

LE CHRONIQUE D'ESPERANCE

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FROM THE CROWN

Greetings good populace,
 Our trip to the Imperial Estates meeting was a success... We both survived! The review of the Imperial Crown contenders was the most painful (and long) part, but all were approved in the end so we are scheduled to have a three way Imperial War. For other results, consult your representatives, your proxy holders, or Imperial information sources.
 Imperial War will be Aug. 30th through September 1st. The western war will be at Prado park where we've held our last couple of crown wars (less mud is expected this time). Only those with a valid combat card AND known to have passed their tests will be allowed to fight (on either coast) per Sir Arion Hirsch,

Imperial Minister of Combat and Imperial Marshal. The deadline for tests to be submitted to him is August 20th. If your name is not on his list (a copy of his list will be available at the sign in table today), please take your test today (or see the Crowns if you have already taken your test). See the Imperial Website at <http://www.adrianempire.org> for any late breaking details.
 Barring an unforeseen disaster, Imperial Target Archery WILL BE available on site, but you may follow Imperial Writ and shoot in advance instead. Esperance will hold additional shooting for the Imperial War at our regularly scheduled archery shoot tomorrow (Sunday) at Mile Square Park.
 For your shooting to count,

you must pre-register so be sure to bring forms and money to the shoot on Sunday. Saturday's site fee covers the Sunday event as well, but if you only attend the shoot on Sunday, you will be asked for our standard site fee of \$2. If you drive inside the park, there is a \$4 per car fee. If you choose to park outside of the park, park near Heil and walk straight across the park to the archery range. See the Esperance web site at <http://www.kingdomofesperance.net/> under "When we play" for a link to an interactive map.
 At Our July event, we had both arts entries (Huzzah!) and all combat forms, even shinai. Per a request, we instituted a warm up time prior to each combat form. If August (or any month) is

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IMPORTANT NOTES & UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Conton of Loch Lave event – August 23rd. Autocrat - Sir Troiano.*
- *Imperial Crown War West - Aug 29th through September 1st, Prado Park, Kingdom of Esperance, Chino, CA.*
- *October 4th - Kingdom of Esperance Event.*
- *October 5th - Kingdom Archery shoot.*
- *October 12th & 13th - Steel Invitational and Las Vegas Renaissance Faire, Kingdom of Aragon, Las Vegas, NV.*

Check the Calendar for more events!

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IMPERIAL CROWN WAR IS COMING!

From August 29th through September 1st, Prado Park in Chino, CA - Kingdom of Esperance area - will be the site of the Imperial Crown War. This war will have three different sets of contenders and promises to be a big event. You can get additional information for the war, site, and contend-

ers online at the Imperial web site: <http://www.adrianempire.org/events-war-imp.html>

A Pre-registration form has been attached to the back of this Chronique.



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too hot, we'll skip this at least before steel combat. Thanks to Sir Jamie for doing a one-on-one training exercise with each shinai combatant for their warm up. We also want to thank our guests from Terre Neuve for making the trek up to play with us both in arts and combat. Thanks to Sq. Luren for running games at midday.

We made a trip to visit both of Our southern neighbors

since last event.

The Archduchy of Brandenburg invested their new duke, Karl. (No, not the Kaiser, the one who won one of Our recent steel tournaments.)

We also went to the Terre Neuve Crown Event. Thanks to Squire Luren for appearing and helping us out throughout the day. We saw some great arts entries including one Michael who entered a full chain hauberk as his first arts entry! Sir Goefry of the Black

Company did fight for the honor of the Queen of Esperance and was victorious in the steal tourney. We parted the Terre Neuve event in good spirits, though we lost the tug-o-war of the body of the TN Herald / Jewler (we thought we could revive him later and then put him to work for us).

Good luck at today's tourney and the Imperial War and remember to stay hydrated!

Terrin Rex Marion Regina

A NOTE ABOUT SIGN-INS

Good Populace:

Our Minister of Rolls had difficulty this month identifying names due to illegible handwriting. Over the past few weeks, I have assisted the Imperial Steward's office filing membership forms, and much time was lost trying to figure out who the person was on the form. There have been times people have been unable to complete their points audits. Besides, the history of lost documents, could it be, the reason you

were unable to complete your audits is that **NO ONE COULD READ YOUR NAME?** Or you forgot to sign all of the required forms at the time of sign in? How about those of you who have changed your persona? Or in the case of the membership forms, you use your formal name one year and nickname the next year - during which time you may have also moved.

Not only is it a requirement to track your own points on

the forms - Steps to Knight-hood - it is imperative that you further protect your records by **PRINTING YOUR NAME**. This is for your benefit and well as courtesy to those who keep Kingdom and Imperial Records. Not only should you print your name - print the same name each time. If you are William one month and Bill the next month with a common last name - there could be confusion on the Imperial Records.

Marion Regina

HOMECOMING

Good Populace -

Please join the Crowns as we welcome back two of our populace from their quest to the East:

Wednesday (July 30th) - returning to 29 Palms - Shane Flewelling known as Wolfgar and Brandenburg will see Sir

William Michael DeGardiner on Saturday (August 2nd).

We thank you for your service and welcome you home.

Dame Marion Leal Durius
Esperance Regina



FROM THE STEWARD

Greetings from the Steward's office!

