted him out of here, and after several much improved stoops, caught him by the Figheldean Rd. A wonderful performance for a young hawk, and though she stooped so badly, she flew and threw up in fine style. “Jannette” was flown twice, and each time chucked it after having the rook at her mercy. The last time she had hit him hard twice and put him into a stack when she left him. 5 rooks 8 flights.

April 16th. Fine bright morning and cloudy evening. Strong East wind, dying away in the evening. Netheravon Rd., up to Enford, and to Amesbury by the River Rd. “Babette” had a good chance and went well over rooks, but didn’t stoop: turned off down wind to the River and was lost. A lot of time spent looking for her. “Elaine”, first time, refused - Flown again she flew a nice flight, feathering her rook and putting it into a roller, from which the rook began ringing. She went up over

him well, fetched him down into a sheep-fold and killed unassisted. "Danceaway" was given a down wind slip, with but little room, but went hard and killed after half a dozen good stoops. "Jannette" killed second stoop in quite her old form. 3 rooks 5 flights.

April 17th. Fine hot morning. Clouded up in afternoon, and thundered in the distance. Fresh E. Wind. Out by Longbarrow, on past Newfoundland to Elbarrow, and home by the Bustard, and all for four flights, all of which were bad chances! "Danceaway" put into a fold and killed after a short hunt, breaking his wing with her last stoop. "Elaine" from a long slip, fetched her rooks well, over strong gorse; but took a good rook who wouldn't put in, and after some very pretty ringing killed cleverly. "Yvette" had a very long slip, put a whole flock into a sheep-fold and then wouldn't stoop, though she waited well high over them. "Jannette" refused a very long slip. 2 rooks 4 flights.

April 18th. Fine. S.W. wind. Beacon Hill and Porton Firs Salisbury Road. Terrible scarcity of rooks, very difficult to obtain any flights. "Danceaway", long slip, flew in fine form, but rook (a real good one) after being put into two small trees and hit to the ground, eventually just saved himself in a wood. Flown again she killed easily near hayrick on Salisbury Road. "Elaine" met a bad rook and after a feint killed first stoop. Flown later at a rook on passage, which she did not at once see, but fetched him and after a great hunt out of two trees, killed in the open. She flew with great determination. "Jannette" flew quite in her old form but rook beat her to covert after three fine stoops. 3 rooks 5 flights.

W.M. Clarke when told by George to climb a tree said there were no branches, there being several. He awaits trial by Court Martial.

April 19th. B.H.J. and G.L. returned. Very fine day. S.W. Wind. Rooks as scarce as ever. Went out by Stonehenge towards Shrewton and back to Druids Head. "Danceaway", first slip at a rook on passage went in the finest possible style, put in three stoops, all good ones, and killed close to covert. "Elaine" had a retched chance, manoeuvred by a side wind to get her just two stoops with the second of which she killed. But she flew too keen and showed a loss of form. "Jannette" also had a poor chance but flew in good form, and got beaten after three stoops, to a rookery. "Yvette" met a good rook over which she went well, fetching him with many a bad stoop, into small covert. There she was well served and flew him hard, stooping all the while in very poor style - finally the rook started to ring but the hawk rang better and flew well, but the rook got off down wind into strong covert. "Danceaway" and "Caprice" together. The old hawk flew well and the young one followed, both stooping fairly well, and after the old hawk had cut him over, the young one caught. 5 flights 3 kills, and miles travelled.

G.R. Rendle out and proffered use of all Lord Pembroke's country handy to Druid's Head.

April 20th. Beacon Hill. Fine and warm. Fresh S. Wind. "Elaine" had a nice chance and killed easily. Flown again, with little room, she killed cleverly third stoop. "Danceaway" put into gorse, after a nice flight and tried to sit on him, letting the rook escape. Flown again with "Caprice" they put into an empty fold and killed at once. "Yvette" and "Termagant" had a very awkward chance and were beaten up wind to Tanner's gorse; the former went on after a rook some way off, and flew a very fine flight to Wilbury belt but failed to kill. 3 rooks 5 flights. Fowler left.

April 22nd. Shrewton X Rds. Strong S. Wind with showers. "Elaine" killed clever - "Danceaway" after a nice flight put into a bush, and knocked him over; however he struggled on to some premises, getting hit hard again on the way, and here he got his wind and took an awful lot of catching - The old hawk stooped and threw herself about for at least ten minutes before she at last caught him - A great performance for a third season hawk. "Janette" put into weak cover where she might have caught him, but gave up. "Yvette" and "Termagant". The former went hard and knocked one down first stoop, but the other hawk refusing to join her, she got beaten to premises -

The other hawk was beaten to gorse. At about four it came on to rain so hard, that we were driven home. 2 rooks 4 flights.

April 23rd. Fine - Fresh W. Wind. Stonehenge up to Elbarrow. "Elaine" flown twice, killed two rooks easily without much display of form. "Danceaway" had a casting in her, and refused a nice chance to begin with. Flown again she killed second stoop. Flown again she put a flock into premises and killed easily. "Yvette" and "Caprice" both went hard, but unluckily divided. "Yvette" put into a stack and killed easily. "Caprice" took a very high rook, and made one stoop and a good ring but was beaten to covert. 5 rooks 6 flights. Captain Phillott arrived.

April 24th. Stonehenge. One got as far as the Stones when heavy rain came on, and kept us bailed up in a barn from noon till 3 p.m. when it changed into a beautiful evening with fresh S. Wind. Out to Druid's Head. Lots of flights to be had, far more than we had hawks for!! "Elaine" killed a poor rook easily. Flown again, a long slip on passage, she put into a barn without a stoop, and went blazing away straight up wind and was lost for some time. Luckily found by George on a rook down by the River. "Danceaway" went well over a rook on passage, and then turned off at a big flock down wind killing first stoop. Very shifty. Flown again she killed in beautiful form first stoop. Flown again she knocked a poor rook all to ribbons before catching. "Yvette" went well over rooks, and killed third stoop in very good form. "Janette" and "Caprice" divided and both went hard, finally settling to one rook which the young one knocked down and the old one caught. 7 rooks 7 flights.

A very bloody day, but one very good flight.

April 25th. Beacon Hill to Porton Firs, Salisbury Rd. and back. Strong S.W. breeze dying away in the evening. "Danceaway" flown at a flock near Beacon Hill, killed second stoop. Flown again DOWN WIND SLIP, ran into a bad rook at once. "Yvette" flown at rook on passage near Bulford made three fine stoops, but rook beat her to covert. Flown again at single rook near Porton Firs, in a good place flew much too keen, did not give herself time, and the rook fairly beat her. "Elaine" flown at a single rook at a good place near Porton Firs had the rook at her mercy but left him for a flock and killed in thick bushes. Very shifty. 3 rooks, 5 flights.

April 26th. Wind S.W., blowing hard with showers. Out to Stonehenge and on to Yarnbury Castle. "Danceaway" flew in fine form thrice. First time made four or five grand stoops and was eventually beaten to covert near Stones. The best flight of a good day. Second time, a pretty flight on passage; fetched him and after several stoops put him into fold, but being served killed well. Third time met a bad rook and killed easily. "Elaine" flew thrice and killed all three very cleverly but without showing the fine form of the old hawk. "Yvette" had a fine slip, went well over him and missing her first stoop threw herself up in the very finest form and killed. "Jannette" and "Caprice" had a similar chance both times, at a rook on passage in a good place. Both hawks flew well, especially the old one, who went very high and in fine form. The last flight being a very pretty one with many stoops. Nine flights, 8 kills, and a good days sport.

April 27th. Capt. L.H. Jones arrived in morning. Showery morning, no rain to speak of in afternoon, but dark and cloudy. Strong N.W. Wind. Beacon Hill. "Yvette" killed a poor rook first stoop. "Danceaway" had an awkward down wind slip, and was beaten to Wilbury belt: she went on and was lost. Looked for her all morning without success. In the afternoon crossed the Railway, and got some capital flights, rooks flying very strong. "Elaine" had a grand flight with a lot of rattling stoops down wind, and caught a long way down wind. Flown again she again flew in grand form, knocking him down third stoop. Flown again she soon caught a faint hearted rook who tried to get under the van. "Yvette" flew very nicely and caught after a longish flight down wind. "Jannette" made two beautiful stoops, but chucked it directly the rook got above her. Flown again with

“Caprice” they divided, the old hawk going at a big flock up wind and killing among premises. The young one flew a nice flight with a good ring in it, stooping a bit wide at first but finally catching in very good form. 7 rooks 9 flights.

The best day’s sport this season, but spoiled by the loss of the old hawk. Houbara man left. [Phillott?].

Sunday April 28th. “Danceaway” was found by George at daylight within 200 yds. of where she was lost, and came to a dead lure without any trouble.

April 29th. Fine: light breeze. Longbarrow to Elbarrow. “Elaine” killed nicely third stoop. Flown again she put into stacks and killed after a short hunt. “Danceaway” killed first stoop. Flown again she put into premises and killed after a short hunt. “Yvette” went well over rooks and made a couple of good stoops: then she started coursing and was beaten to premises. Got him out but he beat her again down wind to covert. Flown again she ran right into a bad rook. “Jannette” and “Caprice” flew nicely, the young one feathering and the old one catching him. Captain Jones left.

6 rooks 7 flights.

April 30th. Fine - very little wind - warm. Yarnbury Castle. “Elaine” flown near the Stones at a long slip put into the farm premises and killed in the hedge. “Danceaway” in a good place gave us a fine flight - with a lot of stooping and ringing, but never seemed to stoop in real earnest and finally let the rook escape to a covert down wind. The second time she put in to premises and after a famous hunt killed well. “Elaine”, second time killed cleverly after a put into a pond. “Yvette” first flight put into stacks with two good stoops - then, good ringing ensued, and when both were at a tremendous height the hawk stooped at something else - perhaps a scarecrow - and spoilt a real good flight. Second time she never saw the rook till too late and she then was muddled - “Jannette” was slipped at a curlew which beat her. “Caprice” had a long slip and a fair chance but checked at her rook and only put in without a stoop. Some curlew then got up, and after a short flight she caught one which was saved and liberated. [curlew = Stone curlew] Hon. Sec. and J.B. Lascelles arrived.

May 1st. A RED LETTER DAY. Wind N.W., came on to rain hard about 12 o’clock; sheltered in a barn till 2 when the weather cleared and evening was fine. Over Beacon Hill and crossed Railway. First flight “Elaine” killed neatly in a fold. “Danceaway” from same place put in some first class down wind stoops and killed with the perfection of style. “Yvette” turned down wind and never saw her rook till too late - then flew fast but he got in. Across the line. “Elaine” flown at a flock picked out a twister and after two good rings killed high in air; a beautiful flight. “Yvette” at a slip on passage went finely over her rooks and after two good stoops set to work to ring down wind - got over him and had the worst of it again after a stoop - then went for a most magnificent high ring and at last fetched him from a great height and killed - A MOST SPLENDID FLIGHT. “Danceaway” again had a similar slip, and after two or three of her usual dashing stoops had to ring over the van, fetched her rook, had to ring again and finally after a grand ringing flight was beaten to covert about a mile and a half off. ANOTHER SPLENDID FLIGHT. “Jannette” and “Caprice” killed an easy rook in three stoops, the old hawk fetched him and the young one killed. “Elaine” then was slipped at a fine chance on passage; she ignored him and took the highest of three coming out of the rookery. With three easy chances below her, she set to work to ring over him, and after three splendid rings fetched him fairly out of the blue, right down over the van - All was not over then, for a long dodging flight ensued all round the field and the van, the hawk stooping and ringing in the very finest form, killing finally in the midst of us. THE FLIGHT OF THE SEASON. A last chance was taken at a fine long slip on passage with old “Danceaway”. Again she went over her rook in the best of form, and putting into the van again - another fine flight ensued, with at least one

fine ring in it. The rook attempted to make off but was fetched and brought from a fine height and eventually killed. AGAIN A SPLENDID FLIGHT.

Nine flights - seven kills. Six really first class flights such as only occur occasionally. A great day's sport.

May 2nd. Wind N., bright and very hot. Went out past the "Bustard" without getting a flight, on to the valley above Candown at Tilshead where the Club has not been for near 20 yrs.. "Elaine" first slip flew rather too confidently and got beat to Shrewton rookery. Second time she killed first stoop very cleverly. Third time, in same place the rook was turned down wind by the up-thrown cap of a distinguished stranger from Cheshire which enabled the hawk to drive him down wind and satisfactorily "comb his belly". "Danceaway", first flight had a long slip but checked to a flock and killed third stoop cleverly. Second flight in Tilshead valley had a pretty flight and killed very neatly in a double hedgerow. Third flight had a very tight place near Stag's rookery, into which he beat her after four stoops; for once in a way we served her, and she killed. "Yvette" first flight went finely over her rook, and after about six stoops and one good ring killed just before we got to the rookery. Second killed first stoop in very fine form. "Jannette" and "Caprice" had a long slip and did fetch their rook, but both flew in poor style and slack: "Caprice" fetched him into a fold and "Jannette" pounced on him against a hurdle, all among a bed of modern coprolites, with which her wing got fearfully lathered and she did not miss the chance of wiping it neatly down B.H.J.'s face as he took her up. This provoked a good deal of "Gaiety" on all sides.

10 flights, counting a slip when "Elaine" never saw the rook, and 8 kills - but only one tolerable flight.

