



THE ARCHIVES OF FALCONRY

Established 1986

Dedicated to Preserving Our Falconry Heritage

8th Annual Spring Rendezvous

MARCH 7, 2015



Wall of Remembrance 2015 Inductees

David L. Alexander (NV) — Scott G. Baker (WY/NM) — Steven Louis Baptiste (NV)

Clifford Edward Cummins (CA) — Stephen A. Gatti (MD/CT) — Jerry P. Grisco (CA) — David M. Foley * (WA)

L. Warren Higby (WY) — William H. Halliwell (CO/FL) — Sirdar Mohamed Osman (Afghanistan)

George P. Peden * (OR) — Benjamin W. Stilwell (CA) — Ray Turner (CA) — Terence H. White (England)

[* may defer to 2016 to accommodate friends & family]

- The Archives of Falconry will have an Open House at 5 PM, Friday March 6th with beer, wine and pizza hosted by the Wyoming Falconers' Association.
- Saturday March 7th The Archives will open at 10 AM — Tours of the World Center for Birds of Prey available
- Wall of Remembrance Ceremony (12:30 PM)
- Falconers' Celebration Dinner Buffet with Guest Speakers Lauren McGough and Rushil Shergill. Menu the same as last year due to popular demand and rave reviews! After-dinner program will be approximately one hour or less.

Special rate of \$89.00 per night at the Oxford Suites Hotel at Cole and I-84. Rate includes hot breakfast and evening hors d'oeuvres (not connected to the Archives banquet). Please reserve room by February 16th for special rate. www.oxfordsuitesboise.com or 888-322-8001 (normal rates of \$119 to \$139 apply).

Celebration Dinner at Oxford Suites-5:30 P.M. @ \$28.00 per person (1 drink coupon [house wine, domestic beer or soda], tax and tip included). Cash beer and wine bar. Gluten free, vegetarian, dairy allergy options available. Reservations, including these special food requests, by Friday February 27, 2015 by check or credit card to:

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2015 Rendezvous Banquet Speakers



Lauren McGough in Mongolia — Courtesy of Ms. McGough

Lauren McGough has trained and hunted with hawks and falcons and developed a love of flying golden eagles. Although she has flown eagles in the United States and Europe, her most memorable experiences have been in Mongolia. She first journeyed to Mongolia at age 17 with her very supportive father to see Kazakh eagle culture first hand. This tradition of falconry could well be the world's most ancient and has remained unchanged for millennia. Lauren spent an additional two years hunting in Mongolia and Kazakhstan where she lived in a yurt with a nomadic Kazakh family, apprenticed under local eagle falconry masters and went through the entire process of trapping, manning, training and hunting foxes with a wild immature golden eagle. She is currently finishing a PhD in anthropology based on these experiences. Ms. McGough will share photos and stories of her world-wide falconry adventures.



Lauren with "Pterodactyl" - Photo by Megan Irean

Sirdar Mohamed Osman was a notable falconer and naturalist who's ancestors were Afghani royalty. During his lifetime (1925-2007), Mr. Osman produced over forty scientific papers and several books concerning birds of prey and wildlife.

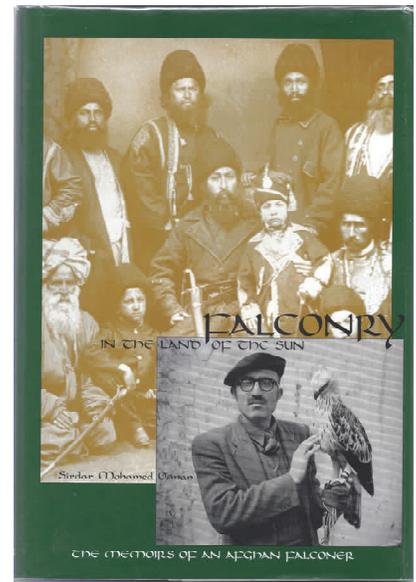
He led an amazing life and traveled throughout India, Pakistan and Afghanistan in pursuit of his falconry. He discusses many of his experiences training and flying eagles, hawk-eagles, accipiters and falcons in his book, "Falconry In the Land of the Sun" (2001).

Rushil Shergill was a close friend and devoted protégé of Mr. Osman and is traveling from India to join us. Mr. Shergill will speak about hunting and flying hawks with his extraordinary mentor.

Falconry In the Land of the Sun

Memoirs of an Afghan Falconer
by Sirdar Osman

Western Sporting Publications (2001)



Sirdar Osman and Rushil Shergill