

THE MUDPUPPY



*The Newsletter of
the Barony of Settmour Swamp*

June A.S. XLIII

Calendar of Events

June 2008

- 6 (RP) Barren Sands War, Shire of Barren Sands, Elmer, NJ**
11 Baronial business meeting at the home of Baroness Ursula, Morristown, 7:30 PM.
- 13-15 (RP) Tourney of St. Joseph, Shire of Eisental, Leighton, PA**
17 Marwick meeting and dance practice, 7:15 PM, Cranford
18 Tir Mynydd meeting, Hope, NJ, 7:30 PM
- 20-22 (RP) King & Queen's Archery Championship, Barony of Carillon, Manalapan, NJ**
24 Weapons practice, archery, Flemington, NJ, 1:30 PM
25 *Deadline for Mudpuppy submissions*
28 Cooking Collegium II, Flemington, NJ
- 28 (RP) Bakhail Baronial Investiture, Canton of Gleann nam Feòrag Dhuibhe (incipient), Clifton Heights, PA**

July 2008

- 3-6 (RP) Northern Region War Camp XV/Kings and Queens Equestrian Champions, Shire of Glen Linn, Warrensburg, NY**
9 Baronial business meeting, 7:30 PM.
12 Glass Day , Shire of Silver Rylle, Palmyra, PA
13 Toys for Tots Warlord Tourney, Barony of Iron Bog, Pemberton, NJ
13 Weapons practice, archery, Flemington, NJ, 1:30 PM
15 Marwick meeting and dance practice, 7:15 PM, Cranford
16 Tir Mynydd meeting, Hope, NJ, 7:30 PM
25 thru
Aug. 10 Pennsic XXXVII– Kingdom of Aethelmarc



*Unto the Good Gentles of Settmour Swamp do Baroness Rhiannon
and Baron Alexander send Greetings*

We hope you have been having as much fun this spring as we have. The trip to the Cloisters was thoroughly enjoyed by us and a dozen or so members of the Barony who came to stroll through the galleries and gardens, lunch in the cafe or picnic outside. Rhiannon even had plenty of time (if not money) to spend in the gift shop and brought home several treasures. Suggestions for future excursions are always welcome. We have a few ideas already.

Quest is just over as we write this and we are tired but content. The weather was beautiful. Things went well thanks to our Autocrat Angus. The feast was delicious and plentiful thanks to our head cook Charis. Much fun was had by the Questors and Obstacles thanks to the Quest creator, Richenda. We have new champions thanks to our marshalls and judges and they are as follows: Bardic- Aidan; A&S - Ansitrua; Heavy Weapons - Erik; Fencing - Alys; Archery - Phillip; Thrown Weapons - Quinn; Youth Fighting -Peaches. We look forward to having you with us this year in our courts and processions.

We are pleased to announce the newest members of our orders: Bronze - Gwenefar, Katherene and Yagyû; Ivory - Sofia; and Silver - Morgaine. Also recognized was Berelinde for her assistance to the Baron and Baroness all weekend as our retainer - Baroness' personal token. Vivat to all!

At the Pennsic planning meeting it was decided that Drea the Red will be in charge of the Swamp Night party and the theme will be the Inquisition. Please volunteer to help.

June is shaping up to be another busy month with practices and workshops around the Barony. Check the website calendar for dates, times and locations. On June 28, a Cooking Collegium will be held at our Flemington practice site, so come out and learn about medieval food, cook medieval food and best of all eat medieval food. Elisabetta and Ursala, the Autocrats, have a full day planned.

There is so much going on in our area that sometimes Rhiannon and Alexander are obliged to attend separate events on the same day. So if food in general does not interest you, join the Baroness on June 28 as she travels to our neighboring Barony of Bakhail for the investiture of their new Baron and Baroness.

Before you know it the summer will see us at SRWC and Pennsic, so sharpen your weapons, make some new garb and come out and play with us.

Happy Camping!

Rhiannon and Alexander



Officer Reports Presented at the May Business Meeting

Arts & Sciences

Nothing much to report this month. Plans for the Period Sheep to Shawl have stalled due to my not getting answers back from people who I have emailed. We may need to work on this for next year or host it at one of our local events. I will continue to try and get things going for War but I cannot promise that it will happen.