G. Thursly came. Saw a pair of hobbies which apparently were nesting in Shrewton Folly.

May 3rd. Strongish breeze from N.W.. Out to Stonehenge. Got nice slip on passage with "Elaine" - a pretty flight with four or five stoops and a kill. "Yvette" got the same chance and killed first stoop in fine form. "Danceaway" had a similar chance, but the old hawk, fed up late the night before, pretended not to see the rook and went off down wind, but recovered by B.H.J.'s pigeon being enlarged with promptitude. We beat Normanton Gorse for Magpies - got out three; one into a nice place - flew the tiercel and "Nerissa" - the one was led off by "Mr. B." but the falcon behaved well in getting a fair chance at the Mag. mopped him up first stoop. "Termagant" was tried again but no result. "Elaine" then flew a rook well into premises on Flower's land and after a pretty hunt killed. "Yvette" got a nice slip at a rook on passage, fetched him well - made feather beds out of him with successive stoops, and finally caught, but in some mysterious way let him go close to covert, and he escaped. "Danceaway" flew a pretty flight near the Druid's Head rookery and killed second stoop, and "Yvette" and "Elaine" were both beaten, after pretty flights to the same rookery from chances that with so much wind were not quite good enough. Seven flights, 4 kills.

A rather unsatisfactory day. W.M. Clarke came - G. Thursly left.

May 4th. Bright sun, warm; S.E. wind - Normanton Down and Druid's Head. "Elaine" met an easy rook out of a flock and killed second stoop. Flown again had a very pretty flight with plenty of stooping over little gorse near Long Barrow cross roads. Flown again on Lake Down at a flock and killed with third stoop in fine form over a field of mustard. "Danceaway" killed a tegg rook bare on the breast, very easily. Flown again in a very tight place put in, and then went on and put a rook into some gorse and she waited until B.H.J. got up to her and served her, and killed directly. Flown again right on top of a rook, which she left for one further off and killed second stoop. "Yvette" flew a fine flight in valley near Longbarrow cross roads, made one very fine ring and caught first stoop: Flown again at Druid's Head, near belt of trees, put in and then killed out of a flock at bottom of valley. Had several tries for magpies at Normanton Firs but owing to bicyclist sitting in the middle of the furze and other mishaps, failed to get on even terms. 8 flights 8 rooks.

G. Lascelles and Jack left.

May 6th. Longbarrow. Fine and very hot: strong S.E. Wind. All hawks felt the heat much. Flights came well: got nine flights straight on end without moving the van. "Elaine" flew a nice flight down by the river with five or six good stoops and killed. Flown again she was beaten down wind, after a lot of good stooping. Flown again she killed first stoop. Flown again she had another desperate flight down wind and put into the same hedge but we got him out and killed him. "Danceaway" had a lot of upwind stoops at a good rook, at last she went for a wide ring and the rook turned down wind when she rattled after him and caught at once. Flown again she went up over very high rooks in grand form, and caught high in the air first stoop. Flown again she selected a rook about half a mile up wind fetched him in to the premises and killed at once. "Yvette" killed three rooks, all in very good form, going high over them, but no very notable flight. "Jannette" and "Caprice" divided and each killed first stoop. 11 rooks 11 flights.

May 7th. Longbarrow and to Tilshead down. Fine and very hot. Strong N.E. Wind. "Yvette" flew a pretty flight and caught fourth stoop. Flown again she had a long flight down wind, doing her best, but was beaten to a belt. Flown again she flew beautifully and killed close to covert. "Elaine" killed second stoop by the wire on the Devizes Rd.. Flown again she left her rook for a curlew which got up near her. Flown again she went close along the ground after rooks which did not see her, but when they skied up, and she found she couldn't take them unawares, she chucked it. Flown again she had a longish flight down wind and killed close to Tilshead. "Danceaway" killed easily flying well. Flown again she caught at once. Flown again had a hardish flight down wind to a sheep fold and caught unassisted. She felt the heat very much and though she was given two more easy chances, she refused to fly at all. "Jannette" and "Caprice" flew a nice flight, the young one doing most but the old one catching. Flown again on passage, inside the wire, they left their rook for a large flock which got up a long way up wind, and both went high and well over them. The old hawk knocked her rook stone dead out of the blue, first stoop. The young one flew a hard flight to covert, flying well but a bit too keen, and got beat. 9 rooks 1 various 14 flights.

May 8th. Stonehenge to Yarnbury Castle. Fine and very hot indeed: light S.E. breeze. "Yvette" ran right into a one eyed rook near the Stones. A magpie was blasted out of Normanton gorse, and gave us a good chance to the gorse bushes, but the falcon was a long way up wind and didn't see him go. Drove him again out of the little cover at Winterbourne Stoke X Rds., and slipped "Nerisa" right on his back: she went keen and had several stoops at him, but a bit of rabbit wire saved his life, none of the field being able to get up in time to help her. "Elaine" flew shifty leaving her rook for a down wind one, which she caught first stoop. "Danceaway" put into stacks, and then had several stoops at a real good rook, which at last beat her to the Rookery. Flown again she put into stacks and killed after a hunt. Flown again, in a cruel bad place, she caught after a good hunt down a high hedge. "Yvette" caught in good form., second stoop. "Elaine" took the furthest up-wind rook, and caught in pretty style, third stoop. "Yvette" caught first stoop in grand form, out of a big flock. "Elaine" was on hand ready and was at once flown at the flock: they were pretty high but she fetched them in style and caught second stoop: the rook broke loose and she had to hunt a bit round some hurdles to catch him again. "Jannette" and "Caprice" put into the old fold, and the young hawk caught. 9 rooks 10 flights.

May 9th. Very hot indeed: light S.W. Wind. Thunderstorm and heavy showers in the afternoon. "Yvette" killed two rooks, both first stoop: the second one with only room for one stoop. "Elaine" flew in fine form, fetched high rooks, and caught second stoop, high in the air. Flown again she had a bad slip, took the wrong rooks, and never got a stoop. "Danceaway" had a very long slip at high rooks, and after a long stern chase, got over them and had several stoops, before putting into gorse: of course she tried to sit on him and was beaten to covert. Flown again she flew a grand flight at a very good rook which wouldn't turn down wind, and after a lot of stooping, put into a hurdle and

killed. Another rook came out to mob as we were breaking him up, and “Caprice” was at once slipped at him and caught him first stoop. 5 rooks 7 flights.

May 10th. Very hot. Wind W. Otter hunting in morning, an absolute blank. Beat Tanner’s gorse for Magpies but found crows. After a deal of manoeuvring got one out into the clumps and took a long chance he gave us, with “Elaine” and “Caprice”. The first named fetched him grandly, and then after one stoop made a fine ring over him, but though “Caprice” caught him once he beat the hawks to the gorse, where one of them picked him cleverly out of a tree. Scored to “Elaine”. “Yvette” flown on far side of railway flew a fine flight with ringing, and grand stooping to the big belt. Second time she chucked a good chance and checked at a flock far up wind, one of which she killed second stoop. Third time she had an easy chance and killed second stoop. “Danceaway” had two slips from nearly the same place and flew two nice flights - one quite a good one, and killed each time. “Elaine” had a nice chance on passage but chucked it, went on up wind, to look for her own chance, and finding one flew a fine flight, far from us, to covert, where B.H.J. recovered her. There was something wrong with the hawks today - Atmospheric influence or what not - they would not fly, though in fine form and, God knoweth good hawks. “Jannette” and “Caprice” (after the latter had refused badly) were slipped at a nice chance. The old hawk fetched the rook well, and with a fine stoop, and then the little coward came in and nailed him, as she was sure to do, if taken near to the rook by any artificial assistance. 7 rooks 10 flights, but not a good day.

May 11th. Stonehenge. Fine and very hot. Light S.W. breeze. “Danceaway” killed three rooks, going as honest as the day, and all good flights. “Yvette” killed cleverly third stoop. Flown again she put into a fold, and wouldn’t hunt. Flown again she killed first stoop in beautiful form. “Elaine” did not see the rook she was flown at, but some got up up wind, and she broke the back of one first stoop. Flown again she went after a peewit. Flown again she killed clever first stoop. 7 rooks 9 flights.

The hawks went to Rhidonack Forest with W.M. Clarke, but the crop of grouse was so bad that they did nothing whatever. Thence they went to W.H. St. Quintin with George Oxer, and, together with his hawks had a very good seasons sport. Score as under.

		Pheas.	Part.	Duck.	Sund.
“Patience”	(eyass falcon 1 yr)	7	64	1	1
“Osman”	(eyass tiercel 2 yr)	1	38		1
Club tiercel			12		
Eyass .do.	Lost 2nd Sept.		1		
Total:		8	115	1	2

			Gulls, Herring.	Gulls, Common.	Gulls, Bl.headed.
“Nerissa”	Passage falcon	Club hawk.			
“Pilgrim”	Eyass tiercel				
“Owen”	Eyass tiercel				
“Rocket”	Passage tiercel				
Total :		11	16	5	9
	41 head.				

These hawks were always flown two together and a separate score could not be kept. Total of W. St. Quintin’s score: 167.

Old Adrian Mollen died in the summer of 1895 and the hawks for that season were caught by his son Karl, who managed them very well but as he had to be out at the huts all day, all those hawks that were earliest caught were left standing in the rufter hoods till catching was over instead of being taken on hand at once - a bad system and one sure to result in many of the hawks turning out bad jumpers. The O.H.C. took eight passage falcons. Not long after their arrival in England, the most promising of all got hung on the perch. They were sent to Everleigh on March -- They were difficult to enter to rooks, and very backward in a very backward season for everything else.

B.H. Jones and the Sec. opened the campaign on March 25th. but not with any great success. Old "Danceaway" had one rattling flight and hunted like a terrier till her wind gave out, the other hawks flown did not persevere and each met very good rooks.

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Under falconer:	J. Frost

List of Hawks, March 1896.

“Danceaway”	passage falcon	fourth season.
“Yvette”	do do	second season.
“Nerissa”	do do	second season.
“Winifred”	do do	first season.
“Eileen”	do do	first season.
“Sheila”	do do	first season.
“Trilby”	do do	first season.
“Hester”	do do	first season.
“Edith”	do do	first season.
“Amanda”	do do	first season.
Eyass tiercel		second season.

1896. March.	25th.	26th.	28th.	30th.	31st.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
“Danceaway”		1		1	2	1+	1	2
“Yvette”						1+	2	1
“Nerissa”						1+		
“Eileen”			1c	1	1	1	1	2
“Trilby”				1+	1+			
“Sheila”				1+	1		1	
“Winifred”								1
Total:	0	1	1	4	5	4	5	6
Flights:	3	1	3	4	7	7	6	5

April.	4th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	9th.	10th.	11th.	13th.
"Danceaway"		1	2	1	2			1
"Yvette"		1+		1	1	Lost.		
"Nerissa"					1			
"Eileen"	1		1	1		1	1	1
"Trilby"	1+				1	1		
"Sheila"	1+		1+	1+				
"Winifred"				1+	1	1		
Total:	3	2	4	5	6	3	1	2
Flights:	5	4	6	6	8	4	4	5

April.	14th.	15th.	16th.	17th.	18th.	20th.	21st.	22nd.
"Danceaway"	1	2	1	1c.1	2	1	1	3
"Yvette"								
"Nerissa"		1			1+		1+	1
"Eileen"	2	1	1	1	1			1
"Trilby"					1+	1+	1	1+
"Sheila"	1	1	1+	1	1		1	
"Winifred"	1	1		1	1	1	2	
Total:	5	6	3	5	7	3	6	6
Flights:		9	3	9	9	7	4	9

April.	23rd.	24th.	25th.	27th.	28th.	29th.	30th.	1st.
"Danceaway"	2	2	2	2	1		1	1
"Yvette"								
"Nerissa"								
"Eileen"			1			1		
"Trilby"	1	1	1			1		2+
"Sheila"	1	2		1	1			
"Winifred"	1	1	2		1	1		
Total:	5	6	6	5	4	3	5	4
Flights:	5	7	8	8	11	7	8	7

May 1896.	2nd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	Total:
"Danceaway"	1	2	2	2	2	2	50.
"Yvette"							7.
"Nerissa"							6.
"Eileen"			1		1+	1+	25.
"Trilby"	2	2	3	2	1	2	27.
"Sheila"	1+	2	2	1.1c+	1+1+	2	28.
"Winifred"	2	3	3	3	3	1	40.
Total:	6	9	11	9	9	8	183.
Flights:	7	11	12	10	11	8	258.

+ = with another hawk. c = crow.

Crows - 3
Rooks - 180
Total: 183

March 26th. Blowing nearly a full gale - out late towards Collingbourne and Easton Valley. In latter place got a long slip, with rooks all around us - chanced "Danceaway" but did not dare let "Eileen" go to help her. The old hawk tore into the wind in magnificent form, fetching the rook at a great height, and put in three splendid down wind stoops, catching her rook with the last and easily carrying him along with the force of it, one hundred yards or so beyond a double hedgerow and trees into which he could not get at the pace he was driven. Trained a little but flew no more.

March 28th. Upavon Clump. Gale of wind and heavy storms of hail and rain. "Danceaway" was beaten up wind to cover by a demon rook after a lot of stoops. An old wild falcon came out and stooped at her, and had several cuts at a pigeon, but wouldn't take it. "Yvette" was beaten to cover without a stoop, flying slackly. Flew "Danceaway" and "Eileen" at five crows. They divided and the young hawk caught first stoop, after the old one had fetched them, but let it go on the ground: she then hunted most cleverly in strong gorse, and caught unassisted. The old hawk had a desperate hunt down a line of strong gorses, feathering him once. At last he got up high, but she rung after him, refusing to look at a pigeon, and was beaten to cover down wind. 1 crow 3 flights.

