

Fox Tales

ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO ENGRAVE

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JOHN THE BEARKILLER DEAD!

THE FALL OF THE KING: TREACHERY IN THE COURT

As rumors of war on our borders abound, I traveled to see the King and Queen, that I may feel more at ease with the state of our Kingdom.

His Majesty, King John the Bearkiller took no additional precautions during his Court so that the populace would not feel the diplomatic tension. However, during the early part of Court, His Majesty was compelled to send the Royal Heirs to our Kingdom's southern borders to defend against incursions from the Realm of Trimaris.

As Court was nearing an end, many hooded figures approached the Presence to request an audience with Their Majesties. The spokesman of the hooded strangers claimed to represent the Guardians of the Spirit of Meridies and then boldly challenged our King to defend his right to the throne by defeating their champion.

King John agreed to the trial by arms and at once was joined in combat by the Champion of the Guardians. The fight was spectacular as our King defended against a battle-ax. Although closely fought at times, John was the victor.

While catching His breath, though, our Monarch peered more carefully at the mortally wounded and defeated Champion and was outraged to discover a token in his belt bearing the badge of the Kingdom of Calontir! Amid shouts of "treason!" and "tyranny!" in the Great Hall, the strangers tossed aside their disguises, revealing the colors of those Kingdoms roundabout our own.

The rumors of war on all of our frontiers was brought home with a vengeance. The frightened populace watched in horror as our King bravely fought to defend His life and that of our Queen. The honorless churls

joined forces in an attempt to crush the King's defenses in a massed attack, but He skillfully and bravely fended off the attempt. During this initial assault, however, one cowardly cur attempted to come upon His Majesty's back with a dagger. The attack was foiled by our loving and brave Queen Jane Falada, who dispatched the one who would have stabbed King John in such a cowardly manner.

Shocked at having killed a man, our Queen did not notice the fiend that struck her down. Her dying gasps caught His Majesty's attention and prevented Him from parrying the blow that would be His undoing. Bravely, our King tried to make His way to the stricken Queen. The villainous knaves found themselves victorious and boldly attempted to loot the still-warm bodies of Their Majesties.

They had little chance, however. For at that moment, Prince Brian arrived back from the frontier in the company of many men-at-arms; the villains fled in the face of such a well-armed party.

With the spark of life barely in His eyes, King John charged his son to avenge His death through war with our unfriendly neighbors and to keep safe the people of Meridies. Upon John's passing, Prince Brian ascended to the throne, being crowned King of Meridies and was raised on his war-shield to the cheers of the populace.

As King Brian began his first Court, a shout rang from the crowd as Princess Aeruin came forth in full armor with her personal guard to challenge His right to rule without Her beside Him. King Brian promptly crowned Aeruin Queen of Meridies and presented Her to the Kingdom, lifted on His own war-shield for all to view.

Thus did Brian and Aeruin become King and Queen of the Great Kingdom of Meridies, to rule and hold safe all who would call this Realm their home.

-Lady Egelina Rabbette

FROM THE CHRONICLER

Good day milords and miladies. Happy New Year, too! As the old-timers know, May 1 marks the twenty-eighth year of the SCA. From that backyard costume party in California, the Society has grown to include Europe, Asia, Australia, and New Zealand. The growth is due to those romantics that wanted, nay, *needed* an outlet for their ideals of Courtesy, Chivalry, and Honor and wanted such a dream to solidify into reality.

These three ideals set the SCA apart from any other "educational, historical re-enactment group" in the world. They are more than words to the vast majority of the folks who have been involved in SCA for any length of time at all; they are a way of life.

Now don't get me wrong. I'm not saying that these ideals are the alpha and omega of life in the Society, and that those who don't hold to them should be banished. However, we *should* strive to incorporate them in our SCA life as often as we can, since it helps to create that magical atmosphere where we actually experience what it must have been like in a castle's Great Hall or List Field.

Therein lies the problem.

During feast at Spring Coronation, an honored bard tried in vain to tell a story over the hum of conversation and nearly gave up in frustration; the same happened to a lesser degree at Black Gryphon; the same happens at local meetings everywhere.