I will need two tables and a shade for the Quest A&S display and Champion competition. I have table covers, cups for voting and plenty of beads for people to vote with. I would like to keep the voting simple as it was last year: No awards 2 beads, AOA 3 beads, Maunch/SC/BT/ OTC/OGR 4 beads, anything above that 5 beads. If this is agreeable to all I will make a sign to post at the table in case (oh who am I kidding...when) I am running after Danger and Moxie.

Work on the favors for the Queen progresses although I did not get as many people to take kits as I would have liked. I have a few more left and will post again on the lists to see if I can get people to take them.

Captain of Archers

Archery is starting up for the season, we have started the Sunday practices up again. We had a Spring Archery Equipment Tune-up class taught by Master Phillip. The days are finally long enough that the evening practices have started again. I am hoping for June and July to hold Pennsic practices during one of the Sunday practices, more to come on this.

I have heard we have a new marshal in the Barony - Albear - congrats.

Chancellor Minor

Planning for Quest, breaking out all the previous CM activities we still have materials for. Packaging remaining CM materials to hand off to the next CM or to Baronial storage. Perceived need for a "corral" for toddlers and others too young for CM activities (one was set up at Mudthaw)

Chamberlain

The inventory is out and about. After Quest we can start counting and organizing it.

Chatelaine

From Morgaine:

After begging and begging and begging the heavy fighters, I got NO responses from them except people telling me why they couldn't help. Finally Alys and Engracia said that they would go over to Macculloch Hall on Saturday and do some heraldry and perhaps some fencing for them. Kudos and thanks to them!

I think we need to talk about ways to get more people interested in doing demos. Maybe we need to talk about the practicality of doing them at all, even though we really need to do them as a part of keeping our tax-exempt status. If Gabi and I are continuing to Chatelaine (used as a verb) we would like our names and contact info to be put on the Officer's Page, please and thank you. I am planning to ask So'Fia to bring the Gold Key to Quest.

From Gabi:

Chatelaine reports are all up to date at this time. The next quarterly report is due July 1st and I will have that in on time, as I always did in the past. I have a system and it's quick and painless! I've nothing to report to the Officers at the meeting at this time except that I do need someone to add my email address in for the Chatelaine link on the Baronial website. This way I get the online inquiries and I can take care of them without Morgaine having to relay stuff.

Chirurgion

For the most part, the Populace of Settmour Swamp stayed safe and in good health during the month of April. A minor injury (band-aid request) was attended to at one of the April gatherings in Flemington. Master Philip Reed the Facetious served as Chirurgion in Charge for Black Gryphon Inn. To the best of my knowledge, no baronial chirurgions served at events outside the Barony.

Exchequer

The Barony is solvent and in good standing.

Herald

Heraldry happens. I'll be at Quest to run Baronial Court. If everything goes according to plan, I'll be at Pennsic this year. If anyone is interested in running or helping with either of these Baronial Courts, please contact me.

Knight Marshall

Practices have continued, as usual, the past month. Sir Manfred held a Southern Region Army practice at the Flemington site on April 27th. About 18 fighters were in attendance. Several static scenarios were practiced, as well as 2 on 3 small group fighting. Thank to the gentles who set up the pop-ups and provided water and gatorade for the fighters.

A request has been made for a marshal for Quest. I will not be able to attend. In my absence, Sir Mitchell has kindly agreed to cover for me and see that the tournament is properly marshalled.

Marshall of Fence

Fencing practice continues on Thursday nights in Somerville. We will need to find a new location as the owner is looking to sell the building, so eventually we will become displaced. There is no timetable set yet for the sale of the building. Sunday practices continue to coincide with the Sunday fighter practices in Flemington.

We have been in the process of acquiring new loaner gear. We have finalized the purchase of two new heavy rapiers to add to the Baronial gear. We are still in the process of looking at additional equipment.

The quarterly fencing report has been submitted to the Southern Region Marshal of Fence.

Lord Edmund Patterson, the current Baronial rapier champion, will be running fencing activities at Quest. Lady Engracia, my deputy, continues to supervise the Thursday night practices, and Don Orlando continues his work at the Sunday Flemington sessions. My thanks to these fine individuals for making my job much easier.

Webmistress

Put a new month on the calendar. Added workshops and practices as people confirmed them with me.



