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SHIRE NEWS

Congratulations to 6-year-old "Pookie" from Debatable Lands whose appendix surgery finished without any problems. Her parents want to thank all of those generous SCAdians for their best wishes. She literally received her own weight in stuffed animals and even took one into surgery with her. :D

Congratulations to Cara Seekings (Thorvald's Lady) for being interviewed by the local paper on Nov. 1st about her new book The Ladies of Lilydale. The complete article is archived at on our website at <http://www.heronter.org/Library/lilydale.html>

Congratulations to Lord Tiberious for being half of the winning duo in the Blood Brothers tourney at Hallowtide!

Congratulations to Duke Matthew for taking third in the First Blood tourney at Hallowtide!

Congratulations to Duchess Dorinda for winning the fencing competition at Hallowtide!

Best Wishes for a speedy recovery to Amanda, the daughter of Lady Shahira bint Abdul Samad of Rhydderich Hael, who recently underwent gall bladder surgery down in Kentucky.

Freezin' for a Reason! Ye Olde Editor, Dagonell the Juggler participated in the 2009 WNY Polar Plunge on December 6th, to raise money for Special Olympics. Over \$160,000 was raised.

Deepest Sympathies to Lord Robert pour Maintenant of Rhydderich Hael, who lost his father on December 14th.

Congratulations to Lady Juliana de Luna, Silver Buccle Emeritus, who celebrated 18 years of partnership with Lady Richenda du Jardin on December 17th.

Happy Birthday to Lady Shahira abdul Sammad of Rhydderich Hael who celebrated her birthday on December 22nd.

Happy Birthday to Lady Cilia Corsini who will be celebrating on February 4th!

Happy Birthday to THL Keinwen who will be celebrating on February 10th!

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AEthelmearc Twelfth Night



As the holiday season culminates in a final celebration, the Barony of Thescorre invites one and all to the Kingdom Twelfth Night Celebration, Saturday January 9th, AS XLIV (2010 CE) at the St. Mary Autocephalous Orthodox Ukrainian Church Hall, 3176 Saint Paul Blvd, Rochester, NY 14617.

The theme for Twelfth Night is a MASKED BALL. There will be food, dancing, court, dancing, food, and more dancing. The site has limited handicapped accessibility, open flame is allowed for the feast, and all alcohol MUST BE purchased at the bar.

Their Majesties' Royal Court will commence approximately 1:30pm, Feast will be served about 4:00pm followed by a dessert sideboard and dancing with live music coordinated by the Barony's Dance Mistress Baroness Peregrine until 8:00pm. Folks eating out-board are encouraged to return around 6pm for dancing and dessert.

Make a mask and enter the Mask contest. Three prizes will be given for the best overall mask, the best mask in AEthelmearc colors, and the mask that most appeals to Their Majesties. Some masks that have been made by members of the Barony will be available to purchase for a small fee.

The artisans of AEthelmearc are planning to add to the glory of the kingdom by participating in Their Royal Majesties' pilgrimage. More details to come.

The site opens at 9am and closes PROMPTLY at 9pm. The cost for the event is On-board \$18.00 per adult, \$9 ages 6 to 17; 5 and under free; Off-board \$10.00 per adult, \$5 ages 6 to 17; 5 and under free. The \$3.00 non-member surcharge will be charged at the door. Make checks payable to SCA Inc. Barony of Thescorre. Reservations are to be sent to Lady Alina Marie de Valenciennes (Joanne Parasida, 32 Zornow Drive, Rochester, NY 14623, 585-359-0726, Alina@Thescorre.org). Please include the SCA and modern names for everyone, including children 5 and under for planning purposes.

There will be a very light lunch available as part of the site fee, and the dessert sideboard is also included in the site fee. Feast is limited to 120 but there are plenty of tables for off-board.

The autocrat is Baron Fridrikr Tomasson (Tom Ireland-Delfs, 731 South Main Street, Newark, NY 14513, 315-331-3788 7pm-10pm; fridrikr@thescore.org). Meeting requests, questions, and crash space requests should be sent to him.

The head cook is THL Bryn ni MacRose (Bryn@Thescore.org, Toni Erwin, 196 Aberdeen Street, Rochester, NY 14619; 585-704-5193 7pm-9pm) assisted by Baroness Peregrine (Peregrine@Thescore.org, Leslie Phillips, 161 Chili Ave, Rochester, NY 14611; 585-328-3041 7pm-10pm). Any dietary restrictions or questions should be communicated to one of them.

Directions:

From the east From the NYS Thruway, exit 45 Rochester/Victor. Take I-490 West to I-590 north to Titus Ave. Turn left onto Titus Ave to St Paul Blvd. Turn right on St Paul Blvd. The site will be on your right about 1/2 mile.