It is our real responsibility to not only show but teach the concepts of Honor, Courtesy, and Chivalry. Honor to do what we say we will do, Courtesy to allow the quiet for the singer to perform, and Chivalry to not take advantage of the "disabled" opponent; otherwise, our dream will remain only a dream.

Gramercy, gentles.

BEST BETS

- 5/8 May Tourney, Thor's Mt. (145 mi.) \$13 til 5/6, \$15 thereafter. *Extensive fighting, simple feast, cabins.*
- 5/15 River Roast, Vulpine Reach. Free. *Regional fighter practice/demo in association with Kidney Found. Fund - raiser. Crash space w/prior notice.*
- 5/22 Black Axe, Iron Mt. (169 mi.) \$20 til 5/15, \$22 thereafter. *Double elim. list, RUM classes, cabins.*
- 5/28-31 Fighter's Collegium, Branstock (235 mi.) \$30/3days *Kingdom event, 2days of fighting, 1st Bardic symposium, classes, cabins/tents.*

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CALENDAR

MAY

- 1 EVENT-Crown List (Riviere de Sang)
Local Archery Practice (Noon at Choo Choo Lanes)
- 3 Banner Painting/Distribution of May Fox Tales
- 8 EVENT-May Tourney(?) (Thor's Mountain)
EVENT-Rene of Anjou/Beltaine (Grey Niche)
EVENT-Emprise of the Lion Or (Grifphon Shadow)
EVENT-Roman Event (Crimson River)
- 9 *** MOTHER'S DAY ***
- 10 Business Meeting (Planning for River Roast Demo)
- 15 *** ARMED FORCES DAY ***
River Roast Demo/Regional Fighter Practice
EVENT-Dreamstone Tourney XIV (Brynn Madoc)
EVENT-Debut of the Lyon (Lyon's Mt.)
- 17 Business Meeting (Planning Session for Foxes)
Submission Deadline for June Fox Tales
- 22 EVENT-Black Axe (Iron Mt.)
Local Archery Practice (Noon at Choo Choo Lanes)
- 24 Local Meeting
- 30 *** MEMORIAL DAY ***
EVENT-Meridian Fighter's Collegium (Branstock)

JUNE

- 5 EVENT-Giant's Dance (Nant-Y-Derwyddon)
EVENT-Midsummer Knight's Dream (Smythkepe)
- 7 Local Meeting/Distribution of June Fox Tales
- 12 EVENT-Gulf Wars II (Dragoun's Weal)
EVENT-(Ezaret)

Fighter practice is held on Sundays in Warner Park at 2 p.m. (weather permitting); chapter meetings are in room 116 at Holt Hall, UTC campus on Mondays at 8 p.m.

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THE FOX FILES

Good day, gentles! My name is Lady Madelena de Luna and I have been active in the SCA for the last seven years. The first event I went to was Tourney of the Foxes in 1986.

My name has an interesting background; "Luna" is a family name (my great-grandmother's maiden name). Since it is Spanish, I went to Burke's European Peerage for the oldest female name I could find that was both attractive *and* in Spanish. Maria Madelena was the one I picked. There was a problem, though: I tried using both names, but I kept getting called "Maria." That really isn't what I wanted, so I cut it short to just "Madelena."

I got involved in the SCA through Curtis, who was a regular customer at the bank where I worked as a teller. I couldn't join then, because we lived so far out (in Marion County). When we moved back to Chattanooga, I got the number from the TV ad and joined.

My favorite SCA activities are dancing, music, tablet weaving, and of course, social history research! More than anything else, though, I like to dance.

In fact, the funniest thing that ever happened to me at an event involved dancing! I taught a dance class at Kingdom Arts and Sciences and talked *so long* about the history of dance that there was no time left to dance. Then there was the time I was getting ready to dance "Hole in the Wall." We were standing and waiting for the music to start when a guy came up behind me, picked me up and carried me out of the hall. Somebody said, "Now *that's* what I call stealing a partner!"

