

The Mudpuppy



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Calendar of Events

February 2005

- 5** Black Gryphon Inn: "Tavern of the Rus"
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- 12** Valentine Dance Revel
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- 12** Venetian Winter Games
(Canton of Forestgate - Hamilton, NJ)

March 2005

- 5** Mudthaw: L'Homme Arme
(Barony of Settmour Swamp – Livingston, NJ)
- 12** Games & Galliards XII - Wintering Over In The Castle
(Shire of Hartshorn-dale - Norristown, PA)
- 19** Celtic Silliness
(Crown Province of Ostgardr - Huntington, NY)

April 2005

- 2** Coronation of Kelson and Geneviere
(Shire of Rusted Woodlands – NY)
- 9** Sir Steffen's All Ax Challenge
(Crown Province of Ostgardr - New York, NY)
- 15 - 17** East Kingdom Southern Region Spring War Practice
(Shire of Owls Reste - York Haven, PA)
- 30** Crown Tourney
(Shire of Iron Bog - Moorestown, NJ)

Practices and Activities

Archery Practices:

Sundays – 1:00pm in Pittstown (exit 15 off Route 78).

Arts & Sciences Activities:

1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00pm, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 346 High Street (Rt 609), Hope, NJ. Contact the NW Canton Seneschal for information.

Monthly Business Meetings:

2nd Monday of the month, location changes. See the Mudpuppy or the Baronial website for location and directions.

Fencing Practices -

Wednesdays 7-10 pm, at St. George's Episcopal Church, 550 Ridgewood Rd, Maplewood A donation of \$3 to \$5 dollars is requested to cover the rental cost.

Thursdays 8 - 10:30 PM, at the North Stelton Fire Company, 70 Haines Avenue, Piscataway, NJ 08854.

Youth Fighter Practices:

2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, assuming that we do not have a conflict with a major holiday, church function, or local SCA event. Time is from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm.
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rte. 31, Flemington

Calligraphy Workshop

1st Tuesday of the month at the home of our Baron and Baroness, 39 Claire Dr., Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Directions to Practices

Fighter Practices, Moose Lodge, Edison

From I-287 South take Exit #3 – New Durham/Metuchen. Turn RIGHT at light onto New Durham Road. At next light, make a RIGHT onto Talmadge Road. At next light turn LEFT onto Coolidge St. Go 0.2 miles; make a LEFT into Moose driveway/parking lot.

From I-287 North take Exit #2B – New Brunswick/Rte. 27 South. Tamp traffic flows onto Rte. 27 South. At third traffic light turn RIGHT onto Talmadge Road (Sturgis Road). Go 1.8 miles to 3rd light; make a LEFT onto Coolidge St. Turn LEFT into Moose driveway.

Youth Fighter Practices, St. Paul's, Flemington

St Paul is located along Route 31 in Flemington, next door to the Hunterdon Medical Center, two miles north of the Flemington Circle

From Route 287

Go I-287 to US-202 (Exit 17)., go Southwest 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 in Pennsylvania

Go East on I-78 to NJ-31 (Exit 17) Then Go South on NJ-31.

Follow signs for Hospital.

Make right onto Gaunt Place church is on Left.

From New Jersey Turnpike south to I-78 WEST/NEW JERSEY TPKE EXT EAST RAMP towards EXITS 14 TO 14C/CARS-TRUCKS-BUSES.

Merge onto I-78 WEST RAMP, Merge onto I-78 W.

Take I-78 EXPRESS Lane W towards GARDEN STATE PARKWAY / CLINTON.

Merge onto I-78 EXPRESS Lane West. I-78 EXPRESS Lane West becomes I-78 W.

Take the I-287 exit, exit number 29, towards SOMERVILLE (US-202/206).

Merge onto I-287 SOUTH RAMP., Merge onto I-287 S.

Take the US-202 SOUTH/US-206 SOUTH exit, exit number 17, 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 Garden State Parkway

Go North on GARDEN STATE PKWY (Portions toll) to I-195 (Exit 98).

Go West on I-195 to I-295.

Go North on I-295 to I-95 SOUTH.

Go South on I-95 SOUTH to NJ-31 (Exit 4).

Go Northwest 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

Go North on I-95 NORTH to New Jersey.

Go North on I-95 NORTH to NJ-31 (Exit 4).

Go Northwest on NJ-31 to Flemington

Go 1/2 way around circle to stay on NJ-31 North Follow signs to Hospital Make first Left past Hospital onto Gaunt Place, church is on left.

