Home Counties hawking Club May Newsletter written by Jem

Members and club news



The Home Counties Hawking Club member profile is.... Chris Gray

Club member for? 10 years.

Years in falconry?. 15 years.

Birds kept? Female Saker falcon, Male red tail hawk and Male Pere/Saker

Dogs used? Brittany spaniel.

Ferrets, love them or hate them? Love them.

Other field sports involved in? Carp Fishing.

Vehicle used for falconry? Dad's Land rover Discovery or Range Rover.

Favourite bird? Red tailed hawk.

Best falconry moment. Taking the mother of all hares (as if we hadn't heard about it!!!!!!).

Club Website

With many thanks to Stuart and Kelly the club website is now up and running. The address is www.homecountieshawkingclub.co.uk.

The site is still evolving as we discover what works for the club and what doesn't. Feed back to either Stuart or Kelly or any of the committee would be really helpful.



April Meeting

Martin Hollinshead gave an excellent talk to about 31 members at the April meeting. I think, judging by the feedback I received, that this was enjoyed by all of the members there. Martin spoke about Hare hawking, and I would say that club members came away with a certain respect for the strength and ability of this species to survive when hunted by birds of prey.

For those flying Harris hawks, Martin heaped praise upon this bird's ability in the field.

Club Meeting dates for 2010

May18th, June 15th, July 20th, August 17th, September 21st, October 19th, November 16th, December 21st. Easy way to remember is, it is the Third Tuesday of every month at The Royal Swan, Blackwater, Camberley.



Some info about Rory Major who will be talking to the club on the 18th may

Rory has been involved with Gundogs all of his adult life as well as regularly 'picking up' and 'beating' with his dogs on several shoots, he also works his dogs for Falconers and has competed successfully in Field Trials. Most notably, he has owned, trained and made-up the first and only German Wirehaired Pointer Field Trial Champion to date, FTCh Velia Von Andesheim, as well as owning and training the only two G.W.P's to win awards in the Championships. He has also won awards with Flatcoat Retrievers, E.S.S., Italion Spinone and Brittany's.