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Prince Ivan & Princess Matilda

At Spring Crown Tournament...







Officer Meeting-June 14, 2017

The May baronial officers' meeting will be held at the home of Baron Jonathan and Baroness Teresa. The meeting starts at 7:30pm.

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Baroness & Baron Letter

Baroness Teresa & Baron Jonathan

The Baronial Letter will return in July.



Seneschale Notes

Wow! Not medieval enough? By my sooth! We did it! Four events in two months, all well done, peacefully planned and executed, people had a grand time, and we're all still standing. Bravo!

I'm sure the baron and baroness and others who have filled their and my roles will tell you that we get pulled aside to hear praise for how well our barony does at hosting events. Yesterday I went by the Clinton Elks where we held Quest and they were praising us for what a fantastic job we'd done, especially with the clean up, and specifically mentioned how quiet we were! Since this year we made a real effort to keep it a bit quieter late at night, this comment was greatly appreciated.



I won't list folks by name because I know this issue of the Mudpuppy is full of thanks. But as a group—by my sooth, wow!

In service to the dream we all hold dear,

Lady Judith bas Rabbi Mendel



Pennsic Baronial Camp

Greetings from the Baronial Pennsic Camp!

Pre-registration for Pennsic is nearly closed. The deadline is 11:59pm on Saturday, June 17--but don't leave it to the last minute; the site gets overloaded and often crashes the final evening. Act now, especially if you need more ghosts to cover your space! And remember, the Land Office is severely cracking down on child ghosts this year, and camps who are in violation will be penalized. If you need to register extra space, make sure your ghosts are adults. Contact Vika (lurking.girl@gmail.com) if you have any concerns or questions regarding space or registration.

Now that you're preregistered:

Fill out your <u>camp form</u>! Every member of camp over age 13 must fill out the form. (Yes, you can fill it out on behalf of your loved one, but if they end up with a chore they don't like, it's on you.)

Refresh yourself on the camp rules.

New to Swamp Camp? Read the new welcome pamphlet!

If you've invited newbies to join us this year, make sure they've done all of the above.

If you're on Facebook, please do join the "Camping with the Swamp at Pennsic 46" group.

Wartime Social Events:

The Settmour Swamp Pennsic Party *may* be moved to another night of War Week. The party committee is considering the alternatives and will reach a decision shortly; updates to follow.

The party uber-theme remains Gods & Goddesses, but this year is specifically "Hades Hoedown".

Either way, Baronial court will still be on Thursday.

There will also be a camp meet-and-greet, probably early in War Week. (Punch and pie.) Please come and get to know your campmates! More details will be posted over the next few weeks.

See you in six weeks!

Vika and Elizabeth

Pennsic Event Information

http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.php?eid=3150



Brennan & Caoilfhionn's Ducal Challenges

September 9th, 2017

Hosted by Barony of Settmour Swamp - Pittstown, NJ

The tournament season begins in Settmour Swamp. Duke Brennan and Duchess Caoilfhionn again present their Ducal Challenges. This event will feature prize tournaments for both armored and rapier combatants. Each combatant is asked to donate a prize to the pool showcasing their art or a piece of art they have commissioned.

The tournaments will be fought in 4 round robin pools, with each pool advancing 4 combatants. The top 16 combatants will then fight a double elimination tournament down to the semifinals. The finals will be fought with rotating weapons forms.

The winner of the tournament will have first pick of the prizes for that tournament. The second prize pick will go to the artist/sponsor of the first prize picked. Then, the second finalist in the tournament will pick, and so on. Those combatants wishing to sponsor an artist (as opposed to make their own prize entry) may connect on the FB page for the event: https://www.facebook.com/events/1393358880731261/ or by emailing Brennan.

In addition to the martial activities, we have plenty for the Arts & Sciences. Their Excellencies Settmour Swamp will hold a competition to select the Barony's new A&S Champion. Also, there will be a youth A&S point run by Mistress Naomi bat Avraham. Details on both are forthcoming.

Their Majesties & Their Excellencies Settmour Swamp will have courts following the end of the tournaments and prize selections.

Prize suggestions include (but are not limited to):

Armor pieces

Inkled Trim

Appropriate artwork

Banners

Glass beads

Jewelry

Scrolls (blanks)

Garb

Feast Gear/Pottery

No Alcohol (per site rules)

No IOUs!!

A hearty dayboard will be served. The site runs a cash bar outside near the tournament fields. There is no feast.

Tournaments start PROMPTLY at noon.

http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.php?eid=3180



Donnan's Triad wins Balfar's Challenge

Lord Donnan FitzGerald a' Bheithir, with his triad, wins Balfar's Challenge

Once again, as melee season began, throughout the Knowne World, the Challenge of **Duke Balfar von Grunwald** was heard. Scores of fighters, fencers, archers and throwers from martial units around the East Kingdom and beyond marched upon Dragonship Haven to test their mettle against the forces there assembled. The victors must crush all rivals, emerging undefeated to win the day. Each challenge would gain the control of its vanquished foes leading to larger and more complex field maneuvers and greater and greater feats of prowess required to win the contest. At the end of the day, it should come as no surprise that one of our own, Donnan FitzGerald a' Bheithir, stood undefeated with his triad and won the day. The prize was a set of knives forged by Lord Ulfgeirr Ragnarsson the Nice.



12. Aurelia

Amit, Marissa & Erec Adopted into Bheithir



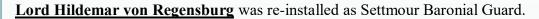


QUEST Preliminary Court Report

The Preliminary Court Report of Baron Jonathan and Baroness Teresa

Lord Ryan of Gryphonwald and Emily of the Pink Squirrels were called into court

Lord Ryan was presented with a Bronze tower token which he had never received. Shenanigans ensued



Lord Hildemar presented the Baroness a gift of the "skulls of lesser enemies".