From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings from the Baron and Baroness of Settmour Swamp;

Its been a hard blow to the Barony, to lose our beloved predecessor Baron Irik Rodbjorn, but we know that his spirit will stay with us, in all those whom he inspired. He loved this Barony and put over two decades of selfless service into it, so the most fitting honor we can give him is to continue to enjoy the fun, revelry and friendships which abound in the Barony of Settmour Swamp, which he nurtured for so long. We're sure that he would have been proud to be with us at Bellringers, where we had the pleasure of seeing the good works of Cuthbad and Berelinde recognized when they were inducted as Companions of the Silver Crescent, vivant!

Upcoming on the event calendar, on Feb. 5th we will be at this year's Slavic Tavern for the Black Gryphon Inn – this is always a fun event with challenging games, great food, and festive spirits; we're looking forward to seeing many of you there! Fast on its heels will be Mudthaw on March 5th. Although Their Majesties will be in Their Northern Lands to invest the new Barony of Dragon Dormant, Their Highnesses have graciously agreed to attend and will be holding a Royal Court for TRMs. Their Coronation will be held on April 2nd by our neighbors in Rusted Woodlands, and we hope that many from Settmour Swamp will honor Them by attending.

Soon the repairs on our castle will be completed, and we will be looking forward to again opening our doors and offering hospitality to our populace! We'll be hosting the next baronial business meeting on Feb. 14th, and will shortly thereafter be scheduling weekend workshops throughout the spring, for brewing, sewing, armoring, etc. Also, Baroness Paigan will be resuming the monthly Calligraphy and Illumination workshops on the first Tuesdays of the month beginning in February, so come on by on Tuesday Feb. 1st, where we'll be designing the site tokens for Mudthaw. Hope to see you all soon!

Till next we meet, be excellent,

Teric and Paigan

From the Minister of Arts & Sciences

Greetings unto the populace of the Barony of Settmour Swamp from Richenda de Honneflo. I am the new Minister of Arts & Sciences.

In that capacity, I would like all to know that I am easily reachable during the day and most evenings, I work from a home office, so I often am available on my family home phone, although there may be times when I'm busy with a customer and may have to call you back as soon as I am finished helping that customer. I am also online all day and most of the evening, and I do check – and respond to – e-mail regularly during that time.

Are there any particular kinds of A&S events, classes, or meetings that you would like to see implemented within the barony? Are there any particular skills you'd like to learn... or learn more about? Or do you possess knowledge or skills that you'd like to share? Is anyone interested in going on field trips, perhaps? Please let me know if you are interested in any of these ideas, or if you have ideas of your own; I'd love to help make such possibilities come to pass!

Finally, I am responsible to make quarterly reports to the kingdom about all A&S happenings within the barony; I ask that if you are planning, running, or hosting any A&S event that you kindly let me know about it, just so I may include it in my reports and do my job as properly and thoroughly as possible. I am striving to do my best at this office, and I beg your assistance. (It's preferable if you can alert me to happenings ahead of time so that I may report planned events and add a follow-up report later, but if it doesn't happen that way, at least let me know about things after the fact, so that something may be properly reported.

YIS,
Richenda

Black Gryphon Inn: "Tavern of the Rus"

Saturday, February 5th, 2005
Hosted by Canton of Gryphonwald - Edison, NJ

The Canton of Gryphonwald once again invites the populace to its annual tavern event!!!

It's 988 A. D., and Prince Vladimir of the Rus has just opened the trade routes from Kiev to Byzantium. Bold traders, trappers, dancers, musicians, fierce Cossacks, proud Poles, Kievians, Rus, and even Gypsies shall all converge on our tavern for a night to remember! A mighty feast will delight all throughout the evening, served in traditional buffet style.

DIVERSIONS currently being planned:
-Russian singing, courtesy of MOOL
-Ukrainian folk dancing

COMPETITIONS:
-Elimination Chess tournament
-Brewing contest: categories are heavy- [mead], medium- [Beer] and lightweight [Kvass, Kumiss, etc.]
(For more details, or to be on the judging panel, contact Lady Fionnghuala na Lamh-Ban (children_of_lir@yahoo.com.)

-A&S table for Slavic handicrafts

-Bardic competition: theme is East European folklore

For the more violent-minded, a trappers' thrown weapons tourney, and heavy weapons challenge will be held outside.

Directions:

FROM THE NORTH:

Take your best route to NJ, I-287. Get off at Exit #3 - New Durham/Metuchen. At end of ramp make a RIGHT at traffic light onto New Durham Rd. Go 0.3 miles to traffic light, make a RIGHT onto Talmadge Road. Go 0.6 miles to traffic light. Make a LEFT onto Coolidge St. Go 0.2 miles, make a HARD LEFT at the Moose street sign-post, then RIGHT into Moose driveway/parking lot.

