

# Fox Tales

ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO ENGRAVE

SEPTEMBER, 1993

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## AUTHORIZATION OF ARCHERS PROPOSED 'CARDS' TO BE REQUIRED OF TARGET SHOOTERS

SCA Earl Marshal Duke Lawrence of Ashana has recently drafted a proposal requiring **target archers** to undergo an authorization procedure prior to being allowed to participate in SCA-related target shooting. Here follows the draft of the proposal.

### *Authorization of Target Archery-Draft Proposal*

#### *A. General:*

*All persons who wish to participate in target archery activities within the Society must authorize under the Society and Kingdom of residence authorization procedures.*

*1. Each kingdom shall establish a procedure for authorizing Archers for participation in archery-related activities. These procedures shall verify the candidate is familiar with the following:*

- a. Target archery rules of the Line of the SCA.*
- b. Target archery equipment standards of the SCA.*
- c. Kingdom of residence specific target equipment standards.*

*In addition to the above requirements, the candidate must demonstrate that he/she is able to function on the range in a manner that is safe both to himself/herself and his/her fellow participants.*

*2. Only a warranted or rostered Archery Marshal may perform an authorization. This Marshal must witness the authorization and must execute the appropriate paperwork to insure the authorization is registered with the appropriate kingdom official.*

*3. Authorization shall be registered with and kept on file by the Archery Marshal or other designated official of each kingdom. This office shall be responsible for keeping properly completed waivers and issuing archery authorization cards. In addition to maintaining the registration of authorizations, this office shall provide the Earl Marshal with a list of all current Authorization Cards on request.*

*4. No authorization card may be issued until a proof of membership is shown to the Authorizing Marshal.*

*5. Authorization Cards shall not be issued to persons residing in other kingdoms unless such persons are defined as subjects of the issuing kingdom by specific Royal Treaty.*

*6. Kingdoms may define such additional types of authorizations and requirements for specific activities such as Range Marshals and Archery Authorization Marshals, as they deem necessary.*

*7. Valid Authorization cards shall be accepted outside the issuing kingdom as proof of authorization. (Kingdoms may define additional requirements before renewing the authorization card from a person who has moved into that Kingdom from another Kingdom.)*

*8. Any Kingdom may revoke the authorization card of any other kingdom for just and stated cause.*

I refrain from any comment on this proposal on the basis of journalistic fairness. I am highly biased on this matter and feel that airing my opinion would be fair to neither Duke Lawrence of Ashana nor the matter at hand. If you have any comments or opinions on this matter, please address them to him: Stanley Hodgkin, Jr., 74 Noel Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122.

## HUNTER DEMO A WORK OF 'ART'

A special series of demos was held the week of August 16-20 at Hunter Museum of Art. SCA members were asked to provide the history lessons for the session of Art Camp entitled "The Renaissance." Eleven 10 to 12-year-olds painted heraldic banners in the mornings, ate and listened to us and then make stained glass windows in the afternoons.

Monday was devoted to an introduction to the SCA and the Middle Ages and to archery. Tuesday was fighting and armor day. Wednesday, the kids sampled medieval foods and herbs and made their own crowns. On Thursday, they tried on costumes and had photos taken, and Friday they learned to dance. Friday was also the day for the parents' reception, where the children were presented with their photos in a mock court, and everyone, including parents and siblings, learned the Tangle Bransle. We received many positive comments from the parents and museum educators - who have invited us to run a demo for their Children's Day on September 11 from 1-4.

Thanks go out to everyone who helped, including Gaylwind Redmane, Lord James Toxophilus, Lady Diana Fiona O'Shera, Lady Aine A. Lord Tarn Southart, Josh, Lawrence Mesich, Lord Wilhelm Thorsteinsson, Eyvind Thorsteinsson, and Lady Madelena de Luna.

- Mistress Lijsbeth Tijss van Brugge

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## FROM THE CHRONICLER

Greetings gentles! At press time, I had just attended our event, Tourney of the Foxes. Right now, I'm a bit bone-weary from the past few days, combined with fatigue from the previous week. My father had successful *six-way* cardiac bypass surgery on the Monday before Foxes. He is currently at home and, according to doctor's reports, doing exceptionally well in the recovery phase.

Preliminary reports indicate that, for our guests and our special guests, the Crown and Coronet of Meridies, Tourney of the Foxes was a success. There were a few problems, of course, but there always are. That's why we always have a critique of the event afterwards. Everybody is invited to "put his oar in" at the "post-mortem" of the event, so we can isolate problems and correct them before our next event. I'll have a summary of the meeting and the event in next month's Fox Tales.