The skulls were banana bread skulls filled with chocolate.



Archery Tournament run by Lord Ciaran ua Meic Thire

New champion Lady Eleanor Redpath won with her crossbow

Heavy Tournament run by Lord Arne Ulrichsson

New champion Lord Alexandros Von Halstern (in absentia)

Fencing Tournament run by Lord Brenan Firebow

New champion **Don Garrick Mapmaker**

Baron Jonathan presented <u>Phelippe le Vigneron</u>, a newish fencer, with a small buckler. Phelippe has been very active locally and in surrounding baronies and was given the gift as recognition of his participation and encouragement to continue.

Thrown Weapons Tournament run by Lord Kin Ryu

New champion **Sir Douglas Henry** (in absentia)

QUEST Event & Feast Thanks

Quest Autocrat, <u>Baroness Ursula of North Woods</u> and Deputy Autocrat, <u>Baron Alexander Macgregor</u> were thanked and gave thanks to their staff (see Thanks later in this issue).

Baron Alexander gave credit for most of the work to Ursula.

Feast Cook, <u>Lady Charis Accipiter</u>, was thanked and thanked her kitchen staff (see thanks later in this issue)















QUEST Preliminary Court Report

Brewing Contest

<u>Lord Pippin a'Bheithir</u> presented <u>Lord Cuthbad a'Bheithir</u> as the winner for his strong ale

<u>Phelippe le Vigneron</u> was presented with a token of a glass goblet, for his delicious ginger, juniper mead.

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QUEST Winners

Lord Galen MacByrne announced the Winners:

Children's QUEST:

Rachel

Gabriel

Riri

Jeanette Catsbane

Adult's QUEST:

<u>Lady Vika Grigina z</u> <u>Prahy</u>

Simon Talbot

Gawain



Kingdom Awards from King Ionnes and Queen Honig

Baron Jonathan and Baroness Teresa presented awards that were originally granted at the Spring Crown Tourney held in the Barony of Settmour Swamp, on May 6.

AOA for **Lord Brian McGuinness**

AOA for Lord John Renwick known as Rennie

Silver Brooch for Lady Charis Accipiter

Court Report was live-transcribed by <u>Lady Berelinde</u> and edited and proofread by Baroness Ursula





QUEST Event Thanks

QUEST planning started months ago and involved many people. My detailed thanks for each activity are on the following pages.

My deepest thanks to **Lord Galen MacByrne** who created a delightfully fun QUEST adventure.

This is Galen's 10th QUEST! Designing a fun QUEST and creating all the obstacles requires lots of preparation. We made a great team!



My deputy autocrat, **Baron Alexander**

<u>Macgregor</u>, was a wonderful backup. He was night autocrat and kept the chaos to a dull roar at night. Alexander also lead the cleanup effort and handled the seating chart chaos, when tempers were threatening to fly.

My autocrat in training, **Natalia**, was also our merchant-coordinator. She wisely reported a request for a wildly inappropriate merchant!

We had a wonderful feast, created by <u>Lady Charis Accipiter</u>. The fish was particularly yummy!

At QUEST, we had sparkling clean bathrooms and well emptied garbage cans because our bathroom-Tsarina, <u>Lady Vika</u>, and our garbage-Tsarina, <u>Caitlin Fitzergald</u>, (otherwise known as the "QUEEN of FILTH", by her own choice) did a great job keeping our facilities tidy and clean.

We were very lucky to have sunny pleasant weather, not too hot, not too cold and best of all not raining. It poured all day on Thursday and poured again on Monday as we packed up the

campsite. However for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, we had delightful weather.

Detailed thanks for each activity follow, including a few selected photographs. Many additional photographs are available on Facebook.

Thanks very much,





Thank You's from Baron Jonathan:

What a wonderful event despite the muddy end. Thank you one and all for the best group of friends, cohorts, competitors, artisans, and volunteers anyone could ever ask for.

Thank you to <u>Sir Mitchell MacBain</u> for serving as our court herald, assisted by <u>Mistress Jessa</u> <u>d'Avondale</u>. They had only a few hours notice. Its selfish of me, but getting to share the stage with my adoptive mother and father was pure joy, and it was wonderful that our esteemed <u>Lady</u> <u>Ceara</u> could see to real life issues and we still had a someone willing to step up and read for us, in fact it was heartening to know there were five or six people who would have gladly done it.

Thank you as always to <u>Lord Jon Renwick</u> for Kub, I just wish you weren't so bad at it, its embarrassing watching you lose so damn always! (>:)) Big thank you to all the Hurley players but specifically <u>Lord Donnan Fitzgerald</u>, for organizing and teaching me how to play. I know it ended poorly, but goddamn that was fun!

Thanks to the artisans who showed up with fascinating stuff, **Baron Erec** for his carpentry tool petting zoo! Thanks to **Lady Sof'ia** for her encaustic paints, I was told by a spy that she only just started with this stuff, you could have fooled me she sounds like an expert already. There where others and I apologize for not having your names ready to hand.

Another thank you goes to my Lady Wife, <u>Teresa</u>, and Baroness of Settmour for her weeks of organizing prizes and awards, transcribing the scrolls from kingdom into cards for the herald to read, writing the outline and pressuring me to flesh things out and stay on track. The lead up to this was a few weeks of really intense work at my day job, and I had so little time to prepare in

addition to being sick and she carried me through all of it on her back.

