

Fox Tales

ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO ENGRAVE

JUNE, 1993

A.S. XXVIII

RIVER ROAST DEMO A ROUSING SUCCESS!

Once again, the shores of our very own river were threatened with invasion of foreign fighters! Our local fighters joined forces and met the challenge boldly.

Of course, I believe the men-at-arms *really* just came to help with our demo at the Kidney Foundation's River Roast II fund-raiser. However, it's more fun to envision a great battle! They fought well, our ladies were beautiful, and all of our good gentles did a great job of interfacing with a very curious public. After the fighters were all thoroughly killed, a beautiful demonstration of dance graced the field.

We soon gathered farther up-river to feast and revel well into the night with our friends from afar and our own "den of foxes!" The food was plentiful and fantastic. I am certain that not one person left hungry.

And what follows good food, but *fast* dancing as all the revelers gathered to dance the sundown and welcome the rising of the moon? Many "moderns" watched, fascinated by our dancing; two couples of young people tried to improvise their own steps to the music only to be invited into our own dancing circle for an Angus Reel!

The merrymaking would easily have continued well into the night, had it not been limited by the closing of the Tennessee River Park.

Interest was shown to be spurred in a number of our modern visitors, since several came to our Sunday afternoon fighter practice to follow up on their initial impressions of our group.

These new friends had a unique opportunity; since our fighters had beat each other and themselves into exhaustion and had left, we gave them an impromptu dancing class!

All in all, our demo was enjoyed by everyone!

-Lady Egelina Rabbette

THE REDMANE RIVER ROAST REVIEW

It was...

HOT - All right, you stand in the sun in a black dress...

COLORFUL - Some banners blew down and my nose burned.

SCENIC - All those *gorgeous* fighters and of course, that "guy on the bike!"

REFRESHING - 1920's washtub ice cream (my kind of anachronism!)

HARMONIOUS - Even that rotten bird who pooped all over everything got ice cream.

MUSICAL - Hey, cat. That's cool! (more anachronism!)

EDUCATIONAL - You unnerstand what those guys in the kilts said??

COMPANIONABLE - Fine folks from far afield, especially after that truck slide (heathens included).

PROFITABLE - After all, *I've* got "Lord Whoozit's" gear! (Ya want it back? Then bring me a new marshal's hat and something for a burnt nose!)

YUMMMMY - Great job on the food, gang!

COMPELLING - *Some* dance invitations just can't be refused...

Thanks to all for a really great time!!

Gaylewind,

FROM THE CHRONICLER

Good day, milords and miladies! Well, we have had some terrific times these last couple of months...what with the River Roast II demo, the Warner Park Fighter Practice/Demo back in April, and all of the school demos we've done lately.

In fact, if you haven't done an SCA demo around children, you haven't lived! The "varsity school demo squad" of Mistress Lijsbeth, Lady Diana, and I have made quite a few visits to the area schools. We present programs for students who are either at the point in their studies where they are reading stories about our period or they are at the Middle Ages in their history lessons.

When any of us go on these demos, we are living up to our title of "not-for-profit educational organization." However, we also live up to that title when *any* of us learn how to do or make any artifact, write an article, or teach a skill. Not only do we make learning fun for our young "knights" and "ladies" in the demo groups, we make learning fun for *you*!!

By the same token, when you learn a skill or make something successfully, share your wealth! Sign up to teach a class in whatever skill or knowledge you have learned. When you do, you are enriching your friends and making our fair shire that much stronger.

You don't have to have a doctorate degree to teach in the SCA if you know your topic. You only have to be willing to stand in front of your friends and tell them about it. Of course, if you have a PhD. in Medieval Sciences and/or Literature, you are more than welcome; you're **expected** to contribute. If you don't, we'll sic the Knight Marshal on you...

After all, how does anybody learn anything? Somebody teaches, somebody learns. If it is nothing more than writing a little "how-to" piece or just taking somebody aside at a meeting and showing how something was made, the learning is there.

Remember, learning isn't just for the young. It's also for the young at heart! Gramercy, gentles.