Cooking Collegium II

Saturday, June 28th, 2008

Flemington, NJ

Mangia, mangia, mangia! But before you can eat, you have to learn how to cook! The Barony of Settmour Swamp invites you to learn all about creating feasts at our Cooking Collegium on June 28th, from 10 am to 10 pm at St. Paul's Church in Flemington, NJ.

We have classes to satisfy your brain and your stomach, for beginner chefs to advanced ones. Throughout the day, cooking, brewing, and herb related classes will be taught. We will have three types of classes: technique and theory, tasting (sampling foods), and hands-on (cooking or prepping food). And everyone will be a chef, as the food prepped in the hands-on classes will be served throughout the day buffet style, with a large buffet feast at the end of the day.

Did I mention the 25-foot long outdoor grill pit? There will be many outdoor cooking classes. The day's activities will also include various roundtable discussions during lunch, an iron chef competition, as well as dancing and entertainment.

The site is dry. Also scented candles and incenses are not allowed. There will be a room set aside for children's activities, but parents must be in attendance. Due to the nature of some of the classes, parents must make arrangements to have their children watched at all times. Various marshal and A&S activities will also be offered throughout the day. Please check <http://settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org> for updated class schedule and activities.

For more information about the event, classes, and other activities, contact the autocrats, Lady Elisabetta de Roma (Elissa Klotz, 973-661-2694, elisabetta@klotz.org); and Baroness Ursula of Northwoods (sandraunger@verizon.net; 973-538-0079)

Directions:

St Paul's is at 201 Rt 31, Flemington, NJ 08822, and is located along Rt 31 in Flemington, next door to the Hunterdon Medical Center, two miles north of the Flemington Circle.

From Route 287: Take I-287 to US-202 (Exit 17). Go South on US-202 to Flemington NJ. Make first right in circle to get on NJ-31 North. Follow signs to Hospital; Make first Left past Hospital onto Gaunt Place, church is on left.

From Route 78 (western NJ / PA): Go East on I-78 to NJ-31 (Exit 17). Take Route 31 south. Follow signs for Hospital; Make right onto Gaunt Place, church is on Left.

From Northeast Jersey/New York City: New Jersey Turnpike south to I-78 West. Take I-78 express lane west towards GARDEN STATE PARKWAY / CLINTON. Merge onto I-78 express Lane west. Take exit 29 for I-287 South towards Somerville (RT 202/206). Take exit 17 (202/206 south) towards SOMERVILLE(US-22 W) / FLEMINGTON. Stay straight to go onto US-202 S. until you reach Flemington. Take first Right on circle to stay on NJ-31 North. Follow signs to Hospital; Make first Left past Hospital onto Gaunt Place, church is on left.

From southeast Jersey / Garden State Parkway: Take Parkway North to exit 98 (I-195). Go West on I-195 to I-295 North. Take I-295 North to I-95 South. Take I-95 to exit 4 - Route 31. Go North on NJ-31 to Flemington. Take first right on circle to stay on NJ-31 North. Follow signs to Hospital; Make first Left past Hospital onto Gaunt Place, church is on left.

From Philadelphia: Take I-95 NORTH to New Jersey, get off at exit 4 - Route 31. Take Rt 31 North to Flemington. At circle, go 1/2 way around to stay on NJ-31 North. Follow signs to Hospital; Make first Left past Hospital onto Gaunt Place, church is on left.

Prices:

\$15.00 dollars for adults (non-members pay an additional \$3)

\$14 for those 17 and younger

\$5 for children 6 and under, and no charge for babes in arms.

There is no separate feast fee.

The event is on-board only and includes food all day long, as well as a buffet-style feast. Please, please make reservations, so we can adjust our class and feast sizes.

Reservations can be sent to Baroness Ursula (Sandy Unger, 36 Terry Drive, Morristown, NJ, 07960, sandraunger@verizon.net, 973-538-0079).

Please make all checks out to SCA Inc., Barony of Settmour Swamp. Please include the names, mundane and SCAdian of ALL members of your party, contact information (address and phone number) of the person making the reservation, and membership information (proof of membership or indicate that you are not a member) for each person included in the reservation. Also please indicate which members of your party are minors and age. For express check in please also include a self-addressed stamped envelope or email address.

Reservation Refund policy: If, after sending in a reservation, you are unable to attend, please contact the autocrat before the event. Site fees and merchant fees will be refunded after the event. Feast fees will be refunded if we are able to resell your feast space.