I loved the tourney's (one of them perhaps too much, ha), I LOVED the quest. I loved the feast...can we just go back to Elks when the rain stops?

Thank you one and all!

Baron Jonathan Miles





TROLL — Mistress Elizabeth Talbot stepped up to handle the complex registrations for a weekend-

Troll went swimmingly this year. In particular, I want to acknowledge Lady Judith, who took all the preregistrations and made a brilliant spreadsheet that made checking folks in easy for us. She also set up the Troll
point on Friday night when I was running late, and sat through it cheerfully for several hours both Friday and
Saturday. **Baron Thorlaeifr** came in specially to cover a shift I had begging on Friday night **Rowan** plunked
herself down unasked and pitched in cheerfully. To the morning shift, in particular, kudos for coming despite
hangovers and late nights setting up: this includes **Lady Vika**, **Natal'ia**, **Robb**, **Jennifer**, **Brian**, **Emily**, **Lady Stephanie**, and **Lord Yagyu**, in particular. **Lord Serric** and **Caitlin** brought their sunny selves on Saturday, in
the midst of tourneys and other chaos. Thank you to **Lord Miles** for taking the scary amount of money out of my

car and care! Furthermore, <u>Lady</u> <u>Stephanie</u> and <u>Master Alexander</u> stuck around on Sunday to help me close out the process. Thank you all for showing up on time for your shifts so that I didn't have to micromanage or lose all of my Quest!

Thank You,

Mistress Elizabeth Talbot











<u>STUFF</u>—Every event starts with the Chamberlain transporting the mountains of equipment from the storage locker to the site. <u>Lord Emidio di Arquata</u> is our new chamberlain and he dove (almost literally) into the job of hauling the list-posts, the thrones, and the mountains of other equipment needed to run a weekend-long event. Emidio was assisted by <u>Gunnar Alfson</u> and <u>Bahee na hInsee</u>, his "Chamberlings". <u>Lady Charis</u>, <u>Don Orlando</u>, and <u>Baron Erec</u> also helped Emidio to transport the baronial stuff.



A few weeks earlier, Emidio had also helped to construct the cardboard armor for Galen's Don Quixote obstacle.







SETUP—On Thursday, **Baron Erec L'Claire** set up the temporary roads, in the pouring rain, that define the boundaries of the QUEST site. On Friday, the weather turned lovely. Ursula arrived early to accept the delivery of the trash dumpster, the port-a-johns, the firewood and the hay (for archery and thrown weapons). The setup crew turned an essentially bare field into the site for my favorite event of the year. **Baron Alexander Macgregor** and Ursula adjusted the temporary roads to widen the central common area.. **Baroness Merlinia of Rivenoak** helped to run flagging tape from post to post and mark the posts with brightly colored, and highly visible duct tape. **Lord Serric der Grimmige** and **Lady Judith bas Rabbi Mendel** put up the signs that help guide people to this somewhat remote site. **Lady Stephanie MacGregor** put all the big strong men to shame by digging the firepit singlehandedly for the first half hour or so. Then Stephanie was joined by Lord **Ryan of Gryphonwald** and lastly by **Lord Pippin a'Bheithir**, to create our firepit. We put up signs for the newly created QUIET and LOUD camping areas and lots of posters with the daily schedule of events. We set up the Troll station in anticipation of Elizabeth's Trolls.

THANKS to the Setup Crew!

Ursula











<u>CLEANUP</u>—On Monday the rain started again, but the cleanup crew were a determined bunch. It had rained all night and threatened to rain much of the morning. We had a soggy firepit and a pile of unused firewood, that had become soaked and heavy. <u>Lady Stephanie</u>, <u>Lord Yagyu</u>, and <u>Lord Renny</u> in soaked garb, filled in the firepit and replaced the "sod".





We still had a pile of waterlogged leftover firewood, so we called for all hands to carry the soggy wood piece by piece to the nearby woods. Lord Serric, Lady Kaila, Lady Aurelia, Lord Brian, Lord Renwick, Lord Yagyu, Lady Stephanie, Lady Berelinde, Caitlin, and even a few kids, Veronica and Greg, picked up the wood and the soggy wood bits and carried them to the woods. Lady Kaila and Lady Judith helped take down the posts that mark out the temporary roads, monitored the archery range and double checked the kitchen. The new Lord Brian followed us around and instantly offered help wherever needed. Baron Jonathan packed up the mountain of Baronial regalia that easily filled his steed. Lord Serric and Caitlin gathered the signs along the highways leading to the site. Baron Alexander and Baroness Ursula helped in all of the above. Lord Emidio was going strong by 7 am, hauling baronial gear back to storage. Poor Don Diego, the obstacle that was "fenestrated" and repeatedly dumped on his face, was dumped into the trash dumpster. The clean up crew were resilient in the face of rain and mud. Toad and Wynston pulled a huge travel van out of he mud where it was stuck.

Thank You to the Cleanup Crew!

Ursula







THE QUEST—What would QUEST be without THE QUEST?

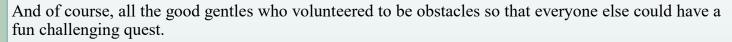
I wanted to thank everybody who helped me organize the Quest itself - you should all be recognized. But most especially,

Baroness Ursula, for papier-mâché above and beyond the call of duty, sewing, prop shopping, body stuffing, and so much more - you were the person I could bounce ideas off for months, I've never sent so many texts in a month;

<u>Lord Ko</u> and <u>Dierk</u> (and Ursula's husband <u>Pete</u>!) for construction of wooden props both before and during the weekend;

Lady Berelinde for painting all the obstacle signs while AT QUEST!