BEST BETS

- 6/19 Legends II, Sol Haven (142 mi.) \$12. *Double elim. list, period wedding, live weapons, covered trencher feast, tenting.*
- 6/26 Border Raids, Rising Stone (196 mi.) \$15. *Lots of fighting, live weapons, *no feast*, tenting.*
- 7/2-5 Meridies 15-Year Celebration, Arenal (411 mi.) \$20 til 6/15, \$25 thereafter. *3-day event, fighting, A&S contests, RUM courses, bring your own feast, tenting.*

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CALENDAR

JUNE

- 5 **EVENT-Giant's Dance (Nant-Y-Derwyddon)**
EVENT-Midsummer Knight's Dream (Smythkepe)
Archery Practice at Choo Choo Lanes
- 7 Class: Winemaking (Ld. James)/Distribution of June Fox Tales
- 12 Armoring Workshop at THL Richard Fenwick's house
EVENT-Gulf Wars II (Dragoun's Weal)
EVENT-(Ezaret)
- 14 Business Meeting/Deadline for July Fox Tales
- 19 **EVENT-Spring Quest (Branstock)**
EVENT-Legends II (Sol Haven)
Archery Practice at Choo Choo Lanes
- 20 *** FATHER'S DAY ***
- 21 Class: How To Pack For Events (Ldy. Rabbette)/
Birthday Meeting
- 26 **EVENT-Border Raids (Rising Stone)**
- 28 Business Meeting/Distribution of July Fox Tales

JULY

- 2-5 **EVENT-15-YEAR CELEBRATION (Arenal)**
- 4 *** INDEPENDENCE DAY ***
- 5 No Meeting, No Kidding!
- 12 Business Meeting
- 17 **EVENT-Osprey**
Archery Practice at Choo Choo Lanes
- 19 Sewing Workshop/Birthday Meeting/Deadline for
August Fox Tales

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.

Regnum

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THE FOX FILES

Hello, everybody! I am Mistress Lijsbeth Tijisz van Brugge (and that's pronounced, Lays-beth Tays-doctor van Broo-guh) and I've been in the SCA since spring of 1977.

My name came about when I got mad at the heralds for saying that I couldn't use my first SCA name - so I chose something that they couldn't pronounce! Of course, this backfires! The name means Elizabeth, Matthew's daughter of Brugge. The middle name is a medieval abbreviation. *The name has passed!*

The first SCA activity I ever was involved in was a local Bryn Madoc (Athens, Ga.) party, which was attended by three of the five original founders of Vulpine Reach. The first big event I attended was Red Tower.

I got involved in the SCA since I wasn't happy with the crowd I ran with in college and wanted to make some new friends. I also love medieval art and wanted to learn more about it!

In fact, my favorite interests in the SCA are the visual arts: painting, drawing, costuming, fabric painting, and jewelry making. Other interests I have include research, teaching (demos and at SCA events), cooking, bead-stringing, and batik. In Kingdom A&S, 1991 and 1992, I received several first-place awards on arts-related entries and received a first-place in drawing/painting and a second-place award in costuming at Border Raids last year.

The most interesting thing to happen to me at an event occurred at Pennsic '91. I was speaking with a lady in Norse garb; she was telling me about the class she was scheduled to teach in a half-hour. Just then, several people came running through the camp, warning about a major storm that was rapidly approaching the site. The lady excused herself and said that I could get a copy of her book on Norse costume at a certain booth and I thanked her. Upon buying the book the next day, I learned just who she was: Mistress Diana Listmaker - one of the founders of the SCA. She was attending her *first* Pennsic War!

The funniest incident at an event I attended involved Cabin 13...I will explain in private only!

My most memorable moment was being made a Court Baroness while wearing hiking boots! I was autocrat at an event being held on a *huge* site and didn't have the chance to change clothes before court!

My SCA persona is that of a painter, the daughter of a painter.

Editor's note: After she had filled out the Fox Files questionnaire, Baroness Lijsbeth became Mistress Lijsbeth. That is currently her most memorable moment!