Due to a number of requests, I am compiling a database of Meridian event sites and their distances from Vulpine Reach. This may take several months, while I get a good handle on the sites' locations and make the distance measurements. If you have experience on the driving distance for any of these event sites (and have an **accurate** odometer in your car), I would be most grateful for the information.

Gramercy gentles.



**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:** Duke John and Countess Jane Falada are parents! Johnny McDaniel Fulton V was born on July 19, 1993 at nine pounds, nine ounces! Congratulations may be sent to: Duke John the Bearkiller and Countess Jane Falada of Englewood, 2494 Hollins Avenue, Memphis, TN, 38112.

## BEST BETS

- 9/11 Wine List VII, Glynn Rhe (130 mi.) \$17, \$11 day trip.  
*Two tournaments- four-man melee tourney, individual double-elim tourney, feast, tenting, disc. wet site.*
- 9/18 Tavern Brawl V, Rising Stone (110 mi.) \$18, \$12 day trip. *Four battles, weapons restricted to 36" and no shields, archery, gosling activities, feast, cabins & tenting.*
- 9/25 Coronation, South Downs (45 mi.) \$28, \$15 day trip w/feast. *Kingdom event, in Mentone near Vulpine Reach, an easy day trip, feast limited to 200 - register early.*
- 10/2 Fall Faire, Branstone (130 mi.) \$14, \$6 day trip.  
*A & S competition, period wedding, feast, tenting.*

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## CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 EVENT- EZARET  
EVENT- Griffphon's Pleasure V (Griffphon Shadow)
- 6 \*\*\*\* LABOR DAY \*\*\*\* (No Meeting)
- 11 EVENT- War of the Diamonds (Small Gray Bear)  
EVENT- Wine List VII (Glynn Rhe)  
*Local Demo at Hunter Art Museum*
- 13 Post-Mortem of Foxes/Deadline for October Fox Tales
- 15 \*\*\*\* ROSH HASHANAH BEGINS \*\*\*\*
- 18 EVENT- Tavern Brawl V (Rising Stone)  
EVENT- Red Tower XXI (South Downs)  
EVENT- Buccaneer's Ball VIII (Seleone)  
*Local Archery Practice*
- 20 Local Meeting
- 24 \*\*\*\* YOM KIPPUR BEGINS \*\*\*\*
- 25 EVENT- Coronation (South Downs/Glynn Rhe)
- 27 Local Meeting

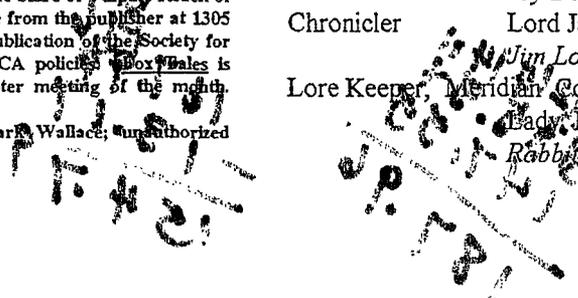
### OCTOBER

- 2 EVENT- Fall Faire (Branstone)  
EVENT- Border Collegium (Blackmoor Keep)  
EVENT- Danelaw IV (Bryn Madoc)  
EVENT- St. Sebastian's Quarrel (Ironox)  
*Local Archery Practice*
- 4 Local Meeting/Distribution of October Fox Tales
- 9 EVENT- Shields & Spurs (Cabal Mohr/S. Downs)  
EVENT- Fall of Rome (Misty Mere)
- 11 \*\*\*\* COLUMBUS DAY \*\*\*\*
- 16 EVENT- Crown List (Ardanroe)
- 18 Local Meeting/Deadline for November Fox Tales

Fighter practice is held on Sunday afternoons 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. Archery practices are held at Choo Choo Archery Lanes on Bonny Oaks Drive at 12 noon (as scheduled).

## Regnum

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## THE FOX FILES

Hello, good gentles! My name is Starski and I've been involved in the SCA for around three years. I lived in a very boring town in Texas and had heard about a weird group of people, so I decided to learn more about them. They turned out to be the SCA.

My family name is Campbell and if I decide to really research an SCA name, I'd like to discover my true heritage!

The first event I ever experienced was called The End of the World, held by the incipient Shire of Loche Raeburn in Ansteorra. The most recent event I have attended was this year's Tourney of the Foxes.