FROM THE SOUTH:

Take your best route to NJ, I-287. Get off at Exit #2B - New Brunswick/Rt.27 South. Ramp traffic flows onto Rt.27 South. Go 0.7 miles to third traffic light. Make a RIGHT onto Talmadge Road. Go 1.8 miles, again to third traffic light. Make a LEFT onto Coolidge St. Travel 0.2 miles, make a HARD LEFT at the Moose street sign-post, then turn RIGHT into Moose driveway/parking lot.

FROM THE GARDEN STATE PARKWAY:

Take the exit for Route 27 METUCHEN (131). Follow signs for Metuchen. Route 27 will go through North Edison, zig-zag through Metuchen, then re-enter South Edison. Watch for the Pines Manor on the right hand side just past the Edison Post Office. At the traffic light where the Pines Manor is, turn right onto Talmadge Road (aka. Sturgis Rd.). Go 1.8 miles to the 3rd traffic light, and turn LEFT onto Coolidge St. Travel 0.2 miles, make a HARD LEFT at the Moose street sign-post, then turn RIGHT into Moose driveway/parking lot.

At-a-Glance Event Information

Site:

Edison Moose Lodge #1978, 410 Talmadge Rd (for mailing purposes only)

Edison, NJ 08817

Site Opens: 2 PM

Site Closes: 10 PM

Event Fees:

Site : This is an ONBOARD ONLY event limited to 100 gentles (sorry no outboards/offboards)! Cost is \$15 adult member, \$18 nonmember; \$7 ages 7-12, gratis for 6 and under.

Alcoholic beverages are available for purchase from the site's wet-bar ONLY.

The Moose kindly ask (well, actually they insist) that the populace ****DOES NOT**** bring alcohol with them, other than any entries into our brewing contest.

Feast: See above.

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

Send Reservations to: Lord Ragnarr Dragonheart (mka. Kim Piersanti) 7 Ten-Eyck Place Edison, NJ 08820	Email: ragnarr1001@aol.com Telephone# 732-549-7741 (weeknights after 9pm).	Autocrat: Lord Eric The Wandering Horseman (mka. Fred Henninger) 732-672-5345 Wanderhrse@aol.com
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Mudthaw: L'Homme Arme

Saturday, March 5th, 2005

Hosted by Barony of Settmour Swamp - Livingston, NJ

"L'homme, L'homme, L'homme arme

L'homme arme doibt on doubter.

On a fait partout crier

Que chascun se viegne armer

D'un haubregon defer."

-- Anon.

To celebrate the coming of spring to our fair lands, the Baron and Baroness of Settmour Swamp have declared that there shall be a great tourney to celebrate the Arts Martial in all of their diverse forms. Fighters, fencers and archers are all invited to come and display their skills upon the field. There will be a tourney for youth fighters as well, and a thrown weapons competition (depending on weather and marshal availability). So polish your swords, shake the dust of winter off your armor, and come show your prowess!

NOTE: All combatants must troll in before they can sign up for any lists. There will be an express check-in available on the field for combatants who pre-register. Reserve ahead and avoid the morning lines at troll.

For those who practice the gentler arts, there will be a traditional A&S competition and display. All entries must relate in some way to the martial arts (for example: a scroll for a martial arts award or a favor to be borne in tourney). There will also be a "practical" A&S competition for items actually used in any form of SCA combat (for example: armor, a buckler, arrows, etc.). Entries in the second competition will be judged for artistic merit, compliance with the relevant rules and usefulness -- so you can (and should) be wearing or using your entry!

Other diverse and sundry activities will be available during the day, including shopping at the merchants and auditions for the production of Macbeth to be mounted at Pennsic.

A combatant-friendly dayboard will be provided both on the field and in the hall. Refreshments also will be available in the main hall just prior to

Baronial Court. For the evening, Lady Berelinde Cynewulfdohr will be preparing a splendid feast that promises not only to be period but also hot, on time, and plentiful.

Directions:

DO NOT rely on Mapquest directions to the site.

From the Garden State Parkway: Take exit 145 to Route 280 WEST. Go 7.5 miles to exit 5A for Livingston, which puts you onto County Route 527/Livingston Ave. Take Route 527/Livingston Ave. SOUTH for 1.3 miles to the junction of Route 10/Mt. Pleasant Ave. Turn LEFT onto Route 10/Mt. Pleasant Ave. EAST. The site is 1/3 miles down the road on the left.

From Route 287: Take the exit for Route 10 EAST (exit 39 from 287 South; exit 39A from 287 North). Follow Route 10 EAST, continuing on Route 10 through the traffic circle at Eisenhower Parkway. The site is 8.7 miles east of Route 287 on the left.

Public Transportation: N.J. Transit Bus 73 from Newark Penn Station travels along Route 10 in Livingston and can stop near the site. Consult www.njtransit.com for schedule.

At-a-Glance Event Information

Site:

Shriner's Salaam Center
369 East Mount Pleasant Ave (Route 10)
Livingston, NJ 07039

Site Opens: 10:00 a.m.

