

THE VIGILANCE

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**DUKE CHRISTOPHER RAWLINS AND DUCHESS MORGEN OF RYE
PRESENT A WAR BANNER TO TRM MALCOLM MACEOGHAINN AND TESSA
THE HUNTRESS AT WAR PRACTICE COURT. PHOTO BY DAGONELL.**

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SHIRE NEWS

Congratulations to Lord Bjorn and lady Olga on becoming our newest authorized fencers at War Practice!

Congratulations to Aaron the Swift on placing second in the Youth Warlord tourney at War Practice!

Congratulations to Lord William and to the lady Olga for their showing in the Torchlight Tourney at War Practice!

Congratulations to Duke Marcus on winning the Heavy Weapons tournament at Brass Ring Thing!

Brass Ring Thing photos throughout this issue (and more!) may be found at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/Dagonell>

Congratulations to Dagonell who ran the Seneca Nation 5K on June 19th and finished first in his division and fifteenth overall!

Congratulations to our “new” officers! Exchequer: Dorinda; Minister of A & S: Cigfran; Minister of Lists: Maurgerite; Herald: Bjorn; Knight Marshal: Ian; Web Master: Dagonell. It’s nice to see some fresh faces... I mean... ya’know, you guys look familiar somehow. ☺

Happy Birthday to Karen Waterman who will be celebrating on July 13th.

Happy Birthday to THL Antonio de Luna who will be celebrating on August 4th

Good luck to Lord Robert of Rhydderich Hael, who just accepted a three-month work contract down in West Virginia. We’ll miss you.

The Pirate Festival Demo at Olcott has been cancelled for this year. It’s the same weekend as Thescorre’s Pax Interruptus.

(<http://thescorre.org/calendar/events/pax/pax2010.htm>) Former Haelies **Aquila d’Athos and Bronwen nic Gregor** are being invested as the 7th Baron and Baroness of Thescorre and most of the Hael will be going to that event instead. Sabrina the Sea Witch, the demo co-ordinator, has stated that everyone will be back next year. The Pirate Festival itself is still being held, so feel free to go if you’re not attending the investiture.

The Jamestown Scandinavian Festival is being held at the Rodeo Grounds in Gerry, NY this year due to construction at Jamestown Community College where it has been held for the past five years. The event is scheduled for July 16-18.

For more information, check out our webpage (<http://www.heronter.org/Events/viking2010.html>), their webpage (<http://www.scandinavianjamestown.org/3scand.htm>) or follow them on their facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Scandinavian-Folk-Festival/400535581382?v=wall>)

The Youngsville Corn Festival is August 20-22. We're holding a demo complete with A&S tent and tournament field. Check out the website at: <http://www.youngsvillepa.org/festival>

The Warren County Great Race is September 18th. Ian is hoping to put together an all-Heron team. For more information, see their webpage at: <http://www.warrencountygreatrace.com> To sign-up, contact Ian at: marshal@heronter.org First prize is \$10,000.

OFFICER REPORTS

From the Seneschal: We are half way through yet another year, with War looming over us and Harvest Raid much closer on its heels than you may realize. Please take the time to help out in camp at Pennsic, if you are able, as well as at Harvest Raid. A little help goes a long way and makes both of these events that much more enjoyable for everyone. – Antonio

From the Exchequer: I won't have Q2 results until after June ends. – Dorinda

From the Chronicler: Chronicler's report? You're reading it! :D -- Dagonell

From the Herald: The Herald has been quiet lately, people are busy it seems, but that will change shortly. Heralds may be asked to help out at The Viking Village again this year, so anyone willing to be a voice herald for the demo, let me know so I can pass word along. The Volunteer Coordinator is hoping that we can help out again this year. Some of our Herons took advantage of the Consulting table at Ice Dragon. This is a good time to get our heraldry in order. Lets get together our banners and anything we can use for Pennsic camp to make it look great. – Bjorn

From the Fencing Marshal: Congratulations to Lord Bjorn and the lady Olga on their authorizations! Fencing practice continues on Thursday evenings and some Sunday afternoons, as we prepare for Pennsic. This year, there will be 3 War Point battles for fencers, and we hope for a good turn out. Then we can start thinking about fencing at Harvest Raid. – Dorinda

From the Thrown Weapons Marshal: I call upon all the throwers in the Shire to step up to the line in the coming weeks, and throw your Royal Rounds. Let us show our neighbors that they do not hold a monopoly on the range... – Antonio

From the Archery Marshal: We will continue to hold archery practice at the farm on Tuesday evenings starting at 6:00 p.m. until dark unless prevented by bad weather. There will be no archery practice the two weeks of Pennsic. – Sabina

