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FROM THE CROWN

Good Populace,

The attendance for the Elizabethan Prize Fighting Tournament was disappointing, but those who attended appeared to have a great time. We truly appreciate all the time and effort that Squire Giachino spent autocratting this event. This was the Queen's first attendance at such a tournament - the bread throwing and betting table were delightful and a joy to watch. The bread throwing (and fighting) drew outsiders, especially children, who wanted to participate. I had no idea we had such gamblers in our Kingdom, but it was wonderous to see groups playing together during lunch.

The Steel Combatants looked - well looked "different" with flowers attached in so many places. Flowers were among the objects thrown to/at combatants and several chose to add them to their adornment. The spectators were truly vicious with their bread throwing. We are truly grateful for the attendees from Brandenburg and Terre Neuve, for without them, we would not have been able to complete a steel list and would have had a small Renn list. There was no Shinai list.

This is also the second month that Brandenburg has taken the Steel Tournament! Sir Karl earned this win with little rest, for in the Elizabethan Prize Tournament he had to fight all the steel fighters to the end.

The renn tournament was fought in the same format, with betting, hurled projectiles, and the winner of each round remaining to face the next challenger. Our own Squire Alwyn fought well against Prince Erik of Brandenburg and won his praise for a job well done. Sir Morgan McCann was the last standing, but when the score was tallied (number of wins minus number of losses), there was a three-way tie between Sir Morgan, Sir Erik the Aweful, and Master Whitaker (also of Brandenburg). Master Whitaker won the playoff to ultimately win the tourney.

The Esperance member who offered to be the bear for the bear baiting game for the children was unable to do so. Sir Karl stepped up and became the bear after the steel tournament - the children were ecstatic with squeals of laughter for most of the hour.

Marion Regina Terrin Rex

IMPORTANT NOTES & UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Canton of Loch Lave event – July 26th. Autocrat – Sir Troiano.*
- *Kingdom Estates Meeting – July 12th following the event.*
- *Imperial Estates Meeting – July 19th and 20th, Kingdom of Aragon, Las Vegas, NV.*

Check the Calendar for more events!

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CORRECTION:

In last month's issue, Her Royal Majesty did refer to Dame Maedb's arts entry at Banner War, naming it as candied orange peels. That was Dame Maedb's arts entry for the May event. At Banner War, Dame Maedb entered a rose pudding and hypocras. Rose pudding is a delightful pudding flavored with roses and hypocras is a warmed spiced wine served as an accompaniment.

<p>FROM BRANDENBURG</p> <p>On behalf of the Brandenburgers, I would like to thank you and your Kingdom for your wonderful hospitality and comradeship that you shared with us last Saturday. Not to mention the grand sport that we had upon the list field and gambling tables!</p> <p>Looking forward to future events upon your shores.</p> <p>In Service, David Whitaker, Gentleman</p>		<p>A NOTE ON VOTING</p> <p>Given the approach of the Imperial Estates meeting and the Kingdom estates meetings required in order to get ready for it, a note on voting rights in Adria seemed appropriate.</p> <p>Votes on the estates are divided</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued on Page 6</i></p>
<p>IMPERIAL POSTAL SHOOT PARTICIPATION AND ARCHERY WINNERS <i>By Baroness Tigeura</i></p>		
<p>A big round of huzzahs for all the Esperance Archers who made it to June's Imperial Postal Shoot/Huntsman's make up event. A fun time was had by all of those who participated in this friendly but lively compition.</p> <p>The winners of all June archery events:</p> <p>Bowmans list (pesant shoot, June Crown event): Sq. Lupinetiger with a score of 8</p> <p>Huntsmans list (target archery for June): Sq. Wuner Gruesbane with a score of 25</p> <p>Notable mentions from the Imperial Postal Shoot: Dame Marion Leal with a score of 43 in the Imperial Standard Shoot and Sq. Wuner Gruesbane with a score of 26 in the Imperial Speed Shoot.</p>	<p>Participants included:</p> <p>Sq. Falcon Gruesbane Sq. Wuner Gruesbane Dame Lenora Terrin Rex Marion Regina Sq. Luren Baroness Tigeura (keeper of the List)</p> <p>***July 13, 2003 will be the next Crown Target Archery Lists (participation and wins in this target archery shoot will count toward Knighthood in Archery) and Imperial Postal Shoot. The event will be held at Mile Square Park and will start at 11 am.***</p> <p>We hope to see many more of you there.</p>	
<p>FROM THE MINISTER OF ARTS AND SCIENCES</p>		
<p>Warm and Fair Greetings, Esperance!</p> <p>I have returned to our Kingdom from my brief stint "abroad" (ie:working at the Renaissance Pleasure Faire) and am eager to see all of you and your arts projects as yet unseen in our Kingdom!</p> <p>Yes, I'm talking to you. You! The one who thinks they can't participate in the Arts. Or you! The one who thinks they would rather concentrate on fighting.</p>	<p>There's room for everyone, and everyone can participate in the Arts! Try it, you just might like it! :-)</p> <p>I would like to thank Juliet de Ramona (Terre Neuve MoAS) and Sir Arion, Imperial MoJW (from Brandenburg) for helping judge the arts last month, and to everyone else who came up to visit our event. We love having visitors!</p> <p>We have some wonderful collegiums planned for the</p>	<p>coming months, including an Arts Judging Collegium, scheduled for the August event. This is a very good way to get involved in the Arts, even if you are not quite ready to submit entries.</p> <p>I am very happy to be back in our fair Kingdom, and am looking forward to seeing all of you! In Service to Esperance and the Empire,</p> <p>I Remain- Dame Elspeth O'Neill Minister of Arts and Sciences</p>