My favorite activity in the Society is guild meetings. There's just something about a group of people collectively working on a project that invigorates me! I enjoy the period arts, especially stained glass, beadwork and jewelry making, candle making, garmentry, wood and leather working, herbalism, gardening, bookbinding, and calligraphy. I once won a table-setting competition at a Yule Revel in Loche Raeburn.

The funniest thing I saw at an event was at End of the World II; it poured rain on Friday night! In fact, it rained so hard and so fast that the tents resembled swimming pools. Most of the populace wore makeshift garb the next day and several mattresses littered the amphitheater seats while drying in the sun. Surprisingly, no tents actually floated away, although a few air mattresses were reported to have!

At the same event, I slept on the deck area of my Plymouth Laser Hatchback (not a big car). My mattress just barely fit and I had to keep the hatch lid closed to keep out the rain. The look on the peoples' faces (what few were actually awake) was priceless as I arose from the trunk of my car unexpectedly the next morning!

The most memorable moment of my SCA experiences was the very first time I attended a populace meeting. It was a true introduction to the SCA; everyone was fully garbed and "in persona." The meeting house was a very

atmospheric rustic wood-cabinish restaurant that added to, and even encouraged, the ambiance of the scene. My reaction? "What a great bunch of really weird people... I've found a home."

In persona, my traditional Scottish family is very strict, especially my overbearing father. They arranged a marriage for me to a man I do not approve of; he's a sheepherder (need I say more) and I refuse to "Baa" like a

sheep. So, I've run away with the Tinkers to travel the world. I tend to be somewhat unconventional, but hey, I've always been a gypsy at heart!

-Starski

## ASK 'OLD FOX'

Dear Old Fox,

I finished my armor about a month ago and I've been to a couple of fighter practices. My question is: when

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## Ask 'Old Fox' (continued)

do I get to be King?

Signed,

Eager To Get Crowned

*Dear Eager To Get Crowned,*

*The best way to get crowned is to insult everybody just before fighter practice.*

*If you really want to be King, well, that's totally different. There are certain requirements you have to meet. The first and most important prerequisite is bad knees. This has long been a tradition, but I believe that it will probably be added to Kingdom Law soon.*

*The second requirement is time. You must give up your job, family, sleep, etc. Being King may sound like a cakewalk, but it isn't. Everybody wants you to be everywhere and all at the same time.*

*The third is money. There is no paycheck, no taxes, no nothing. Why, you can't even grind the peasants into the mud, since theoretically we don't have any (peasants, that is). Anyway, it takes a lot of money to travel and do the events.*

*My suggestion to you would be to wait until after you've won the lottery.*

*Good Luck,*

*The Old Fox*

If you have a question about life in the SCA that you'd like an answer to, then write the question down on a piece of paper and give it to me, the chronicler, and I'll see that it gets to the Old Fox for consideration. Thanks for the questions!

### **ARMOR ITEMS FOR SALE**

200 Waxed Leather Plates (1 1/2" x 4") for Brigandine-style armor .....\$40  
Waxed Leather Kidney Belt (6" wide).....\$25  
Waxed Leather Basket Hilts (pr.).....\$30  
Waxed Leather 1/2 Gauntlets (pr.).....\$20

Contact Lord Forddwydd Meredydd at  
(615) 624-3458

## **To All the Ladies, from Gaylwind Redmane:**

For those of you who have seen Lady Rabbit's and Teresa's wonderful

sandalwood fans and have positively lusted after your own...the fans are available through Ms. Linda Gerhart, 911 Pine Grove Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32803, (407) 984-6107. Ms. Gerhart - an SCA member herself - is currently charging a mere \$5.00 per fan, plus postage. She will accept personal checks with the inclusion of seneschal and shire names. I spoke with her around the 27th of July and she was preparing to obtain fans for Pennsic War, so you might want to order early to have a suitable fan fit for flirting with all those lovely fighters!

Much thanks goes to Teresa for wandering around for hours at Dragoncon before finding Ms. Gerhart and for being so generous in providing the address info. Attagirl, milady T for a real find!

- Gaylwind Redmane

## **Travels: Meridian 15 Year Celebration**

As we arrived on-site, the full moon was framed by the large onion dome and the bell tower while the palm trees lightly swayed in the pre-dawn breezes. The hall was a large replica of an Arabian palace, wherein the merchants' bazaar was set up in air-conditioned splendor. In fact, the hall was also large enough to accommodate the fighters for both the heavy weapons and the rapier demonstrations.

The Fifteen-Year ceremonies honored the founders of the principality which later became the Kingdom of Meridies. All the Royalty, barons and baronesses, and peerage were present. The Royal Lineage of Meridies was recited by the Kingdom's children (with the assistance of Lord Teague).

