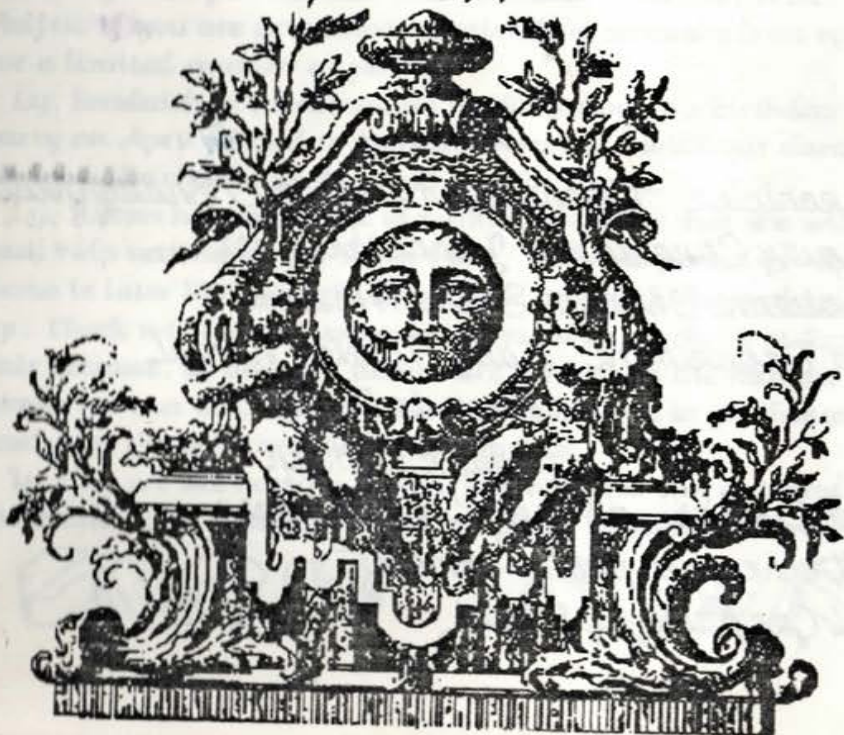




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From the Seneschal



Unto the populace and Citizens of Vatavia does Ly. Briallen send Greetings

Hi! To those who don't know me, I'm your new Seneschal. I know its going to be difficult to fill Auntie Ceithlenns shoes (even though she has smaller feet than mine) I will do my best to try. She has promised to help whenever and wherever I need her, (WHEW!) and I'm sure I will. I think Vatavia has prospered under her hands and we all owe her a vote of thanks. She's still going strong with the needleworkers guild, is Feastocrating Crown Tourney, and is also taking a class in the evening. As you can see, She's as busy as ever.

The next several weeks will be busy ones for Vatavians. In April alone we have a major Boy Scout Demo, Shakespeare's birthday party, and Renn Fair, of course. In May we are hosting Crown Tourney and June 1st. is War of the Lillies.

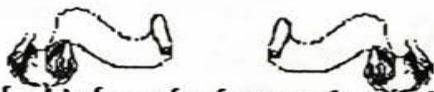
Ld. Aelfric is in charge of the Boy Scout demo on April 21. This is a major demo and could be very useful to us in allowing us to put our best foot forward. Check with Ld. Aelfric if you are interested in attending since we have space for a limited number of people.

Ly. Seralath is coordinating the Shakespeare's birthday party on April 23 and is working very hard with our dancers. We have the chance to show our "stuff" again.

Ly. Raven has asked me to remind everyone that she will need help setting up for Renn Fair. The time period for this demo is later SCA period, so get your best garb out and spiffed up. Check with her if you are interested in working at Renn Fair because, as always, demos are limited in the number of people we can use. She also reminds everyone to get things ready for the Arts and Sciences displays.

In May we are hosting Crown Tourney and I'm autocrating the event. I'm counting on the people of Vatavia to come





through as usual. We have had several compliments on how well we work together and I'd like to see us pull together for Crown. I need someone who will be in charge of Troll booth. Please see me if you are interested.