From the west From the NYS Thruway, exit 47, Rochester/LeRoy. Take I-490 East to I-390 north to Ridgeway Avenue. Exit to the right onto Ridgeway Avenue. Follow Ridgeway across the city until it merges with Rt. 104/Ridge Road (it will cross Lake Avenue at this point). Take the first exit after crossing the river, which is St. Paul north. The site will be on your right about 1.8 miles.

From the south Take I-390 north to I-590 north and follow the directions from the east above.

Destination will be on the right, behind the church. Additional parking is available behind the church hall.



Photo and caption by Richard Samul



Heronter 12th Night January 16th, 2010

**Come one, Come All,
To our Yule Hall,
We'll fence. We'll fight and
Feast on roast beast.
There'll be games and dance,
And king cakes with a chance
To be Lord of Misrule:
The leader of fools
For a day.**

Lords and Ladies all!

Join the Shire in its annual 12th Night celebration being held at the First Presbyterian Church (See website for directions).

Don your best garb and raise your banner in the main hall. Duke Sir Marcus will be holding a bear pit tourney for Heavy Fighters. There will be fencing available and many festive games going on throughout the day. We will have dancing and a chance for you to go on the sly to get the gift you want out of the Chinese Gift Exchange (Bring a gift to get a gift).

There will also be an Arts and Sciences contest run by Duchess Dorinda designed specifically to improve either the shire's camp or making a better site. Please see the next article for rules and guidelines. The Emerald Lake Puppet Theatre will be performing The Wizard Who Lost His Magic. A potluck will be held around 5pm. Please be on the look out for the sign up sheets on our Yahoo Group. Lady Isabel will be recording the donations.

The Site will open at noon and cleanup will begin at 9pm. We will be starting setup at 10am. If you won't be there to help setup, please bring your banner to the meeting on the 14th so we can hang it in the hall.

If you are available to help with set up or clean up please come and help us deck the halls and feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

***Lady Thora Winesbane* (thorasemail@excite.com) and
Lady Isabel of Dunbar (whitewolf322003@yahoo.com)**

Hear ye, hear ye!

Duchess Dorinda is hereby announcing an A&S contest to be judged at Twelfth Night. The rules are as follows:

1. All entries must fit one of two categories: "making a better camp" or "making a better site".
2. To be eligible for the grand prize, entries must be made available for use at Shire events and/or the Shire Pennsic camp. (There will be prizes available for those who submit something if it is to be used at a household camp, Royal camp, or for their own use at events, but purpose of this contest is to encourage the creation of Shire items.)
3. Items need not be 100% authentic in nature, but authenticity will be considered.
4. Items need not actually use the Shire colors or heraldry, but that will be considered.
5. Items should be on display at Shire Twelfth Night. If for some reason an item can not be present, a representation may be permitted.
6. The Shire agrees to no reimbursement of any materials or time for any items created unless financial policies are followed and a request brought before the appropriate financial committee.
7. Standard disclaimers apply: e.g. no profanity, no pornography, no unsafe fire, no spitting, no kicking, no screaming, no punching your brother in the head and all that sort of thing.

Prizes and judges are not yet known.

Any questions? Please just let me know!

Dorinda

TIC TAC CHEC

by Lord Rubyn MakDonald of the Barony of Rhydderich Hael

This is a small modern variant of Chess that is commercially available, invented by a games designer named Don Green. It is essentially a cross between Chess and Tic Tac Toe, played on a 4 x 4 checkered board.

Each player has a Bishop, a Rook, a Knight and a Pawn. The pieces move as follows:

The Bishop moves diagonally in any direction any number of squares. Once a Bishop is placed on specific colored square it must stay on that color unless removed and replaced.

The Rook moves orthogonally in any direction any number of squares.

The Knight jumps in an L-shaped path, moving 2 squares orthogonally and then shifting over 1 additional square in a 90° turn. Pieces occupying the two squares jumped over are unaffected.

The Pawn moves one square orthogonally in any direction, but captures one square diagonally in any direction. Pawns do not promote to anything should they reach the edge of the board. There is no capturing "en passant." (In traditional Chess, Pawns only move forwards. Since the board for this variant is so small and pieces can be dropped into the game on any square, however, there really is no fixed "forward" direction.)

Players take turns either placing a piece onto the board, or moving a piece that is already on the board. Players can capture each other's pieces, but the captured pieces are returned to the owning player; the owning player may then return them to the board on a following turn. Players may also use blocking strategy to delay an opponent's movements towards the goal.

The player who is first to line up all four of his chessmen in any direction (orthogonally or diagonally) is the winner.

