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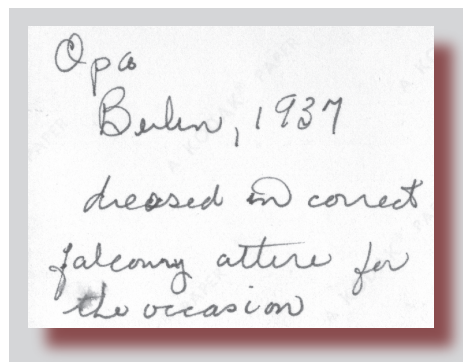
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Friedrich Remmler and his brother at the International Hunting Exhibition in Berlin 1937



and rather than throw them away, they were wondering if there was a club or society that might want them. At the time I was the Central (Metro Denver) Director of the Colorado Hawking Club.

Kathy then gave me the name and phone number of the couple in Grand Junction. When I called, the wife (Darlene) couldn't come to the phone, but I spoke to her husband, Charlie. He said his wife's brother was a falconer named Chris Gladstone, and he lived and flew hawks in the Rancho Cucamonga area of southern California. He died in 1998 and, according to the brother-in-law, Chris had flown a couple of Harris' Hawks over Vizslas. I asked some questions, but they didn't share many more details about him or his falconry background.

I let Charlie know that our Western Director lived in Grand Junction, that the Colorado Hawking Club's annual banquet was coming up in a few weeks in the middle of April, and that the director

Editor's Note: In September 2008, The Archives of Falconry received a donation of six small black-and-white photographs of a falconer with Golden Eagles. Immediately recognizing their historical significance, we asked the donor to document the provenance, or previous ownership, of the photos. After embarking on a three-year research project involving numerous telephone calls and correspondence across multiple states and several continents, Anne Price pursues the mystery of these photos in a two-part article which leads us to ask, Who was Chris Gladstone and how did a relatively unknown falconer come to possess some original photos of Friedrich Remmler, the “last wolf hawker”?

Traces Left Behind Falconer Chris Gladstone

— by Anne Price, Colorado Falconer and Educator

In March 2008 I received a phone call from Kathy Konishi, the manager of the Special Licensing section of the Colorado Division of Wildlife and the person in charge of our falconry licenses here in Colorado. She and I had worked together on numerous projects concerning raptors and falconry. She explained that she had gotten a call or referral from the Grand Junction DOW office regarding a couple who had some falconry “stuff.” The materials had belonged to the wife's brother, now deceased,