The most recent event I attended was the Black Gryphon Collegium this year, where I took a class in (guess what!) Italian Renaissance dance!

Come to think of it, my most memorable SCA experience occurred at a Black Gryphon feast; there was so much music and everyone was very quiet and attentive. The candlelight made everybody's jewelry just glow and the performers were so good. The

whole thing was very subdued and magical.

My persona was born in Cordova, Spain in 1180 to a father of Persian descent (Muslim) and a mother of Visigothic descent (Christian). My parents were married in Barcelona and my mother was widowed during the Albigensian Crusade. I currently live in Luna, Spain.

TRAVELS: Coronation

Spring

The morning of April 3, 1993 started out like many day-tripping events - meeting at Shoney's, waiting for everyone to show up. It was certainly colder than an April morning had any right to be, but nothing supprises me about Chattanooga

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Spring Coronation (continued)

weather anymore.

We got to the site, after a brief pit-stop, just in time for the Seneschals' meeting. I spent the rest of the afternoon catching up with Wynalie (our previous Seneschal for those of you who have never met her) and others. I decided to spend some time watching the fighting. We've never had any official melees at Coronation, so I was curious as to how that would go. When I got to the field, I saw a lot of knights sitting around, watching. This seemed strange to me, so I approached Sir Richard Raefin and asked why he wasn't fighting. He replied that when he's fought at previous Coronations, he's had his hand slapped for fighting at a non-fighting event. Even though the fighting was official this year, he still seemed (pardon my mundane expression) gun-shy, as did some of the others watching (somewhat longingly).

I normally would have spent a great deal of the afternoon with Baroness Lijsbet, but she was otherwise preoccupied. I gave her a bunch of chocolate and left her at the mercy of the Laurels for the afternoon. Gee, Knights fast and spend an all-night vigil on their knees. Laurels spend an afternoon in the shade with chocolate; what does this tell us?

The Courts were more interesting than usual, for a number of reasons. Of course, seeing our own Baroness Lijsbet elevated to peerage was a thrill. One of the items most looked forward to on any last court of reigning royalty is seeing in what new ways they can "end it all." In true Bearkiller fashion, there was a lot of violence and death (complete with fake blood and clashes of real steel). Of course, the look on Stephanie's face made the whole thing worthwhile. Her reactions were priceless. She apologized, asking if I was embarrassed. Of course I was not. The only comment came from someone sitting beside us who leaned over to me and whispered "her first event, right?" We had quite a few first-timers with us that day, some of which we inadvertently left behind when going out for pizza - oops, sorry 'bout that, guys.... It was heartwarming when, for presentation court, we had a whole troupe go up complete with banner! I do

want to thank everyone who showed up that day. Of course, Rabbit and April may have a different impression of the event, having spent the entire weekend. I found that the daytrip rate without the feast was well worth the camaraderie I experienced that day. I seem to daytrip more and more, however - a habit I need to try to break whenever possible.

About the new King and Queen: they had pet parakeets with them in Court. I thought the birds might be a distraction, but they were very well-behaved and added a nice touch (I would not want to try traveling with them, however). Both Brian and Aeruinn seemed earnest in starting their reigns off right. The early period, Northern European types in the audience must have felt a collective lump in their throats upon seeing their Sovereigns raised up on shields at the start of this new reign.

Unfortunately, since I only daytripped, I missed the White Rose Ball (I usually try not to miss *any* dancing going on), as well as other nighttime activities. Anyone with questions about what happened either Friday or Saturday nights, as well as Sunday morning might want to contact Rabbit for the whole scoop. Well, that about wraps it up for me (besides, Brantley is itching to use the computer - to play his Napoleon video game, no doubt). My overall impression of the event was good. It was worth the money (\$5.00) I spent. I saw no huge problems, but then again, I wasn't really looking for any. There were a few uncomfortable waits for the restroom facilities (facility, actually), but that's pretty common.

I think that the Shire of An Dun Theine should be commended for a job well done!