March 30th. Netheravon. Fine but cold. Fresh.

Both "Danceaway" and "Trilby" flew nicely, the young one doing her share and catching. "Eileen" killed by a clever upper-cut, third stoop. "Yvette" made half a dozen fine stoops and a good ring, but was then flown out and stopped. "Sheila" was at once slipped to help her, and killed right cleverly second stoop. "Danceaway" smacked a rook to blazes in a fold. 4 rooks 4 flights.

March 31st. Fine and warm. N.W. breeze. Upavon clumps, and on by Enford to Netheravon. "Eileen" went well over rooks, but delayed stooping too long, and when she did stoop, gave herself away. They got up very high, but she made a good ring and fetched one into Upavon Clump with a rattle, hunting him all round the clump for some time. "Danceaway" and "Trilby" divided, the young hawk making only one stoop and then leaving her rook for a peewit. The old one put into a stack, had a longish hunt, got him out down wind to another stack and caught him. "Eileen" crippled a rook first stoop. "Yvette" went slow from a long slip and was easily beaten to premises. "Danceaway" and "Winifred" divided; the old hawk catching, the young one came in and crabbed and they let the rook go, but the old'un went on and secured him. "Yvette" and "Sheila" divided: the young hawk caught first stoop, but let go, and it got into a pond where she caught him. The old hawk flew a fine flight with a lot of stooping but was beaten to premises. "Nerissa" and "Trilby" had an uphill slip, and could never get above their rooks. The old hawk gave up, but the young one stuck to them and by side cuts at the lowest rook drove him down into a belt, where the old hawk joined in and stretched him out. A most unlucky rook! A very good chance at a pair of magpies with the tiercel and "Edith", but the former went off to a pond to bathe just at the critical moment.

5 rooks 7 flights.

April 1st. Strong breeze from North. W.H. Moore came over. Out towards Hougoumont, then Easton Valley. Rooks very scarce and little. "Eileen" went brilliantly over rooks, and cut one over, dead, first stoop. A second time, in a bad place she flew rather wild but eventually put into trees. "Danceaway" had a very long slip but fetched the rooks well, and made a good flight of it into gorse hunting him out, and putting in a second time. When taken down, she got a little too much pigeon, and given a second chance she deliberately refused. A third time, with "Sheila" she again cut it but the young hawk fetched the rook, which brought the old one in, hammer and tongs. Once they caught in a fence, but crabbed and let go, and eventually the old hawk nailed him in a fold. "Yvette" and "Winifred" got a moderate rook. Both flew rather slack, but the young hawk fetched him and the old one nailed him first stoop. "Nerissa" and "Trilby" went fairly well up to rooks - the young hawk made a cut and the old one killed with a fine stoop. Seven flights four kills.

April 2nd. Fine, light wind from N. Figheldean way and across river; home by Netheravon. Slipped "Danceaway" and "Trilby" at two crows - they divided and after a stoop or two the young hawk rang into the clouds after one, while the old hawk was hunting her crow round some gorse. At last she came in with a good stoop, but the crow was too good and beat them both after a ding dong flight, half a mile to some thorns - here both hawks sat down but when the crow left they tackled him again but he got into Silk Hill in front of them - a fine flight - point over a mile. "Eileen" was given a very poor chance and got onto a pigeon. Second timer fetched her rooks well, put into a little fold and after hunting rather too keen caught him. "Yvette" flown with "Winifred". Both went well, but the old one caught first stoop. "Danceaway" did the same very cleverly in a cramped place. "Yvette" with "Sheila" divided - the old one flew in rattling style and killed the second stoop. "Sheila" went to a distant rook up wind, fetched him well and then hammered away at him in bad form, but with great perseverance, having all the worst of it, but at last succeeded in catching, after a really long flight. 6 flights 5 kills.

April 3rd. Fine, and dull. Wind N.E. Same line of country as yesterday - Found no rooks till near Figheldean when we flew "Eileen" at an empty fold - a very bad rook easily killed. "Danceaway" next - a very pretty flight, putting in to a fence and hurdles, and a good kill. "Eileen" again at same place, much the same flight but she waited to let her rook get well away and killed him in the open. Crossed the river and flew "Yvette" and "Winifred"; both flew well and the young one killed second stoop but would not come in to the kill but sailed away at a terrific pace after the retreating flock and killed with a great stoop. "Danceaway" and "Trilby" together - divided again - the old one killed well second stoop (and went up three yards to "Trilby's two), the young hawk was inclined to come in, but went on at her rook and flew fairly, putting him in to a fold. "Winifred" had given a lot of trouble carrying her rook a long way so there was no time left to get another flight.

April 4th. Fine, dull, wind N.W. J.E. Harting arrived. Hougoumont and Easton Valley. "Danceaway" from Nuth's Farm flew one of the finest ringing flights I ever saw. At first she fooled, with stoops not meant to kill but when she found what she had to tackle, she flew in earnest. Finally she got above her rook at an immense height and put in one or two fine stoops, but he was too good for her, and beat her to the long covert near Hougoumont. Next "Sheila" and "Eileen" had a poor chance but fetched the lot into premises, "Sheila" got hold of one and "Eileen" after cutting her rook over twice was beat to strong gorse. "Danceaway" and "Trilby" had a beautiful slip - both went well but the rook was caught second stoop. "Yvette" and "Winifred" had a very poor chance and should not have been slipped; put into a hedgerow at the farm and while "Yvette" rattled off into the valley and was recovered by B.H.J., the other was led away by "Mr. B." who was cut over at once stone dead! "Sheila" at a similar place nailed the rook directly she was served. Old "Nerissa" got beaten by a rare bagman, but flew well.

[O.H.C. 1896. April 4. Left London by 9 a.m. train from Waterloo, and got to Collingbourne at 11.45. Found a trap from Mrs. waiting for me and learnt that the hawks were coming to Hougoumont en route for Easton Valley, and that I should likely meet them. This proved to be the case: I rode out in search of them, very soon saw the van and made out Lascelles, Jones, Fowler and a visitor (Hussey Freke from Enford). "Danceaway" was flown near Butts Farm, a fine ringing flight. At first, she would not try, but simple played with her Rook who proved a good one. At last she went to business, got well above, put in a splendid stoop, missed, at it again, and the Rook got to cover near Hougoumont, the hawk being taken down. After some time found a few rooks and slipped "Sheila" and "Eileen", who drove them towards some farm buildings where "Sheila" nailed one. "Eileen" cut her rook down but failed to foot it, and it got away after all into thick gorse. We went over a lot of ground without finding any Rooks and at length sighted some at a distance on a fresh fallow. Got well up and slipped "Danceaway" and "Trilby" - Both flew well but the Rooks gave a very short flight, and was cut over at the second stoop. Another long tramp before any rooks

could be found and then in an awkward place to get at them. A hedgerow too near them downwind, but no better chance offering. "Yvette" and "Winifred" were hooded off, the former chased her rook down into a valley, but did not kill and was taken down by Jones. The latter singled out a Rook, but on going for it, an unlucky partridge got up and was instantly killed and carried half a mile to a gorse covered hill where the hawk eventually alighted and was taken up by Fowler whose horse on being left, bolted, and galloped away to a farm where I recovered it, and brought it back to him - The next flight was with "Eileen" who flew well and killed her rook first stoop. Then we rode about prospecting for an hour without getting a chance at seeing very few rooks until at length, when in sight of Everley we gave old "Nerissa" a bagged rook at a fairly long slip. The old Rook proved better than many a wild one, got up quickly, avoided two rare good stoops and finally got away after all into the covert by the Farm on the road to Collingbourne. J.E.H.]

April 6th. Dull and warm. Light N.W. Wind. Nine Mile Water and on to Wilbury belt. A very bad day, only four flights to be had, and of these three very bad chances. "Danceaway" killed easily third stoop. "Eileen" was beaten to cover up wind with very little room. "Trilby" and "Yvette" divided, the old hawk leaving her rook to kill for the young one. She got badly crabbed in the worry. "Danceaway" had several stoops at a rook in a fold, but then left him to follow some which had slipped away down wind, and was beaten to trees. 2 rooks 4 flights.

[O.H.C. Everley 6th April '96. A dull warm day with a light wind N.W. Rode to Nine Mile Water and on to Wilbury Belt. Rooks very scarce, could not get a flight in an hour, and only had 4 flights all day and 2 kills. "Danceaway" was first flown, and in her usual form, killed at the third stoop. "Eileen" had the next chance but the rook just managed to put into cover in time to save himself. We then flew "Trilby" with "Yvette". They began by chasing different Rooks, but eventually the old hawk left hers and coming to the assistance of "Trilby" killed the rook for her, and got crabbed for her pains! We lunched close to Amesbury. After a long ride without a chance of a flight, we at length hooded off "Danceaway" who drove a Rook to a sheep fold and made several stoops, but then left him to go after some others which had made off down wind, but did not get a chance to stoop before they were in trees! 4 flights 2 kills. Rode 18 miles. J.E.H.]

April 7th. Dull and warm. Light N.W. Wind. Netheravon. "Eileen" had a nice chance at Beach's Barn pond, but didn't see them till too late. She did her best but was beaten to the Rookery. Flown again, at a fold, she got him out, but had to make a ring to get over him, fetching him into another fold and killing. "Danceaway" had a desperate bad chance; and never got a first stoop, but ran into one just as they put in. flown again, (with "Winifred",) she killed handsomely; the young hawk not seeing the rook and turning down wind. "Yvette" had a fair chance on passage. "Sheila" and "Trilby": the former turned away down wind at once. "Trilby" went on over the rooks and then suddenly chucked it up, and came down to join the other hawk, who was stooping at rooks down wind, and helped her catch one. 4 rooks 6 flights.

[April 7th. Weather as yesterday - favourable enough with a light N.W. wind. Rode to Netheravon and crossed the River on to the downs beyond. Never saw so few rooks. On the way to Netheravon we flew "Eileen" at Beeches Barn Pond but she did not see the rooks soon enough, and they got away to the Rookery though she overhauled them grandly and would most likely have killed one had there been a little more room. Faute de mievre. We flew her again at a Rook in a fold and she drove him out and ringing up put him into another fold and killed him. After riding for another hour, we got a bad chance and took it, flying "Danceaway". The Rooks went very fast to cover and gave us a good gallop, the hawk failing to get a good stoop, chasing one straight on end and ran into him within twenty yards of the plantation. Another long wait, and scouting in all directions before any rooks could be found. At length flew "Winifred" and "Danceaway", the former did not see them, and turning away had to be taken down, while the old hawk killed. "Yvette" was hooded off

at a Rook on passage but would not have it. "Sheila" and "Trilby" were tried next. The latter chased her rooks some way but gave it up and went off after "Sheila" who was after Rooks down wind, and they eventually killed one. 6 flights 4 rooks after riding 20 miles. J.E.H.]

April 8th. Fine. Warm light N. wind. Past Upavon to Longbarrow, and home by Enford. Rooks very scarce. Ground hard and dry. "Eileen" from a capital chance killed prettily second stoop. "Danceaway" played with her rooks at first and so let him into a thorn bush out of which she promptly tore him. "Winifred" checked at the wrong rooks and got beaten to covert. "Sheila" and "Trilby" flew putrid bad, but did put in to a barn and "Sheila" caught with difficulty, a very bad rook that went away. "Nerissa" and "Winifred" both went well to a long slip, and killed in three stoops after a neat flight. "Yvette" went well over rooks and killed first stoop.

April 9th. Fine, N.W. Wind. To Enford and Elbarrow. "Danceaway" got a long slip near Elbarrow rookery and killed second stoop close in. Second time had a very hard chance and chucked it. Third time flew beautifully and killed third stoop. "Eileen" had two very long slips and was beaten to covert each time without a stoop. "Nerissa" and "Trilby" divided, each getting hold of a most feeble rook, each put into a stack and killed. "Winifred" had a good chance and went well up and killed after a bit but flying too keen, and in bad form. "Yvette" had a long slip on passage and overhauled him well, seeming to go very slow. Once over him her form was grand and she nailed him second stoop. Not a good day at all. Six kills eight flights.

April 10th. Migrated to Amesbury. Flew "Danceaway" near Hougoumont, but she refused altogether. "Eileen" the same place went very well and killed second stoop high. Flew "Nerissa" and "Trilby" at Beaches Barn pond, both going well, but the young one killed first stoop and the other shut up. "Winifred" in a good place, put in to the gorse, and at first was not inclined to hunt. "Yvette" was flown to help her, but would not have anything to say to it at all, and finally raked off and was lost. But the young hawk persevered and in a real good hunt and fine stooping killed. Wasted rest of day looking for "Yvette" without effect.

April 11th. Very rough day: gale of wind and rain storms. "Eileen" went hard at a rook on passage but was beaten to Bulford Rookery. Flown again she turned down wind and killed in a fold. "Danceaway" had a desperate hunt at a strong gorse: got him out, and then flew a hard flight upwind to covert, just getting beaten. Flown again at a crow she was again beaten down wind to covert, flying hard, and doing her level best, but not room enough. 1 rook 4 flights.