ASK OLD FOX

Dear Old Fox,

From my research, all the people down here in what later became Florida, knit their britches out of Spanish Moss. From the drawings I've seen, their britches should be "brief" G-strings. Granted, that would be great for the sweltering 90% humidity we have for most of the year, but what about the times when it is not

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(Ask Old Fox, continued)

so hot? Did the people perchance migrate to the keys in order to keep their dress code?

The point is: research and excavations may have seen the people with their Spanish Moss briefs or perhaps that's what Columbus and others saw when they came over. Did the people happen to meet in the middle of August? Did they knit more than just britches out of Spanish Moss during the cold weather? When we do research and see what is "period" or not, how much more variety is there that is not seen?

From what I see in the modern world, variations are endless, but some archaeologist 1000 years later may think all we wore were T-shirts, jeans, and sneakers. Think about it.

Yours,

L.T., Tallahassee, FL

Dear L.T.

My opinion on what was and what we think might have been is as follows. We have to take a small amount of evidence and decide how a whole culture lived, from the poor to the rich. The older and more primitive the culture, the harder it is. Let's take your example and begin.

First, let's look at the climate. Was it the same then as it is now? Even if it was close, it would still tend to be a fairly-warm to hot climate. My guess is that living in the elements all of one's life tends to harden the body; minor temperature changes would be of little notice. Or, if the temperatures did drop below bearable conditions, maybe they did migrate. It is not unknown for primitive cultures to follow the animals they hunted.

Secondly, let's look at the time period. Was there a lot of contact with other cultures? Today, when designing clothes, we have the whole world to look at - with hundreds of cultures and centuries of experience. Your example, on the other hand, probably had little contact with others. That is, with other highly diversified cultures that

might influence the way they dress or live.

Therefore, their Spanish-Moss briefs probably had some variations, but not enough to find after all these years. They probably added variety with skin dyes and jewelry, if any.

As for someone looking back at us in 1000 years, they will probably end up extremely confused; there will be an abundance of information: pictures from magazines, videos, films, artworks, etc... As cultures collide, fashion will try to include them all, making a mishmash of styles. Trying to decide who wore what and why will drive them nuts.

Therefore, the younger and more diversified the culture, the more variations you can probably find - or at least, guess that they used.

Thanks for the letter! I will try to answer any question put to me as best as I can. The more potential for humor, the better. If it is a serious question, please put a note at the bottom saying so. I do *not* claim to be an expert in anything, I'm just trying to have fun. Thanks again!

The Old Fox

TRAVELS: Debut of the Lyon/Lyon's Mtn.

The birds in the trees greeted us as we rode by, on horses prancing eager to be away. The sweet Meridian breezes cooling our faces, even as the rising sun warmed our backs west we rode and north away, over the hills to where the Shire of Lyon's Mountain lies.

Gathered to the list-field were thirty-two worthies of silvered sword and bright painted shield. Count Sir Hadi had journeyed far to match arms with the young, hungry warriors. Sir Flem of Castle Lugey from near the Village of Snotterdam, by some foul treachery carried the semblance of Sir Robert Glendon of Auk, and was justly slain by our own Laird Cailean.

Lord Brice McLaren, Allanon McSidhe, Lord Connal McDale, and Erik Stormhawk were

but a few of the men-at-arms that matched sword and shield in a great display of the valor and skill of Meridies. Malcolm michAlasdair A'Sinchlair, in his first tournament ever, acquitted himself very well and was finally defeated in the fourth round by Erik Stormhawk. Laird Cailean michAlasdair A'Sinchlair also brought home glory for our Shire by placing fifth. Lord Brice McLaren, the victor of the day, was pronounced the Champion of the Shire of Lyon's Mountain and was given a beautiful sword with which to defend the populous. In addition, many fighters were honored for pleasing the crowd in diverse ways.

Throughout the day, a number of competitions were conducted - some on the field, some off. Of particular interest was the leather working competition, which was won by a lady with an elegantly engraved leather bodice.