Get your camping gear, armor, and archery equipment ready for War of the Lillies. It should be a fun event (of course any event with a blender is a fun event) and we'd like to see as many from Vatavia there as possible.

An interesting development came about from our demos. We asked Kansas Newman for a gratuity in the form of space for our use, and they were agreeable. When the Shakespeare's birthday people called me they volunteered a place for us to practice. They felt we performed a valuable service for them and they were glad to give us something in return. I mentioned this to our Kingdom Seneschal and she said that that was a problem many of us shared. We have to believe we are valuable before anyone else will. Lets not undervalue ourselves, and no one else will either.

I am looking for deputies for various jobs. Ly. Ceithlenn released all her deputies when she stepped down and I'd love to have some help. There is much that can be done, Chatilaine, arranging demos and just general help. Please speak to me if your interested.

Our directories are ready - one to a household. Thanks to Gwendolynn and Zani.

Please use the serf line if you can't get me at my home. If you want to leave a message for any other Vatavian, please keep it short and remember, I may not see that person any sooner than you might

In service to Vatavia,
Briallen

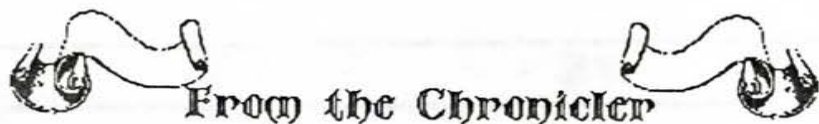


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19'th deadline



From the Chronicler

Greetings unto the populace?

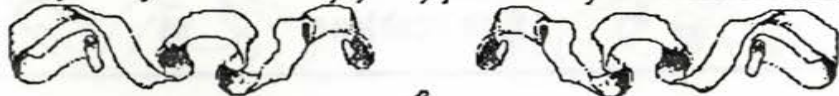
Where have you been? Are you still out there or has the entire populace been captured and taken to some strange land. Where are all my letters, poems, and articles? Let me at least thank the persons who are still alive and at least tried to get some things to me. Maybe those strange funnel clouds took everyone away and they can't get home. Well please find your red slippers and let me know you are still alive. You are missed.

Alone in Vataria,
Gwendolynn O'Shaughnessey

From the Luchistnik

Greetings to one and all,

I am quite dismayed by the things I have been hearing about archery here in Vataria. One of the excuses being used is that our standards to get in the guard are too high. I beg to differ with you my friends the score required for this is merely 40 pts. That is to say 5 rounds at 20 yards with five arrows. The highest possible score is 100 pts but we only ask for 40. The other things that play a part are: are you truly interested in archery. At least interested enough to show up to practice and to cheer on the others archers. Be willing to learn and pass what you know on to others both here in Vataria and in the Kingdom as well. It is not a hard thing at all to become a member of the Archer Guard. It looks as if with Lady Ravens help it may become alot more interesting in the near future. We hope to get something going pertaining to combat archery



real soon. We hope to have a time for authorizing you fighter types in archery. So be thinking of a time that would work for most of you and we will discuss this at populace. I also hope to have a monthly shoot not unlike champions shoot at least once a month, for purposes of getting some scores for promotions to the archer guard. Let me also state that the next Champions Archery shoot will take place sometime in the month of May or June. Let me remind you again that this shoot is an important one and shouldn't be looked at as if you'll go out and beat everyone and not be heard from again. This is a position of honor and responsibility to your Barony and the people in Vataria to keep archery alive and well throughout the kingdom as well.

In Service to Vataria and the Kingdom of
Calontir,
Gwendolynn Morna O'Shaughnessey

P.S. IMPORTANT!!!! After the end of this month archery will no longer be at 21st and Market, it will resume on Tuesday nights at Lord Kendalls abode on East Kellogg almost in Augusta. If you need directions please feel free to call. As usual it will be on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 pm till and for UKAC and the hard core archers, also on Thursday evenings. Stay tuned for information on this years UKAC shoots in Vataria. (Note this takes effect when the time changes).