April 13th. Fine, fresh N.W. breeze. Sidbury Hill. "Yvette" was seen near Tedworth and word sent by telegram, so went up there, but saw nothing of her. "Danceaway" flew in her very best form, but as usual let the rook escape to cover. Flown again in a fold she killed easily. "Eileen" put into a thorn bush and caught him. "Winifred" had a nice chance, but flew very badly and let the rook escape to a fold, where she gave up. "Trilby" put into a fold, and then into a hedge, feathering him once. He was a miserable ragged rook, but he got out and beat her fairly ringing; she only made one or two very half hearted rings. 2 rooks 5 flights.

April 14th. Rain in night, showers all day and wet afternoon. "Eileen" put a rook into Stonehenge and killed after a hunt. "Danceaway" flew in fine form at a moderate rook, which she was master of all through, but she amused herself stooping at him. "Winifred" checked first at one rook, then at another and so let the lot get in, rattled off at once up wind at a distant lot and killed. "Eileen" had a good chance, went in capital form and killed first stoop. "Sheila" got a suitable chance at a very moderate rook sitting on a stack and caught him after a poor display. A moderate days' sport. 5 flights 5 rooks.

Prince Frederick Dhuleep Singh, Mr. Whitburn and Mr. Ewing arrived.

April 15th. Beacon Hill to Porton Firs. Beautiful day: light N.W. breeze. "Eileen" flew a pretty flight, but got beaten to cover, after cutting the whole of his tail out: a stack just saved his life. Flown again she shepherded a whole flock, and when she came, hit one hard second stoop, and caught the third. "Danceaway" put into an old lambing fold and caught easily. Flown again she caught easily second stoop. "Nerissa" and "Trilby" put into a flock of sheep, when the old hawk chucked it, and went off to Bulford where she killed. The young one hunted among the sheep, and was also hindered by the dog, which disgusted her so that she left him and went off after the old hawk. "Winifred" from a long slip, put into a fold and turned away at once down wind. The rooks all left the fold, and got some way; when she went tearing after them again, went up to them as if they were standing still, and killed cleverly third stoop. "Trilby" and "Sheila" divided and the latter killed fairly, while "Trilby" flew very badly and was beaten to a fold. "Sheila" (alone,) took off after a pigeon. "Winifred" had a good sporting slip on passage, and flew a beautiful flight, feathering him twice, but getting beaten to trees. 6 rooks 9 flights.
Prince Frederick and party left morning of 16th.

April 16th. Wind and driving rain: awful day. Cleared up a bit from about 3 to 5.30 and then came on worse than ever. Shrewton X Roads. "Danceaway" and "Eileen" each killed a moderate rook without difficulty. "Sheila" and "Trilby" went keen, the former fetching them, and had several stoops; but which [of them] caught could not be made out in the bad light. 3 rooks 3 flights.
R. Corbet arrived.

April 17th. Yarnbury Castle. Fine: fresh W. breeze. "Danceaway" dropped right on to a rook first stoop. "Eileen" flew well but was beaten to a clump. "Sheila", with very little room, was beaten to the Rookery after only one stoop. "Danceaway" was also beaten in the same place: she hunted for some time in the Rookery, refusing to look at the lure, and at last saw an old crow coming in, rattled off and nailed him first stoop. "Winifred" took it rather easy but killed easily after two or three stoops. "Eileen" hunted down a wire fence, and put into a fold, where she gave up after a hardish hunt. "Sheila" and "Trilby" divided, the former putting into trees, and catching at once on the rooks being put out. "Trilby" put into gorse and gave up after a short hunt. "Eileen" put into a fold and caught easily. "Winifred" had a hard flight, with a lot of stooping, getting beaten to a barn where she gave up. 1 crow, 4 rooks, 9 flights.

April 18th. Salisbury Road. Drizzly morning, dull muggy day: no wind. "Danceaway" killed second stoop. Flown again she hunted among plough teams and caught. Flown again she refused a long slip on passage. "Eileen" hunted among the plough teams but got beaten to gorse. Flown again she killed after a hunt round premises. "Winifred" went well over rooks, made a feint and then caught cleverly. "Sheila" and "Trilby"; the former fetched them, the latter caught. "Nerissa" and "Trilby" divided, the young hawk chased, and the old one left her rook and came in, catching first stoop. "Sheila" killed after a barn hunt. 7 rooks 9 flights.

April 20th. Fine - Light N.E. Wind. Longbarrow, Tilshead Valley and home by Enford down. Bad day. "Winifred" put into a stack and hung above him, only stooping when he left the stack any way. Twice we got him away, and twice she had to ring to master him: the second time she made a good ring, drove him back towards the stack, and knocked him down before he could reach it. A pretty flight. "Eileen", (who is amiss, not having cast for three days,) went well over rooks and made a good stoop, but seemed unable to recover herself and gave up. "Danceaway" was beaten to cover by a good rook, after a pretty flight. "Trilby" and "Sheila"; the former fetched them and knocked one over which "Sheila" caught. "Winifred" took the wrong rooks and was beaten to the Rookery without a stoop. "Danceaway" went hard at a flock, and killed first stoop. "Sheila" refused a fair chance on passage. 3 rooks. 7 flights.

The Sec. and J.B.L. arrived.

April 21st. E. wind. Fine. Out over Beacon Hill. "Winifred" killed first stoop on Bulford Down. "Danceaway" rather fooled at her rook and let him get in. Then out of ... she shot up over the rest of the flock that were ringing over her head and put them all in - but she never went killing, and was inclined to soar. Later in the day she flew a pretty flight round and round a fold, and killed. Flew "Trilby" and "Sheila" together; went up to rooks very fine, and "Trilby" grabbed him high up - he was a blinker. "Nerissa" declined a yellow-beak and raked off but was recovered soon. "Eileen" flew moderately but put into a fold and tried hard to catch him, but she is not quick. "Winifred" flew a real good flight killing at third stoop in fine form, and third time was beaten to covert by a very good rook after a good flight. "Sheila" went well over rooks, fetched one into a hedgerow, hunted him all herself, and eventually drove him into the open and caught him very clever. "Nerissa" and "Trilby" divided at first, but came in together and killed and crabbed - a pretty flight scored to "Nerissa".

Nine flights, six kills.

April 22nd. Very light N.W. wind - hot. Out to Boscombe and across railway. Got several flights on the way. "Danceaway" flew two beautiful flights, one of three dashing stoops - the other much longer with a ring in it and a grand kill. A third rook gave himself away and was killed at once. "Winifred" went well over rooks and put one finely into an empty fold, but though she waited over him she would not hunt and let him escape. A second time she cut it after one stoop because there were a few bushes about. "Eileen" went well up, and put her rook into a hedgerow - hunted him well, but got beat to trees. Second time flew well, and killed in a fold cleverly. "Sheila" and "Trilby" had a very long hard flight with "the damnest rook ever you see", in which "Trilby" went fastest and then caught, but flew silly all through and "Sheila" did far the best. "Nerissa" and "Trilby" flew a moderate flight up to Old Lodge rookery, the old hawk cutting it when she might have helped to kill, and then sitting in a tree glowering, instead of coming in. Finally she went off after another rook, and was lost near the Rookery. It is supposed she killed the rook - It is wished that the rook might have killed her - Recovered next morning.

Nine flights, 5 rooks, and some good flights.

April 23rd. N.E. wind. Fine, very dry. Out past Stonehenge to Shrewton and back by Druid's Head - from ... to 7, all for five flights - rooks in flocks and very wild. Saw a wild tiercel. "Danceaway" first flight in very fine form, put into a hurdle, had him out and stooping right at his head caught by the snout. Second she flew equally well and killed in much the same way. "Winifred" in an open place did well - but flew like a very old hand - in fine style - if only we were certain she was reliable. "Eileen" did not get quite a fine chance, and put into a barn without a stoop, she did not persevere. "Trilby" and "Sheila" gave us the best flight of the day, flown at a rook on Flower's Farm, that had another mobbing him overhead. While "Sheila" flew well at the first rook, "Trilby" went and fetched the other in fine style. Both put into a barn where B.H.J. and R.C. were cached, and while "Sheila" hunted round and killed, "Trilby" fetched the old cock that had sloped off, and with a rare stoop killed him after a capital flight.

Five flights, five rooks - good, what there was of it.

Col. Watson arrived - the worse for bicycling.

April 24th. Wind shifty - warm. Ratted in morning. R. Blathwayt and Major Fisher arrived. Rooks again very bad to find and to approach. Only two flights up to four o'clock. "Danceaway" put into a small tree, cut him out herself and with a very little assistance killed. Second time went grandly to a tremendous long slip, cut off her rooks, put into a fold and killed unassisted. "Winifred" turned down wind from a long slip - flew fast and in good form and killed. "Sheila" met a moderate rook in a good place and killed after a pretty little flight. "Trilby" checked at a peewit in aimless and idiotic fashion. Next time flown with "Sheila" she led the other hawk, divided and

killed but in bad form. Meanwhile "Sheila" had taken on a real good old cock, flew him to premises in grand form and then gave us a grand high ringing flight, fetching him twice after real high mounting, and killing triumphantly. "Eileen" checked at a rook in a bad place and was beaten to covert.

[Hawking at Amesbury - In addition to some good flights at Rooks we took 4 stone curlews - two of these alive - and these we brailed and turned out in the garden at the inn until April 22 when I carried them in a hamper to London and presented them to the Zoological Society. They lived for many months in the Aviary, and I often went to see them in their new and uncongenial quarters. One of these stone curlew gave us an excellent flight. After a good gallop we approached a belt of firs, and the Curlew flying at no great height, it seemed doubtful whether it would rise over the plantation or "put in". It took the latter course and dashed into the undergrowth. Being well up I got off my horse and entered the plantation to look for the quarry. In a few minutes I caught sight of its large yellow eye which betrayed it, for its body was well concealed by the herbage - Making a detour to get behind it I approached very quietly and grabbed it from behind with both hands - It was then brailed and carried to the hawk van. J.E. Harting]

April 25th. Beacon Hill - Porton Firs - Salisbury Road. Cold grey day, W. wind. Large field out; the Newalls and Mr. and Mrs. Simmonds. J.E. Harting arrived. "Danceaway" checked from rooks to scarecrow then again at her rooks which put into covert. Flown again she flew in fine form at a single rook - a good slip, and after excellent stooping killed in straw stack unassisted. Flown again she ran right into a bad rook at once. "Winifred" killed an easy rook second stoop by ploughs. Flown again killed in the same place with her fourth stoop. "Eileen" flew a pretty and undecided flight but was beaten to covert. Flown again she killed at a corner of a sheep fold with her second stoop on Salisbury road. "Trilby" and "Sheila"; long slip in a poor place divided - "Sheila" put in into a clump of trees after two good stoops - "Trilby" after a fine flight showing speed caught high in the air second stoop. Rooks 6 Flights 8.

Harting arrived and G. Lascelles and R. Blathway left.

[April 25. O.H.C. 1896. Arrived at Porton by train. Drove to Amesbury for my horse, and found the hawks had gone out. Rode at once in search of them, and found them beyond Boscombe, near Allington. Flew "Trilby" and "Sheila". "Trilby" killed. "Sheila" after two good stoops put her Rook into a clump of firs. A long wait, and then "Eileen" got a flight at a single rook killing it at a sheep fold. As there were no more Rooks to be found we flew the tiercel, and "Edith" and "Esther" to the lure. J.E.H.]

April 27th. Fine - Strong S.W. breeze. Bustard, Tilshead, Elbarrow; home by Netheravon. "Danceaway" flew in her usual form, fine dashing stoops when the rook got into a field of high mustard, but after repeated stooping she killed, assisted by Corbet. Flown again she killed a cock rook second stoop, hitting him hard the first time. "Winifred" flew in very good style and after an excellent stoop killed with her second. Flown again near Tilshead killing second stoop. "Sheila" took the wrong rooks and had a long stern chase with plenty of stooping when the rook, having been hit once, got into a small tree. But the hawk waited very patiently until the rook was put out for her when she caught at once. "Eileen" took the wrong rooks for a flock down wind which beat her to covert. Flown again she passed over two rooks in a good place and went for others which at once put into a belt of trees. She flew all day rather undecided. "Trilby" given a very poor chance at a flock about 300 yards from a belt of trees down wind at Netheravon; she feathered her rook once but no room for more good stoops. Rooks 5 Flights 8.

[April 27. Fine S.W. breeze. Rode out to the Bustard, where we saw two stone curlews. Away towards Tilshead and home by Elbarrow and Netheravon. "Danceaway" flew in great form and

after five or six stoops put into mustard and killed. The Rook being put out by R. Corbet. Flown again she hit hard first stoop, killing with the second. "Winifred" flew in good style and after one fine stoop and a miss killed with the second stoop. Flown again near Tilshead and killed. "Sheila" took the wrong rooks and had a long stern chase with plenty of stooping, when the rook put into a tree. The hawk waited on well and was soon served when she killed at once. "Eileen" flew some Rooks on a side wind which beat her to covert. Flown again pressed two rooks in a ... place and went for others which put into a belt of trees. "Trilby" got a poor chance at a flock about 300 yards from trees downwind at Netheravon and though she feathered the rook once he beat her to cover and she was taken down
8 flights 5 kills. J.E.H.]