It was good to see the goslings from our fair Realm so active; they made scrolls, necklaces of bright beadwork, and other works of beauty. Hannah, Hunter, and Jared from Vulpine Reach, along with Derik (son of Their Graces, Lawrence and Anna), and Matthew (son of Sir Robert Glendon of Auk) were honored during the awards ceremony for their contributions to the events; they were presented with scrolls they had made themselves.

His Grace, Duke Sir Lawrence of Ashana - known for his valor upon the field - astounded this author with his culinary skills. The feast was a work of art, with many diverse foods to tempt and please the palate!

After the feast, there was great merriment with dancing and singing. As we mounted our horses and rode away, we could hear the Feasty Boys - led by Sir Gareth - entertaining the populous with a rousing chorus of *Viva Trimaris*.

Long will the fair memories of that day remain with us. As we journey home and hence to other places in the Realm, sweet memories of the Shire of Lyon's Mountain will call us hither once again.

(Lyon's Mt., continued)

It is good to live in so fair a Realm.

*-Laird Cailean michAlasdair A'Sinchclair
Heather of Loch Maree
Malcolm michAlasdair A'Sinchclair*

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TRAVELS: Cabal Mor Spring Collegium

After a peaceful trip to the wide-open event site, Laird Davoc Walkere, Lady Diana Fiona O'Shera, and Laura Phillips enjoyed the hospitality of the Barony of South Downs and Clan Cabal Mor at their Spring Collegium. In fact, the only excitement they faced was in trying to locate a public restroom!

The Collegium site was largely undeveloped; Cabal Mor has only a few permanent structures on the land, leaving mostly unadorned pasture. As a result, they have *plenty* of space for weekend campers! Apparently, there are plans to develop the site - we'll see what happens.

The event itself had many good classes, most of which were horse-related. There were also various horseback games - games that provided an opportunity to show off one's riding skill and the agility of the horses.

Among the games were a "Saracen" course, tent-pegging, and ring-tilting. The Saracen course involves riding a weaving course and striking down "Saracens" (targets representing men on either side of the weaving course) with a sword. Tent-pegging challenges the rider to strike and keep on a lance a target resting on the ground. The ring-tilt simulates the aiming accuracy necessary for unhorsing a jousting opponent.

Many gentles merely found it sufficient to be around the horses and horse-people in general to have a good time!

For those with only a passing interest in equine activities, there were the non-horse-related classes, one of the best bardic circles that Laird Davoc and Lady Diana had been to in a long time,

and dancing. An unexpected bonus was a "photo-op" for Laird Davoc with other SCA folks and some horses for a cover photo to be used on a Museum Replicas, Ltd. catalog!

Also present at the Collegium was an out-of-kingdom merchant with all kinds of nifty stuff (for the shop-til-you-drop types) and a couple of operating forges for the "hands-on" buffs.

Horses were central in many of the nobility-based cultures. Therefore, this was an excellent opportunity for those with little knowledge about them to learn more about their role in medieval society, particularly in how they and their riders were trained for battle. Of course, there were chances to RIDE THE HORSES! Laird Davoc and Lady Diana learned also to not let Laura come to another of these events without bringing *her* horse!

The only difficulty during the event was in the unclear scheduling of riding time for those who didn't own horses. Everything else appeared to run quite smoothly.

In the evening, a light feast consisting of Cornish hens, a nice dish with broccoli, vegetable trays complete with dip, rolls, and tarts capped off a simply grand event. Later, there came the dancing and the bardic circle.

The Collegium was very neatly summed up by our reporters' statements, "...basically, the folk in Cabal Mor throw a good event," and "Wonderful! When are they going to have another one?!!!"

Bess T. Shepherd and Du Pont School Demos

"So, what did you have for lunch today?" That question opened a demo for the gifted students' class at Bess T. Shepherd School, April 19. The next day, the "Vulpine Reach Road Show" had a demo at the Du Pont School on Hixson Pike! These past two months have been busy ones for our school demo team!

