Home Counties hawking Club July Newsletter written by Jem

Members and club news



The Home Counties Hawking Club member profile

is....Ashley Barnes.

Club member for? 3 years.

Years in falconry? 5 years.

Birds kept? None at this moment.

Dogs used? Worked a GSPxGWP last season that got killed in a tragic accident, has ordered a GSP which he is due to collect in September.

Ferrets, love them or hate them? Love them.

Other field sports involved in? Air rifle shooting, fly and coarse fishing.

Vehicle used for falconry? Battered Vauxhall Astra.

Favourite bird? Goshawk.

Favourite game to eat? Pheasant.

Club Website

The address for the club website is www.homecountieshawkingclub.co.uk.

We would welcome some articles to put on the site from members, so if you feel that you have something worth while to write about please do so and email any articles to Stuart or Kelly at the site or hand to a committee member.

July Meeting

At our July meeting we had a talk from Nick Havermann-Mart, chairman of the BFC and owner of Honeybrook animal food.

Nick gave a very interesting talk about how his animal (raptor) food business grew, raptor nutrition and also talked about the grouse moor he has in Scotland and the management of it.

We also now have a treasure as Alan Greenhalgh has kindly agreed to do this most interesting task. Thank you Alan.

For our August meeting we will be having a pub style quiz with five rounds.

Round 1 A picture round naming the species of bird or breed of dog.

Round 2 Birds of prey/falconry.

Round 3 Quarry

Interval to get drinks and refreshments.

Round 4 Dogs

Round 5 Country mans round.

There will be a prize for the winning team members after which the raffle will be drawn.

Test your knowledge on falconry and the countryside.

The aim is to have some fun and learn something new, and for members to socialise.

Club Meeting dates for 2010

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.

Alan Greenhalgh's 50th birthday BBO

On August 14th Alan is having a Hawaiian themed BBQ to celebrate his 50th birthday at his house.

All club members are invited. Hawaiian shirts or grass skirts for the brave if not come as you are and bring a bottle.

Food will be provided.

Call Alan on 07901520201 for directions.

2010/2011 season

Well the birds have almost finished their moult and will be ready to pick up in a few weeks.

If you are flying a new bird, working a new dog or have new ferrets please let me know what you have and how you are progressing as the season goes on. I will let members know through the newsletter the ups and downs as you go through the season.

For myself I have two new ferrets to enter after losing the best ferret I have ever had last year. These two have a lot to live up to! I will keep you informed of their progress.