-Lady Rachele du Pied-Leger

TRAVELS: Black Gryphon Collegium

With snow from the blizzard of '93 still on the ground, our neighbors to the northeast, the Barony of Thor's Mountain, held the annual Black Gryphon Collegium in Soddy Daisy on March 20.

In a slight change from previous years, the event was based on the theme

of life in the time and place of the de Medici family; namely, the Italian Renaissance period.

In a successful attempt to "spice" up the classes of late period dancing, archery, courtly love, music, and requisite classes for the Royal University, the good people of Thor's Mountain included a murder mystery!

Early on Saturday, word was passed that Pier Francisco de Medici had just died under questionable circumstances. Throughout the rest of the day, vignettes were played out by de Medici's family and friends, and by careful deduction and observation, the killer could be determined.

During Baronial Court, the "spirit" of de Medici reappeared and confirmed the killer's identity, while vindicating the innocent suspects. Also during Court, however, it was announced that the vial of poison used to do-in the hapless de Medici was missing from the evidence table.

On that disturbing note, the set-up for feast began. With the first remove's appearance (called for by the populace with the encouragement of a gentle named "simply" Thomas from South Downs), word was passed from the feaster that the poison-vial had been discovered, empty - *in the kitchen!*

Thus, there was excitement in the air as all cautiously began eating the feast, awaiting the taste of bitter almonds to signal that the feaster was sharing the same fate as de Medici!

With each dish and each remove, the poison claimed happy feasters, not the least of which was the Baroness of Thor's Mountain! As the "ghosts" of the victims continued to the end of the feast, there were songs, music, and poems supplied by bards local and foreign.

Following the feast, the Great Hall was cleared of tables and chairs for the dancing and reveling. The dancing went on into the evening and the musicians played late into the night.

Of all the events I have attended in recent years, this one has to have been one of the most enjoyable. A hardy well-done to the Barony of Thor's Mountain!

The "Mother of All Business Meetings": An Outline by Mistress Lijsbeth

Note: Major topics are numbered.

1. Make this kind of planning meeting a yearly event, possibly combined with a party.

2. Baronies

A. What - We covered Kingdom Law (which may have changed to require as many as 60 sustaining memberships to become a barony). Kingdom Law also outlines some responsibilities of baronies, including having one official event per year and being required to bid on one Kingdom event per year. Also noted is the unwritten requirement for a full roster of active officers and deputies.

B. Elevation of status: Why or why not? Baronies can hand out awards that affect precedence. Being a member of a Barony gets you noticed. Being a Barony can lead to vicious political infighting. Choosing a Baron can cause rifts in the group. Possibility of increased paperwork.

C. How? Kingdom service is vital. Increased membership in group, increased activities, more deputies, more commitment.

3. "We must learn to be a good shire first." Importance of chivalry. Importance of long-term planning and greater goals (example: we will bid on a kingdom event within a set time). Importance of expanding shire membership. Where do we want to be in three years? Have different levels of involvement instead of just two: those who do and those who don't. Have more deputies, possibility of more kinds of deputies. Have guilds. Hold more events. Make ourselves more visible in the Kingdom: attend more events, let people know who we are; do projects.

4. Getting and keeping new members: Importance of being able to run our events without outside help. Importance of getting new members to events, especially outside our group. Importance of not working new members too hard, not asking them to work at their first events. Importance of not "burning out" older members. Shire awards.

A. Keeping new members. Regular guild meetings. Publish a list of members' interests and who is willing to teach or help. More socializing locally, monthly costumed fighter practice/picnics (first to be held Sunday, April 25, 1pm, Warner Park). Publish a group-specific version of the Known World Handbook. Get new people to events. Have more sewing sessions. Develop a "buddy system" for new members. Wear costumes at meetings. Be sure that a new member's first event experience does not include working at the event.

B. Getting members. More demo's. Follow-up mailings to teachers who get school demos [*editor's note: include civic organizations' demos also*]. Develop a profile of who is likely to join and target that group. Put meeting schedule and press release on computer bulletin boards. Radio and TV public service announcement cards (Jim is doing this). Put a phone number in the phone book. Give subscriptions of Tournaments Illuminated to all area libraries. Use UTC Echo newspaper. Use newspaper event calendars. Announce special events on TV calendars. Do repeat demo's at UTC and Chattanooga State, possibly one per semester. Place fliers and posters at key locations.

