



The Mudpuppy

The official newsletter of the
Barony of Settmour Swamp

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Pennsic Issue

Baroness and Baron Letter

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Hail Settmour!

The Dragon has awakened, and our King and Queen have put forth the Call. To arms! To arms! Sharpen your swords, polish your armor, wax your bowstrings, ready your rapiers, hone your axes and knives, practice your battle songs, prepare your finest arts and join us as we unfurl our banners upon the fields of **Pennsic**!

Join us and behold the splendor of Pennsic and partake in the wonderful activities offered, be it the A&S display, teaching or taking classes, or any of the marshaled activities such as fighting, fencing, thrown weapons, or archery. Walk through the merchants or try a new craft in artisans row. Perform, watch a play or go dancing, or just enjoy a good day with friends and family. Whether you camp with the Barony or not, please join us and **show off our Baronial colors** for opening ceremonies on Sunday the 3rd.

Come to **Baronial court** on Thursday the 7th and stay for the "**Deities and Demigods**" party, and be sure to bring home songs and stories to share.

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Hail to our NEW SENESCHALE

Lady Charis Accipiter
was announced as our new

Senechale at the Baronial
Court at QUEST.

Congratulations to Charis



And yet there are many of us who will not be at war, for various reasons. You, too, are important to us and our Barony, tending the mud and the tower we call home.

These past six months we have hosted seven events, from Scriptorium to Solar, Mudthaw and Coronation, Swamp swap and schola, and our canton Gryphonwald once again opened the doors of Black Gryphon Inn. We even celebrated the 30th Quest at a new site. There has been a great amount of work done by so many of you, to create and run these events that provide our fellows and our Kingdom with mirth and joy. You are important to us and our Barony, and we thank you for your works, your service, and your prowess for each of these events. We are impressed with all you have done and are honored to represent you.

So whether you come to war or maintain peace, we thank you for your company, your efforts and your friendship. You are what makes this Barony so great.

In Service to the dream,

Baron Erec and Baroness Jehannine



Seneschal Notes

Greetings Settmour Swamp, I have officially taken up my position as your new seneschale and am working hard to follow in Sir Antonio's footsteps. We have had a busy spring with events new and old. Quest was a great success and the new site

worked well. Our Swamp Swap and Schola also went well with many wonderful classes being offered and a wealth of goods changing hands. Our new event, A Day in the Solar, was also well received, with much sharing of knowledge and

project progress. I would like to thank all those good gentles who helped to make these events a success.

Moving forward we are planning for the 4-H Ren Fair demo and, as always, we welcome all good gentles who would like to participate.



Seneschal Notes continued

Please contact Baroness Rhiannon via e-mail if you would like to help. Other possible events on the horizon include a Fall Harvest event and we are already looking forward to Mudthaw. If you would like to help organize one of these or have another idea for an event please feel free to contact me or join us at the next officers meeting in Sept. We are looking for a new site

for Mudthaw as the Shriner's will no longer be available.

As we approach war with the Middle our regional practices are going strong. Our new site in Glen Gardner now offers heavy weapons practice as well as a bi-weekly gathering for A&S project work.

Lastly, as your new seceschale, I am in need of a deputy. Sir Antonio has

graciously agreed to stay on in this position until another good gentle steps forward. If you are interested in learning more about how our Barony runs and helping to keep it running smoothly please contact me.

Yours in Service,

Lady Charis

Pennsic—Stand Guard at the Royal Encampment

Our Kingdom is in great need of groups to step forward and guard EK Royal at Pennsic. Who would be willing to stand guard with us, your Baron and Baroness, and

show that Settmour Swamp has heard the call and will support the Kingdom.

We have been scheduled for Thursday, August 7 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, please

contact one of us if you are free to stand guard.

Baroness Jehannine and Baron Erec





Pennsic Court

If you'll be at Pennsic, please join us (in green, white and black) for Opening Ceremonies Sunday the 3rd at 9:00am, EK Royal

Also that evening from 7-9 we will be in camp around

the fire, come visit!