From the Castellion : With a number of demos being done over the summer, new faces may start to appear at meetings and our local events. Take a moment to introduce your self to someone new and welcome them to our Shire. They're here because they are interested; they come back because they feel welcome. – Antonio

From the Webmaster: We've just renewed our domain name for another year. The site itself is free because we're on a SCA web-server. The online calendar has been updated for the summer. Heron accomplishments (e.g. winning a tourney) will be posted on the splash page. Practice cancellations will be posted on the index page. And the Harvest Raid announcement has been placed on the website, added to our calendar and submitted to the Kingdom Calendar. – Dagonell

From the Pennsic Land Agent: We are looking forward to a great shire encampment - we have 50 people signed up this year! We are creating a special yahoo group to discuss the camp. We hope those shire members camping elsewhere will stop by to say hello, and that everyone has a safe and healthy Pennsic! – Dorinda



Viking Village X -- July 16-18, 2010

CALLING ALL VIKINGS! IT'S TIME ONCE AGAIN TO SET UP OUR VIKING VILLAGE AT THE ANNUAL JAMESTOWN SCANDINAVIAN FOLK FESTIVAL. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING ALL THINGS VIKING!

SITE: GERRY RODEO GROUNDS, GERRY, NY (4351 ROUTE 60, GERRY, NY, 14740)

FESTIVAL WEBSITE:

[HTTP://WWW.SCANDINAVIANJAMESTOWN.ORG/3SCAND.HTM](http://www.scandinavianjamestown.org/3scand.htm)

THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE:

[HTTP://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PAGES/SCANDINAVIAN-FOLK-FESTIVAL/400535581382?v=wall](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Scandinavian-Folk-Festival/400535581382?v=wall)

OUR WEBSITE:

[HTTP://WWW.HERONTER.ORG/EVENTS/VIKING2010.HTML](http://www.heronter.org/events/viking2010.html)

COST: FREE TO PEOPLE IN VIKING GARB!

DATE: JULY 16-18, 2010

FESTIVAL HOURS: FRIDAY 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM, SATURDAY 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM AND SUNDAY 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM WE HAVE PERMISSION TO CAMP OVERNIGHTS. THE SITE IS DISCREETLY DAMP, ABOVE GROUND FIRES ARE PERMITTED. LICENSED PETS ON LEASHES ARE PERMITTED.

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**HARVEST
RAID XVI
SEPT.25 - 27, 2009
SHIRE OF
HERONTER
BEMUS POINT, NY**



Join the Shire of Heronter September 24th through 26th for its 17th annual Harvest Raid! The event will be held once again at the beautiful Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center (5013 New York 430, Bemus Point, Chautauqua, New York 14712) and will include a weekend of friends, feasting, fighting, fencing, thrown weapons, archery, arts and sciences, puppet show ...did we mention friends and feasting?

The site opens at 3:00pm on Friday September 24, 2010 and closes promptly at 10:00am on Sunday September 26, 2010. The feast will be an old fashioned pig roast with seasonal side dishes prepared by Cheryl of Heronter (headcook@heronter.org) and is limited to 192 seats.

Site Fee: \$9.00 Adults 0-17 Free!
Feast Fee: \$7.00 Adults 13-17 (Full Price) (5-12 Half)
Cabin Fee: \$6.00 Adults (Weekend) \$3.00 17 & under
Tent Fee: \$1.00 Adults (Weekend)
Children 17 and under will not be charged a site fee.

For students (13-17) we must ask the full adult feast price for those who wish to stay for dinner. The site fee includes a sideboard lunch and the camping/cabin fees include a light breakfast on Saturday. There is no family cap.

Reservations should be sent to Duchess Dorinda Courtenay (Dorinda Courtine-White, 47 Chestnut Street, Jamestown NY

14701, phone 716-664-5487 before 10:00 p.m. or exchequer@heronter.org). Make checks payable to SCA Inc, Shire of Heronter. Please note that, as per Society policy, a \$5 non-member surcharge will be charged on top of all other fees for those gentles age 18 and over who do not have proof of membership when they check in at the door. All questions can be directed to the Event Steward, Baroness Margerite de la Marche (Jennifer Bastian, 532 Lakeview Avenue, Lower, Jamestown NY 14701 eventsteward@heronter.org, phone 716-450-4983 before 10 p.m.)

