

THE MUDPUDDY



*The Newsletter of
the Barony of Settmour Swamp*

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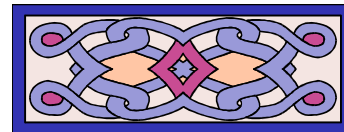
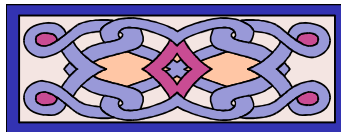
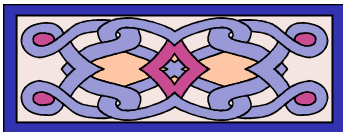
Calendar of Events

May 2008

- 2-4 (RP)** Southern Region Spring War Practice, Shire of Owlsherst, York Haven, PA
- 10 (RP)** Ice Falcon's Ducal Challenge/King & Queen's Heavy Weapons Championships, Shire of Barren Sands, Elmer, NJ
- 11 Weapons practice, archery, Flemington, NJ, 1:30 PM
- 14 Baronial business meeting at Alexander and Cassandra's in Hillsborough, 7:30 PM
- 15 Nova Schola, Shire of Hartshorn Dale, Blue Bell, PA
- 17-18 West Windsor Lions Renaissance Faire X, Barony of Carillion, West Windsor, NJ
- 20 Marwick meeting and dance practice, 7:15 PM, Cranford
- 21 Tir Mynydd meeting, Hope, NJ, 7:30 PM
- 23-25** The Quest for Wit and Wisdom, Neshanic Station, NJ
- 23-26 (RP)** War of the Roses XXVIII, Barony of Concordia of the Snows, Mariaville, NY
- 25 *Deadline for Mudpuppy submissions*

June 2008

- 6 (RP)** Barren Sands War, Shire of Barren Sands, Elmer, NJ
- 9 Baronial business meeting 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 Carillion, Manalapan, NJ
- 24 Weapons practice, archery, Flemington, NJ, 1:30 PM
- 25 *Deadline for Mudpuppy submissions*
- 28 (RP)** Bakhail Baronial Investiture, Canton of Gleann nam Feòrag Dhuibhe (incipient), Clifton Heights, PA
- 28 Cooking Collegium II, Barony of Settmour Swamp, Flemington, NJ



Greetings From Baroness Rhiannon and Baron Alexander

We would like to wish everyone a Happy SCA New Year. A.S. 43 started on May 1st. April 19th was a busy day in the Barony. The Canton of Gryphonwald held their yearly Black Gryphon Inn event and we had a Viking Days demo going on the same day. We decided to divide up that day and we each attended one of them, Rhiannon going to the demo and Alexander going to BGI.

Black Gryphon Inn was a fun and relaxing day. It was held this year at a new site, a log cabin located inside the Rutgers gardens. Thank you to the autocrats Failenn Finn and Ryan and all the Gryphonwald members who made this event happen. Thank you also to the head cook Matta a'Bheithir for getting the feast out even after finding the kitchen had no working oven or stove. You all did a great job.

The Viking days demo was also a success thanks to everyone who could come out. Baroness Merlinia, Brona, Rowan, Emidio, Matt and Alan. We were able to demonstrate weaving, wire weaving, how to make whistles from hazelnuts, Viking children's games and to talk about the SCA and SCA armor and fighting. Unfortunately, only one fighter was in attendance so no actual fighting could happen.

On May 10th we will be having our second Baronial road trip. This time we will be visiting the Cloisters, the branch of The Metropolitan Museum of Art devoted to the art and architecture of medieval Europe. The museum opens at 9:30AM and closes at 5:15PM. We are planning to be at there at 9:30AM. If you cannot make it that early no worries please come when you can. The plan is to have a picnic lunch in the park around 1:00PM then head back into the museum. If you can, pack a lunch. It has been a while but in the past, there were not a lot of places to buy food. If you need to reach us that day Alexander's cell phone number is 732-740-7654. If you get voice mail please leave a message and a way to reach you. If it is anything like the main building of the Met, we will not be able to answer it in museum and will need to call you back. More information about the museum including directions and mass transit options can be found at: <http://www.metmuseum.org/cloisters/events/> We hope many of you can join us.