Stella - (sorry, forgot your name milady!) for Spanish translations



Lord Galen MacByrne

Quest-o-crat







	Name of Obstacle	Type of Obstacle	Description of Obstacle
1	Donkey Okay.	Emidio & Talmar	Pin the Tail on the Donkey
2	Mambrino's Helm? Duke and Duchess	Cat, Avreen and Teric	Which hat is a shaving basin?
3	Barber of Seville (Master Nicolas)	Andrew & Damaris	Shave a balloon so it doesn't burst
4	Dulcinea del Toboso	Lydia & Liora	Find the foreign cities in these sentences
5	Sancho Panza & Teresa Panza	Mithgiladan & Ansitruda	Riddles from the period
6	Innkeeper	Thorfinnr & Angelina De La Rosa	Bounce a stuffed body (Don Diego) through a "window" using a blanket as a trampoline
7	Countess Trifaldi and her ladies-in-waiting	Pippin & Renny	Red herrings & juicy gossip
8	Windmills	Ko	Miniature Golf
9	Talking head on a table Dona Antonia Morena	Marion	Liars/Truth-tellers problem
10	Pandafilando the Giant	Glenn	Get the giant some wine
11	Don Quixote's housekeeper/butler	Rummi	Make cardboard armor
12	Don Quixote de la Munchkin & Sancho Panza	Galen & Mithgiladan	Have Boots of Buttkicking? Have Mambrino's Helm? Have Cloak of Indivisibility? Have a Lance-a-lot? Have a Shield of Soap? Have Cardboard Armor? Be 10th level







Obstacle Anecdotes—the brainstorming that goes into a QUEST

Donkey Okay - Ursula and Galen have a tale to tell about a tail.

<u>Mambrino's Helm</u> - Ursula: "My husband's one wish is that the finished helms don't come home with me....Galen! Extra unplanned Quest Prizes! Woo Hoo!"

Galen: I'll eat my hat! (In court, Galen eats the cucumber attached to his hat)

<u>Barbero de Seville</u> - Galen (texting on his way to Quest) - "Since when did Shield soap stop being sold???" Ursula - "You left prop buying till today??? Galen - "I got Safeguard - it has a shield logo on the package, no problem!"

<u>Dulcinea del Toboso, er, Tabasco</u> - "Tell me again why she has a bottle of Tabasco sauce?" "Cos its funny!"

<u>Sancho & Teresa Panza</u> - Stella does NOT get asked to translate into Spanish, the filk song, "Hold me closer, Sancho Panza......"

<u>Windmill</u> (it's a giant, really!) - "What if we built this large wooden windmill?"... "Galen, we are not building big windmills!" ... Ursula and hubby Pete then assemble a windmill out of pre-made parts....

<u>Talking Head of Dona Antonia Morena</u> - Darn, I forget the Talking Heads music!

<u>Countess Trifaldi</u> - WTH moment: I realize I am buying lacy women's lingerie for Pippin at a Chinese auction at my Shire's event the month before Quest. "Um....Galen, you're bidding on that? Really??" "Yah, you think it'll fit Pippin?" "Maybe......" Darn I forgot the lingerie at home.

<u>InnKeeper (fenestration of Don Diego)</u> - Brainstorming the obstacle....."Can we do a person entering a second-story window using a trampoline?" "Galen, we are not doing a trampoline! Safety issue!" "What if we make a stuffed body and bounce it up on a blanket? What if we built this large wooden second-story window?...." We make a man, with dark hair and a tan, and he's good for reliving the fenestration.

<u>Pandafilando el Gigante</u> - Aha, finally, a use for the ugly purple furry fabric! We table the idea of a Baron on stilts, and instead put the giant on a stepladder on a table. The OMG-yards of Other Ugly Fabric will be used for something else down the line,

<u>Cardboard Armor</u> - Don Quixote needs a straw for his drink, can't bend his arms with the armor on! Yay for the outdoor barman!































Greetings from the cook!

What an amazing Quest! I want to thank my Barony for allowing me the privilege of providing your feast. There are so many thanks I need to make but first and foremost I must thank my amazing husband, **Don Orlando**, whom I neglected to thank in Court on Sunday. Without his support and help I would never be able to do all the research and preparation work, or to put all the food out the day of the event. It is only with many hands that a feast gets cooked and I had a great many hands on Saturday. My family, all of them, Haldora, Melora, Lady Willa and again Orlando, once again pitching in full steam to help me get another feast cooked. Throughout the day I had a never ending stream of help, our seneschal, Lady Judith, who fried cheese bread all day while Lady Triona and Melora rolled it out. Vashni worked endlessly at any and all tasks that I sent her way. Edmund ferried food to and from the walk-in refridgerator, as well and lending a hand wherever needed. House Bheithir, as always, lent their services, Lord Pippin and Lord Ryan worked my grill, frying up fish, mushrooms and cinnamon bread and Lady Lily sliced and diced so we could all enjoy eggplant with our dinner. Lord Hildemar spiced our applesauce and washed pot, pan and plater. Don Garrick jumped in and washed dishes as well during the day. Sir Tanaka helped to get our removes out and on the tables and came back to do the washing. So many came in to lend a hand to cook, I am sure I am forgetting someone. Please chime in so I am sure to get everyone's names. At the end of the night, with dishes piled high from the feast, our baroness put out a final call for hands to help with clean up. So many came in to get the cleanup done that I lost count, staying until the last pot was loaded on the trailer Please add your names so I can thank you all properly.