The April 19 demo featured Mistress Lijsbeth, Lady Diana Fiona O'Shera, and Lord James Toxophilus and was augmented the next day by Wilhelm Fixler. In addition to the usual static display, videotape, and "Q & A" session, our demo included a dress-up

session, where a couple of the students were chosen to wear some of our garb!

As a testament of our success in presenting our program, we received a number of letters from the children, thanking us for the demo:

"Dear Lord James,

Thanks for coming to our school. I really appreciate you telling us about the Medieval Period. I liked hitting you on the head with the wooden sword. Fare thee well,

Barry-the-Juggler (Barry McGee)

1st grade"

"Dear Baroness Lijsbeth,

I liked your dress and your logo. The helmet looked neat. I liked everything. Thanks! Your friend,

Sir White Sword (Jeremy B Dahl)

2nd grade"

"Dear Lord James,

You were a good fletcher. I loved hitting you on the head. I think you looked funny in the helmet and I liked the axe throw. Thanks for coming. Your friend,

Battle Axe (Stephon Hughley)

2nd grade"

"Dear Lord James,

You were great! I enjoyed clobbering you on the head with the wooden sword. I loved learning about the Medieval Period. I, also, want to thank Lady Diana and Baroness Lijsbeth. It was all very interesting. Sincerely,

King Magic Sword (Stephen Baugh)

4th grade"

"Dear Lord James,

Thank you for coming to our school. I didn't get to hit you with the sword, but I thank you for coming. My favorite part was the video. Come back and visit us real soon. Sincerely,

Paul Brantley

1st grade"

"Dear Lady Diana,

You were very good when you came to my school. I like you very much. The video was my favorite part. Thank you for coming. Your friend,

Amy the Cook (Jill Casey)

1st grade"

"Dear Lord James,

Thank you for teaching us about Medieval Period. It was very nice of you! Today's my birthday and on friday I'll have a birthday party at home.

(School Demos, continued)

You're very handsome. I hope you come back soon! Your little friend,

*Lady Gwendolyn (Stephanie Warren)
2nd grade"*

These letters speak for themselves, milords and miladies. At least with community children, we're a hit!

From A Vixen:

You already know, but...our host-home Warner Park/Zoo helps defray costs through its recycle center. Located just across the parking lot from the fighting field, the center welcomes cans, glass, plastics (types 1 and 2), newspaper, cardboard, and even mixed paper. And, if you don't want to unload "icky stuff" while in garb, they have attendants to do it for you. Seems a good way to support our hosts -- so bring your stuff on Sundays and help feed the Kinkajou, or Hyena, or Prairie Dogs, or Pot-Bellied Pig, or....

P.S. Newly "authorized" fighters who haven't coordinated badge colors find me so we can chat.

P.M.S. Thanks to Lord Forddwydd for contributions, and to the rest of you, well, where are those old Pop Chiv's??
DO I HAVE TO GET FUSSY?!

ITEMS FOR SALE

Set of 200 waxed leather plates (11/2"x4") for brigantine armor: \$40
6" wide waxed leather kidney belt: \$25
Waxed leather basket hilts: \$30/pair
Waxed leather half gauntlets: \$20/pair

Contact Ld.Forddwydd (615) 624-3458

**WANNA DO THE GROUP THING
AT BORDER RAIDS?? IF
YOU'D LIKE TO ORGANIZE A
CARAVAN/GROUP CAMP
CONTACT RABBIT AT 877-6299**

Unto the populous at-large of the Shire of Vulpine Reach, from Laird Cailean michAlasdair A'Sinclair and Heather of Loch Maree Warmest Greetings:

Planning for Tourney of the Foxes, to be held on August 27,28, and29, A.S. XXVIII is progressing appace. So far, everything is running fairly smoothly. We will be using

Booker T. Washington State Park this year and Mistress Lijsbeth is to be congratulated for finding this site. The hall is large and air-conditioned, there's loads of space for tenting, and the tourney field is enormous.

Heads of various activities have been contacted and are busy setting up their areas.