Quest is almost here. It starts Friday, May 23rd and ends Monday May 26th. Our autocrat this year is Angus Sutherland and the feast is being prepared by Charis Accipiter. The quest is being written by Richenda and Leofric. All of these people could use your help. If you want to help at the event or feast contact Angus at sutherland1540@yahoo.com. We also need obstacles. If you want to be a Quest obstacle, contact Richenda at seblaine@yahoo.com.

On Sunday immediately following Baronial court we will be having our annual meeting to select the theme for our Thursday night party at Pennsic. If you have any ideas or just want to hear what is going on please come. We will also go over any other Pennsic camp issues people want to talk about.

Beyond Quest we have our Cooking Collegium II on June 28th autocrated by Lady Elisabetta de Roma and Baroness Ursula. If you want to teach or help or just come and learn contact Lady Elisabetta.

End of July is Pennisc 37. Just a reminder - you must be pre-registered and list Barony of Settmour Swamp to camp with the Barony.

See you all at Quest.



Notice of Officer Elections

At the May Baronial business meeting the officers will select a baronial Chatelaine, Chirurgeon and a Thrown Weapons Marshal.

The Chatelaine is the 'Public Relations' officer. He/she will be in direct contact with the 'modern world.' Specifically functioning as the primary contact for demonstrations.

The Baronial Chirurgeon is in charge of First Aid. He/she arranges First Aid at Baronial events. *Note: the candidate(s) must be a warranted chirurgeon at the time he/she accepts the office.*

The Thrown Weapons Marshal arranges thrown weapons practices and tournaments.

All gentles interested in running for any of these positions must be present at the May business meeting. Candidates will have the opportunity to address the Baronial officers and answer questions at the meeting.

Prior to the meeting, please reference Section II of the Policies & Procedures Manual at [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/settmour_swamp/files/Official% 20Documents/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/settmour_swamp/files/Official%20Documents/)

Please e-mail the Seneschal, Lord Erec L'Claire, prior to the meeting with your intention to seek the office.



Officer Reports Presented at the April Business Meeting

Arts & Sciences

Greetings from the A&S world! I gave out several kits for making favors for Brenwen at Mudthaw. I have lots more so if you could all help me pass the word around that would be great! The Sheep to Shawl team is working hard to prepare for their performance at the sheep and wool festival this fall. I submitted the proposal for the period sheep to shawl competition to the Mistress of A&S. I am awaiting a reply. I will follow up on it this week.

I would like to give hearty congratulations to all of our Settmour Swamp Artists that competed in the Kingdom A&S Champions competition. There were many beautiful and tasty entries! While sorting through the A&S supply tubs I found a stack of wooden serving plates/chargers that look like they were in the process of being decorated with a wood burning tool. They are decorated with the Settmour Swamp tower and other designs and are about half done. Is anyone interested in finishing them so that they can be used for feasts and other functions? I would do it but you don't want me anywhere near a wood burning tool!

Captain of Archers

Spring is in the air. Sunday archery practices will start again on the 13th of April weather permitting. I am pleased to say that Thorlaeifr's novelty shoot at Mudthaw had 12 archers. It was a five station shoot and the new location for archery worked out well. Lord Rupert the Unbalanced came out the victor.

Chamberlain

From the châtelaine, most of the inventory returned with Cass & Alexander, some is being held hostage for Quest, so life is good.

Chatelaine

Hi! There will be the Viking Demo on the 19th, there is a slate of people that are committed to attending, for which I am eternally grateful! I will get their names collected and give them their due credit. I also need some more fighters for that selfsame demo, what say you Aodhan?

Does anyone know if there were any newbies at Mudthaw? If so, I'd like to know the overview that they got. Otherwise it is pretty quiet in Chatelaineville. An addendum to my report: Lady Gabrielle Gealbhan an Ruadh will be acting as my Co-Chatelaine and amongst other things, shall be operating the Yahoo Group Computation Machine portions of this job.

By the by, I am able to receive the Bulletins that you send from the Yahoo Group, I just cannot access that Group from my computer, I have tried it again and my machine will not allow it.

You can see that I have just sent out another plea for fighters for the Demo on the 19th and we are going to send another note to ask all those who have committed to being there just get in touch with us so that we can keep track and give proper credit to those who are lending a hand.