Directions:

From the West, South and East: Take your best route to I-86 (former Route 17). Take Exit 10 (Westfield/Mayville) to get to Route 430 West. (From the West it is marked only as Route 430 West. Do not take exit 9 to Bemus Point). Follow the signs for Route 430 West towards Westfield and Mayville. From the exit, it will be several miles to the site (3 or 4 miles depending on where you start counting). You will pass Long Point Park and Midway Park before seeing the Lutheran Camp on your left. The camp is at the top of a long hill. The sign is difficult to spot, so we will try to mark the spot well.

From the North: Take your best Route to I-90. Exit at the Westfield exit (#60) and take Route 394 to Mayville. Pick up Route 430 East and follow to the site. The site will be on your right and will be marked as above.



NEW MEMBER WELCOME!

Esperanza and Raphael are actually going to be living in Stormsport, but they'll be coming up to Heronter frequently to play with our fencers. But, let them introduce themselves...

Hi...I'm Esperanza Sanchez de Calatrava (yes...it is a mouthful, call me Espy for short, or mundanely Dani). Yes, it is true...my lord husband and I are moving up to PA in August as I have accepted a teaching position at Edinboro University.

A bit about us --

I am a university professor, who teaches communication and journalism (specializing in internet studies). My husband Ken has a degree in psychology but currently works in IT (help desk) and hopes to go for his Masters in Psych when we get settled. We have been active in the SCA together for about 10 years, the past 3 in Meridies (Atlanta specifically) and prior to that we were in the Kingdom of Lochac (Australia). So, if you meet us and have a hard time understanding Ken, it is probably due to his Aussie slang (which sometimes is now punctuated with a strange pseudo-southern twang! I can't wait to see what a stint in PA will do to his accent! :).

In the SCA I am interested in loads of different things (I pick up new skills faster than I can count and always have numerous UFO's laying about). My main interests are fibre arts (spinning, dying, weaving, knitting), followed closely by medieval music (I hope to replace my hammered dulcimer sometime next year), medieval medicine (making cordials), calligraphy/illumination and only recently, historic combat (Cappo Ferro). I don't have any particular specialty, although I am developing extensive knowledge of late 15th/early 16th C. Spanish culture and women's dress (gotta love the Spanish idea of 'bling' -- stripes on EVERYTHING! :)

My hubby (Raphael du Noir) enjoys leatherworking and historic martial arts as well (he has been doing fencing longer than I have)

and he hopes that we can find a house to rent so that he can resume brewing (I hope so too!! :) He also does calligraphy and knows his way around a sewing machine (swoon....gotta love a guy who can sew!)

We have been learning to fence with a historic martial arts 'company' in Meridies and will miss them terribly. So I am putting out 'feelers' to make contact with other fencers. We don't have a problem travelling for the chance to play with other fencers (since from what I'm finding, there aren't that many in our immediate area around Edinboro).

That said, we want to meet non-fencers too! We don't have any family in PA, so the SCA is really 'it' for us. We hope to make some friends so going to events is not a lonely thing.

Thanks for listening! :)

Espy's Blog can be found at:
<http://www.calatravacastle.blogspot.com/>



Never Let Your Friends Know What Your Hobbies Are!

By Dagonell

My UU church decided they wanted to have a Goods and Services auction this fall. There was a meeting on a Saturday to start working on it. On the mailing list, they were asking for 'organizer people' and 'computer geeks' to come. I couldn't think of anyone else who fit the last category, so I came. It turns out, they couldn't think of anybody else either, they were hoping I'd show.

They had a checklist from another church that has been doing these for a while. So, we chose a date (Nov. 13), and who would be heading what committee and sub-committee and sub-sub-committee (I'm not kidding) and then we got around to "Choosing a Theme". Themes like "Rain Forest", "A Day at the Zoo", "Mardi Gras" (in November???) , "Hawaiian Weekend", "Kentucky Derby" (in November???) got rejected. I suggested "He's Making a List" since a lot of these would end up as Xmas presents. Rejected. Our past President Ginny, looked right at me and said "A Renaissance Faire". Our current President Amy, said "We would need someone who's knowledgeable about... OOOHH!!!!!" as she realized who Ginny was staring at. Thirty seconds later, all but one member (me) had voted in favor of "A Renaissance Faire" as a theme.

They would like Heronter to help advise them. What they would like:

-- no weapon demos, no heavy weapons, no fencing, no archery, no thrown weapons, they want the auction to be the high-point of the evening.

-- someone to perform background music between door opening (6PM) and auction start (7PM) I will be talking to the Rhydderich Hael consort about this.

-- someone to perform during intermission (8:00-8:15PM)

-- a few people to walk around in garb, speaking 'forsoothly' for atmosphere.