Thank you all, cooks and cleaners, for all of your hard work, it is what makes the Swamp great and I certainly could not have done it without you! YIS,

Lady Charis







Artisan's Row was a great success again with the artisans clustered in the pavilion and learning from and teaching one another as in a village. Lady Sof'ia did a great job of encouraging and organizing our artisan's so they had a comfortable and inviting space to work in. Magister Galefridus made his granular semolina, demonstrating how to get the beautiful granules instead of pasty mud. Lord Thorfinnr demonstrated how to set up the cards for card weaving and then proceeded to weave a section of belt. Setting up the cards is apparently the hardest part. Lady Lydia demonstrated Inkle loom weaving and Baron Erec set up his woodworking demonstration of riving(splitting), hewing and chopping mortises. Lady Vika was sitting on the floor shredding wool, in a process called "bowing". Lady Sof'ia was herself demonstrating encaustic painting, which uses layering of

progressively more opaque layers of wax to create incredibly detailed portraiture.

THANKS to all the Artisans!





I would like to thank the following individuals for their participation in Artisans Row. Without their contribution Artisans Row would not have been such a success!

Galefridus Peregrinus	Handmade Couscous
Lydia FitzWaolter	Inkle weaving
Maerhild Aet Anstige	Hand sewing (Saturday and Sunday)
Thorfinnr Hrodgeirsson	Tablet weaving (Saturday and Sunday)
Caera Fitzpatrick	Spinning
Karin Jacobsdotter	Metalwork rings
Edouard vonKonstanz	Illumination
Barron Eric L'Claire	Woodworking (Saturday and Sunday) He was riving(splitting), hewing and chopping mortises. The riving and hewing are to be legs for a shaving horse, and the mortises allowed a little bench to be finished.
Galen MacByne	Make Your Own Hurley (Saturday and Sunday)
Vika Grigina z Prahy	Bowing cotton for pour-points, gambesons, and other padded martial garments. As a technique for breaking up raw textile fibers, it is a precursor to Carding As We Know It, and was still being used in India for cotton at least through the 19th century.
Ceara MacKieran	Jewelry making

I had a wonderful art filled weekend. I hope you all enjoyed your time in Artisans Row. Your contribution was greatly appreciated!

YIS, Lady Sof'ia Zhirinskaia







Archery Tournament — Lord Ciaran ua Meic Thire, the former baronial archery champion, and Baron Thorlaeifr Hvitskegg ran the cleverest archery tournament! They had multiple stations. At the first station was a knight in armor, as might be expected, HOWEVER, the target was the arms and legs, with negative points for hitting the torso. Tee Hee!! The next station was a library with stacks of books of many colors. Each contestant was given a marble of a particular color. Only THAT color counted! So clever! If you chose a red bead and hit a blue book, it counted slightly against you!! Then the last station had a large and prominent windmill (as might be expected with a Don Quixote theme.) HOWEVER the targets were the tiny little

windmills in the "distance". Furthermore, you had to bet how many arrows it would take you to hit the target.

<u>Lady Eleanor Redpath</u> won the tournament and is the new Baronial archery champion.

THANKS!! A delightful shoot!













QUEST Event Thanks

<u>Thrown Weapons Tournament</u>—The Thrown Weapons Tournament looked a bit dicey, since we lacked both the TW equipment and authorized TW marshals to conduct the tournament. <u>Lord Kin Ryu</u> was our TW champion but not an authorized TW marshal. <u>Lord Galen</u> contacted the TW email lists trying to find equipment and willing marshals. <u>THL Colin MacKenzie</u> and <u>Lady Edyth Sterling</u> arrived to save the day. Colin is delightful and set up huge TW targets that looked like huge logs suspended on chains. Edyth and Colin marshalled the tournament. Colin also offered to assist the Barony to rebuild the Thrown weapons practice.

<u>Sir Douglas Henry</u> won the tournament and is the new Baronial Thrown Weapons champion.

Thanks to Kin Ryu, Colin and Edyth for a wonderful tournament!







<u>HEAVY WEAPONS TOURNAMENT-</u> <u>Lord Arne Ulrichsson</u>, the former baronial heavy weapons champion, ran a tournament, including a barrier fight, in which the fighters are separated by a wooden barrier. Fighters participated in a round robin format, with each pair fighting a best of 3 series. The tie breaker was fought with sword and buckler.

Lord Alexandros von Halstern won the tournament and is the new Baronial Heavy Weapons

champion. Lord Alexandeos also honored his opponent in the final round, <u>The Honorable Lord</u> Galvyn Lockhart.

Thanks to Arne Ulrichsson for a wonderful tournament!











<u>Rapier Tournament</u>— <u>Lord Brendan Firebow</u> ran a slippery slope tournament to determine the Settmour Swamp baronial rapier champion. After a strongly contested tourney, <u>Don Garrick Mapmaker</u> emerged victorious. The Barony is in good hands.

Vivat, Don Garrick, the new Baronial Rapier champion!

Don Orlando Sforza









There were lots of activities going on all the time. <u>Lady Karin Jacobsdotter</u>, our baronial bardic champion, ran the Bardic circle with a pick/pass/play scheme which allowed everyone a chance to participate by picking someone else to perform, passing, or singing or telling a tale.

<u>Lord Jon Renwick</u> organized Kubb games at every opportunity and always had eager players tossing balls at the wooden blocks.

<u>Lord Pippin a' Bheithir</u> ran the brewing contest. He loves to taste all the wonderful concoctions and encourages everyone to make something wonderful for him to taste.