Chirurgion

To the best of my knowledge, the populace of Settmour Swamp stayed safe and uninjured during the month of March. Master Robin Gallowglass of the Barony of Bakhail served as Chirurgion in Charge of Mudthaw until he was called to his Pelican vigil, at which point Baroness Edana MacKinnon took over. So far as I know, baronial chirurgions did not serve at any events outside the Barony.

Herald

Sinking Tower Pursuivant:

Many worthy gentles received honors at Mudthaw:

Phillip the Facetious - Silver Tower

Jehanne de Fenwyk - Bronze Tower

Teric Gwynedd - Iron Tower

Jehannine de Flandres - King's A&S Champion, Queen's Order of Courtesy, Golden Lyre

Cassandra de Matisse - Award of Arms
Mata A'Bheithir - Award of Arms
Emidio de Arquata - Award of Arms, Bronze Tower
Thorlaeifr Hvitskegg - Award of Arms
Engracia de Madrigal - Queen's Order of Courtesy, Bronze Tower
Eric the Horseman - Queen's Order of Courtesy
Ruger von Heilbron (formerly Batujin) – OTC

If there's anyone I've forgotten, or anyone I didn't realize lives within the Barony, I apologize.

The following gentles have had their name and/or device registered with the College of Heralds:

Galefridus Peregrinus:. Device. Azure, a chevron gules fimbriated between three stag's heads caboshed argent.

Sorcha inghean Uí Thoráin: Name and device. Per pale sable and azure, a seahorse and in chief two mullets of eight points argent

William MacLaren:. Name and device. Vert, within a cross voided between four eagle's heads erased a mullet argent

I continue to be the chief Court Herald for Their Majesties Konrad & Brenwen. I will, however, definitely be attending Quest. Anyone wishing to help with Quest Court should contact me.

Knight Marshall

The tournament went very well. 98 fighters (though we had one dropout due to injury), and the tourney took 2 1/2 hours. Everyone seemed very pleased both with the turnout and the tourney itself. The Kingdom MOL stopped by for a chat, and now wants a "Winner on Top?" sweatshirt for herself.

Seneschal

Our new seneschal has been warranted by Kingdom Regional. Aodhan added to the officers group.

Webmistress

All of my information has been sent in to the East Kingdom web minister (report, background, proof of membership). The web site has been updated with calendar information, new officer info, and Black Gryphon Inn information

Youth Combat Marshal

We will need to look into long term storage of youth fighting gear. Currently in canvas bags in a leaky old shed.

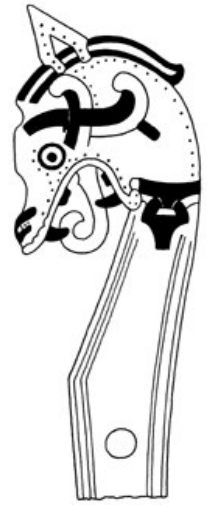




Quest XXV

Friday, May 23rd to Monday, May 26th

Neshanic Station, NJ



On a fine spring day in Settmour Swamp (i.e. raining) Their Excellencies went to Their library to peruse Their favorite, most treasured, irreplaceable tome - The Codex of Wit and Wisdom. This one book contains the Wit and Wisdom accumulated over these last 24 Quests. Imagine Their chagrin at finding the revered Codex missing! Oh, how dire Their distress at its mysterious disappearance! What fiend

could have so despoiled Their Excellencies library and made off with the Codex of Wit and Wisdom?

Thus do Alexander MacGregor and Rhiannon de Carreg Cennen, Baron and Baroness of Settmour Swamp, call on all gentles of goodly heart and stout frame to aid them in the recovery of this pilfered grimoire. Should the Codex be lost, it will be up to the gentles assembled to compile anew the record of Wit and Wisdom for this fair barony. All gentles desirous of lending their aid to this noble task are called to assemble at the Fireman's Field in Neshanic Station, NJ from May 23rd through the 26th.

At that time we will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Quest with tournaments (heavy weapons, fencing, archery, youth combat), feasting, a brewing competition, songs and stories around the bonfire, children's activities, and such merriment the likes of which none of us will soon forget.