A Personal Comment:

Once again, the Shire of Vulpine Reach did a great job. Our members have many more ideas than the ones listed above; please feel free to bring them up at meetings.

The time has come for us to create an information or "PR" plan. Right now, Lord James is sending out information to radio stations. I have two press releases available, one short, one long. I think it is time to have a meeting just on PR and recruiting. Included in this meeting should be a discussion on how to talk to people who come to our demo's. I also suggest that we develop a list of locations for fliers or posters. We may want to spend the money to put up photographs like Thor's Mt. did. They have been incredibly successful targeting only gaming shops and used book stores. Although it will be difficult, I think the idea of developing a profile of the people

most likely to join will prove advantageous.

Another important concept that came out of the meeting is that of doing regular fighter practice demo's. Not only can we recruit new members during the crowded softball season, but we can also get to know each other better and share information on a casual basis.

Please share your ideas with me, Lady Rachele, or Lord James. Perhaps we could have a semi-regular column in Fox Tales listing new ideas for group projects or classes. This shire has some of the greatest people in the SCA, and I am proud to be associated with you all. Thank you for your participation in the "Mother of All Business Meetings" and keep the ideas coming!

In Service to the Shire,



Mistress Lijsbeth

ASK OLD FOX

This column is normally dedicated to answering questions that our readers send in (usually in a humorous and helpful way - when I have questions, that is). *This* month I am taking time to make an editorial comment. In doing so, I shall try to keep the anger threshold to a minimum.

There has been a lot of talk about what and how things should be done. Work. We cannot pursue the dream without some hard work. Autocratting, feastcratting, holding an office or being a deputy sometimes can be more trouble than it's worth. Even just helping behind the scenes can grow old. I have probably spent more time cleaning dishes and kitchens at events than at my own house! Even with all that work, it has still been more fun than I can describe here, and I have gotten involved in crafts that I never considered before.

Over the years, we have had quite a few people drop out for a while or disappear altogether. One of the main reasons has been the lack of recognition. Watching others get awards and honors and receiving none yourself - while doing the same work - is a crushing blow, especially over a period of years. I know

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that statement may sound a bit dramatic. The best way to keep morale up and get quality work accomplished is to award personal achievement.

With a bit of recognition, I believe that members of our group would be doing more and that some of our members might still be around. I, for one, have been extremely lax about sending in letters of recommendation, so maybe I'm not the one to be talking - but here I am anyway.

The bottom line is: *sending in letters is not that hard! Start sending in letters!* Another option is handing out shire awards for those that have served and worked to help our group flourish. It shouldn't be that hard to come up with a few awards and present them at our events or local parties. Even if it means little to people outside of our shire, it will show *that we appreciate our own people.*

A little recognition, after all, goes a lonnng way!

Yours in Service,

The Old Fox

P.S. Congratulations to our resident Court Baroness on elevation to Order of the Laurel - well done, *Mistress Lijsbeth!*

Items for sale:

Set of 200 waxed, 1 1/2" x 4" leather plates for brigantine armor: \$40

Waxed leather kidney belt, 6" wide: \$25

Waxed leather basket hilts: \$30/pr.

Contact Ld. Forddwydd, 624-3458

TRAVELS: Wolve's Peak Fighter Practice

The Honorable Lord Richard Fenwick, Lord Tam Southart, Laird Cailean mich Alasdair A'Sinchclair with wife and children, and Malcom mich Alasdair A'Sinchclair journeyed southward to Dalton, Georgia and joined the (incipient) Shire of Wolve's Peak in fighter practice on April 18. Lord Baromere of Baldock and family were there, as well as Sir Cai and others.

-THL Richard Fenwick

Bridge Builders Demo

On March 18, A.S. 27 (A.D. 1993), a small group from our shire visited with the Bridge Builders (Senior Adult) group at First Baptist Church in Rossville, Georgia.