In addition to the fighting, Lord James is running an archery competition. We will be having the brewing and vintrning competition. New to our activities this year will be competitions for "Best Heraldic Display on a Banner" and a strolling bard contest. Ekatarina Mikailovna Yulibiepsa and Bridgett Areonda will be running activities for the goslings.

Lady Rachele is hard at work on a new play for this year's Tourney.

If there are any ideas, thoughts or suggestions you have, **please** contact the autocrats...we need all the help we can get.

Pricing is yet to be voted on, but by the time you read this, it should be finalized. The flier should appear in the June issue of Popular Chivalry.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you in advance for all your hard work. There will be more to come later, we are sure.

Yours in Service,
Cailean and Heather

Editor's note: As of the May 17 meeting, price schedule for Tourney of the Foxes was voted as follows:

Preregistration/Shire Price \$14

At-the-door Price \$18

Day Trip with Feast \$10

Day Trip without Feast \$7

Bear in mind that members receive the \$2 discount from these prices.

EVENT SURVIVAL: "I thought you brought the tent!"

Last month, we covered the "prep" for going to an event - making reservations and such. Now it's time to talk about what you'll need to take so you can enjoy yourself.

First, is it a tenting-only event or one where there is not camping allowed on-site? Is it a one-day, non-overnight event or a week-long war? Are you staying for the whole thing or just day

tripping? Just how comfortable do you want to be, anyway?

In Meridies, we're blessed with many developed youth camps. With prices on the rise, though, look for more of the bare-bones throw-a-tent-in-the-car events. Which leads to the question: does the site provide lodging? If not, it's tent-time. Sleeping under the stars is great as long as the weather is with you, but it's better to play it safe.

Next, you need a bedroll, sleeping bag, or bedclothes. In many of the developed sites, all you'll need will be sheets, blanket, and pillow. As long as you're packing "white-sale" items, don't forget a towel and a washcloth. Also, take along your basic toilet kit that you would have on any overnighiter.

Naturally, you'll need your garb, but you may want a change in case you fall in a creek or something less pleasant during the day. Consider the weather, too; conditions can change in a few short hours. During the summer, sun-block or tanning lotion with a high SPF is a necessity - just ask Gaylwind about *that!*

If you plan to stay for the feast, you'll need the basics in feast gear. You can equip yourself for less than \$15 by buying your plate, spoon, goblet, candleholder, and knife from some thrift shop like Bethel, Salvation Army, or Goodwill. Don't forget a napkin - some feasts get messy.

You'll need food for those meals that aren't provided and beverages for the day(s) and the feast. Bear in mind the type site (dry, wet, etc.) when packing your drinks.

Fighters, take **all** required armor, since armor inspections are held prior to the fighting. Also, don't forget your authorization card!

Be sure to pack all your A&S entries, musical instruments, songbooks, and your diary or sketchpad (if you draw); it's certain that you'll see and hear plenty of things that you'll want to remember! Archers, bring your gear! Most groups have only a limited amount of loaner equipment.

Keep in mind that this is, at best, only a limited list and should be used as a guideline to help you come up with your own personal list to fill your own personal needs.

Happy Tourney Season!!

The Shire of Ezaret proudly presents

Hammers and Anvils

June 12, 9am-9pm

We gladly invite you to join us for this one-day event. For your pleasure, we will open our armor workshop. We will not be trying to build new armor in the limited time available. We will help you repair and correct any armor to meet kingdom standards. We have a limited amount of materials (steel, aluminum, and leather) available for use at no charge. Groups are welcome to bring their loaner armor for rework and repair. In addition, armor advice is available and you will be welcome to copy any patterns we have on hand.

We will have classes if the teachers are available. If you would like to teach a class, please call in advance to arrange scheduling.

The Tourney of Centaurs' Glade will be held in the afternoon. It will be a double elimination tourney, and the prize for the winner will be a pair of **clamshell leather gauntlets** suitable for all styles of SCA combat.