HOW TO MAKE IT

Basic parts:

a square wooden plaque or board 8" x 8" or bigger
2 wooden clothespins (the spring type)

- 1 wooden dowel 1" thick
- 2 wooden spools approximately 1½" tall
(anything between 1 and 2 inches will do)
- 2 wooden spools 1" tall
- 2 wooden candle cups approximately 5/8" in size
- Elmer's wood glue
- Elmer's wood filler

Basic tools:

- Ruler
- Protractor or T-square
- Pencil and white rubber eraser
(more effective than regular rubber erasers)
- Dremel cutting and sanding tool,
or any tool(s) that can do similar tasks
- Drill with very thin drill bit
- Sandpaper
- Black acrylic paint and paintbrush
- Pyrography (wood-burning) tool

The wooden parts and wood-burning tool can easily be obtained in the wood crafts section of any major crafts supply store (AC Moore or Michaels). The wood glue and wood filler can be gotten at home improvement stores (Lowe's or Home Depot).

The Board:

Using the ruler and protractor/T-square, draw a grid lightly in pencil on the wooden board. The grid should be 4 squares by 4 squares, each square measuring 2" x 2". Use the white rubber eraser in case of mistakes. Then use the pencil to lightly shade the squares you want to be dark. Then use the wood-burning tool to burn along the grid lines (best to use the tip that resembles a wedge). Then switch to a flat leaf-spade tip and carefully burn the squares marked for darkening.

SAFETY NOTE: Please use care with the wood-burning tool. Read the tool's instructions carefully. Always turn off or unplug the tool when not in use to reduce the risk of an accident. Allow the deactivated tool to cool down for at least five minutes before

attempting to switch the burning tips. Use a pair of metal pliers to screw and unscrew the tips into the head of the tool.

The Chessmen:

Bishop: Twist one of the clothespins apart so that the wooden pieces slip free of the metal spring. Apply glue lightly to the flat side of one of the wooden pieces and press it against the flat side of the other piece so that it forms a long narrow spire-shape. When the glue dries, sand the edges and the pointed end smooth, then cut the whole piece 2 inches away from the pointed end. This creates a square bottom. Cut a thin disc from the dowel (about ¼" thick), sand it smooth and glue the square bottom of the clothespin to its center. Then cut a small diagonal slit somewhere near the peak of the spire,

being careful not to cut all the way through (best to do this on one of the vertical sides rather than the sloping diagonal sides).

Knight: Fill the hole in a 1½" spool with wood filler, making sure that the hole is packed fully. Allow to dry for about 24 hours. Sand any excess filler away from the spool's ends. Using the Dremel or similar tool, sand down the sides of the spool's cylindrical shape until you have two parallel flat sides. Then sand one of the curved sides to create a concave area; this concave area should take up only half the length of the spool and be no deeper than half the thickness of the spool. You may need to sand some parts of the flat sides as well. The goal is to create a general suggestion of a thick head atop a neck. When you are satisfied with the shape, use the drill to create eye holes on the flat sides of the "head."

Rook: Cut slits in one end of the 1" spool in a cross-like pattern. This is to give a general impression of a castle's crenellations.

Pawn: Simply turn the candle cups upside down so that the openings are on the bottom. No sanding or cutting is required.

When all the chessmen have been built, paint one set of them black and leave the other plain.

Upcoming Calendar – includes non-SCA events of interest

JANUARY

January 1 -- New Year's Day

January 9 -- Aethelmearc 12th Night (Thescore)

January 16 -- Heronter 12th Night

January 23 -- 2nd Emprise of the Amethyst (Stormsport)

January 30 -- BMDL 12th Night

FEBRUARY

February 2 -- Groundhog Day

February 4 -- Cicilia Corsini's Birthday

February 10 -- Keinwen's Birthday

February 13 -- Feast of Seven Deadlies (Delftwood)

February 14 -- St. Valentine's Day

February 14 -- Chinese New Year's Day 4708 Year of the Tiger

February 16 -- Mardi Gras

February 17 -- Ash Wednesday

February 20 -- Combat Symposium (Blackwater)

February 20 -- Aethelmearc Heralds' and Scribes Symposium (ACG)

February 27 -- Feast of Three Ravens (Thescore)

February 27 -- Feast of Three Bears (Stormsport)



“Freezin’ for a Reason”

At the 2009 WNY Polar Plunge, on December 6th, 410 ‘plungers’ jumped into Lake Erie at Hamburg Town Park to raise over \$160,000 for the WNY Special Olympics. Pictured is Lord Dagonell and Snowball mere moments before they both hit the drink. The water was a balmy 48 degrees.

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