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In the end, "The Big Year" is not so much about birding as about obsession to be the best and its attendant costs. Stu Priessler comes in third in the competition, but finds fulfillment in retirement and his new grandson. Brad Harris becomes "the second-best birder in the world", and for a dedicated birder, that is quite enough. Kenny Bostick breaks the record with an incredible 755 species. (Sandy Komito actually did break his own record, but with 745 species.) In the process, Kenny loses his wife and chance of fatherhood. Unbelievably, he runs out on the opportunity to impregnate his wife (played by the gorgeous Rosamund Pike) just for the chance to see a Snowy Owl. Of course, had it been an Arctic Gyrfalcon, anyone could have understood.

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Registration:

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| Registration fee | \$25.00 |
| Banquet Buffet and Saturday Evening Program | \$25.00 |

To be assured of a banquet/program reservation, have the envelope with your check and registration in the mail and postmarked BY Friday, May 11, 2012.

JOINT MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) _____

Address _____

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Chapter(s) _____

VSO _____ TOS _____ (If neither, leave blanks.)

\$ _____ for _____ Registrations @ \$25 each

\$ _____ for _____ Dinner and Program Registrations @ \$25 each

Total enclosed _____

Mail registration form and check to Bristol Bird Club Treasurer

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