

# *The Mudpuppy*



*November, 2006*

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**Calendar of Events**

**November 2006**

- 4** Seraglio - Marketplace in Malta  
(Barony of Settmour Swamp - Flemington, NJ)
- 4** [RP]East Kingdom Fall Crown Tournament  
(Barony of Stonemarche - Kingston, NH)
- 4** Haus von Halstern Fourth Annual Winter Wolf Tournament  
(Shire of Rusted Woodlands - Sparta, NJ)
- 11** Agincourt: St. Crispin's Day  
(Crown Province of Ostgardr - Huntington, NY)
- 11** A Harvest Feast  
(Barony of Iron Bog - Swedesboro, NJ)

**December 2006**

- 2** Bhakail Yule Revel  
(Barony of Bhakail - Philadelphia, PA)
- 3** Iron Bog's Toy's for Tot's Challenge  
(Barony of Iron Bog - Pemberton, NJ)
- 9** Mistletoe Revel  
(Shire of Barren Sands - NJ)
- 9** Bergental Yule  
(Barony of Bergental - Springfield, MA)
- 30** Feast Away, The Old Year Passes  
(Shire of Nordenhalle - Kingston, NY)

**January 2007**

- 6** East Kingdom Twelfth Night / Kings & Queens Art and Sciences Championships  
(Barony of Dragonship Haven - Bridgeport, CT)
- 13** Bellringers  
(Barony of Carillion - Forked River, NJ)
- 13** King's & Queen's Rapier Championships  
(Barony of Carolingia - Cambridge, MA)
- 19 - 20** Al - Hafla  
(Barony of Bhakail - Clifton heights, PA)
- 20** An English Country 12th Night  
(Shire of Owlsherst - Camp Hill, PA)

## Practices and Activities

### **Archery Practices:**

Tuesdays (discontinued until April) – 6:30pm in Pittstown (exit 15 off Route 78). Sundays 1:00pm in Pittstown, please give advance notice if you're coming.

Also, there will be archer practice at the youth fighter practices, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. (Discontinued until spring)

### **Arts & Sciences Activities:**

1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00pm, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 346 High Street (Rt 609), Hope, NJ. Contact [fafnir62@yahoo.com](mailto:fafnir62@yahoo.com) for information.

### **Monthly Business Meetings:**

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

### **Fencing Practices -**

**Thursdays** 7 - 9:30 PM, American Legion Post 243, 243 Oak Tree Ave  
South Plainfield, 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

### **Settmour Swamp Fighter Practice:**

Wednesdays 6:30 pm - 10 pm Nutley, NJ

It costs money to rent this site, so a \$5.00 donation is requested! If you have questions please email Sir Tanaka Raiko [salvacion\\_hank@hotmail.com](mailto:salvacion_hank@hotmail.com). Should you get lost, Tanaka's pager is 201-232-9337.

### **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. Ramp 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.

### **Nutley Fighter Practice**

Note: Many of the exit ramps from Route 3 are sharp curves.

#### **From NJ Route 3, Essex/Passaic County (East or West):**

Take the MAIN AVE, NUTLEY-PASSAIC exit

At the bottom of the ramp, make left onto Main.

Go past Bradlees to the next light, make a right onto Kingsland,

Go to the first light, and turn left onto Franklin.

At the third light make a right onto Chestnut

Go one block and make left onto Hillside Crescent. The church is on the left-hand side; park on the street.

Alternate directions that will help you avoid some traffic:

### **From the South**

Take the Garden State Parkway to Exit 151. , at the end of the ramp make a right onto Watchung Ave.

At the next light make a left onto East Passaic Ave.

Take your 2nd right onto Coeyman Ave.

Take the 1st right onto Bromley Place.

Bromley Place turns into Glenview Place.

You will come to a stop sign at Ridge Road right after a curve (be careful).

Continue straight and Glenview becomes Chestnut St.