From the MOS

Greetings to one and all,

Not much to say at this point, but anyone interested in



starting a new science or just learning an old one please get in touch. We still need to hear from you on your projects for Reinfaire.

In service to Vatavia,
Lord Tristan Rory de Jores
682-7820



Vatavian Archery Information

Interkingdom Archery Competition runs from May 1st and continues until November. These are the general rules with the recent changes as per this months Mews pg. 16 from: Sir Jon Fitz-Rauf; and the most recent archery handbook.

To shoot the UKAC you will need at least 40 yards to the farthest target, plus a sufficient safe zone behind the butt to allow for stray arrows.

The UKAC uses 60 centimeter, 5-color, round target faces. the changes in the rules are as follows:

1. the rounds do not have to be shot in order of range, they may be shot in any order
2. under the rules for crossbows, bolts need not be metal-capped at the rear



The rules in general are:

- 1 practice round at 20 yards
- 2 rounds at 20 yards 6 arrows
- 2 speed rounds what ever you can get off
- 1 practice rounds at 30 yards
- 2 rounds at 30 yards 6 arrows
- 2 speed rounds what ever you can get off
- 1 practice round at 40 yards
- 2 rounds at 40 yards 6 arrows
- 2 speed rounds what ever you can get off

two marshals must be in attendance You must be a supporting member (Paid member) of the SCA the scores must be recorded and sent in the the proper authority

for a copy of the rules for UKAC please write send a 25 cent S.A.S.E. (legal size) For the UKAC send a 45 cent S.A.S.E. (legal size) to Sir Jon Fitz-Rauf





c/o John R. Edgerton
7662 Wells Ave., Newark
CA 94560-3530.

Archery in Calontir: Standards and Safety (from the Calontir Archery Handbook 12/30/88)

A. Participants

Waivers



1. All archers shall have executed proper waivers in accordance with corporate and Kingdom Law
2. Archers shall keep proof of same on their person while participating.

Minors

1. Persons under 14 years of age may participate in archery competitions (not with hand-thrown weapons), as long as they have passed appropriate authorizations and have a parent in attendance at the line with them. Minors must have minor's waiver on their person.
2. Persons 14 through 17 years of age may participate if they have passed the proper authorizations and have a minor's waiver on their person.

Rules of the line

1. Do not shoot bows or arrows unless they have been inspected by a warranted Archer Marshal.
2. Do not approach the firing line unless instructed to do so.
3. Straddle the firing line when firing.
4. Nock arrows only at the command of the Archer-Marshal.
5. Begin firing at the command of the Archer-Marshal.
6. All firing shall stop when a "Hold" is called.
7. When you are finished shooting, step back from the line.
8. Set down your bow and retrieve only your arrows at the command of the Archer-Marshal.
9. While approaching the target, remember to watch for arrows in the ground.



10. Do not pull arrows until the scores have been recorded by the official scorer.

B. Equipment Construction

Bows

1. Recurves and longbows of any material are allowed.
2. Compound bows are not allowed.
3. Stabilizers, string releases, kissers, clickers, mechanical arrow rest, and bow sights are not allowed.
4. Recurve bows may have their bow limbs marked for assistance in sighting.

Arrows

1. Arrows for all outdoor shooting should be made of period materials. Wood with feather fletches shall be the norm. Other designs if documentably period, shall be allowed at the discretion of the Marshal. The Marshal may prohibit the use of any arrow he/she deems to be unsafe.
2. All arrows shall have metal tips firmly attached and in reasonable condition.
3. Arrows shall have arrow nocks firmly attached and in excellent condition.

Crossbows

1. Crossbows may not exceed 150 pounds pull weight.
2. Trigger mechanisms should not allow the string to accidentally release.
3. No telescopic sights: open iron sights are permitted.
4. Users of crossbows should be aware that several other kingdoms require crossbow prods to be wrapped with fiber tape or leather. This is not required in Calontir, as it interferes with the inspection of the bow.