Lord Donnan FitzGerald a' Bheithir organized the Hurley game and all the players ran furiously from one end of the field to the other. Natalia stole many plays with a "butt skooch." Renwick, GHooA, made a great goalie save and Donnan scored 6 goals to the opponent's 2. Then the action came to a screeching halt when Donnan got a Hurley stick in the eye. After quick ice and first aid from Hildemar, Galefridus, and Gwennydd, Aurelia drove Donnan to the emergency room. Happily, his eye is OK. Donnan is going to have one heck of a shiner.

Thanks for organizing these activities,

Ursula











<u>SILENT AUCTION</u>—The Silent Auction pulled in a Kings ransom to replace our broken and damaged kitchen equipment. <u>Lady Aurelia Alfaiata d'Alcacova na' Bheithir</u> did a wonderful job of organizing and managing the Silent Auction, assisted by <u>Vashni</u>, <u>Cat</u>, <u>Lord Donnan</u>, and <u>Becky</u>. Swampies were extremely generous and contributed seven tables worth of items, most of them gorgeous and temping to an SCA-inclined person. Lady Aurelia laid out the tables is a U-shape to allow maximum display space in a confined area. Congratulations everyone who made a successful bid and took home a wonderful new acquisition! THANKS!

Baroness Ursula

The Silent Auction was a wonderful success and this achievement was built upon the generosity of the people of Settmour Swamp. I would like to extend a special thanks to **Vashni** for taking over when an

unwelcome Hurley accident resulted in an untimely visit to the hospital. I truly appreciate your help.

Aurelia



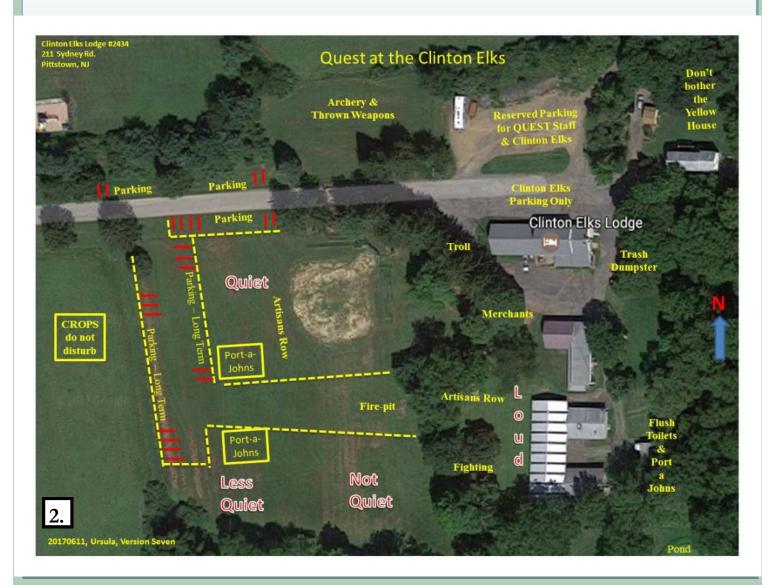






QUIET CAMPING MAP—The officers decided we needed a map of QUEST to designate QUIET and LOUD camping areas. **Baron Alexander** created a first pass version. I decided to enhance this initial version by adding detailed road and parking layouts and approximate locations for all the major activities and facilities. Version after version went out to the officers and modifications came in. **Lady Judith** and **Baron Erec** were particularly helpful in designing the final layout. The following is the post-event version and should be useful for planning the 2018 QUEST.

Thanks to the Officers for help in designing the QUEST site layout.





Spring Crown Thanks

Now that I've had a day's rest and can think more clearly, I can give a more complete and more coherent appreciation for all who contributed to the success of yesterday's event.

Running an event is a complex, many-layered process. The successful event steward needs three things: a competent staff, a corps of wise officers to advise him/her, and on the day of the event, folks who just show up throughout the day and ask "how can I help?" Throughout the planning and execution of Crown Tourney, I have been blessed with all three.

Over the course of the day yesterday, many persons approached me and asked where they could serve. And as I walked from place to place, I saw others working at Gate, traffic/parking, and the outdoor kitchen, to name a few of many places. I'll add that a number of these gentles were attending their first event. Such spontaneous service is not only helpful but also essential to a successful event.

I had an amazing and highly competent staff. Without <u>Lady Ceara MacKieran's</u> running of Gate (ably assisted by <u>Baroness Ursula</u>), <u>Baron Erec's</u> supervision of traffic and parking, <u>Lord Martyn's</u> planning and execution of an outstanding dayboard, <u>Duchess Caoilfhionn's</u> service as royalty liaison, <u>Lord Emidio's</u> assistance with setup and staying on call throughout the day, <u>Master Phillip's</u> supervision of takedown, and my lady's (<u>Lady Judith bas Rabbi Mendel</u>) working wherever she saw a need, the event would have been considerably less successful.

During the planning stages, I received excellent advice and support all the Barony's officers, but most especially from **Baroness Jehannine**, **Baron Jonathan**, and our **Seneschal Lady Judith**.

I will add two other groups without whose selfless service the event would have failed: the kingdom officers (especially <u>His Grace Sir Kenric</u>, MIC; <u>Baroness Mylisant</u>, MOL; <u>Mistress Suba</u>, Troubadour Herald) who supervised key aspects of the tournament, and the Royal Staff/Household (especially <u>Jarl Thorson</u> and <u>Lady Kit De Coldwood</u>), who went well beyond their duties of direct support of Their Majesties and assisted in many other areas wherever needed.