Continue straight through the traffic light at Bloomfield Ave.

\*at the top of the hill, at Prospect St, Chestnut jogs to the right. Continue on Chestnut.

Take the next right onto Hillside Crescent. ,the church will be on the left after the curve.

### **From Route 3 Westbound**

Take the Passaic Ave exit.

At the end of the ramp, make a left onto Passaic Ave.

Follow directions from \*\* below

### **From Route 3 Eastbound:**

Take the Passaic Ave exit.

Stay to the right and merge with Ward Ave.

At the next intersection (50ft or so), make a left onto Passaic Ave.

\*\*Passaic Ave turns into Cathedral Ave.

Stay to the right at the fork in the road.

At the end of Cathedral, make a right onto Kingsland St.

Take the first left onto Bloomfield Ave. (Across from Roche and at the railroad tracks).

Take Bloomfield Ave to the traffic light at Chestnut St. This should be the second traffic light, but there have been lights added to that road since I lived there. (Chestnut is one of those). The three streets on the left before Chestnut are

Raymond Ave., Beech St. and Mountainview Ave.  
Continue from \* above.

## From the Canton of Gryphonwald

Gryphonwald monthly meetings continue! If you are in the Middlesex County area and are interested in attending, meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month (except August). Contact Eva Vach Gwyllt at gryphonwald-exchequer@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org for directions and information.

### Dance Practice!

Dance practice/Marwick general meetings continue! All are welcome, beginners and experienced dancers alike!  
We will meet 2nd Tuesdays 7:30 pm at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Avenue in Cranford, NJ. The Center is 2 blocks from the Cranford train station, and also near routes 22, 9, and the Garden State Parkway.

For more information, call Jessa d'Avondale at 732-563-1029, or email: mlecine@optonline.net

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## Seraglio - Marketplace in Malta Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>!

Hosted by Barony of Settmour Swamp - Flemington, NJ

The following are a listing of the classes that will be offered this Saturday at Seraglio, the Marketplace at Malta. We are pleased to have a number of teachers from our Barony providing us with their knowledge.

There will also be many merchants selling their wares, a tasty feast, and of course, the dancing, drumming and entertainment. Remember to bring your cushions and we hope to see you there!

Classes Available for your enjoyment

Beginner Middle Eastern Dance--Lady Damiana

Advanced Middle Eastern Dance--Lady Dereca

Dancing with a Veil--Lady Caitlin

Dumbek for SCA - classical middle eastern to dumbek cowboy/girlhood--Lady Zakiyyah

The Drum Solo--Lady Cattiva and Lord Geoffri of Eastwinds Tribal Drumming

General Knowledge of Instruments--Lord Paul Ash

Your Persona--Baron Dur

The Great Siege--Lord Galefridus

Basic Menhdi--Lady Dima

Knotwork and Ropetying--Lord Alexander MacRus

Drop-Spindle Spinning--Lady Sofia

Shadow Puppets--Lady Otgon

Throughout the day there shall be a Competition to discover who can fashion the best Maltese Falcon and the winner shall be rewarded with a prize!



The Feast and Dayboard shall be prepared by Cassandra de Matisse and Lord Quinn A'Bheitheir.

This site is VERY Discreetly Damp; please be courteous of the site and let show no original containers; also all containers must return home with you.

Seraglio is a BYOC-Event, "C" for Comfort. We ask that you bring any pillows, cushions, carpets that will make you comfortable. And as always, we shall have both Eastern and Western seating; if you have a preference please include it with your reservation.

Directions:

<http://www.stpaulnj.com/>

Event Website: <http://www.settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org/events.html>

Site:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Rte 31

Flemington, NJ 08822

Site Opens: 10am

Site Closes: 10pm

Event Fees:

Site : \$13.00 per Adult, this includes Dayboard and Feast; \$7.00 for Children

12 years of age and under; Children under 3 are free. There will be \$3.00 Non-Member Surcharge. Minors on site must be supervised at all times. If a minor does not have a blue SCA membership card then 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 <http://www.sca.org/> and will be available at the event.