After a pot-luck dinner, we of the Current Middle Ages shared a little of our culture with these good gentles. First, we showed a videotape that explained some of what we do. Then, those of us who are a bit more acclimated to the Society discussed some of the things we are interested in. There was even a demonstration of some of our musical interests by Lady Rachele and myself.

The gentles that we visited were very appreciative and receptive toward us. All in all, it was a good demo.

-Lord Davoc Walkere

Vulpine Reach Home of New Peer!

During the tragic final Court of King John and Queen Jane Falada, those of us from Vulpine Reach had the pleasure of seeing the elevation of one of our own to the Order of the Laurel.

Baroness Lijsbeth Tijz van Brugge, one of the founding members of our faire shire also holds the honor of being named Vulpine Reach's first Peer. Baroness Lijsbeth, apprenticed to Mistresses Elanor and Alysea of Ashley, and Master Oleathainn MacLaomuinn (all at the same time), is a sixteen-year participant in the SCA and was a protégé for the Order of the Pelican for ten years.

"The folks here in Vulpine Reach are great, and I want to thank them all for the support and help they've given over the years! I'm really excited about the elevation - it's nice to hear congratulations from Fiona, Grendil, and all my old friends."

When asked how it felt to now be a Mistress of the Laurel, Baroness Lijsbeth replied, "Well, I don't know. The 'new' hasn't worn off yet. I've been advised to just spend a year in learning the duties and responsibilities of being a Laurel before I take on any apprentices. But, yes, I am *very* happy!"

Event Survival: Getting There is Half the Fun

There are quite a few new folks around and many are on their first tourney season. You gentles are indeed in a unique position; you know only what you are told or what you read about going to events! In most cases, that isn't a whole lot. Let's cure that situation.

First, it's best to pre-register. You can take advantage of lower event fees and insure a place at feast (assuming you stay for feast). Also, being an SCA member entitles you to a discount from \$2 to \$5, depending on the type of event you go to.

If you are one of our younger gentles, specifically under 18, you need to have your parents fill out the appropriate waivers. These can be had from the shire seneschal. Don't think you can simply ignore these documents - they are a legal requirement.

Now that the waivers have been filled out, if you're a member, do a photocopy of your card or mailing label. It's also a good idea to include a stamped postcard or envelope with your reservation so you may have verification that your reservation was received.

I've found that many groups appreciate money orders over personal checks, since they *know* the money is there to back up the paper.

Okay, mail the waivers, money, proof-of-membership, and postcard or envelope to the listed reservation-crat.

Now all that's left is going to the actual event. Be sure you have a set of the flier's directions or are following somebody else who knows the location of the event site. I would advise having a set of directions anyway; sometimes the leader may get lost.

Once you arrive on site, find the Troll Booth at once and sign in. Be sure to sign up for the feast if you paid for it. It might be a good idea to find a table where friends from your own group are sitting.

The rest of the event is up to you! It may seem unnecessary to say this, but just relax and enjoy your trip back in time.

The Shire of Vulpine Reach and the Kidney Foundation of the Greater Chattanooga Area present:

River Roast II

A Regional Fighter Practice, Demo, and Feast

May 15, 1993, Ross's Landing, Chattanooga TN, 1pm-6pm

The Kidney Foundation has again asked us to be a part of River Roast, their annual BBQ cook-off, volleyball tournament and music festival on the river in downtown Chattanooga. Due to the loud volume of the bands appearing at River Roast, we have found that the only "entertaining" that can be successfully done is FIGHTING. And since you have been asking for another regional fighter practice, we have decided to combine it with our demo! The demo lasts from 1 pm-6 pm, with fighting beginning by 2 pm. Afterwards you are invited to join the Shire of Vulpine Reach for a picnic/party at the beautiful Chattanooga Riverpark nearby (dry site). We will provide a cold feast FREE. Food donations will be welcome, but no refrigeration is available. We also plan to have dancing and bardic entertainment after dinner. Crash space will be available by prior arrangement.