There will be a soup lunch and feast supplied. Dancing will be held in the evening. **NOTE: THIS IS A VERY DRY SITE!**

SCHEDULE:

9:00 AM	Site opens
9:30-noon	Armor Shop Open
10-noon	Classes (if available)
noon-1PM	Lunch
1-2	Authorizations
1-4	Armor Shop Open
2-4	Tourney
4:30-5:30	Feast
6-8	Dancing
9PM	Site Close

Prices: \$10 for the whole day (members deduct \$2)

Ages 7 - 12 years: Half Price

Children, Ages 6 and under: Free

For information, contact Tim Wade (615) 528-9735 (6-10 cst). Autocrat is Rob Pace, 328 1/2 Cherry Avenue, Cookeville, TN, 38501 (615) 526-2700.

The site is the Wesley Center near the TTU campus on Ninth Street - IT IS **VERY DRY!!** Directions: Make your best route to I-40 and go to Exit #288. Look for signs. Go north on Highway 111 to the second exit ("Algood"). Turn left at the bottom of the ramp and then follow the signs.

Unto All The Gentles In Vulpine Reach:

In an attempt to provide recognition of those gentles in our shire who distinguish themselves through their good works, I would like to present to you a newcomer named Culluden.

This lord, who was very active at our recent RIVER ROAST demo, gained the attention of several of our regular members by helping set our area up for the demo, gladly working at anything that needed doing (without being asked), helping take our demo site down, "dancing like a crazy fool and loving it," helping clean up after the post-demo revel, and overall, displaying intense enthusiasm.

For these reasons, a number of our shire's members feel that Cullunden deserves special recognition. From those who know, Well Done, Cullunden!

If you there is somebody that you feel should be recognized for whatever reason, please submit that person's name to the shire seneschal, along with a note describing the reasons why you wish this person to receive recognition. Although a posting here is a small amount of recognition, it is recognition. What we're trying to do is to let everybody in our shire know when you or someone you know has done something noteworthy.

Announcement:

In an attempt to be prepared for the combat conditions at Border Raids, all fighters that are planning to go are encouraged to attend the regular Sunday fighter practice on June 13. This is two weeks before the event, and we need to get into top fighting form before the event!!

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"The Old Fox"

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Heather of Loch Maree

Malcolm michAlasdair A'Sinclair

Laird Davoc Walkere

Lady Diana Fiona O'Shera

Laura Phillips

Lord Forddwydd Meredydd

Special note: Due to some unpleasant business with neighbors, Mistress Lijsbeth is in the process of finding a new house and thus has not been able to attend meetings for the last few weeks. There is the possibility that she may need some help when the time actually comes to move. If you are inclined and have the time, please call her at (615) 886 - 6256. -- Ld. James Toxophilus

ANNOUNCEMENT:

There will be a special armor building/repair session on Saturday, June 12, at THL Richard Fenwick's house. As of press time, there was no confirmed time. However, you can contact THL Richard at 698-5007 for the time.

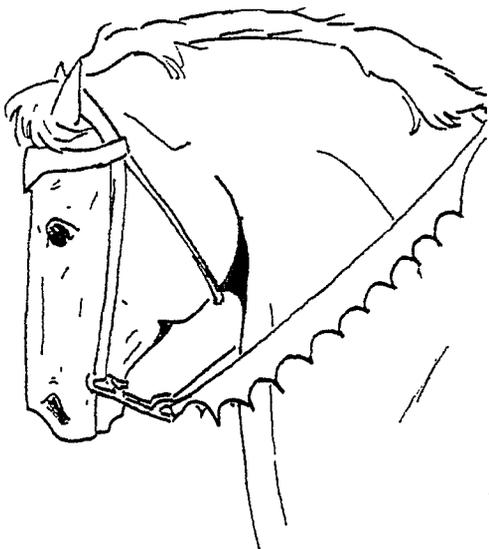
NEEDED: Source for wooden feast gear, especially drinking vessels. Contact Heather of Loch Maree/Spring Tryon at (615) 624-2040.

Because of a last-minute submission of an event flier, please note that the Best Bets section does not list the event for the Shire of Ezaret. Please refer to the flier for the specifics of the event. Also note that archery practices are listed on a per date basis in the calendar and are not scheduled on a weekly basis.

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