April 28th. Strongish W. Wind: some showers, colder. Porton Firs and across the line. A very bad day's sport: hawks all sadly misbehaved, except "Winifred". "Winifred" had a nice chance on passage and killed in fine form, fourth stoop. Flown again she never saw the rook which flopped down on a roller. Flown again she flew a nice flight, put into a small fold, driving him out and killing unaided. "Danceaway" refused a nice chance. Flown again she flew a hard flight, with lots of stoops to the Rookery on the hill, catching him as he put in. Flown again she left her rook for a big flock, put them all in a long way off, and gave us some trouble to get her. "Trilby" played the fool over rooks and let them get into a hedge, when she gave up. Flown again, (with very little room,) she went up in fine style, and made one grand stoop, but gave herself away so, she did not get in another. "Eileen" left her rook for a partridge which got up under her. Flown again she refused. "Sheila" refused a good chance, and went off at a single rook some way off, catching him second stoop. A real stinking day.
4 rooks 11 flights.
Fisher and Harting left. In the morning saw four Black headed gulls.

April 29th. Generally fine: one or two showers. Strongish W. Wind. Colder. Yarnbury Castle. Another "day of Wrath!" "Winifred" killed a rook from a pond, very easily. Flown again she had a good flight on passage, and killed after a lot of stooping. "Danceaway" put into premises, hunted a little, and then chucked it, just as we had got the rook away. Flown again she refused a grand chance on passage, went off down wind, and was very nearly lost. "Trilby" went well over her rook, made two or three grand stoops, and then gave up. "Sheila" did the same, and put into some bushes; where she caught, but let him go; she went after him and was well master of him, when she gave up. "Trilby" and "Sheila" were flown at a big flock. "Trilby" killed first stoop; "Sheila" made one stoop and then came into the kill.
3 rooks 7 flights.

April 30th. Cold. Showers from N. Out towards Staggs' Down, and round by Druid's Head. "Danceaway", near an empty fold, put in three or four fair stoops and killed - having been on washed meat and very keen was fed. "Winifred" killed third stoop, at a plough in A.1. style. At a second chance at same place, killed first stoop. "Eileen" at same place checked at rooks down wind, and after two very fine stoops, killed. "Trilby" headed down wind, and never flew at all. "Sheila" did exactly the same - daft owlets both - "Eileen" flown again went slack at first, then started in fine form, and put in to some sticks, failed to catch him on the ground, and then tried hard and honestly to get over him, but flew weak and could not do it. She is by no means well, raked off and was nearly lost. "Winifred", a third time gave us a nice flight, with a good ring in it and put in - rattled down wind and killed. Came on wet and so home. A rotten day.
8 flights 5 rooks. Hawks all amiss and out of sorts.

May 1st. Fine: fresh N. breeze. Very cold in morning. Beacon Hill and across the line. "Danceaway" flew in her usual fine form, but was short of room, and got beat to cover. Flown again she killed easily. "Winifred" picked up a bad rook first stoop. Flown again she met a real good one, and after several good stoops she gave up. Flown again she flew a very pretty flight, but was beaten to buildings. "Trilby" and "Sheila" were slipped at a rook on passage: "Trilby" went hard and right

up to him but not high enough for a good stoop, however she fetched him down a bit, and "Sheila" (who had gone much higher,) came in with a good stoop: "Trilby" finally catching, and the other hawk binding on pretty high up. Flown again together, "Trilby" got a long start, (J. Frost not being ready,) and put into some sheep troughs, driving him out and catching him before the other hawk got up. G. Lascelles left. 4 Rooks 7 flights.

May 2nd. Fine but cold. N.E. Wind. Durrington. "Trilby", (with "Sheila", who took after pigeons,) put into a stack and killed. Flown again, by herself she went keen and killed third stoop. Flown again, with "Sheila", she fetched them, and made a good stoop, when "Sheila" came in and caught. "Trilby" at once started after the flock, which were high over, made a fine ring, and fetched them down into cover with a rattle: a good performance. "Danceaway" took the wrong rooks, and went down the River: she then went on the soar and was lost for a short time, but found on a rook near Longbarrow. "Winifred" went keener than ever before, had a long slip and killed handsomely. Flown again she had a nice flight with a nice ring, and killed close to cover. "Eileen" flew well, and put into a barn: she hunted keenly, and was very soon clean flown out. 6 rooks 7 flights.

Pichot, Belvallette, and Malo arrived morning 4th.

May 4th. Fine and hot: light N.E. breeze. Longbarrow and Tilshead valley. A very bloody day but no flights of any great value. "Winifred" flew a nice flight, and killed fourth stoop. She afterwards killed two more rooks each first stoop, without any sport. "Danceaway" played with a rook for several stoops, and then knocked him down when it suited her. Flown again she flew hard at a flock, and killed cleverly. "Trilby" went in fine form and caught first stoop. Flown again, (with "Sheila",) she put into cover, and went off at a flock which she put into a fold, and then came back: the other hawk turned off and killed out of a flock some way off. Flown again, "Trilby" caught first stoop, "Sheila" flew nicely, and put into a fold where she changed, and caught a bad rook. "Eileen" made one stoop, and then gave up. Flown again she flew hard, and put into a fold: hunted a little, but was soon beaten. 9 rooks 11 flights.

May 5th. Fine and hot. Light N. breeze. Durrington valley. "Winifred" killed two rooks in beautiful style, after several rattling stoops. Flown a third time she had a very long slip, went hard and well, and caught first stoop. "Danceaway" went hard, and killed fourth stoop. Flown again she ran straight into a bad rook. "Trilby" flew too keen, but caught her rook after a lot of chasing round stacks. Flown again, (with "Sheila",) she ran into a bad rook. Flown again she knocked him down second stoop. "Sheila" (with "Trilby",) put into a barn, and then flew a nice ringing flight, going well up over him, fetching him down, and catching him for a moment: but he broke loose, and she then gave up. Flown again she killed a very bad rook easily; and finished up with a hunt and kill in the Stones. "Eileen" put into a stack and caught him on the ground: a rook with his upper mandible cut off. 11 rooks 12 flights.

Mm. Pichot, Belvallette, and Malo left at night.

A very bloody day, but rooks are weak and very easily caught as late as this. Only about three good flights in the lot.

May 6th. Dull: fresh N.E. breeze. Yarnbury Castle. "Danceaway" flew in her very finest form, killing her first rook after six rattling stoops, and putting the second into bushes after a fine flight, where she caught after a sporting hunt. The old heroine was never going better. "Winifred" also went in grand form, catching her first rook second stoop, close to cover. Flown again she killed first stoop. Flown again she unfortunately got her eye on rooks down wind, went off and put them in, then went on and killing out of a flock. "Eileen" took a crow instead of the rooks, and was beaten to cover without a stoop. "Trilby" killed first stoop, in good form. Flown again she flew a nice flight down wind with several stoops, finally catching cleverly. "Sheila", as usual, turned down wind; but fortunately a large flock which we had not seen got up close to us, and she nailed one first stoop.

“Sheila”, (with “Trilby”,) put into gorse and failed to sit on him: the other hawk had meanwhile taken on a crow, and fetched him into the same gorse. We blasted him out, “Sheila” joined in, and they had a desperate ding dong course down wind, catching in the Castle ditch.

1 crow 8 rooks. 10 flights.

May 7th. Fine day. Wind N.E. Downs like granite. “Winifred” first flight killed cleverly in three stoops. Second time went very high and killed first stoop in very fine form. Third time, below Old Lodge had a fine long flight with one ring and many stoops; finally killed. “Danceaway” first flight, near Porton; a very long hard flight with a demon rook, killing after about ten good stoops. Second time put into an empty fold and after a severe hunt killed. Two fine hard persevering flights, wonderful in a fourth season hawk. “Trilby” flew beautifully at same place, killing in four or five stoops. Style perfect. “Sheila” absolutely turned it up altogether, but a second time, with “Trilby”, stuck well to her rook and had him rattled then the other hawk left her rook and came in to help. Flew “Eileen” and “Trilby”. The latter fetched the rook and chased him. “Eileen” put in a good stoop or two and killed. “Hester” and “Sheila” both flew well, “Hester” stooping in good form, but “Sheila” killed. Last of all “Trilby” had a fair chance, flew slack at first but then went well over a flying rook and was beat to a field of corn.

9 rooks 11 flights.

May 8th. Fine and hot: fresh N.E. Wind. Druid’s Head. “Danceaway” killed two rooks in her very best form: skimming on along the ground to get the wind, and then shooting up high over them. “Winifred” refused her first chance, seeing gorse bushes round her. Flown again she killed first stoop. “Trilby” and “Sheila” were flown three times and scored a couple of right and lefts. The second chance there was very little room, and although they took the same rook they were beaten to cover. “Eileen” and “Hester” went keen: the former fetching them and making a good stoop, when “Hester” came in, and got hold for a moment, but let go and “Eileen” caught. A crab on the ground and they let the rook go, but “Hester” went after him and caught him.

8 rooks 8 flights.

Total 180 rooks and three crows out of 258 flights, a very good average, and a capital season. “Yvette” was a great loss, and “Eileen’s” going amiss early in the season and never recovering her form spoilt probably the best of the young falcons.

“Sheila” and “Nerissa” were sold to Mm. Belvallette for and left, May 12th. for Paris with Jack Frost.

A nest was got from Waterford so badly taken as to be useless. Ditto one from the Sussex coast but a very good nest came from Horn Head and a falcon was sent to W.H. St. Quintin. The hawks, save this one were all hacked at Lyndhurst, but could not be kept out long as they took to killing chickens.

A small partridge manor was rented at Enford by certain members of the Club, and operations commenced on Sept. 1st., but birds appear to be scarce and weather very bad. The score is on the following page. Sport improved later on. Only two young tiercels were good for anything; “Siegfried” and “Sigismund”, the latter met with an accident very early in the season, but “Siegfried” turned out the very best partridge tiercel the Club ever owned, flying at Lowthorpe after Wilts., right into November and killing just 100 partridges. He unfortunately strayed when at exercise, at Lyndhurst, and was shot by a lout in Brockenhurst.

The Club has to deplore the loss of its principle supporter, Lord Lilford - the best of sportsmen an falconers.

[Partridge Hawking 1896]

September.	1.	2.	3.	5.	7.	8.	10.	11.	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.
"Switchback"	1	1*					1							
"Siegfried"		1+				1	2	2	2	3	1	1	3	3
"Sigimund"				1+	dead.									
"Patience"						1			1	2	1		3	3
Total:	1	2	0	1	0	2	3	2	3	5	2	1	6	6
Flights:	3	1	1	2	1	3	8	3	4	7	3	1	7	-

Sept.& Oct.	21.	24.	26.	28.	29.	30.	1.	2.	3.	5.	7.	9.	10.	Total.
"Switchback"														3.
"Siegfried"		5	3	2	3	3	1	1	5			4	3	49.
"Sigimund"														1.
"Patience"		2		1	3	2	2	1	4	1	1	3	1	32.
Total:	0	7	3	3	6	5	3	2	9	1	1	7	4	85.
Flights:	2	7	7	3	6	7	4	2	9	2	1	9	5	115.

Total: 82 partridges. 1 curlew. 1 landrail. 1 lark.

Season 1897.

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J.R. Fowler	
W. Duncombe	
Hon. G. Lascelles	Hon. Sec.
E.G. Meade-Waldo	

Falconer:	George Oxer
Under falconer:	J. Frost.

List of Hawks March 1897.

“Danceaway”	Passage falcon	fifth	season.
“Winifred”	do do	second	season.
“Eileen”	do do	second	season.
“Osra”	do do	first	season.
“Ancilla”	do do	first	season.
“Daphne”	do do	first	season.
“Victress”	do do	first	season.
“Judith”	do do	first	season.
“Lufra”	Haggard falcon	first	season.
	Passage tiercel	first	season.

E.G. Meade-Waldo, Rope Hill, Lymington was proposed by B.H. Jones, seconded by Hon. G. Lascelles and elected a member of the Club.

Six falcons, one a haggard were sent to the Club by Mollen, and one young tiercel. They were trained by Oxer at Lyndhurst.

The season commenced at Everley, March 19th. by the Hon. Sec. and B.H. Jones. The first day was too rough to go out.

March 20th. Went towards Upavon. Got a very good chance in a valley near Upavon Clumps, and flew “Eileen” and “Ancilla”. Both hawks flew well but the old one went for the highest and after the young one had fetched down the rooks killed with a fine stoop in good form. “Danceaway” flew exactly the same as ever, went grandly over the rooks from a very long slip and after several good stoops fetched them into a barn. There getting the worst of it had to ring hard to get another stoop, but she succeeded in getting over him and killed at the ninth stoop after a long, hard, and fine flight. “Winifred” and “Osra” had a chance at the same place and both went well, but the young one had no pace. They brought the rooks well into a barn and the old hawk gave up, but although she was

taken down to a pigeon, “Osra” never left the rook and ringing finely, fetched him twice into the barn knocking him at last on the thatch and nailing him like a professor. A fine performance. Spent the rest of the day in training. Three flights, three kills, and a very good opening day.

March 22nd. Thick fog till 1.30. Windy, cold afternoon, with a few slight showers. Easton Valley and Hougoumont. “Winifred” went well at a flock, and knocked one down just as he was putting into a fold. “Danceaway” flew hard, but was beaten to Hougoumont after putting into a stack and trying to sit on him. “Eileen” and “Ancilla” were beaten in the same place. Two very bad chances, but we could get no more. 1 rook 3 flights.