The revelry begins Friday at sundown (site opens at 4 PM) and will continue unabated through the weekend. On Saturday, tournaments will be held to select this year's Baronial champions. Following the tournies a sumptuous Feast will be presented by Charis Accipiter (limited to 100). Once we have eaten and drunk our fill, we will assemble at the bonfire to hear the songs and stories of the Bardic competition. Sunday brings us the Quest for Wit and Wisdom - the Lost Codex at 1PM. Upon conclusion of the Quest, Their Excellencies will hold court and the gallant gentle(s) who completed the Quest, as well as our new Champions, will be presented.

Children are most welcome, and there will be many activities for them to participate in. However, we ask that you supervise your children at all times. Anyone under the age of eighteen and is not with a parent must be accompanied by an adult and must present a consent form signed by the parent which lists the parent's contact information. If a minor does not have a blue membership card a minor's waiver must be signed by the parent / guardian and presented at Troll. Copies of said waiver will be available at Troll.

The camping area will be open from 4PM Friday until 11:30 AM Monday. It is a damp site; which means beer, wine, and mead are permissible, but please no distilled liquor. Running water is not available on site, so please bring enough bottled water to last throughout the weekend. PortaJohn's and dumpsters for garbage (and bins for recyclables) will also be provided. There will be a large, central fire pit for socializing. Pets are welcome, so long as they are leashed and cleaned up after.

Reservations should include both your mundane and SCA names, whether you are day-tripping or camping, and a way to contact you (phone #, e-mail, etc.) Paid members are also asked to include proof of membership. If, after sending a reservation, you are unable to attend please contact the autocrat. Event fees will be refunded if we are able to fill your reservation. All refunds will be reviewed after the event.

Merchants are most welcome and there is no merchant fee. We do ask that you bring your tables and PLEASE pre-reg so we can allot you enough space. There will be an Inn on site and there are several fast food establishments a short distance away. Throughout the weekend the Barony of Settmour Swamp will be holding its annual "yard sale". Here you may find many "gently used" (i.e., not crushed by a Duke) items for your enjoyment.

Directions:

From the North: Take your best road to Route 202 South (towards Flemington). Take the LEFT turn on CR 629 (aka Pleasant Run road) Follow this 3.2 miles until you see the great grey bridge (yes, the bridge is fixed!). The site lies just over the bridge.

From the South: Follow 202 north to Neshanic Station turnoff which will be CR 629. follow directions as for above.

Site: Firemen's Field; Neshanic Station, NJ 08853

Site Opens: 4:00 PM, Friday, May 23

Site Closes: 11:30 AM, Monday, May 26

Site : Site Fees:\$5 Friday night camping - adult (kids free); \$10 Saturday "day trip" rate \$10 Sunday "day trip" rate; \$5 per minor (age 6-17)per day; \$60 Family Maximum site fee \$3 non-member surcharge for adults applies. Reservations should be sent by May 9.

Feast: Feast \$8.00 limited to 100 gentles. Send reservations for feast along with site reservations to: Brian Handrich; 5 Gauntt Place, Flemington, NJ 08822 PH: (908) 284-2614
Email: sutherland1540@yahoo.com

Autocrat: Angus Sutherland sutherland1540@yahoo.com

Make Checks Payable to: SCA Inc., Barony of Settmour Swamp



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

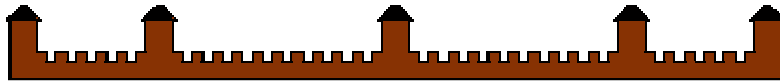
Fighter Practice - Reformed Church of Nutley, Nutley

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 May 14th, 7:30 PM at the home of Alexander and Cassandra in Hillsborough, NJ. 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.

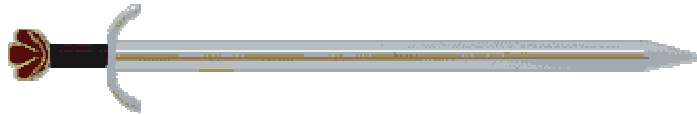
From the Canton of Marwick

This month Marwick will be meeting on Tuesday, May 20th at 7:15 PM. For more details, contact Jessa at mlecin@gmail.com or call her at 732-563-1029.

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