Site Closes: 10:00 p.m.

Event Fees:

Site : Site only: \$12 per person, includes dayboard; a \$3 non-member surcharge will be collected from those without proof of membership. If you intend to use the express check-in, please send proof of membership with your reservation. Acceptable proof of membership includes a copy of your membership card or a current Pikestaff label with your name on it.

Fees for minors TBD; any minors on site must be supervised at all times. A minor waiver signed by a parent or guardian must be presented at troll. Copies of the minor waiver form are available on-line at www.sca.org and will be available at the event.

Feast: \$8 per person; Reservation deadline for feast is February 25, 2005.

Send Reservations to:

Baroness Elizabeth Hawkwood (Beth Dobo), 71 Sky Manor Road, Pittstown, NJ 08867

Autocrat:

Mistress Alys Mackyntoich (Alissa Pyrich) (973) 267-4818 apyrich@concentric.net

Lord Malcolm Bowman (Murray Blehart) malcolm@sourcechronicles.com

Other Contact Information:

Feast: Lady Berelinde

Merchants: Lord Malcolm malcolm@sourcechronicles.com

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Quest XXII That was Zen, This is Tao

Friday, May 27th, 2005 to Monday, May 30th, 2005

Hosted by Barony of Settmour Swamp - Neshanic Station, NJ

The Barony of Settmour Swamp welcomes one and all to our 22nd Quest, a three-day camping event with something for everyone to enjoy.

On Saturday, we will engage in competitions for our Baronial Champions [all our welcome to compete]. For those who crave battle there will be competitions in heavy weapons, thrown weapons, fencing, and archery. A competition for youth fighters will also take place. For the craftsman we will have a A&S and brewing competition as well as a bardic circle by the campfire in the evening.

After all the afternoon events a grand feast will take place Saturday evening. The feast will have a medieval Japanese theme. The medieval Japanese theme will continue with our annual Quest. It promises to be quite challenging and will take place on Sunday afternoon. After the quest in the evening a Baronial court will take place where the Baronial champions will be announced from the weekends many challenging events.

The site is damp: you may bring beer, wine, and mead but no distilled alcohol. There will be no running water on site so we ask that you bring your own. There will be porta-castles onsite as well as a large dumpster. The county asks that you recycle all bottles, cans, and paper-please use the recycling bags provided or bring your empties home.

We ask that you keep an eye on your children onsite, a minor waiver must be signed for those under 18 by a parent or legal guardian. Pets are welcome but must be leashed and cleaned up after.

Directions:

From Route 206: [Route 206 can be reached from Routes 287 and 22 from the north, and from Routes 95, 295, and 195 from the south].

Take Route 206 to County road 514 [Amwell Road] in Hillsboro NJ. If you are coming from the north turn right onto Route 514. If you are coming from the south make a left.

From the New Brunswick/Franklin area: Take Hamilton street/Route 514 west from New Brunswick, it turns into Amwell road/Route 514. Continue across Route 206 and continue as above.

From Route 202 northbound [from Flemington area]: Turn right on Pleasant Run road. In about 2 1/2 miles, the road becomes River road. Make the next right onto Elm street, cross the white girder bridge, the site is just across the bridge, on the right.

From Route 202 southbound [from the Somerville Circle]: Turn left at the traffic light onto Old York road, then onto South Branch road [County Route 567]. At the T-intersection, turn left to continue on South Branch road. After about 4 miles, turn left onto Route 629/Pleasant Run road. [In about 1/2 mile, the road number will change back to Route 567]. Make the next right on Elm street, cross the white girder bridge, the site is just across the bridge, on the right.

Event Website: www.settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

At-a-Glance Event Information

Site:

Neshanic Station Fire Dept. picnic grounds
Corner of River Rd. and Elm St.
Neshanic Station, NJ 08853

Site Opens: 4pm Friday May 27th,2005

Site Closes: 12 noon Monday May 30th,2005

Event Fees:

Site : Adult full weekend: \$24.00 [Friday, Saturday, Sunday]

Adult day: \$9.00

Minus \$1.00 a day for under 18

Minus \$4.00 a day for under 13

Under 5 is free

Monday is free

A \$3.00 surcharge will be charged to all non-SCA members

Feast: Feast is reserved to 100 people and is \$7.00. Please send in reservations to reserve spot.

Send Reservations to:

Lady Elizabeth Hawkwood [Beth Dodo] Mail to: 71 Sky Manor road, Pittstown NJ. 08867

Autocrat:

Lord Eric the Wandering Horseman [Fred Henninger Jr.] Cell phone: 732-672-5345 or E-mail

Other Contact Information:

Merchants are welcome, there is no charge for space but you must supply your own tables.

Make Checks Payable to: SCA - Barony of Settmour Swamp



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