March 1897.	20th.	22nd.	23rd.	24th.	25th.	29th.	30th.	31st.
“Danceaway”	1		2		2	2	1	1
“Eileen”	1					1+		
“Winifred”		1			1		1	
“Osra”	1		1		2	1	1	2
“Ancilla”					1+			
“Victress”							1+	1+
“Lufra”								
Kills:	3	1	3	0	6	4	4	4
Flights:	3	3	6	1	6	6	6	4

April 1897.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	9th.
“Danceaway”	1	1	2	2	1	1		
“Eileen”					1		1	
“Winifred”	1	1+			1	1	1	1
“Osra”	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
“Ancilla”								
“Victress”	1	1+		1			1	2
“Lufra”		1+			1			1
Kills:	4	6	4	5	6	4	5	6
Flights:	6	8	4	9	7	4	6	6

April 1897.	10th.	13th.	15th.	16th.	17th.	19th.	20th.	21st.
“Danceaway”		1			2	2	3	1
“Eileen”	1							
“Winifred”	1	1	1		1	1	2	
“Osra”	2	2	1		1	1	3	2
“Ancilla”								
“Victress”							1	
“Lufra”	1	1+	1				1+1	
Kills:	5	5	3	0	4	4	11	3
Flights:	7	6	7	0	6	9	12	5

April 1897.	22nd.	23rd.	24th.	27th.	28th.	29th.	30th.	1st.
"Danceaway"			2	2	2		1	1
"Eileen"								
"Winifred"	1			1				1
"Osra"	2	2	2	1	2	3	2	1
"Ancilla"				1				1
"Victress"		1+		1	1	1		1
"Lufra"		1+						
Kills:	3	4	4	6	5	4	3	5
Flights:	6	7	8	7	8	7	8	8

May 1897.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	10th.	11th.		
"Danceaway"	2	1							38.	
"Eileen"									5.	
"Winifred"	1		1	2	2	3	2		30.	
"Osra"	3	1	2	3	2	3	3	2	1	70.
"Ancilla"										3.
"Victress"	1	1		1						17.
"Lufra"	1			1						11.
Kills:	8	3	3	7	4	6	5	2	1	174.
Flights:	9	5	6	9	5	7	7	6	4	245.

+ = assisted by another hawk.

E. Hare Esq., proposed by W.M. Clarke; seconded by G. Lascelles, elected a Member of the Club. Feb. 1897.

March 23rd. Beautiful day, fine and warm: fresh breeze. Upavon Clumps. "Osra" flew magnificently at a big flock, going high over them, and making several feints before she singled one out, when she had three or four splendid stoops at him: but had to go for a ring, then caught him first stoop. A very fine performance. "Danceaway" hit a rook hard first stoop, and caught him easily. Flown again she met a pair of good rooks which got up very high, but she fetched one and had several fine stoops high up, before putting into a strong gorse, where she caught him after a good deal of hunting. "Eileen" and "Ancilla" put into gorse, and both gave up. Flown again they put into an empty lambing fold, and the old hawk caught, but they crabbed and let him go. "Winifred" had a long slip and went high into the wind while the rooks kept on low and so beat her to gorse: she gave up before they got there, but had a couple of stoops at a rook by the gorses, though she didn't put him in. 3 rooks 6 flights.

March 24th. Half a gale from S.W. Went out at 5.30, wind still very strong and flew "Danceaway" near Nuth's down barn. It was only three stoops into the rookery and she flew well and was beaten. Did no more. 1 flight, 0 kill.

March 25th. Blowing very hard in morning but moderated after 2 p.m.. Towards Upavon. Flew "Osra" at West Everley. She went finely over the flock and after three slashing stoops put into a row of trees. She was so determined that we shelled and blasted and after she had rung over him and fetched him in finely he was forced to make off. She, showing great speed, overtook and nailed him just as he entered the W. Everley rookery. Flown again in open country she put in a fine flight of six or seven stoops and killed. "Danceaway" first time towered over a flock, killing first stoop in perfect style. Second time put into a barn with three good stoops and killed after a hunt. "Eileen" and "Ancilla" put a flock into the same place and killed quickly. No great performance. "Winifred"

went rather slack, but got high over the rooks who could not go up wind in front of her and killed first stoop. Trained hawks and so home. A good days sport for the time of year. 6 flights 6 kills.

G.L. [Lascelles] and B.H.J. [Heywood Jones] went to Liverpool for the Grand National on the night of 25th. B.H.J. returned to Everleigh on morning of 29th. The 26th. 27th. and 28th. were all too bad to fly a hawk.

March 29th. Fine but cold. Fresh N.W. breeze. Upavon Clumps and round by Figheldean. Fairish day. "Danceaway" killed a couple without trouble. "Osra" put into three different places, and each time tried to sit on him, having to ring to get over him again. She flew well and persevered but was beaten to a covert. Flown again she had a straight on end up wind course to a sheep fold, nailing him first stoop just before he got there. "Winifred" refused. "Eileen" with "Ancilla", (who turned back,) were flown at a big flock, and went high and well putting one into an old fold: the young one joined in and caught. 4 rooks 6 flights.

March 30th. Lovely day, fine and warm. Light breeze. Over the River at Enford and home by Netheravon. "Danceaway" was beaten to covert by an extra good rook, after a long flight with a good ring, and a lot of stooping. Flown again she caught after a hunt round a barn. "Osra" killed after a longish hunt at a fold. "Eileen" and "Ancilla" declined a fair chance on passage. "Eileen" and "Victress" flew a very pretty flight with a lot of stooping, the young hawk killing. "Winifred", (followed by "Ancilla",) went well over a flock and caught first stoop. 4 rooks 6 flights. W.H. Moore was out. W.M. Clarke arrived in the evening.

March 31st. Wet morning: cleared into a beautiful day at 11, but heavy rain showers came on again at 3. Hougoumont country. "Osra" flew a grand flight and killed. Flown again she picked up a poorish rook at once. "Danceaway" had a long hunt down the hedge of the Collingbourne Rd. and caught. "Eileen" and "Victress" divided and both put into bushes: the young one left her rook and joined in with the old one, but the rook getting above them the old one gave up. "Victress" stuck to him well, made a good ring, fetched him in with a rattle and killed, "Eileen" joining in again at the end. Driven home by heavy showers. J.K. Fowler arrived at night. 4 rooks 4 flights.

April 1st. Gale of wind and driving snow, lasting till 11.30. Then the snow stopped, but it was still rough and bitter cold, up to about 4.30 when it was a nice evening. Hougoumont and round to Beach's Barn. "Osra" was flown in a very bad place, and took the wrong rook: she only had one stoop, but knocked him down into some wire netting which saved his life. Flown again she flew a pretty flight up to Beach's Barn, and killed him within 50 yards of safety. "Danceaway" went well over a rook on passage, then chucked it, for no apparent reason. Flown again she killed cleverly out of a flock. "Winifred" and "Victress" had a long slip on passage, and divided, both going well, and both killing first stoop. "Eileen" and "Ancilla" had a still longer slip on passage, and both went hard and keen: the young one fetched him high in the air and the old one caught after some ding-dong stooping. As usual they crabbed and let him go. 4 rooks 6 flights.

April 2nd. Fine day, cold in morning, nice mild evening: showers all round us but we kept dry. Netheravon country.

"Osra" caught second stoop, she came down such a bump that she let go, and had to ring to recover him. Flown again she caught first stoop. "Danceaway" had a long slip at a flock: they got up very high, but the old heroine kept driving on, letting rook after rook pass under her, till she fetched the very highest of the lot into a stack, and killed unassisted. "Winifred" and "Victress" at a flock, divided, but the old hawk came in to help the young one to kill. "Ancilla", (first time alone,) flew badly and let the rook beat her to covert. "Eileen" and "Lufra" flew a nice flight, the haggard knocking all the flying out of one and the old hawk catching. "Winifred" and "Ancilla" at a big

flock caught pretty easy, the old hawk fetching them. “Winifred” has previously refused a longish slip on passage. 6 rooks 8 flights.

April 3rd. Blowing hard from S.E., rained hard all morning and very cold. Went out about one o'clock, flew “Osra” near Beaches Barn, at a very long slip on passage. She never saw her rooks - raked off at a peewit, and then went down wind to a flock of rooks and killed one third stoop. Second time flew well at a flock a long way off and killed first stoop. “Danceaway” flown near an empty fold soon fetched her rook in and after a pretty flight with a good many stoops, killed handsomely. Second time slipped at a single rook on passage, went very well and killed first stoop. Came on wet and blowing; went home. A poor day, and vile weather. 4 flights 4 kills.

April 5th. Fine day, light breeze in morning, freshening later. Hougoumont and Collingbourne Road. “Osra” at a moderate rook, after a couple of feints killed first stoop. Flown again met a good one, failed to catch him her first three stoops, when he tried to save his bacon by putting into some stacks, but she gave him no quarter and forcing him to quit he next put into a thorn bush and on his being put out promptly killed. “Danceaway” in a good place killed prettily first stoop. Flown again at a rare good rook she failed to kill, stoop after stoop, the quarry putting into some bushes was, after a good hunt caught as he quitted there. “Ancilla” went very slow and was never able to get properly placed. Flown again with “Winifred” she could never go the pace. “Winifred” after striking her rook failed to bind and the rook got to cover. “Victress” flown for the first time by herself showed very good form, failing her first couple of stoops she took more time and stooping pulled the quarry down within thirty yards of cover. “Winifred” flew keen at first to a long slip, but her rook putting into a hedge after a long flight she chucked it being evidently rather done. “Eileen” and the Haggard. The Haggard flew very very keen, but “Eileen”, possibly through having been crabbed several times, refused to help, after two or three stoops. The haggard commenced to course and the rook escaped. 9 flights 5 kills.

April 6th. Coldish: drizzling rain most of the day. Netheravon and Longbarrow and home by Enford. “Osra” put a rook down among carts, and wouldn't stoop as long as he stuck to them, but picked him up directly he left. “Danceaway” put into a stack and tried to sit on him, she then had to ring and had a hard flight to some gorse, and then a desperate hunt, at last killing. She is quite undefeated! “Osra” took the wrong rook, and put into a fold where she caught without help. “Eileen” (unassisted by “Ancilla”,) caught in a fold. “Winifred” and “Lufra” put a flock into a fold, the haggard caught at once. The old hawk kept on ringing over the fold till the rooks thought she had chucked it and struck for home, when she at once rattled after them and caught second stoop. “Victress”, with very little room, was beaten to covert, after feathering him twice. Flown again in a very bad place, she put into Compton farm, raked away at a wood pigeon, and was lost. 6 rooks 7 flights.

G. Oxer recovered “Victress” next morning.

April 7th. L.H. Jones came in the morning. Fine and cold showery evening. Upavon and home by Netheravon. “Osra” flew very shifty, left her rooks, and went off after a big flock, killing near Upavon. Flown again she drove a rook down into a bottom and cut him over several times, finally trying to sit on him and missing; but he was so much knocked about that she soon caught him. “Danceaway” went keen, and hitting him hard, came on the ground herself and knocked some of the wind out of herself: she went on and caught him after a longish flight, but flew badly. “Winifred” flew a fine flight at a demon rook, stoop after stoop down wind eventually catching him out of sight. No more flights could be got; only one was obtained after lunch. 4 rooks 4 flights.

April 8th. Fine day. Warm but wind N. Towards Sidbury Hill, Hougoumont and Collingbourne. “Osra” flown at a single crow on the down beyond the square was greatly assisted by a peewit

which mobbed the crow till he never saw the hawk and was killed first stoop. Second time near Collingbourne Kingston she put a lot into a fold and behaving very well flew one that started to ring, and after a fine flight killed high up. "Victress" had a good chance and going high and well killed first stoop. "Danceaway", at a bad chance turned from her rook and went on the soar - she got to a tremendous height and came down on to a rookery close to Collingbourne Kingston road. Second time at a good chance she refused altogether, flying weak and bad - fear she is hurt by her fall yesterday. "Winifred" flew well and killed third stoop. "Eileen" and "Lufra" at same place put into a fold, the old hawk killed in the fold but the haggard tried to ring and couldn't.

6 flights 6 rooks; but only a moderate day.

J. Hare came.

April 9th. Fine but colder. Wind S.E. "Danceaway" apparently amiss and was left at home. W.H. Moore out. Flew "Osra" at the pond near the Square, when she met a poor rook and killed him - but in good form. "Victress" in beautiful form, killed first stoop. We then went off to Moore's training ground - a terra incognita, with a little room, but we waited two hours for one flight with "Winifred" who killed well second stoop. "Osra" flown near the Railway put into a fold, with a lot of rooks about, then into a Railway bridge - then killed along the line. "Victress" put into a fold near Hougoumont and killed after a hustle. "Eileen" and "Lufra" went very well, but the haggard got there first and killed first stoop.

6 rooks 6 flights, but no good ones.

April 10th. Wind N.E. fine. Out towards Upavon. "Osra" got a good chance out on the down - put into bushes, was served and made a fine ring over him and two stoops very high up, put into bushes half a mile [away], was served and killed. "Victress" caught a crow first stoop but let go, put into bushes and again into gorse - let the crow get up high and followed it a long way down wind - then stooped at rooks - eventually came to a pigeon. "Winifred" had but a poor chance and took after some jackdaws which she put into premises, and came in well. Second time, on passage near Beach's Barn, got a fine sporting slip, and flying in noble form killed third stoop. "Danceaway" had a moderate chance but flew in good form, and put into a barn - here she declined to hunt and played off, but was just got in time by a pigeon thrown up under her. Not her old form. "Osra" put into a barn, and killed in a manger and "Eileen" and "Lufra" slipped on passage left their rooks for others down wind, put them into a fold and both killed.