FROM THE MINISTER OF ARCHERY

<p>Greetings, Good Populace, from your Minister of Archery, Sq. Wuner!</p> <p>First, let me thank everyone that participated in the archery lists this month. The turnout was quite impressive! Over 20 arrow flingers took the field. That is a most impressive number, and I look forward to more such events! It is with great pride that I announce that Squire Falcon Gruesbane won the bowman's list, allowing him to move up next month to the huntsman's. I also meekly submit that I, Squire Wuner Gruesbane, took the huntsman's list. I humbly refuse credit, as many of our fine huntsman archers were probably</p>	<p>tired from steel and ren fighting! Which brings up a point I'd like to make. The archery field is open during events from 15 minutes after opening court until 3:00 pm. It will close during lunch, at whichever time lunch is announced. Archers are welcome to come and shoot at their convenience. In the case of the other lists running long, an announcement will be made, usually during lunch, if the archery field will be open longer. Archers are welcome to practice any time a contestant is not shooting for score. Lessons are also available for the asking.</p> <p>I'm pleased to say that the response to our new "Wooden</p>	<p>Frenchman" target has been very positive and enthusiastic! Now that we've used him for a few months, I'm also noticing a definite improvement in our average scores! I believe this is due as much to the varied scoring areas as it is to the fact that he never flinches! If anyone has any suggestions on how to improve him, especially in the way his legs are done, please come talk to me!</p> <p>Finally, a bow was left on the archery field last event. If it's yours please come identify it so it can be returned!</p> <p>That's all for this month. I look forward to seeing you all on the line in February!</p>
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FROM THE MINISTER OF ROLLS

<p>Greetings Good Populace,</p> <p>Last month's tournament was relatively small with only 37 participants. While I missed the event, it was most entertaining by all accounts. Because tournament archery was held at a later time and in a different place, I do not have the sign-in sheets for the Huntsman's list and so cannot report on the numbers, though our good Minister of Archery has no doubt done so.</p> <p>There were too few sarjeants signed up to complete a sarjeant's list in either shinai or renn. Therefore, all sarjeants</p>	<p>were move up to the knight's list for renn and there was no shinai list. There were four combatants in the armored list with the victory going to Sir Karl of Brandenburg. The renn list included ten combatants and David Whitaker, also from Brandenburg, secured the victory.</p> <p>The arts were represented by a single entry, a doublet crafted by Dame Willow de'Rara. Dame Willow achieved a very respectable score, which, unfortunately, did not quite achieve a win.</p> <p>To all, remember that you are</p>	<p>responsible for tracking your own points toward knighthood. If you have any questions or would like some help getting started and figuring out the point system we use here in the Empire, please do not hesitate to ask me. I am more than willing to help you gather your points and figure out where you stand. I also keep a set of the appropriate forms with me at all events. If you need a form, ask and you shall receive!</p> <p>In service, Sir Jamie the Red Minister of Rolls and Lists</p>
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WELCOME HOME!

Unto the people of Esperance:

Please join the Crowns as we rejoice in the return from his quest in the Middle East, Earl Childs, Squire Connor, (to Sir Troiano) on his return as of 5:30 A.M. this day in 29 Palms.

Squire Connor has been on this quest since September 2002. He dutifully reported into his Knight before being whisked off to his own abode with his beautiful wife.

I know you will join us in saying Welcome Home, Thank you for protecting our backs, and we look forward to your return to Esperance.

Marion Regina

FROM THE STEWARD'S OFFICE

There was no report from the Steward this month. The Steward did report to the estates during last month's meeting and the gist of that report is that we have more money than we started with, having earned approximately \$600 more than we have spent so far.

FROM THE MINISTER OF JOUST AND WAR

There was no report from the Minister of Joust and War this month. Hopefully we will hear from him next month.

FROM THE PHYSICKER

There was no report from the Physicker this month. (Apparently no one died!)

FROM THE CHANCELLOR

There was no report from the Chancellor this month. Remember that there is an estates meeting after the event today and that the Imperial Estates meet in one week. Be sure that your representatives know your opinions.

WARDEN'S REPORT

June marked the second consecutive month that we had an issue with a wedding at the amphitheater where we were asked to move so as to not to be in the background of their photographs. When we moved to Hurless Barton Park, the City of Yorba Linda Parks and Recreation Department told me that nothing in that park was reservable. Having clarified this with park personnel at the June event, we have followed up and we now have reservations for the amphitheater on our event days.