Our Baronial Court will be Thursday August 7th at 7 pm, and of course our party 'Deities and Demigods' is always a great time.

All are welcome!

**Baroness Jehannine
and
Baron Erec**



Pennsic Court—sing Oriens Victoriousus

Unto the populace of the Empire of the East does the Emperor's Bard send greetings!

As the Pennsic war draws upon us, we all prepare ourselves for the great battles about to commence. I would ask all of you to add something to your preparations this year.

Their Imperial Majesties have requested we all **sing Oriens Victoriousus** (Here comes the East) as we march across the battlefield this year at Pennsic to meet the Midrealm.

The author of this piece, Baroness Aneleda Falconbridge has kindly posted sheet music as well as an mp3 recording sung by herself and Baron Jean du Montagne. Please visit the website and print yourself and friends some copies and sing along with the recording. Everyone is welcome to join in singing.

The page can be found here: <http://bc.eastkingdom.org/pennsic-opening-ceremonies/>

There will be an East / Midrealm Bardic Expo on

middle [Saturday \(Aug 2nd\) at 7:30PM](#) in the East's Pavilion on the Battlefield. More info in another message, but please mark a space on your calendar now.

Finally, we are in search of drummers for the procession onto the field [Monday morning](#) of War Week. Interested drummers, please contact the Queen's Bard Mistress Aife - alord@ilk.org

In service to the Crown,
Martyn



Swamp Tower at Pennsic—Construction Photos

Photos of the Tower Construction are available at:
https://www.facebook.com/#!/sandy.martin.56808/media_set?

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Chronicler Notes

The July issue of the MudPuppy is devoted to preparation for Pennsic War and photos from QUEST and the Day in the Solar.

This issue is delayed due to

unexpected illness.

Thanks to Lady Ceara MacKieran for encouragement, nudging and excellent proofreading .

Baroness Ursula of North Woods,



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New Heavy Weapon Fight Practice

Beginning on Tuesday, June 24th, Settmour Swamp will be adding a second heavy weapons practice to our great Barony!

Location:

The Glen Gardner Youth Center
16 Hampton Rd
Glen Gardner, NJ, 08826

Time:

7:30 pm-9:30pm

Suggested Donation:

\$7 per person

Rattan fighting is doing great as always. As of last week, Baron Erec and I have been spreading the word that a second rattan practice is now available on Tuesday night's in Glen Gardner.

I made sure that this practice has been added to our web page and have been making FB posts not only on the Swamp wall, but also Iron Bog, SCA East Kingdom, SCA Heavy Combat, and EK Southern Region FB walls.

YiS,

Baron Wulfgar Silfrahaar, KM

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Warren County 4H Renaissance Fair

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Mark your calendars and plan to come out and have some fun the weekend of September 5-7.

Watch for details on the Settmour Swamp yahoo email list; plans are basically the same as in years past.

This year, we will add equestrian activities to our repertoire of cool

demonstrations.

We need artisans, fighters, fencers, weapon throwers, archers, singers, dancers, cooks, set up and breakdown helpers, etc.

Camping is allowed. Period pavilions and accoutrements are encouraged.

Non-period items need to be well hidden or disguised.

Contact Rhiannon for more info

and to volunteer.

Baronness Rhiannon De Carreg Cennen

chamberlain@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org



QUEST THANKS

On memorial day weekend, in the Barony of Settmour Swamp, the 30th Quest was held. A great time was had by all. It brings us great joy that we were able to bring you Quest despite it being absent last year. An event like this cannot be done alone, and many hands make light work. And there were many hands that came together to make Quest as enjoyable as it was.

First we would like to thank Baroness Ursula, Baroness Merlinia and Lady Ceara for writing a quest that was entertaining for the participants, audience and the obstacles as well. Sir Mord, Don Orlando, Miles Boweman and James of York, thank you for running the Tournaments. For those who enjoyed the fantastic feast, we would thank Laird Perote and his kitchen crew. We would also like to thank Vivianne Dunbar for organizing the artisans row that included woodworking, spinning, blacksmithing, weaving, cooking and lampwork. Serric der Grimmige headed up the brewing competition, and Mable Fortune organized the bardic circle. Thanks also to Aharon ben Ze'ev for autocratting, site tokens and the nifty signage.