Crossbow Bolts

1. Bolts should be matched for the crossbow.
2. Bolts should be made of wood.
3. Bolts shall have metal tips in good condition.





C. Inspection

Participants

1. Any participant should be in suitable physical and mental condition (i.e.; not drunk, under medication or excessively tired.)
2. Participants should be properly attired. Loose fitting clothing should be either removed or tied back out of the way. Participants with long hair should be reminded to tie it out of the way when shooting as it might become entangled in the bowstring.

Bows

1. Make sure that the bow is not a compound and has no illegal additions to the bow: (i.e.: stabilizers, sights).
2. Bows should be in good condition, with no obvious flaws. They should be free of cracks or gouges. Laminated bows sometime have small cracks in the fiberglass running up and down the limbs. This condition is not serious unless the crack goes through both the wood and the fiberglass. Bows that have cracks that go across the limbs should be rejected as they are unsafe and can break.
3. Bows and strings should be inspected while the bow is in a braced position.
4. Bow strings should have no frayed or broken strands. The serving on the strings should be secure and not raveling.
5. Nock points should be tight and preferably placed over the protective serving. Check to make sure that the nock has not cut into the string when it was put on.

Arrows

1. Ask the archer the weight of their bow and check to see if the arrow is spined correctly for the bow.
2. Check the overall condition of the archer's arrows. If they seem to be in good condition, it is not necessary to inspect every single arrow. If they are in poor condition, check the worst looking of the group. If many are found to be unusable



check them all. Use your judgment, or ask another Archer-Marshall for their opinion.

3. Check the arrow for cracks. Sometimes the paint or varnish on the arrow has cracked but not the wood itself. This condition is all right for the arrow. If there is a doubt, grasp the arrow at both ends, and bend it carefully towards you. If the crack opens up or you hear cracking of the wood, the arrow is broken. Make sure the arrow is removed from the others so it will not be accidentally used. Be carefull to not overstress the arrow when inspecting it. Breaking good arrows is somewhat dangerous to yourself and annoying to the owner.
4. Check the nocks to be sure they are free of cracks and are securely attached.
5. Check the fletches to see that they are securely attached and are in suitable condition. No more than half of each fletch should be missing.
6. The tips of arrows must be metal. The metal tips should be in good condition so that they are sharp enough to refrain from bouncing out of the target face.

Crossbows

1. Check to be sure crossbow does not exceed the allowed poundage of 150 pounds.
2. Check the bow string for excessive wear where the string rubs along the stock.
3. Make sure the release mechanism is in good condition.

Crossbow Bolts

1. Check the bolts for cracks and deep gouges.
2. Bolts must have metal tips in good condition.
3. Fletches must be firmly attached and in good condition.

these are things I thought the general populace would like to know about. These may be helpful when deciding to become an archer or when purchasing new equipment, or just in getting ready for a tournament. At any rate these are not my





rules but the rules for archery in Calontir.

Summarized by Gwendolynn O'Shaughnessey

This is an article myself and Lady Keru de Jores wrote last year. It is intended to inform the populace of the potential dangers involved in the great outdoors, a place we spend most of our time in the warm months. This is not meant as a scare tactic but as a tool to better protect ourselves from the dangers of the great outdoors. As any one who makes a habit of studying the middle ages knows parasites were a common malady of these people. The plague is just one of many things known the have killed many of our ancestors.

A warning before the spring and summer event season begins...