Because of the surpassing competence and excellent service all these persons and more, I had remarkably little to do on the day of the event. I was able to enjoy watching the tournament, talk to old friends, make a few new friends, and take pleasure in watching the swirl of activity as the event unfolded, knowing that my staff and others were attending to their duties and making the event run well. Vivats, to my staff, vivats to the day-of-event volunteers, vivats to the Settmour Swamp officers on whose advice and assistance I relied, vivats to the Kingdom officers for their flawless execution of Their Majesties' vision of the tournament, and vivats to the Royal Staff for their support and contribution to the excellence of the event.

Finally, I wish to thank <u>Their Majesties Ioannes</u> and <u>Honig</u> for entrusting me with the awesome responsibility of planning and carrying out this event. The challenges were great, but the reward of seeing the event succeed was greater. It was truly a pleasure to serve.

Magister Galefridus Peregrinus



Baronial Awards at Spring Crown

Ceara—Silver Wheel

<u>Lady Ceara MacKieran</u> was presented with a Silver Wheel to honor her many years of service and multiple terms of office as the Chronicler, Mistess of the Lists, and Herald for the Barony of Settmour Swamp. She has served as a teacher and organizer and is always eager to volunteer. The recipients of the Silver Wheel were called into court of welcome their new member.



Aurelia—Company of the Pennon

<u>Lady Aurelia Alfaiata d'Alcaçova</u> is inducted into the Company of the Pennon

War is not fought with sword and shield alone. When the call for allies for Gulf Wars XXVI was heard, many must answer. Great warriors of all martial orders, artisans of every persuasion and service people with legion skills are needed to shoulder the burden. The East did not shirk its oaths. One among us who answered this call was Lady Aurelia Alfaiata d'Alcaçova. Against competition from across the Knowne World, she was awarded the Laurel's Prize sponsored by Mistress Iofa march Macsen. For this feat of skill,



prowess at arts and service to the East, she was inducted into the Company of the Pennon of the East by Their Royal Majesties Ioannes Aurelius Serpentius and Ro Honig von Sommerfeldt at Crown Tourney hosted by Settmour Swamp. His Majesty Ioannes was so moved by her service to the East in foreign lands, that he awarded her the very same Pennon that their previous Majesties Brion Anthony Uriel Tarragon and Anna Ophelia Holloway Tarragon bestowed upon him for his service.

Brian, Jon Renwick & Charis

Lord Brian McGuinnes (Bryghainn McLlawdden) was awarded Arms for his many years of quiet service.

Lord Jon Renwick of Bheithir was awarded Arms. For his many years of boisterous service.

<u>Lady Charis Accipiter</u> was awarded a Silver Brooch for the many feasts that she has prepared for both Baronial and Kingdom events.

All these awards were presented at the QUEST court by Baron Jonathan and Baroness Teresa, in the name of Their Royal Majesties Ioannes Aurelius Serpentius and Ro Honig von Sommerfeldt.



Spring Crown Photos





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Did You Know:

By Ursula of North Woods

The East Kingdom Calendar

http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventListing.html

Pennsic War History

Are you curious about the history of the Pennsic War?

Who was the reigning King and Queen?
Who was the Autocrat/
How many people attended?

http://www.pennsicwar.org/ANNUAL/pwhistory.html

War No. / Medallion	Date	Royalty	Autocrat
	Pennsic 43	Brennan & Caoilfhion (E)	Mayor:
	Jul 25 - Aug 10 2013	Cameron & Amalie (M)	Master Morgan De'ath
	Pennsic 42	Lucien & Catarina(M)	Mayor:
	Jul 19 - Aug 3 2013	Gregor & Kiena (E)	Chal [†] usun
Pennie MII)	<u>Pennsic 41</u>	Kenric & Avelina (E)	Mayor:
	Jul 27- Aug 12 2012	Savaric & Julianna (M)	Manuel de Mierkola
	<u>Pennsic 40</u>	Arch & Runa (M)	Mayor:
	Jul 29- Aug 14 2011	Lucan & Jana (E)	Devon Adair Bartholomy
	Pennsic 39	Edward & Margarite (E)	Mayor:
	Jul 30 - Aug 15 2010	Radagaisus & Ceinwen (M)	John von der Velde
	Pennsic 38	EikBrandr & Runa (M)	Mayor:
	Jul 24 - Aug 9 2009	Andreas & Gabriella (E)	Illiame Uaine

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http://welcome.sca.org/

A Newcomer's Guide to the SCA:

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





Chronicler Notes

The June issue of the Mudpuppy is dedicated to thanking everyone who helped with QUEST. This is difficult since I was both the Autocrat of QUEST and I am the Chronicler. I don't want to ignore anyone's contributions and there are MANY activities and contributions.

THANK YOU!!

I am seeking a <u>deputy chronicler</u>, If you would like to learn how to be a snoopy reporter, a nitpicky editor, and develop skills with MS Publisher, this is your opportunity! Please let me know if you would like to help with any aspect of the Mudpuppy.

Feel free to contact me with ideas for an article. I am happy to help.

Baroness Ursula of North Woods.

Chronicler

I see the newsletter as capturing the history of the Barony of Settmour Swamp. By comparison, FaceBook is like a cocktail party where chaotic information floats rapidly by and can't be found a week later. We are after all a history group. The newsletter captures the HISTORY of our HISTORY group.