Feast: See Above.

**Reservation Refund policy:**

If, after sending in a reservation, you are unable to attend, please contact the autocrat before the event. Event fees will be refunded if we are able to resell your reservation. All refunds will be reviewed after the event.

**Autocrat:**

Lady Dima Harrirah al Ajara Ayuuna bint Dur,  
mka Robyn Bauman, MESidhe@aol.com; 732.690.5839

**Other Contact Information:**

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

## **Barony Business Meeting**

The business meeting for October will be held on November 8th, 7:30 pm, at the home of Lord Draguin atte Maeldun (Ken Kovacs, 908-782-7393). For directions, contact him at [youth\\_combat@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org](mailto:youth_combat@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org), or our contact our seneschal.

## **Officer Rotation Schedule Changes**

Changes were made to the rotation schedule of officer positions; the revised schedule is listed below. The next vote will be held at the November 8th, 2006 Business Meeting for Chamberlain, Chronicler, and Web Minister.



## A New Feature: Dear Goody

We here in Settmour Swamp have been graced with an unexpected boon: the previously published “Dear Goody” letters of Baroness Kathryn Goodwin. She has provided us with a booklet of her past columns for re-printing here, and has graciously agreed to answer future questions sent to her. We cannot guarantee that if you submit a question that it shall be answered, but we can guarantee complete confidentiality. If you wish to avail yourself of this service, Send YOUR letters to Dear Goody, c/o Kathryn Newell, 124 Willow Grove Street, Hackettstown, NJ 07840.

As Chronicler, I have used my executive editor authority to select two letters at random to publish first. Enjoy.

Dec.1974

Dear Goody:

How does one cure an unobservant man? My lord has borne my favor this year and a half and yet cannot identify it among three of my other scarves. The only excuse he offers is "I'm so used to it that I don't notice it." I am, I think, justly grieved and angered. Do you think that if I favored another with my scarf, my lord might learn to observe it?

-- Lady Disfavor

My Lady Disfavor:

If he is so unobservant in the first place, granting your favor to another will do naught. You might try changing your favor so often that he must pay more attention to it, or making it of so striking a design that he could never forget it. I am afraid he does have the rules of love partly on his side, for one who loves has always before him the face of his true love, and his mind is ever filled with her beauty and charm. He may not be able to find room in these thoughts for a scarf.

Practically speaking, permanently affix your favor to his helm.

-- Goody

March 1975

Dear Goody:

I recently made the acquaintance of a most delightful dancer, whose skill might kindle a pile of burnt-out logs, to say nothing of a hot-blooded knight. While it is customary among my people for a man to have only one wife, my religion permits me as many as four, and my social position practically requires at least a small harem. My Norman wife objects. What do you advise?

--A Person of Rank

Dear Person:

I have taken the liberty of speaking myself to the dancer, who is much honored by your attention, but claims that she has not as yet had time to dance up a worthy dowry, and says she is too young to join a harem. I, for my part, see no reason why people should think ill of you for cleaving to your one and only lady wife. As she is a Norman, your people should understand that her standards may differ from yours, and as you are her one and only true lord, so she is your one and only true lady. In fact, they may benefit from such a show of love and respect for one another.

Of course, if you really cannot get this dancer out of your mind, you can cultivate a harmless courtly (i.e., Platonic, never consummated) passion for her, and write her poems of helpless, hopeless love. Of course, I cannot guarantee that the lady can read. . . .

--Goody

## Canton of Marwick Officers

<http://www.marwick.eastkingdom.org>

**Seneschal:** Mistress Jessa d'Avondale (Marla Lecin)732-563-1029  
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No calls after 9:30 PM, please

## Canton of Gryphon Wald Officers

<http://www.geocities.com/gryphonwald/>

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