Lyme disease is an infection caused by the bite of a deer tick, a tiny tick that lives in woods, marshes, and other grassy places. These ticks feed on deer, mice, dogs, horses and other animals. They often attach themselves to birds, where by they are carried from one area to another. Many of these ticks carry a spirochete (a type of bacterium), and it is this spirochete when transmitted to humans causes Lyme disease. As you have just read these are the very places we will all be playing this summer. Last year there were only about two cases of this disease reported in Kansas. This does not mean that it can't effect us. It is here and its a real serious problem to deal with. It has been reported in several of the states in the surrounding area. To find out if your state is affected and what to do, call your local health department or doctor. It would not be unwise to check the other states you may wish to travel to, too. Early symptoms include a red rash, often in



the shape of a "bull's eye", usually at the site of the bite. Flu like symptoms—headache, fever, chills, nausea, fatigue, swollen glands, muscle and joint pain—are common within a week to a month following infection. At this stage it can be treated and cured within two to three weeks with tetracycline or penicillin. However, it often is not detected until the second stage. The tick is very small, not much bigger than the head of a pin. Many victims do not realize they have been bitten. Also, up to fifteen percent of the victims do not even develop the rash. The flu like symptoms may be passed off as the flu itself. In the second stage, Lyme disease can develop into arthritic symptoms (especially in the knees). Neurological and cardiac problems can develop within weeks to several months of the bite. It is still treatable at this point, but aggressive W antibiotic treatment is necessary. Stage three occurs a few months to a few years after infection and involves established arthritis and severe neurological problems. This is the most difficult phase to treat, but ninety percent of all cases will eventually recover, according to experts. Prompt diagnosis is the quickest route to recovery. If you develop symptoms of Lyme disease, it is important to tell your Doctor if you have been frolicking in the woods, in the yard or even in the park. Any woody or grassy area, where you or your pet have been, could be hiding these ticks. Lyme disease was first recognized only thirteen years ago. According to the Center for Disease Control, over 5600 cases of Lymes disease have been reported since 1980 A.D. However, it is believed to be substantially under reported. Lyme "season" runs from April to November, though you are most likely to be bitten between May and August. Children are slightly less likely to have the rash. Education both of physicians and the general public is essential! Most cases are going to be self diagnosed, so be aware. Any unusual large area of redness accompanied with warmth to the touch bears investigation.





The only way it can be truly diagnosed is through taking blood.

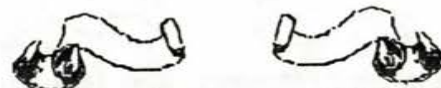
Here are some protective measures 1. Wear protective clothing. Long sleeves and full length pants with closed shoes should be worn. 2. Insect repellents labeled : Effective against ticks. 3. Check yourself and your CHILDREN. Common places to look are hairline, eyes, ears and behind knees. Also check your pets. Be they dragons or unicorns or just your favorite dog. If you locate a tick, remove carefully. Daub with petroleum jelly and use a pair of tweezers. Pull it out without squeezing or crushing the body. (fluids may contain bacterium) 4. WASH YOUR HANDS!

(Condensed from a report from "Good Housekeeping June 1988(The Disease That Has Spread To 34 States) page 58, 62 by Florence Isaacs") Research done by Kerare de Jores and Gwendolynn O'Shaughnessey other information obtained from general information and articles written last year in THE EAGLE BEACON and NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE.

Second Annual Cooking Symposium in Vatavia

On June 9th, Vatavia will host its second cooking symposium. The first, autocrated by Countess Elizabeth, will be a model for this one. Countess Elizabeth, Mistresses Hertha and Gwyneth and Lady Elspeth have offered to instruct us in cookery. Dr. Thomas Izbicki, a medieval scholar and past president of the Mid America Medieval Association, will present a talk on the Feast as a ceremony,. Additional teachers are still being sought.

Lady Raven has graciously offered to provide martial



activities during the day for persons not interested in the cookery classes. A revel will follow dinner and be located at the same site. The site is located on the Campus of the Institute of Logopedics, 2214 Jardine Drive.

Due to some limitations of the site, I am attempting to obtain the use of 4 electric hot plates (not warming trays) for a class on sauces. Anyone wishing to volunteer the use of such an appliance, please contact the autocrat. Finally, those individuals who would help clean up, both following cooking classes and following the revel are very cordially requested to contact the autocrat.