There were classes of the Royal University of Meridies held at the event. The courses were well-organized and taught within the air-conditioned hall (that building was HUGE!).

The **Fire and Ice Ball** scheduled for Saturday evening became the **Fire and Rice Ball** due to an error in communication. The ice sculpture that was delivered to the ball was actually made of "Rice Krispy" treats! It's amazing how difficult those phar-speaker

misconceptions can be....

Meridies celebrated her fifteenth year with grace and aplomb. The pageantry was beautiful and the regal appearance of our founders was awesome for anybody interested in Meridian history.

The event was attended mainly by the populace from the southern lands of our realm (editor's note: the Meridian 15-Year Celebration was held in Florida).

Our Shire's representation was duly noted, considering how far we traveled.

- Lady Egelina Rabbette

## **Bardica:**

- *Untitled* -

We were here before  
At this battleground  
Fighting for Kingdoms.

Now we are here again  
As trusting and old allies  
Instead of old enemies.

We both say,  
"How wise it is to know  
Where your allies are."

We are eager to tell about  
Old times, old guests,  
And old glorious battles boldly  
Fought and won,  
So we know where we were.

Then we talk about new quests  
And new hopes,  
So we know where we are going.

We all admit that

We were all here once before.

*An Original Poem by Daniel E. Harris  
8-17-93*

## **The Following is a Public Service Announcement:**

My lords and ladies, I bring you word of a dreaded disease that does haunt the SCA in many forms: APD (Authenticity Police Disease).

Watch for the symptoms in those close to you and stamp it out as best you may. While this disease hits mainly those who have been in the Society for 2-3 years and longer, it *can* occur in those who are susceptible in 6 months or less. Beware, the primary symptom is **not** concern for authenticity!

### ...Announcement (continued)

Rather, it is a conviction that the sufferer Knows It All. Of course, it is this facet of APD which makes it so insidious, for the topic that the victim Knows It All about may not even be authenticity!

In the especially virulent form, the sufferer has been known to try to convince those who have been in the SCA *three times* longer that they don't know whereof they speak.

Alas for us, this disease may be akin to a madness delirium in that the sufferer may not see the antiquity of the costume/garb (as indicated by ragged hems, seams, etc.), nor the several and varied awards which do dangle from the neck and/or sleeve of the disputed answerer. As yet, there is no hard and fast cure; hope springs eternal, though.

APD is dangerous and known to be spreading. Watch for the symptoms -- it *could* strike someone near you!

(Source: Seen on a computer BBS.)

### WARNER PARK DEMO AND FIGHTER PRACTICE

I confess, even though I caught Ken's interview on Monday, I didn't really think anyone would remember his invitation to Sunday's fighter practice. After all, it was a whole week between the show and the practice, and, well, who watches TV at 6:00 in the morning anyway? I was wrong.

There were several people at Warner Park on Sunday who mentioned seeing Ken's interview and, in particular, there was a gentle who came specifically because of the interview (he wanted to show off some weapons he had crafted). A reporter even stopped by for some follow-up footage that was aired Sunday evening. Obviously, Ken's message was well received and frankly, I could stand to be wrong this well more often (you figure out what that means).

Anyway, from the publicity aspect Sunday's demo was a success. From the *attendance* aspect, well, don't think that I've gotten fussy(ier) because I had to find out in a nasty nanosecond that television really does make you look heavier and I won't be eating until feast at Foxes, but **Where the heck were you guys???** Let's see some signed excuses

from your parents, preachers, pediatricians, or jailers.

For you folks that did make the demo - hugs and kisses. I know it was horrendously hot and humid, but regardless of the weather, it's always fun to see you guys.

Our very own Herald and fighter extraordinaire, THL Richard Fenwick appeared on the early morning news on August 9, and, in my moderately biased opinion, did a fabulous job

plugging our cause. For those of you who missed Lord Richard's interview, he managed (in a very short time frame) to squeeze in invitations for the general populous to the dress demo/fighter practice the following Sunday at Warner Park, Tourney of the Foxes at Booker T. Washington State Park the end of this month, and film footage of what the SCA is all about. Great job Richard, and thank you very, very much!!

- Gaylwind Redmane

Thor's Mountain Proudly Presents:

## Silver Hammer XIX

Godelind's 15th Anniversary

29, 30, & 31 October, 1993

**Major Fighting Major Feasting Major Fun**

(The fighting will be held for those people too whimperque to enter the A & S competition.)