5 rooks 7 flights. L.H. Jones left.

April 13th. Mild and dull: drizzling rain in the middle of the day: fine evening. Headquarters moved to Amesbury, via Netheravon and Longbarrow. "Osra" put into gorse without getting a stoop, and picked him up at once when he was put out. Flown again she put into a fold and caught easily. "Danceaway" went very keen, and caught second stoop. "Winifred" flew a very pretty flight having to ring once, but always master of him. "Victress" put into a fold, and feathered him, but he got above her and she only persevered in a half hearted way, and was easily beaten to covert. "Eileen" and "Lufra" had a nice chance on passage; the old hawk reached them and made a good stoop, when "Lufra" came in with a rattler, and knocked him stone dead out of the sky. The base of his skull was split clean open.

5 rooks 6 flights.

Butt Miller out, with Hussey Freke.

April 14th. Gale of wind. Could not fly.

April 15th. Blew hard all morning - better in afternoon. "Osra" flown near Stonehenge killed in fine form third stoop. "Winifred" put into the Stones - would not hunt, raked away at a flock down wind and killed. Second time - at a chance on passage flew very false and let her rook get away down wind before she would fly at all, and lost it. "Danceaway" slipped at a crow took a flock of rooks further on, and put into premises - she was hunting well, but was taken down. "Osra" at a long slip on passage fetched the rook well, put him into a small bush, out of which he started to ring as fast as

ever I saw a rook mount - "Osra" made three fine rings before she could get over him, and then fetched him from a great height down into some premises, on entering which she just caught him but failed to hold - after a hunt he started to ring again and the hawk was just collecting herself to start after him again, when Jack took her down thinking she had given up - A really fine flight. "Victress" refused to fly at all and "Eileen" and "Lufra" were flown together: the haggard was off first, led all the way and killed first stoop. 7 flights 3 kills.
W. Duncombe, W.M. Clarke & Godfrey Heseltine all rolled up.

April 16th. A Gale and rain all day - tried one flight with "Osra" but could do no good. Ratted. A.C. Cole came.

April 17th. Still blowing very hard. Rain in morning, rather finer later: Out towards Beacon Hill. "Osra" flown at a rook on ploughed land to right of road after a feint and one good stoop, in which she feathered him, put into a cover and after a long and most determined hunt assisted by the whole strength of the company was finally taken down. "Danceaway" flew a fine flight, shepherding her rooks beautifully and killed first stoop, high in the air, as she was making for Wilbury Belt. "Osra" flown from same place put in two stoops before the rook reached Wilbury Belt, then hunted him twice out of the trees and again from a large tree on the farther side and killed: a fine flight. "Winifred" flown at a poor rook which kept circling round the horses, but never got a chance at a down wind stoop and killed near a fold. "Danceaway" flown a second time near a fold put her rook into it and sat upon him, having previously hit him very hard. "Winifred" flown in Bulford Valley took a down wind rook and flew very fast to a stack on Salisbury Road where the rook put in. She then went off to some rooks above the workhouse and after being lost sight of for a few minutes, returned, probably from some trees near and was taken down. 6 flights 4 Rooks.
A day which turned out much better than it promised to be in the morning. A.C. Cole, Godfrey Heseltine, W.M. Clarke, E. Hare, B.H.J. and the Hon. Sec. left.

April 19th. Easter Monday. Dull: light S.W. Wind. Steady rain from 5 p.m. The Bustard. "Osra" put a bad rook into a pond, and picked him up easily. Flown again in a very cramped place, she put into a bush and cut him over twice but he managed to struggle into a young cover; after a long hunt got into an impregnable position. "Danceaway", put into a pond and killed, and afterwards worried one to death in a fold. "Winifred" took it rather easy, and was beaten well to cover by a good rook: she put in some rattling stoops when she found him escaping, when again she killed second stoop. "Victress" and "Lufra" divided, and both were beaten to cover: the haggard flew well but "Victress" very slack. "Eileen" and "Ancilla" put into some sheep netting, and the young hawk stooped right into it, and knocked herself out of time, when the old one gave up. They had feathered him twice before. "Ancilla" was flown alone at a fold, and had one or two stoops, but then got up high and refused to stoop at him. A ready made game hawk. 4 rooks 9 flights.
Rotten bad day, had only four fairly good chances all day.

April 20th. Yarnbury Castle. Beautiful day: nice breeze from N. to W. Found some ploughs going in a capital place, and got eight flights before two o'clock, without moving the van. "Danceaway" flew three times, as keen as mustard, and killed each time in quite her best form. Two out of the three she caught second stoop. "Osra" flew two pretty flights, (the first a nice one all down a deep valley,) and killed each time. Third time flown she went well over several rooks, and fainted till she let them all go but one: then she suddenly left him and rattled off down wind after one of the others which she just managed to catch within 50 yards of the Rookery. "Winifred" flew two nice flights and killed in her best style; but flown the third time she went grandly over rooks, in a perfect place, and refused to stoop at them. "Ancilla" and "Lufra" at a big flock, the former got first stoop and the haggard caught. "Lufra", (alone,) caught first stoop. "Eileen", (with "Victress",) declined; the young hawk flew a bit too keen but just caught close to cover. 11 rooks - 12 flights.

April 21st. Beacon Hill and across the line. Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. & Mrs. Robinson out. Dull and muggy. Real rotten day: wandered miles for five flights. "Osra" killed nicely second stoop. "Osra" again; she put into a barn and caught on the ground. "Danceaway" killed a wretched rook first stoop. "Lufra" refused a chance at a fold. "Winifred" put into premises and seemed inclined to hunt, but birds got up underneath her. 3 rooks 5 flights. Bad sport.

April 22nd. The Bustard. Fine: strong N.E. Wind. Large field out, (12 horsemen & women at one time,) and consequently everything went wrong. "Osra" as usual took the very farthest rook in a very long slip, and killed in grand form first stoop. Flown again she mopped up a crow in a gorse. Third time she put into a fold in the Tilshead valley, and had a longish hunt, (the rook apparently dead beat:) but she let him get over her, had to ring, and only got in two rattling stoops before he got into Tilshead village. She hunted him right through the village and out the other side, (where she had to ring again,) and he finally beat her down wind to the Rookery beyond. Such determined hunting was never before seen by the writer of these notes. "Danceaway" had a very long slip, and did not see her rooks at first: they got a long start, and beat her to covert, though she flew her very best and got in two rattling stoops. Flown again, (at another very long slip,) she never got a stoop, but was beaten up wind to covert: went on the soar near Tilshead and was lost. "Winifred" went in her best form and cracked over a rook first stoop. 1 crow 2 rooks 6 flights.

April 23rd. Blowing very hard from N.E. Out towards Tilshead, but at the Bustard met J. Frost and W. Coleman who had got "Danceaway" at about 9 a.m. "Osra" flown near telegraph wires let her rooks get a long way up wind, but fetched them at last in fine style, and killed third stoop. "Winifred" on very open downs put in a fine dashing flight but was beaten to covert a long way down wind. "Osra" again fetched a rook on passage in grand style, hit him twice and put all his tail out but got beaten. Third time, again flew a grand flight in the teeth of a gale, caught hold but let go, and he got into a small rookery. He was soon put out of that by the yells of all Fisher's staff as well as our own and a rook was killed after a pretty flight. "Winifred" in a cramped place would not go, but later, with "Victress" went in fine form and fetched the rooks, which the young hawk killed. "Lufra" and "Ancilla" flown on passage; both went right well but the haggard killed. 7 flights 4 rooks.

April 24th. Fine, but very strong and cold N.E. wind. Beacon Hill. "Osra" killed in fine form second stoop. Flown again she did ditto, and the third time was beaten to the Rookery after a hunt in a sheep-fold. "Danceaway" killed cleverly third stoop. Flown again she let her rooks get a long start and had a desperate long flight from the little valley over Beacon Hill, catching him by Bulford Rookery. "Winifred" flew very shifty and gave up after putting him down into a little fence. "Lufra" went well over rooks, made one stoop and gave up. "Ancilla" and "Victress" were flown at a fold; the former wouldn't go, and "Victress" was beaten to gorse, flying nicely. 4 rooks 8 flights. Poor day.

April 26th. R. Corbet and Col. Watson came in evening, also Dr. Arbel and M. d'Alamagny from Paris.

April 27th. Stonehenge and Newfoundland. Blazing hot day: no wind; thunder in distance. "Osra" killed easily first stoop. Flown again she flew a fine high ringing flight at a good rook, which beat her into Shepherd's garden. "Danceaway" went keen and caught third stoop. Flown again she had a hard flight to premises, catching him just as he put in, but letting go again. She then went on the soar, refusing to look at a pigeon, but never getting very far off; finally coming down on rooks near a gorse and killing after a short hunt. "Winifred" put into a fold and hunted like fun, catching him when he was driven out. "Victress" and "Ancilla" divided, the former catching first stoop, while

“Ancilla” made a couple of stoops and gave up when she found she must ring. “Ancilla”, (with “Lufra”,) left the haggard standing still, and caught first stoop. 6 rooks 7 flights.
M. Arbel and d’Alamagny left by 8.13 train.

April 28th. Very hot and calm. Thunderstorm with a waterspout in Pewsey Vale in evening. Butt Miller and Capt. Hamilton arrived, also J.B.L.. Met hawks at Druid’s Head. “Osra” went well over rooks and killed first stoop. “Danceaway” put into some buildings and flew a little slack in the heat, but followed him away when put out and killed in a fold. “Winifred” put into a hurdle and soared, without waiting to be served, after driving off after the flock which got in in front of her. She came in to a pigeon well. “Victress” flew in good form but had no chance. Second time near same place tried very hard and in good style, killing very cleverly close to covert. “Osra” second time, went from a long slip, and flew well upwind and killed. “Danceaway”, second time, got on to a crow, flew him well and killed. “Lufra” and “Ancilla” divided. The latter taking a wood pigeon, the haggard made a noble stoop - and cut it - then put in a flock far off, and then got hold of a dead lure and gave a little trouble. 8 flights 5 kills. A very moderate day.

April 29th. Fine and warm: a few drops of rain. The Bustard. Enormous field out on horses, bicycles and traps: at one time 34 head. “Osra” killed three rooks without anything approaching a good flight, two in trees and one in a gorse. “Danceaway” put into premises and refused to hunt, and the second time refused altogether. “Winifred” went well over rooks, and declined to stoop. “Victress” killed cleverly second stoop in very good style. 4 rooks 7 flights. A real rotten day!!

April 30th. Bulford Rookery and Figheldean. Rough stormy day: strong S.W. Wind and constant heavy showers. A dreadful bad day’s sport. “Osra” left her rooks for a down wind one, and got beaten to the Rookery. Flown again she killed second stoop in grand form. Flown again she put into a gorse and caught easily. “Danceaway” went keen and killed third stoop. “Victress” put into a gorse and turned away at once: on the rook being put out she settled him again, but he had too much start and beat her to Sidbury Hill. She went on towards Tedworth, and was not found for some time. “Winifred” put into a fold and cut one over, but would not wait a moment, went straight off, and gave some trouble. “Winifred” and “Victress” divided, the old hawk going over them and then taking after birds. The young one put into a fold, and hunted well, but no one could get to her assistance for miles of wire, and she chucked it and went off and was only recovered by great good luck. “Ancilla” and “Lufra” put into a pond, where the latter tried to sit on him; then both gave up. 3 rooks 8 flights.

May 1st. A beautiful bright day with slight N.W. wind. A. Pichot arrived early in the morning to the great satisfaction of all present. W. Duncombe turned up the previous evening. Wilbury Belt. “Osra” flown first at a flock, got up to them in her usual form, put in three good stoops but was beaten to the Belt by a very good rook. “Danceaway” from nearly the same place had a very low flight, had four stoops and her rook got to cover at , waited on splendidly, persevered in spite of a pigeon being shown, and killed very cleverly in the hedge side and was fed. The old hawk quite at her best. “Osra” given another chance a little further from Belt but unexpectedly went for a pigeon that was feeding with the rooks, and was taken down as soon as circumstances permitted. “Winifred” first flight before luncheon had a good chance but never really tried and let the rook get to cover near Porton Firs. “Osra” flown from the Salisbury road killed first stoop close to a farm. “Victress” given a chance in rather a cramped place did her best but was beaten to trees in the valley on Porton Road. “Winifred” and “Ancilla” flown together at a large flock in a cramped place. The former killed a rook well first or second stoop. “Ancilla” feathered hers which circled round the horses. She declined to hunt and looked like chucking it. Finally the rook tried to get to cover down wind and she then made a fair go and killed second stoop. The haggard and “Victress” slipped to a good chance flew fast and well. The Haggard stooped first and feathered when she was knocked

end over in the air by "Victress". This probably took the wind out of the old hawk and they were both found on the ground close together little if any the worse. "Victress" flown near a fold put her rooks in but would not hunt, would not come to the lure and sailed over Wilbury Belt and out of sight. The two remaining horsemen pursued at their best speed and were greatly relieved to see rooks mobbing on the other side of the stream, which took some time to cross. The hawk found shortly afterwards on a dead rook. 5 rooks 8 flights.