In service, Demetrius mka Henry Marks 211 Frontier Mulvane, KS 67110 (316)777-0770

Crown Tournament

May 19, AS XXV (1990) The Barony of Vatavia is proud to host the Spring Crown Tournament. This will be held on May 19, 1990 at Camp Hiawatha (the same site as the past few years' Valor).

The site will open at 5 p.m. Friday, May 18 Signup for Crown Tournament will start at 12 noon on Saturday, with the tournament following at 1:00.

There will be a display of Arts and Sciences, with interactive critique if participants so desire. This will be scheduled with each person so as not to interfere with their watching the tournament. Those interested in critique should bring documentation. There will also be a "fun" competition for the procrastinator--bring an Art or Science project that you started, worked on and completed within 24 hours before an event.





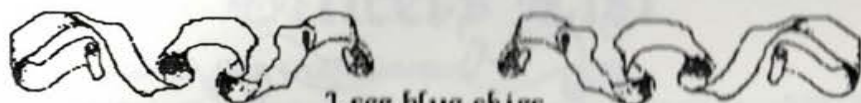
The feast will be in two removes, and feature (among other things) Chicken with Sauce Paresseuse, lamb stew, sallet, Beef with Saracen Sauce, saffron rice, Paris Pies, shortbread and Persian peaches. Court will follow feast at Their Majesties' discretion.

The costs will be as follows-- \$5.00/person for those who wish to tent \$7.00/persons for non-air-conditioned cabin space \$10.00/person for air-conditioned cabin space All prices are for the entire weekend. Children under 12 are half price.

Reservations should be sent to: Ly. Philippa Patty Gardner
4526 W. 12th Wichita, KS 67212 (316)942-1045

Autocrat: Ly. Briallen Debbie Taylor 1137 Gidley Wichita, KS
67216 (316)524-0917 before 9 p.m.

Feastocrat: Cts. Elisabeth Lisa Mohr 3144 S. Elizabeth Wichita,
KS 67217 (316)522-7670 before 9 p.m.



I see blue skies,
I hear the clashing of swords.
I see the sun Glinting,
reflecting On armor Like a mirror,
Dispersing Golden rays of truth.

This day We will see

The truth,
Glinting from swords
And shields.

We will know

The truth in battle.

For does not battle

Always avail us the truth?

Does not always might

Make right?

In point of truth,

No.

But we ever press on

For truth.

And the battle will never end.

Until right makes right,

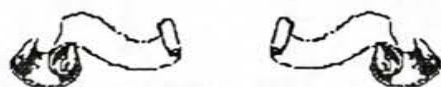
We will battle ever on

For glory's sake 'till death or

Victory

by Seana McLeod





Announcements

Anyone interested in working on period choral music, contact Lady Saerlaith.

Bardic: April 12th and 26th at Fredericks Freehold, 1527 SOUTH EMPORIA, WICHITA. contact Park 264-7472

Armoring and Archery: To be held on the 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th of April at Kendalls, Dwarf's Foot. contact Ld Stephen @ 733-1936

Fighter Practice: South Lindwood every Sunday 1:00 pm unless otherwise posted.

DragonFlyre Deadline Thursday the 19th

Needleworkers: WSU-Library 1:00 pm, April 7th. Contact Ly Ceithlenn Nic Ruaidhri @ 685-1182

Populace meeting S. Lindwood 7:30, April 18

Briallen wishes it to be known that she can be reached by phone either before 9:00 am or between 8:00 pm and 10:00 pm

Baronial property Manager Sean MaDuinnchinn c/o Chris Brown (ph524-0919 after 6:00 pm Tues, Wed, Fri). Need Volunteers!! ESP a Deputy

Chainmail Guild will meet on Thursday the 5th of April and the 19th and will follow that format unless otherwise announced. This will take place at Lord Tristan's home at 819 Crestway you can call for more information at 682-7320



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