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AGENDA



Wednesday January 14th

10 am - 1 pm - Registration Opens!

Get your Badge and Meet Bag. (Don't risk non-entry)

12 pm - 4:30 pm - Weathering Yard Opens

Field hawking throughout the day. Sign-ups available for Hawking parties in the weathering area. (Sign up early as groups are limited)

Please be considerate of the volunteers and pick your bird up by 4:30 pm.

3 pm - 7 pm - Registration is Open!

Get your Badge and Meet Bag. (Don't risk non-entry)

6 pm - Vendors Open & No Host Bar

Hang out, make new friends, and listen to some serious hawking stories.

7 pm - 8 pm – Guest Speaker- David Feliciano- Kestrel Falconry-What makes a successful kestrel falconer. Held in the Oak/Maple room

8 pm-9 pm -Guest Speaker-Falconer and Wildlife Biologist Bruce Haak- A video presentation: Natural History of Merlins, and 25 years of raptor migration in S.W. ID. Zoom call with Bruce to answer questions after presentations. Held in the Oak/Maple room

Sky Trials and Lure Competition Sign-ups at Registration

7 am - 4:30 pm - Weathering Yard Opens

Field hawking throughout the day. Sign-ups available for Hawking parties in the weathering area. (Sign up early as groups are limited)

Please be considerate of the volunteers and pick your bird up by 4:30 pm.

Thursday, January 15th

7 am - 12 pm - Registration Opens!

Get your Badge and Meet Bag. (Don't risk non-entry)

8 am - 12 pm - Apprentice Workshop.

This 4-hour workshop, hosted by Marten Benatar, is designed to give you the basics needed to help you pass your test, know what equipment is needed, and how to locate hunting areas. Do not miss this GREAT class if you want to be in the know. Held in the Oak/Maple room.

3 pm - 5 pm - Registration is Open!

Get your Badge and Meet Bag. (Don't risk non-entry)

6 pm - Vendors Open & No Host Bar

Time again to hang out, meet new people, and hear about the day's flights.

7 pm - 8 pm - Guest Speaker –Nichole Perretta- Training and working with Sharp-Shin Hawks. Held in the Oak/Maple room.

8 pm - 9 pm - Guest Speakers- Keith Richman and Rob Conohan- Micro Falconry-working with Merlins. Held in the Oak/Maple room.

Sky Trials and Lure Competition Sign-ups at Registration

Lure Competition location, maps, and time announcement at registration today!

Friday, January 16th

8:00 am -10:00 am - Lure Flying Competition - Hosted by Brad Felger

10:00 am -11:00 am - RoFalcon flying demonstration by Tony Suffredini and Dave Whittingham, same field as Lure Competition.

7 am - 4:30 pm - Weathering Yard Opens

Field hawking throughout the day. Sign-ups available for Hawking parties in the weathering area. (Sign up early as groups are limited)

Please be considerate of the volunteers and pick your bird up by 4:30 pm.

1 pm - 3 pm - CHC Board Meeting

Stop in to listen and see the latest happenings with the Club. All members are welcome & encouraged to attend. Held in the Oak/Maple room.

2 pm - 4 pm - Registration Opens

Get your Badge and Meet Bag. (Don't risk non-entry)

3 pm - 5 pm - Marshall Telemetry class-Oak/Maple room

6 pm - Vendors Open & No Host Bar

7 pm - 8 pm - Guest Speaker – Dave Whittingham will speak about training falcons with RoFalcon/Falcon Racing - RoDuck system Raffle. Northumberland crow falcons will be discussed by Nick Fox and Dave Whittingham. Held in the Oak/Maple room.

8 pm - 8:15 pm - Sky Trials Announcement – Jeff Blower & Mike Maxey, Sky Trials Chair, will announce the Sky Trials location and entrants. Location Maps are available.

Saturday, January 17th

7:00 am until finished - The World-Famous Sky Trials

Jeff Blower and Mike Maxey are hosting, so please come out and enjoy the high-flying and hard-hitting falcons perform for prizes in this crowd-pleasing event. Maps are available in the weathering yard. In the event of fog, Sky Trials will be postponed or cancelled.

7:00 am- 4:30 pm - Weathering Yard Open

Field hawking throughout the day. Sign-ups available for Hawking parties in the weathering area. (Sign up early as groups are limited)

Please be considerate of the volunteers. Pick your bird up by 3:30 pm.

12 pm - 4 pm - Registration Opens

2 pm - 4 pm - Vendors Open (LAST CHANCE TO BUY)

**BE SURE TO BRING YOUR BADGE AND BANQUET TICKET WITH YOU
NO TICKET, NO FOOD**

5 pm - Banquet Begins- Held in the Oak/Maple room.

This year it's BBQ Buffet, so bring your appetite!

7 pm - 9 pm - Award Presentations

CHC'S 54th ANNUAL FIELD MEET SUPER RAFFLE!!

GOOD LUCK!

On behalf of the 54th Annual Field Meet Team, we thank you for attending the Meet and your continued support of the California Hawking Club. Safe Travels