Ross's Landing is behind the fabulous new Tennessee Aquarium. You may wish to come early to see it. We will have a changing tent on site so you can get into your garb. As this event regularly draws 20,000 or more people, there will be NO PARKING AT THE SITE. We suggest that you drive to the River Roast gate on Chestnut St. and let everyone with you take your armor and garb to our tent. Then move your car to the free Provident parking lot at 3rd and Walnut Sts. We will have a truck to shuttle drivers and their gear to the site, but only from 12:30 -1:30. It is a short 5-block walk if you arrive late. Please do not bring coolers or extra large items to the demo, as it will be harder to get them off site than on due to the large crowds. Wear cool, comfortable garb - the ground is wood chips over mud and it may be a very hot day. The Shire will provide munchies, Gatorade, and water for everyone; and soft drinks, beer and BBQ will be available at the festival. River Roast admission is free to all SCA members who tell the gate that they are with Children's Programming. Look for our pavilions!

All proceeds from River Roast benefit the Kidney Foundation and go to help kidney patients in 19 counties in TN, AL and GA. This is a worthy cause and our participation helps draw larger crowds for them.

DIRECTIONS: Take your best route to Hwy. 27 to Downtown Chattanooga. Take the 4th St. Exit, which heads you to downtown. Get in the left lane and turn left on Chestnut St. at the first light. Drive down to the River Roast gate and unload QUICKLY. Turn right on Riverfront Parkway. Go up the hill, under 2 bridges. Take the first exit on the right just past the 2nd bridge. There is no name on the exit, but you will be on Lookout St. Turn right at the stop sign onto 3rd St. Cross Walnut St. and turn into the parking lot on the right. If you are walking from the lot, head down the hill and aim for the left side of the aquarium, the huge brick bldg. with the glass windows on top.

AUTOCRAT: Baroness Lijsbeth Tijsz van Brugge, 4446 Shackelford Ridge Rd., Signal Mtn. TN 37377
(615) 886-6256 BEFORE 10 PM EDT. or Lady Rachelle du Pied-Leger (706) 965-7947 BEFORE 10 PM EDT
All calls will be returned Collect. Your seneschal will receive a map.

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Announcement:

Copies of a VHS videotape taken during March's Waterhouse Pavilion Dance Performance are available from The Old World Consort's Greg Bean for only \$10 each. Order deadline for the tape is the May 10 meeting. Greg can be contacted at 629-9626.

REMINDER:

As the flier on the opposite page says, we have a big deal (it's on the Kingdom Calendar, folks...) going on May 15! This is an official local SCA event, which means paperwork for the Lord High Sheriff. Therefore, we need volunteers to work as Trolls (yes, I *know* it's a free event - legalities dictate that the appropriate documents be filled out by all participants, just like any other SCA event), marshalls, water-bearers, and so on. Mistress Lijsbeth has a sign up sheet with jobs that need to be done at the demo. Please see her and sign up to help.

Announcement:

Please note that there are local archery practices scheduled once more! I have had an increase in interest over the last several months, so have tried to schedule practices in such a way as to avoid conflicts with events that members of our shire could want to attend. I have a very limited amount of loaner equipment, so please provide as much of your own gear as you can. These practices are to be held at noon in the Choo Choo Indoor Archery Lanes on Bonny Oaks near The Govenor's Lounge. Choo Choo charges a lane fee of \$2.50/hr or \$5 for all day. Hope to see you there!

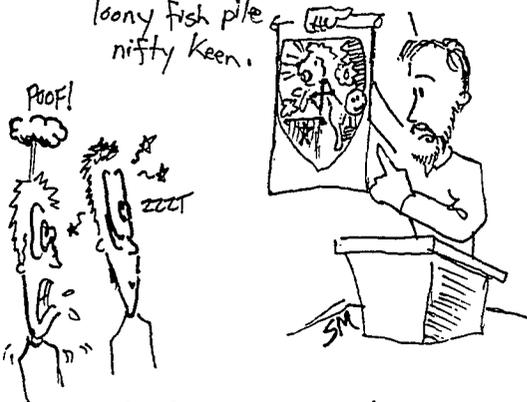
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