Dame Lenora Greyphis
Warden

THE CROWNS REVIEW THE DISCIPLINES OF ADRIA IN ESPERANCE

Arts

With the return of our Minister of Arts and Sciences and various others from the rigors of Faire(s), we are hoping to see participation in this area rise. We are planning

on having various arts collegia at the August event. See the article from the MoA&S for more information on the Arts.

Archery

As announced in June, we

plan to continue combat arrow firing at the Crown Events, but this will now be for fun and practice. All archery tournament points will be awarded at the target archery shoot held at another

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location. Currently, these shoots are at the Mile Square Park Archery Range on the Sunday following the Crown Event at 11:00AM. See the article from the Minister of Archery for more information on these shoots.

Ministry

We are still looking for a Sovereign of Arms. If you have an interest in this position, please see us.

Thank you again to Sir Morgan McCanna and Sir William de Mild for filling the positions of MoJW and Crown Marshal, respectively.

Combat

We are happy to report that 75% of our fighters have completed the new requirements and are listed on the Adria Marshal List as approved. We have 3 new marshals in training as prescribed by the new manuals.

We continue to send in the required tests and hope to see that 100% of our active fighters have indeed completed the requirements by the end of July. We are one of the few kingdoms that is actively working on this

requirement.

A review was made of everyone in Esperance who had participated in combat to be identified and contacted. It was during this review that we confirmed what was becoming apparent at our events. Our group of fighters is dwindling, especially in the disciplines of armored and shinai.

It would appear that the number of shinai combatants may be reduced by the lack of new members and the practice within Esperance of no longer fighting in shinai once a win is achieved, even though the combatant may not have met the other requirements for the rank of Sergeant.

But why the reduction in steel fighters? Perhaps we need to be wary of the item on the Imperial Agenda that would establish yet another knighthood for renn fighters, which will further reduce the armored fighters in our kingdom.

Another indication at hand is the hardship at demos due to the lack of steel fighters - demos have been cancelled because we could not produce steel fighters.

As yet another indication -- tournament lists -- we have not been able to fill our lists

without visitors from Brandenburg and Terre Neuve and even with the visitors, as in the June event, we could not complete a list for shinai.

I (the Queen) have read all of the Le Chroniques from January 1996 through June 2003. Starting with the January 1996 through 2003, we continue to try and encourage the arts and we are still trying.

Now we have a new manual and guidelines and while some are trying to work within those guidelines with a positive attitude, we appear to have the same old fears and questions.

While some of the newsletters occasionally mentioned the inability to fill a fighter's list, the comments were few, which may or may not indicate the facts. To truly make that determination we would have to go through the actual paper trail.

Our Minister of Rolls has been busy with several audits and we have not made such a request of him at this time.

So the question now is: How do we prevent the steel discipline from now reaching the same issue we have with the arts?

Marion Regina Terrin Rex

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2003						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Fighter Practice	3	4 Independence day	5
6	7	8	9 Fighter Practice	10	11	12 Kingdom of Esperance Crown Event
13 Kingdom of Esperance Archery Lists	14	15	16 Fighter Practice	17	18	19 Imperial Estates Meeting
20 Imperial Estates Meeting	21	22	23 Fighter Practice	24	25	26 Canton of Loch Lave Event
27	28	29	30 Fighter Practice	31		

August 2003						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Fighter Practice	7	8	9 Kingdom of Esperance Crown Event
10 Kingdom of Esperance Archery Lists	11	12	13 Fighter Practice	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Fighter Practice	21	22	23 Canton of Loch Lave Event
24	25	26	27 Fighter Practice	28	29	30 Imperial War
31 Imperial War						

NOTE: The October event has been moved to the first Saturday (the 4th) of the month to avoid conflicts with the national steel tourney held in the Kingdom of Aragon (Las Vegas, Nevada) during that month. Mark it on your calendars now!

A NOTE ON VOTING

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into two types, the Imperial Grand Assembly and the Estates General (royal level). Within the kingdom, the houses, baronies, counties, marches, and the crown all get votes on the estates general. Also, second and third level knights, princes/princesses, and count/countess royal have votes on the estates general. Those who get votes in the Imperial Grand Assembly include the King/Queen, Archduke/Duchess, Duke/Duchess, Lord/Lady Protector, Count/Countess Royal, Marquis/Marquessa, Founder, and Third-Level Knight. The two senior members of the estates minor, meaning the count/baron/sire of the oldest counties (or baronies if there are no counties, houses if there are no baronies).

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The newsletter is also available online at the kingdom website.

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Those who can vote on the estates general attend and vote in local estates meetings. Those who are eligible to vote in the Imperial Grand Assembly vote (or send a proxy) to an Imperial Estates Meeting. If someone asks you for your vote, make sure you know which meeting they are asking about. Before you assign a proxy, make sure you know which meeting it is for, especially if your proxy will extend past the current meeting date.

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