Help us celebrate Godelind's fifteen years as Baroness of Thor's Mountain at Big Ridge State Park in scenic Andersonville, TN. The tournament will be double-elimination with a Le Mans start. Arts and Sciences competitions will be held in the following categories:

STATIC ARTS:	Herbal	Brewing and Vintning	Leatherwork
	Armor	Domestic Arts	Culinary Arts
	Jewelry	Illumination and Calligraphy	
LIVE ARTS:	Vocal	Instrumental	Dramatic

A masked ball will be held. Feast will be limited to 250. Cabin space is limited, so reserve early. Tenting sites are available, but they are quite a walk from the main site. For those interested, there are private cabins near the site available for rental. These have a full kitchen and bath, are heated, have two double beds and a hide-a-bed with lots of floor space and a fireplace. Cost is \$50/night/cabin. Phone reservations accepted at (615) 992-5523. Persons staying in the private cabins will pay the day trip fee. No pets. The group camp is discretely dry, but the rest of the state park is bone dry.

**DIRECTIONS:** Take best route to I-75 Exit 122 (Norris-Clinton). Take 61 east. Travel 11.5 miles to Big Ridge State Park. Follow signs to the group camp. SCA signs will be posted.

**PRICES:** \$17.50 until 9/15      \$19.00 9/15-10/15      \$21.00 at the door  
\$12.00 day trip with feast      \$7.00 day trip w/o feast

\$2.00 discount on all prices with proof of SCA membership. Make all checks payable to : The Barony of Thor's Mountain, SCA Inc.

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### **ERRATA:**

In the last issue, a name was misspelled; the correct spelling is *Lora Greymare*. Also, I inadvertently left the title from *Lord Dorin Schwartzmitt's* name.

## Acknowledgments

Special thanks to the contributors to the  
September issue:

*Laird Davoc Walkere*  
*Lady Diana Fiona O'Shera*  
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*Duke John the Bearkiller &*  
*Countess Jane Falada*  
*Starski*  
*Baron William Blackfox*  
*"The Old Fox"*  
*Lord Forddwydd Meredydd*  
*Gaylwind Redmane*  
*Lady Egelina Rabbette*  
*Daniel E. Harris*  
*The Barony of Thor's Mountain*  
*Malcolm michAlasdair A'Sinchlair*  
*Lord Llywelyn ap Alawn*

### THE FIGHTER'S HANDBOOK IS IN!

Mistress Lijsbeth has just received a shipment of the SCA Fighter's Handbook; they are priced at \$12.00 each. Please see her to obtain your copy today!

### LAST MINUTE WORDS

By the time this issue reaches you, we will have done the Hunter Museum Children's Day Demo, so look for a report on it! Also in the works for the October issue is possibly a report on Pennsic War by Teresa and Lord Hezekiah of the North River.

Tourney of the Foxes is a page in our local history at this point, so I'll cover it next issue as well. I already have several submissions dealing with Foxes now and welcome as many others as are forthcoming. Come on, surely you have *something* to say about our event!

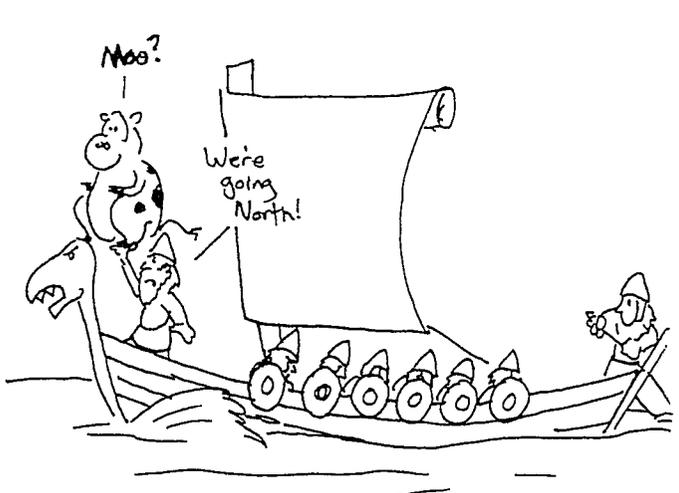
About all I can write on is the archery tourney, feast, and the play (I collapsed into my bed shortly after the last curtain call, dead to the world). I *might* be convinced to stretch the submission deadline as far as September 17 for those of you who will mail the work to me....

I welcome all submissions on just about anything, so even if you don't have anything to say about Foxes, I'll take anything else you have to publish! See you next month!

# FOX TALES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SHIRE OF VULPINE REACH

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