Thank you to the obstacles and questers; the combatants, throwers and archers; cooks, cleaners and feasters; artisans and pupils, brewers and tasters; campers and day-trippers. Your presence and enjoyment makes it all worth while.

Special thanks to Lady Richenda and Lord Leofric, for their timely offer to autocrat. Without that, there might not have been a Quest. Please look to next year and consider the Autocrat position.

-Baron Erec and Aharon ben Ze'ev

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QUEST, THANKS

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Hail Charis,
Our New Seneschale!





THE QUEST, THANKS

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The QUEST was amazing. Ceara, Merlinia and I spent weeks designing the QUEST obstacles, repairing the dragon, writing the scripts and organizing the obstacle boxes. Special thanks to Ko who used his engineering skills to set up several obstacles!

We had a great time and I hope you enjoyed the QUEST.

Thanks to all the obstacle volunteers.

Congratulations to the adult winners of the Quest **Peotr, Otgon, and Thorfinn** and to the kids winners of the Quest **Harry Dunbar, Melora, and Juliet!**

Ursula



Dragon	Baron Erec
Dragon	Don Orlando Sforza
Enchantress	Baroness Jehannine
Battering Ram Castle	Constantine
Battering Ram Castle	Lord Hildemar von Regensburg
Battering Ram Castle	Cat
Battering Ram Castle	Avreen
Battering Ram Castle	Angelina
Riddles	Lord Andrew MacRobb
Riddles	Lady Damaris MacRobb
Gambler	Lord Mithgiladan the Herald
Beauty	Master Alexander Macgregor
Beauty	Lord Pippin a Bheithir
Beauty	Lady Katherine Meade
Seer	Galen MacByrne
King Gramalkin	Baroness Merlinia
Tongue Twisters	Lady Karin Jacobsdottir
A&S Gatekeeper	Lady Lydia FitzWaulter
A&S Gatekeeper	Leonora





THE QUEST, THANKS (continued)

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QUEST, Artisans Row THANKS

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Vivanne organized the Artisan Row at Quest





Day in the Solar THANKS

Greetings to the Good gentles of the Swamp:

I wish to thank everyone who attended the "Day in the Solar" event. Thank you for bringing your knowledge, your tasty foods, and your warmest, most open selves. The event has been an idea for many years, and you all made it into a working collaboration where people taught and learned, worked and enjoyed themselves. Thank you all for warmly welcoming strangers and taking time to meet everyone. We all do better work when we do it together.

I am hoping to host this event every year as pre-Pennsic sewing or as just a clothing-and-tailoring shared workday. I welcome your suggestions and assistance to bring more bards and musicians and more clothiers and people-who-need-help to make next year's event even better.

The thank yous:

Several people have mentioned on FB that the most magical moments were while we all sat around the table stitching and Mistress Brigid ni Chiaran told us glorious tales. Thank you Brigid for bringing this magic, your knowledge of period cookbooks, and the tasty chicken with pomegranate sauce. We will expect more stories next year, be sure!

Thank you to those who taught/fitted/led during the day: Lady Elizabet Marshall, Lady Vika Grigina zi Prahy, Mistress Caterina Giocchini, Mistress Kamilla von Alderlecht, and Mistress Briony of Chatham (Mistress of the best guild in the WORLD).

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Day in the Solar THANKS continued

Thank you to the Baron and Baroness for supporting this event's humble beginnings with the barony's coffers and their noble and gracious presence. I was touched that you attended.

Thank you to those who worked on the event: Baroness Ursula, who put up signage and ran troll, and Lady Eleanore Callaghan, and milady Margery Winthrop, who assisted at troll for hours; Lady Vika and Lady Margery who kept a constant eye on the dayboard; Elizabet & John Marshall for the return of savory toasted cheese (aka cheesy goop!); Lord Yagyu no Kagetoki for making up the tea and sekanjabin for me when he wouldn't be able to attend himself; and to everyone who brought delicious food and drink (which were my meals for the next day or two :)).