May 3rd. Yarnbury Castle. Strong W. Wind. Fine but cold. "Osra" killed second stoop, and did the same her next flight. Flown the third time the rooks never saw her till she knocked one down. "Danceaway" had a desperate flight of nearly a mile with thirteen stoops, flying much too keen, but catching close to covert. Flown again she sat on one in a hedge. "Winifred" refused her first chance. Flown again she ran right into a rook that never saw her. "Lufra", (with "Ancilla",) refused and went off down wind and killed in a flock: the other hawk made two stoops and gave up. "Victress" went well over a rook and made two good stoops, but declined to ring and went off down wind, killing out of a flock. 8 rooks 9 flights.

May 4th. Beacon Hill and Wilbury country. Very bright sun with fresh and coldish S.W. Wind. The very worst day on record. "Osra" killed nicely third stoop. Flown again she went well over rooks, and then left them for others down wind, which beat her to trees. "Danceaway" put into a fold and tried to sit on one: he got over her, and she went on the soar, got up very high over Wilbury and was lost. "Winifred" flew a pretty but short flight, getting beaten to covert. "Victress" made two beautiful stoops and put into a barn; refused to hunt, went off to Great Durnford Rookery and killed there. "Danceaway" was picked up on a rook at Cholderton at 2 o'clock, and word sent into Amesbury. 3 rooks 5 flights.

W. St. Quintin came at night.

May 5th. E. Meade Waldo came in morning. Fine generally: some showers. Gale of wind from W. and bitter cold. Too rough to fly in the middle of the day. Stonehenge and Longbarrow. "Osra" turned down wind at rooks, put into a covert and killed unassisted. Flown again, (in a real gale,) she flew a grand ringing flight down wind, killing him just as he put in. "Winifred" flew two beautiful flights, the first one catching third stoop, but letting him go and getting beaten to covert. The second time putting in five or six rattling stoops and catching. "Victress" went slack, put in two or three stoops but chucked it when the rook began ringing. "Danceaway" refused. 3 rooks 6 flights.

May 6th. Beacon Hill and across railway. Very cold N.W. wind - strong. "Osra" near Beacon Hill took a rook on passage well, and killed in fine style after three stoops. Second time flew equally well and killed in the same fine style. Third time across the Railway, did not see her rook at first, and gave him a long start but overhauled him and killed first stoop a long way off. "Winifred" first time flew in grand form, killing fourth stoop, but carried and gave trouble. Second time across the Railway flew well to a long slip and killed second stoop. Third time went up well, but finding she had to work hard to kill, chucked it. "Victress" went well over a rook and stooped once after which she had no chance with him. She went off and killed at the rookery. Second time flown with "Ancilla" refused altogether, went off down wind over Wilbury and was lost. "Ancilla" went grandly over the rooks but made a bad stoop and though she fetched them in had no chance to kill. Earlier this hawk was slipped at a single rook among a flock of pigeons. Naturally they voted with the majority, and the haggard, "Lufra", raked away into Allington village and killed a rook near covert. 7 rooks for nine flights. Four good flights only.

May 7th. Rained moderately nearly all day. Ratted in morning at Mr. Melsome, by the side of the river - first rate day - killed 23, nearly all in water. Out after luncheon, via Longbarrow. "Osra",

near Stonehenge killed from a long slip, second stoop. "Winifred" in an open place gave us an excellent flight with many stoops and killed among the horsemen. Poor old "Danceaway" did her best and fetched her rook into covert, hunted him well but had no strength to ring over him, and turned sick and sulky, soared a little, would not come to no lure and sat down. A pitiful exhibition, caused solely by lack of condition. "Osra" second time went grandly over rooks and killed easily. "Winifred" second time went well over her rooks and after a capital flight killed third stoop.

Five flights four kills. Not a bad afternoon.

May 8th. "Osra" slipped at a small flock, selected her rook and made short work of him, striking him down and killing first stoop. After a long blank she was flown again and killed first stoop. In the afternoon she killed one of a flock first stoop, knocking him down before. Flown at a crow, the quarry put into premises and after some hunting got clear away and beat her to covert. "Winifred" flown at rooks in a valley killed third stoop in her finest possible form. Again flown at a small lot in a valley below Druid's Lodge she cut out her rook at once and completely baffled him putting him to her credit first stoop. The last flight of the day she was slipped at a flock, and after a very smart flight, killed fourth stoop, distinguishing herself emphatically on the day's work. 7 flights, 6 kills.

May 10th. Dull. Strongish W. Wind. Yarnbury Castle and home by Shrewton. Poor days sport. "Osra" left her rooks for some down wind ones and killed easily. Flown again she put into premises and caught without help. Flown again she picked up a rook which never saw her. "Winifred" met a good rook, which headed into the wind whenever she was placed, and as she wouldn't make an upwind stoop, he finally beat her to cover. Flown again she knocked one down first stoop. Flown again she went over a big flock and then took after browns. "Ancilla" and "Lufra" refused.

5 rooks - 7 flights.

May 11th. Fine but cold: strongish N.W. Wind. Beacon Hill to Salisbury Rd.. "Osra" killed a bad rook first stoop. Flown again she met a good rook, which beat her down wind to Boscombe Firs, where he got in and beat her. The fourth rook she killed first stoop. "Winifred" flew a brilliant high flight, and fetched a rook down to an empty fold, and had started hunting when partridges got up and took her off. Flown again she left rooks at once to go partridge hunting. 2 rooks 6 flights.

May 12th. Out after lunch, very cold N.W. Wind. "Osra" flown at a real good rook, which gave a very long flight, she fetched him well, but failing to catch him the first couple of stoops the rook went down wind a fast pace, and although she got several stoops at him, he managed to get to some wire netting which saved his life. Flown again at a single rook who evaded her first stoop, she pulled him down as he was put out of a bush. Flown again to a long slip she was getting nicely placed when some partridges rising she put them into some gorse and was taken down. "Winifred" flown at a single rook refused and was taken down.

174 kills out of 245 flights. This ought to have been a first class season - But the three old falcons had, began so well, and the young one "Osra", who has made a record score of 70 kills, was such a magnificent hawk that we were careless and did not work hard to get our young hawks forward, some of which were very good. Hence as time went on and the older ones got tired of the incessant work, there was no others to fall back up on, as there should have been, and although the early part of the season was excellent, the last few weeks were dependent on two hawks alone.

[Letter from Italy]

(Italy) Turin .

Hon. Sir,

The committee of the Decorative Art Exhibition which will be open in April in Turin has also created a subcommittee for the festivals and entertainments which will take place in this occasion in Turin 1902.

Some members of this Subcommittee has approached me if it would not be possible in the occasion of the Field Trials to give some experiences of hawking. It would be a very propitious occasion for reviving this sport in Italy.

Consequently I would request you, dear Sir, if the Old Hawking Club would receive to this proposal.

All expenses paid.

A prize - I suppose - granted The O.H.C. ought to send a good falconer with two or three falcons (tiercel and falcon) one or two goshawks, one or two merlins, one or two sparrowhawks in the aim to give various trials of the sport and of the performance of the different species of hawks.

The trials would take place on the second half of June.

If the O.H.C. agrees to this scheme, please to inform me upon the conditions he would put to this proposal.

In the chance the O.H.C. sought not accede to it, I would beg from your kindness if you could not [suggest] some member of the O.H.C., or some gentleman who keeps falconer and hawks if he would not do it.

In all cases you would oblige me, Hon. Sir, very much with your advice on the subject.

With my best wishes I do remain

Yours truly
A. Ungherini

Partridge Hawking 1897.

September	2.	3.	4.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.
"Persimmon"	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1~2	2.	1*1	3.	3.	5.	1~.	1^3	3.
"Patience"	1.		1.	1.	1.		2.	3.	3.	2.	3.	3.	3.	
"Ancilla"		1.		1+										
"Thais"		1.		2.	2.		1.	1.	1.	1.		1.	1.	
"Tiddles"								1.	1.			1.		
"Galtee More"													1.	
Partridges:	1.	4.	1.	4.	4.	3.	3.	5.	8.	7.	7.	5.	8.	6.
Various:				1.		1.		1.				1.	1.	

September	19.	20.	21.	22.	25.	27.	28.	29.	30.	1.	2.	4.	5.	6.
"Persimmon"	3.	3.	1.	1^3	1.	4.	1^.	2.	2.	1+1^1	1.	3.	5.	2.
"Patience"	2.	2.		3.	1.	1.	2.		1#.	3.			6.	3.
"Ancilla"														
"Thais"	1.	2.												
"Tiddles"														
"Galtee More"		1.		2.		1.				1.	1.		2.	
Partridges:	6.	8.	1.	8.	2.	6.	2.	2.	2.	5.	2.	3.	13.	5.
Various:		1.		1.			1.		1.	2.				

October.	7.	8.	9.	11.	12.	13.	14.	Total.
"Persimmon"	4.	3.	5.	1+2.		4.	5.	90.
"Patience"	4.	1.	1.		2.	7.	3.	65.
"Ancilla"								2.
"Thais"								14.
"Tiddles"								3.
"Galtee More"						1.		10.
Partridges:	8.	4.	6.	2.	2.	12.	8.	184.
Various:				1.				12.

+ = rook. * = thrush. ~ = kestrel. ^ = lark. # = turtle dove.

"Persimmon" 80 parts: 2 rooks: 1 kestrel: 6 larks.
"Patience" 64 parts: 1 turtle dove.
"Ancilla" 1 parts: 1 rook.

The Scurrilous libel of Leslie Ward; Vanity Fair. Sept. 1897

[Cartoon of Gerald Lascelles]

"The Old Secretary" Sept. 1897.

Sept: 1897.

R. Corbet, Hankelow, Cheshire, was proposed by B.H. Jones; seconded by G. Lascelles and elected a member of the Club.

Oct: 1897.

A. Chance was proposed by W.H. St. Quintin, seconded by G. Lascelles and elected a member of the Club.

The Rev. W. Newcome, an original member of the Club, died in 1897.

The "Hawkster's" farewell to Amesbury, dedicated (without permission) to B. Jones Esq.. 1903

Many have sung how life is full of parting and of pain,
And now my simple lay must help to swell the sad refrain,
How happy days, and golden hours must soon or late be past,
How all good things must have an end, and time is flying fast:
For us the World is out of joint, and things have gone askew,
And now as exiles we must roam, and seek for pastures new.
Oh! black and evil was the day, ill-fated was the hour
When on this pleasant land was cast the eye of Martial power.
Its barbarous hand swept farms away, and where God's work was fair
Unightly huts and hideous butts, it quickly planted there.
The "Bible" where some "Hawksters" keen, have ridden from the brow
Scowls down upon a hideous town, of tin-roofed buildings now.
Where "Laodamia's" flying feet, have cut the springy sod
And "Danceaway" in cowering rooks has "put the fear of God"
The sunny Downs, the Valleys green we knew and loved so well,
Are covered now with Notice Boards, and scarred with bursting shell.
Gone are the buildings, where for lunch we've sheltered many a time
And studied, scrawled upon the wall the Yokel's homely rhyme
But the plantation still exists, where sat the aged wight
Sheltered among the trees that put a finish to a flight
Who called us all "Hard-hearted Dogs", and though he did not beg
Later, in gratitude for Alms, he showed us his bad leg.

Amesbury farewell! no longer may the Hawking Club resort
To their head-quarters at the "George", in search of fun, and sport;
No more shall Van, and men in green wander adown the street
No more to poor old Sandell's shop, meander "Benjy's feet.
Alas! For us all this is changed, those pleasant days are fled,
The shop has passed to alien hands, the "Fell-monger" is dead!
No more from the familiar stall that held his aged bones,
Shall honest "Stinker" in the morn come pottering o'er the stones.
No more beside the old stone bridge, deep in his favourite pool
Shall "Silver Penny" take his stand, his fevered legs to cool,
No more at night with appetites sharpened beyond belief
Shall we devour the doubtful fish, the mutton, and the beef.
And watch with trepidation deep, "Benjy" devoid of fear
(Or conscious of cast-iron guts) swallow old "Hussey's beer
While members new, and favoured guests, listen to tales of yore
The Secretary can produce, from his unfailing store.
(His stories of the "Bustard" days, when "all the World was young"
Of doings of the O.H.C. had better not be sung)
And "Sefton" (Club contortionist) will do his level best
To put all others off their food, though eating his with Zest.
All that is past - the fun, the sport, the famous flights we've seen
And pleasant memories only, now remain of what has been,
The mornings ratting, then the start, all eager for the fray
The varying fortune with the Rooks, until the close of day.
The mad joy of the Magpie hunts, when drawing "Tanner's gorse"

Or "Porton Firs", with frantic noise we screamed till we were hoarse.
Till cracking whips, and hideous cries no longer might be stood
And mid loud shouts of "Gone away", "Mag" left the sheltering wood.
While "Benjy's" curses loud, and deep, and his blood-curdling yell,
Consigned all others than himself to lowest depths of hell.
Then driven on from bush, to bush, hustled from tree, to tree,
Pursued by Tiercels, men, and noise, what earthly chance had she?
So some might think, but through it all quite cool is "Margaret's" head
She never is so much alive, as when you think she's dead.

But if of all we've done and seen I shall attempt to write
I should not end this doggerel rhyme, though I sat up all night.
'Tis useless now for us to waste our time in vain regret,
And though we sadly say "Goodbye" yet we shall not forget,
What sport we've had, the records of the O.H.C. can tell,
Let's hope for pleasant days to come, and "Amesbury" fare thee well!