Autocrat:

Lady Elisabetta de Roma (973-661-2694; elisabetta@klotz.org)

Other Contact Information:

Merchants: We have one table available per merchants, and chairs. The cost is the site fee plus \$5 dollars. Please let us know if you prefer inside or outside (there is no electricity outside), and if you are bringing additional tables. We prefer that merchants somehow connect to our theme, but that is not a requirement. Please contact the autocrats for more information.

Various marshal and A&S activities will also be offered throughout the day. Please check <http://settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org> for updated class schedule and activities.



Practices and Activities

Archery Practice

Second and fourth Sunday, St. Paul's Church, Flemington, NJ.

Weeknights in Pittstown - Anyone wishing to shoot, please contact Elizabeth Hawkwood at hawkwoode@att.net or call 908-996-6315 for directions and information.

Arts & Sciences Activities

Third Wednesday, 7:30 PM, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 346 High Street (Rt 609), Hope, NJ.
Contact fafnir62@yahoo.com for information.

Dance Practice

Third Tuesday, 7:15 PM. The Canton of Marwick hosts practice at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Cranford. Anyone who would like to learn medieval/renaissance dances, whether you live in the Barony or a neighboring group, is welcome to attend.

Fencing Practice

Thursdays from 7:30PM to 10:00PM, Somerset, NJ. Location is Maestro Fencing, 217 W Main St, Somerville, NJ 08876 There is a \$3.00 site fee to cover the cost of using the facility. Contact Sebastian Estevan de Xavier for more information via email at Xavier1101@yahoo.com or call 732-742-8882.

Youth Fighter Practice

Currently not scheduled. Please contact Angus Sutherland at 908-284-2614 or email him at minor@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org for current information.

Settmour Swamp Fighter Practice

Wednesdays 6:30PM to 10:00PM, Nutley, NJ. A \$5.00 donation is requested to help defray the cost of the site rental. If you have questions, please email Sir Tanaka Raiko at salvacion_hank@hotmail.com. If you get lost, Tanaka's pager is 201-232-9337.

Thursdays, 7:30PM to 9:30PM, St. Paul's Church, Flemington, NJ.



Directions to Practices

Youth Fighter Practice - St. Paul's Church, Flemington

St Paul's is on Rt. 31 in Flemington, next door to the Hunterdon Medical Center, two miles north of the Flemington Circle. Directions are on line or contact Angus Sutherland at 908-284-2614 or email minor@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

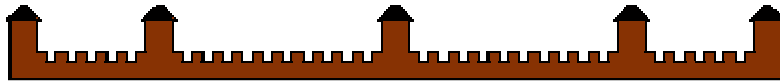
Fighter Practice - Reformed Church of Nutley, Nutley

The church is on Hillside Crescent, Nutley, NJ. Directions are on line or contact Sir Tanaka Reiko at salvacion_hank@hotmail.com.

Fencing Practice – Maestro Fencing, Somerset

Maestro Fencing is at 217 W Main St, Somerville, NJ 08876 Directions are available on line or contact Sebastian Estevan de Xavier via email at Xavier1101@yahoo.com or call 732-742-8882.

Dance Practice - Calvary Lutheran Church, Cranford. The church is at 108 Eastman Street (on the corner of Eastman and Holly) For information and directions contact Jessa at mlecin@gmail.com or call her at 732-563-1029.



Baronial Business Meeting

The meeting will be held on June 11 at 7:30 PM at the home of Baroness Ursula in Morristown. For directions and more information, contact the baronial seneschal via email for more details.

From the Canton of Gryphonwald

Gryphonwald meetings are held the fourth Sunday of the month. Contact the Gryphonwald seneschal, Lord Pippin a'Bheithir at gryphonwald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org for details.

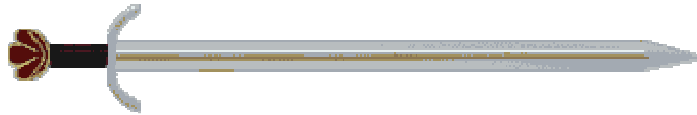
From the Canton of Marwick

This month Marwick will be meeting on Tuesday, June 17 at 7:15 PM. For more details, contact the seneschal, Lord Edmund Patterson at 908-561-2345 or email him at clost95@aol.com

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