For me the magic moments were those when I looked around and everyone was listening or discussing how to approach a certain fit or work a certain stitch, while quietly stitching; when we put the tables together so that everyone was sharing lunch; and when I came out of the kitchen from packing my serving dishes to find the hall already cleaned by the attendees. I'm so very grateful to all of you for taking my goals of shared knowledge and effort and making it happen so warmly and seamlessly. And of course, special thanks to Vika for always being the other half of my brain. How do you *do* that?

In serviciam ad Societas,

Elizabeth Talbot, tailor, etc.





UPON MY CHOPPING BLOCK

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- a mad chefs view of the S.C.A. An occasional article by Perote Gormal Campbell

Food Glorious Food.

How often have you walked past a pastry shop's window and felt the saliva glands kick into overdrive? It might be the smell of fresh bread. (yeah, that is alcohol cooking off, and humans love the smell of food based alcohols) Could be you caught the delicate piping bag work on a cake, or saw the glistening glaze on a fresh tartlet. Presentation is a big thing in the culinary world so maybe we should take a look at it.

For the sake of this let's look at the lowly Shepherd's pie. (You don't know how to make one? No worries - I'll include a recipe at the end. It's publicly available, and not a bad version.) So, we can skip right to the potato layer as it is the first thing people see, and the only layer we can decorate. Even your kids can help with this.

Rustic- If you're going for a rustic look, try making your mash with the skins still on; the little bits of skin will give a mottled top and make it look more traditional. I like to add a bit of parsley to mine.

tip. Level off your potatoes to a perfectly flat surface with an offset spatula then pipe a thin line in any pattern you like. (I prefer a serpentine myself—just picture a tight little curl like the top of a

lower case e one right after another)

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Upscale 2- (but Perote! I don't have a pastry bag!) No Bag-No Problem! Grab a gallon zipper bag, fill it with potatoes and nip a lower corner. A Smaller cut will give you a finer pipe line. You can do the funky patterns with a little practice but an easy one is to make a 1 inch line then go back about a quarter inch so you made a little mound and keep up the forward 1 inch back $\frac{1}{4}$ pattern. Practice will make perfect!

Easy peasy- Flatten out your potato layer with a spatula. Now take a fork and gently drag the tines in a diagonal pattern making little ridges. (My 9 year old apprentice/nephew could probably get an A&S award for this, as he puts the first tine in the last line each time he starts a new trip across

Makes it not so traditional but it is your kitchen; you should be cooking to your taste. (Trust me, guys; this is pretty easy and most women love a man who can cook, clean dishes, hang drapes.....)

Upscale- Get out your pastry bag and a small star





UPON MY CHOPPING BLOCK (continued)

the pie, nice (mostly) straight lines. For a 9 year old he puts some Iron Chefs to shame.)

Final touch- drizzle a little melted butter on the top. This will crisp the mashed potatoes a bit and will turn a nice golden brown.

4 finishes... 1 meal... in one pan... home made is not ever much easier then this.

Unicorn Pub Shepherd's pie as found at ichef.com

Ingredients:

2 lb Ground beef, lean
1 c Onion; diced
1 c Carrots; diced
1 c Celery; diced
1 1/2 c Corn; fresh or frozen
Garlic clove; minced
Salt; to taste
Pepper; to taste
1/2 tsp Nutmeg
8 oz Beef broth
2 tb Butter
2 tb Flour
2 lb Potatoes; cooked and mashed
Butter

Method of Prep

1. Cook ground beef in frying pan until brown. Add onion, carrots, celery, garlic, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Lower heat and cook for 10 minutes or until vegetables are wilted. Add beef broth, bring to a boil. Stir in enough of the butter/flour roux to make a thick gravy to bind the filling. Pour into large shallow baking pan and cool. The filling should be about 1-1/2 inches deep.