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Ursula, Pete & Orlando Designed Settmour Swamp Tee-shirt

Interested in ordering a "BARONY OF SETTMOUR SWAMP" tee-shirt? Then just call the toll free number below to speak to a **Customink** Sales Associate to place your order: **800-293-4232**

Call CustomInk and reference the previous order number **7397591**. The sales associate will then place your order using your email account and preferred shipping address. CustomInk will require your credit card information as well as your billing address information to complete payment. http://www.customink.com

Note: Two Designs are available: request either the "**TREE**" or the "**TOWER**" design. High resolution images of these designs are available in the April, 2016 Mudpuppy.

http://settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org/mudpuppy/media/The_Mudpuppy_-_2016-04.pdf





Karin Jacobsdotter Designed a Settmour Swamp Mug



Karin Jacobsdotter designed a mug and a beer stein with Settmour Swamp logos. You may purchase one for yourself from **Zazzle**. Karin suggests you use a coupon code to reduce the price. Shipping costs can be reduced by ordering several at one time. All royalties will be donated to the Barony of Settmour Swamp.

http://www.zazzle.com/mug-168521169520261667



Tuesday Night Fighting & Rapier Practice & A&S

The heavy weapon practice and rapier practice meets most Tuesday nights.

We will also be hosting an **Arts & Science (A&S)** gathering to work on various projects for the Swamp. Or just come and watch, or bring a project of your own. All are welcome. There will be fencing and room for heavy weapons practice if a marshal is available.

Contact Orlando with questions.

Location:

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

Time:

Tuesdays 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Recommended Donation is \$5 to help offset the cost of the practice site.



Caterina's Arts & Sciences (A&S) and Calligraphy

Mistress Caterina Giaocchini (Kasia) is hosting

Arts and Sciences (A&S) get together on THIRD Fridays, at 7:00 pm

Calligraphy and Illumination (C&I) workshop FIRST Sundays, at 7:00 pm

55 Hillcrest Ave, Morristown, NJ 07960 917-968-9321

Bring whatever you are working on and come chat and hang out with others doing their thing.



Nutley Heavey Weapons Fight Practice (photo by Ioannes)

The heavy weapon practice, Nutley, NJ. Contact Ögurr Aðalbrandarson marshal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

Location:

Franklin Reformed Church, 45 Hillside Crescent Nutley, NJ 07110

Day/Time:

Wednesdays 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Donation are welcome

to help offset the cost of the practice



Archery Practice (photos by Vivian De Dunbar)

Archery Practice is lead by Baron Thorlaeifr Hvitskegg each Sunday at the home of Baroness Jehannine in Milford, NJ. Contact Thorlaeifr with questions.

Location:

310 Milford-Warren Glen Rd. (rt. 519) Milford NJ 08848





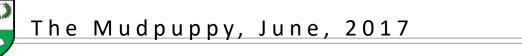
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Fencing Marshal	Don Orlando Sforza fencing@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected January 2016 Expires January 2018		
Captain of Archers	Honorable Lord Thorlaeifr Hvitskegg archery@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (908) 406-0143 (No calls after 9pm)	Renewed December 2016 Expires December 2018		
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Youth Combat	Vacant	Vacant		
Chancellor Minor	Vacant	Vacant (organize activities for children and teenagers)		
Thrown Weapons Marshal	Vacant	Vacant		
Canton of Gryphonwald (Middlesex Cty, NJ): Seneschale	Failenn Finn gryphonwald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Renewed March 9, 2016 Expires March 9, 2020		



Combat	Date/Time	Location	Contact	Notes
Fighter Practice	Wednesdays 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Nutley, NJ. Franklin Reformed Church, 45 Hillside Crescent Nutley, NJ 07110	Ögurr Aðalbrandarson marshal@settmourswamp.eas tkingdom.org	Other fight practices: Fighter Practice group at Yahoo!Groups; Donation are welcome to help offset the cost of the practice site.
Fighter Practice	Tuesday evenings 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm	Glen Gardner Youth Center 16 Hampton Rd Glen Gardner, NJ, 08826	Ögurr Aðalbrandarson marshal@settmourswamp.eas tkingdom.org	Also fencing and Arts& Science; suggested Donation are welcome to help offset the cost of the practice site.
Fencing Practice	Tuesday evenings 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm	Glen Gardner Youth Center 16 Hampton Rd Glen Gardner, NJ 08826	Orlando Sforza rapierdon@comcast.net (908) 850-8690 (No calls after 9pm)	Also heavy fighting and Arts & Sciences; Donation are welcome to help offset the cost of the practice site.
Archery Practice	Sundays 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Milford, NJ 310 Milford-Warren Glen Rd. (Rt. 519) Milford, NJ 08848 908-319-0765 (cell)	Thorlaeifr Hvitskegg archery@settmourswamp.e astkingdom.org (908) 406-0143 (No calls after 9pm)	
Thrown Weapons Practice	Sundays 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Milford, NJ 310 Milford-Warren Glen Rd. (Rt. 519) Milford, NJ 08848 908-319-0765 (cell)	Jehannine de Flandres J.dflandres@yahoo.com	Please email for directions.



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Caterina (Kasia) A&S Thingy	THIRD Friday 7pm	55 Hillcrest Ave. Morristown, NJ 07960	Mistress Caterina (Kasia) mas@settmourswamp.eastkin gdom.org 917-968-9321	Caterina announces meetings on the Swamp email list and on the Swamp Facebook page.
Caterina (Kasia) Calligraphy & Illumination	FIRST Sunday 7pm	55 Hillcrest Ave. Morristown, NJ 07960	Mistress Caterina (Kasia) mas@settmourswamp.eastkin gdom.org 917-968-9321	Caterina announces meetings on the Swamp email list and on the Swamp Facebook page.
Archery	By Appointment	Pittstown, NJ	Elizabeth Hawkwood hawkwoode@gmail.com	Email Baroness Elizabeth Hawkwood for directions

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