-- possibly an artisan (or two) set up in a corner spinning, calligraphing a scroll, making chainmail, etc and willing to answer questions and talk to people.

accuracy. The rules for quoits and horseshoes are virtually identical, only the shape of the projectile is different. While we tend to think of all horseshoes being U-shaped, this is not the case. Some horseshoes are closed rings, either to better conform to a specific breed of horse or to help protect a hoof injury. I speak from experience, I spent a summer apprenticed to a mundane blacksmith. In some parts of England, quoits are still referred to as "shoes", and horseshoes are thought of as the "rustic" version of quoits.

In 1337, war with France was all but imminent. Edward III passed an edict declaring all sports and leisure activities except archery to be unlawful. It was hoped that this would encourage Englishmen to spend more time practicing with the longbow. While quoits was not specifically mentioned then, it was listed as an 'inportune game' in a similar edict by Richard II in 1388. While the actual law wasn't repealed until James I took the throne in the early 17th century, we know that the game was still played.

On St. Mark's Day (April 25) in 1409, near the tomb of Bishop Osmund of Salisbury, Richard Wodewell, a local carpenter was playing quoits when he struck a nine-year girl in the head with the iron ring. She was thought to be dead, but Richard prayed at the tomb of Bishop Osmund and the girl revived. An account of this in Latin, was given as evidence before a papal comission to canonize the bishop. The account refers to the hurled object only as "massa ferrea" (iron piece) however separate accounts in English specifically refer to it as a quoit.

Rules for Horseshoes (from National Horseshoe Pitchers Association):

1. Any shoe must be within one horseshoe-width (measured across the outside of the open end of the shoe) of the stake to be considered for points. (Official rules call for 6 inches max).
2. The closest shoe to the stake gets 1 point.
3. If you have two shoes closer than any of your opponent's, you get 2 points.

4. Ringers are worth 3 points each and must completely encircle the stake so the ends can be touched with a straight-edge without touching the stake.
5. If you have the closest shoe and a ringer, it's 4 points.
6. If your opponent throws a ringer on top of yours, they cancel and no points are scored.
7. Leaners are worth 1 point and are considered closer than any adjacent shoe except ringers.
8. First player/team to score 40 points wins.

The rules for quoits are nearly identical, except that ringers are 2 points, the game is to 21 points and the distance between stakes is 33 feet instead of the 40 feet for horseshoes.

Dobbers is the indoor version of quoits. Among Elizabethan conviction records in minor courts, quoits is listed as a known indoor game. The usual target is a six-inch wooden peg at the center of a one-foot circle within a two-foot circle. Most 'dobbers' used today are rubber or plastic. A ringer is 5 points, inner circle is 2 points, outer circle 1 point. Each player throws four dobbers on his turn. First player to make exactly 61 points, wins. If the first player scores 61 points and the second player is within 20 points of the first player, he is allowed 'last-ups' to try for a tie game.

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Upcoming Calendar – includes non-SCA events of interest

JULY

- June 17 – July 11 -- Much Ado About Nothing
(<http://www.shakespeareindelawarepark.org>)
- July 1 -- Independence Day (Canada)
- July 2-3 – Great Blue Heron Festival
(<http://www.greatblueheron.com>)
- July 4 -- Independence Day (U.S.A.)
- July 9-11 Pax Interruptus XXXV
(<http://thescore.org/calendar/events/pax/pax2010.htm>)
- July 10-12 – Olcott Pirate Festival
- July 10-11 -- Taste of Buffalo (<http://www.tasteofbuffalo.com>)
- July 13 -- Karen Waterman's birthday
- July 15-18 – Buffalo Italian Festival
(<http://www.buffaloitalianfestival.com>)
- July 16-18,2010 – Scandinavian Festival [Heronter Demo]
(<http://www.scandinavianjamestown.org/3scand.htm>)
(<http://www.heronter.org/Events/viking2010.html>)
- July 17-18, 2009 -- Victorian Festival in Fredonia
- July 22 – August 15 – Macbeth
(<http://www.shakespeareindelawarepark.org>)
- July 25 -- August 10 -- Pennsic War 37
- July 31 – Lughnasadh

AUGUST

- August 4 -- Antonio de Luna's Birthday
- August 6 – Buffalo Brew Fest
(<http://www.askbhsc.org/content/pages/buffalo-brewfest>)
- August 14-15 – AGC WineFest (<http://www.agcwinestival.com>)
- August 20-22 -- Youngsville Corn Festival [Heronter Demo]
(<http://www.youngsvillepa.org/festival/index.php>)
- August 21 – Amherst Museum Scottish Festival [Hael Demo]
(<http://www.amherstmuseum.org/scottish.htm>)
- August 27-29 – Buffalo Irish Festival
(<http://www.buffaloirish.com/irishfestival.htm>)

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