2. Cover the meat mixture in the pan with the corn and then top with the hot mashed potatoes. Smooth potatoes evenly, brush surface with butter. Bake at 325 F for 35-40 minutes.



Chronicler's Note: Perote was the head **feast** chef for the **Quest** for Wit and Wisdom.



Baronial Tip from Our Baroness and Baron

For **Pennsic opening ceremonies** their Majesties have request for the populace to wear Baronial Colors, or to wear East Kingdom Purple and Gold. We hope that you will be joining us

for the pomp and circumstance that is opening ceremony.

Baroness Jehannine and Baron Erec



Baronial Tip from Our Baron and Baroness

Have you heard of some special event that would make a great **Baronial Field Trip**? Perhaps an exhibit at a museum, classes in an ancient craft, or a performance, or anything related to the Middle Ages either in or near our fair Barony?

We want to know about it! Please drop is a line, send a link or give a call and tell us about it.

Baron Erec and Baroness Jehannine



Webmaster Tip from Dalek

We are updating the **Barony Award** pages. A number of reporting anomalies exist between meeting minutes, EK Heraldic Reports and Baronial Publications. Maybe the wrong date has been

published for your award or maybe we misspelled your name. Please check it out.

Lord Dalek Bolotnikov

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Chronicler Tip from Ursula

Please suggest topics for articles for the Mudpuppy. I am always looking for interesting new and old artistic efforts and projects.

Baroness Ursula of North Woods

Chronicler





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Chancellors Minor	Vacant	Vacant (organize activities for children and teenagers)
Thrown Weapons	Vacant	Vacant
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FROM 1 May of	TO 30 April of	CORRESPONDS TO
2014 C.E.	2015 C.E.	A.S. XLIX (49)
2013 C.E.	2014 C.E.	A.S. XLVIII (48)
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2011 C.E.	2012 C.E.	A.S. XLVI (46)
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<http://welcome.sca.org/>

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<http://www.sca.org/officers/chatelain/pdf/NewcomersGuidePages-low.pdf>



Combat	Date/Time	Location	Contact	Notes
Fighter Practice	Wednesdays 6:30pm - 10:00 pm	Nutley, NJ. Franklin Reformed Church, 45 Hillside Crescent Nutley, NJ 07110 Directions	Wulfar Silfrahaar marshal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Other fight practices: Fighter Practice group at Yahoo!Groups New Practkce at Glen Gardner on Tuesdays NEW
Fencing Practice	Thursdays, 7:30pm - 10:00pm	Springfield, NJ Fencing Sport Center 4 Commerce Street Springfield, NJ 07081 Directions	Owynn Greenwood owynn.greenwood@gmail.com 908-447-2979	Fee: \$5 per participant
Fencing Practice	Tuesday evenings	Glen Gardner, NJ	Charis Accipiter charisacci@comcast.net	See Page 9 for directions
Archery Practice	Sundays 1:00pm - 4:00pm	Milford, NJ 310 Milford-Warren Glen Rd. (Rt. 519), Milford, NJ 08848 (908) 995-4417	Jehannine de Flandres baroness@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org Phillip the Facetious	
Archery Practice	Wednesday evenings May through October	Pittstown, NJ	Elizabeth Hawkwood hawkwoode@gmail.com	Please email for directions.
Thrown Weapons Practice	Sundays 1:00pm - 4:00pm	Milford, NJ 310 Milford-Warren Glen Rd. (Rt. 519), Milford, NJ 08848 (908) 995-4417	Jehannine de Flandres baroness@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org Phillip the Facetious	Please email for directions.
Thrown Weapons Practice	Planned to start in June Evenings TBD	Maplewood, NJ	James of York (contact via Merlinia) merliniajws@gmail.com (973) 762-2554	Please email for directions. NEW



Art	Date/	Location	Contact	Notes
Swamp Cats	Evenings TBD	Announced on the Yahoo email list	Rhiannon De Carreg Cennen chamberlain@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Occasional Meetings to Share Art Projects
Dancing	Evenings TBD	Glen Gardner , NJ (same location as fencing)	Ursula of North Woods chronicler@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Occasional Practices

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