All Members are reminded that the annual renewal date was July 1st!

| Description | Income | Expense | Checkbook Balance |
|--|--------|---------|-------------------|
| Beginning Balance Jan. 2003* | | | 2,857.68 |
| JANUARY '2003 | | | |
| Dec. 2002 & Jan. 2003 park fees | | 140.00 | 2,717.68 |
| Dec. 2002 Event deposit | 90.00 | | 2,807.68 |
| Jan. 2003 Event deposit | 122.00 | | 2,929.68 |
| Minister's expenses | | 24.18 | 2,905.50 |
| FEBRUARY '2003 | | | |
| February Event deposit | 118.00 | | 3,023.50 |
| Feb.2003 & Mar. 2003 park fees | | 140.00 | 2,883.50 |
| Mardi Gras banquet room fee | | 300.00 | 2,583.50 |
| March 2003 | | | |
| March Event site fees | 100.00 | | 2,683.50 |
| Mardi Gras Feast Income | 576.00 | | 3,259.50 |
| Bank reversed charges for checks | 53.55 | | 3,313.05 |
| Ministers' expenses | | 25.86 | 3,287.19 |
| Mardi Gras Feast food | | 248.62 | 3,038.57 |
| Esperance annual website fee | | 184.90 | 2,853.67 |
| April 2003 | | | |
| Contribution for Buena Park Mall Demo | 150.00 | | 3,003.67 |
| April Event site fees | 84.00 | | 3,087.67 |
| Ministers' expenses | | 37.79 | 3,049.88 |
| May, 2003 | | | |
| Contribution for Wayzgoose demo | 300.00 | | 3,349.88 |
| May Event site fees | 72.00 | | 3,421.88 |
| Ministers' expenses | | 18.62 | 3,403.26 |
| June, 2003 | | | |
| Contributions from 6/9 demo in Monterey Park | 315.00 | | 3,718.26 |
| Site Fees | 88.00 | | 3,806.26 |
| Dues paid in cash to Esperance | 30.00 | | 3,836.26 |
| Dues paid by check to Adrian Empire | | 30.00 | 3,806.26 |
| Ministers' Expenses | | 33.19 | 3,773.07 |
| July, 2003 | | | |
| Refund from City of Orange-deposit Eisenhower Park | 50.00 | | 3,823.07 |
| Site Fees | 88.00 | | 3,911.07 |
| Dues paid in cash to Esperance | 160.00 | | 4,071.07 |
| Dues paid by check to Adrian Empire | | 160.00 | 3,911.07 |
| Ministers' expenses | | 24.05 | 3,887.02 |

FROM THE MINISTER OF JOUST & WAR

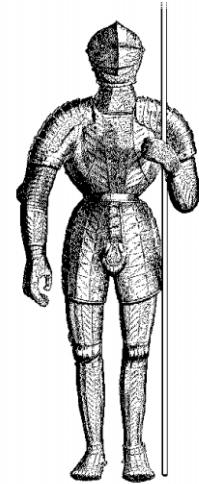
Ed. - There was no report from the Minister of Joust and War this month, the winners are reported from the Minister of Rolls.

The **new** Minister of Joust and War is Sir Morgan MacCanna.

The **new** Crown Marshal is Sir William

de Mild.

Combatants are reminded that they must have a valid combat qualification card **and** combat qualification tests recorded to be able to participate in combat at the Imperial Crown War.



FROM THE MINISTER OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Ed. - There was no report from the Minister of Arts and Sciences this month, the arts are reported from the Minister of Rolls.

FROM THE MINISTER OF ARCHERY

Ed. - The January Archery report was mistakenly reprinted as the June report last month. The correct June report as well as the July report are being printed in this month's Chronicle.

June 2003

Hail good populace! Tis' I, Squire Wuner, your adle-pated ambassador of archery.

I wish to start off this month's letter by apologizing to the winners of the May archery list. That would be Sir Rhys of Brandenburg for the Huntsman's list and

Squire Luren di Wisconsin for the Bowman's list. Well done, the both of you!

Our June list was shot on two different days. The bowman's list was accomplished at the Crown event on June 14. The winner was Squire Lupinetiger with a very respectable score of 8. (Could it be there's some magic in that new long-bow of his?) We did not have enough archers for a Huntsman's list, however, so that was accomplished a week later at the Imperial Shoot at Mile Square Park. This list also marks the first of many us-

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FROM THE MINISTER OF ROLLS

Good Populace,

July's attendance was 39 persons (including those who attended and did not sign in and those who only attended the archery shoot on Sunday). Archery attendance was 13 and the shoot was a relaxed and pleasant time. I'll allow Squire Gruesbane announce winners and so on.

We had two arts entries in July. The arts continues to show activity. This is a step up from the months-long periods with-

out entries we have had in the past. Keep up the good work! Combat was also well attended. There were only four shinai combatants, including Lady Akria Krastel from Terre Neuve. However, there were nine combatants in the renaissance list and seven in the armored list.

In Service,
Sir Jamie the Red
Rolls, Esperance



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| 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 Tournament/ Fighter Practice | 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 Imperial Crown War | 30 Imperial Crown War |
| 31 Imperial Crown War | | | | | | |

HISTORIC DATES:

- August 9, 1593 - Izaak Walton English author of "The Complete Angler"
- September 7, 1533 - Elizabeth I Queen of England
- September 9, 1585 - Cardinal Richelieu French Statesman
- September 21, 1452 - Girolamo Savonarola Italian religious reformer

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

FROM THE MINISTER OF ARCHERY (CONTINUED)

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ing traditional field archery tips and scoring. The first round ended in a tie between Her Majesty and myself, each of us scoring a 20. This of course required a shoot off to decide the matter. As I have promised the Queen I would not gloat, I will only say I had an extraordinary bit of good luck in that I took the second round, and the list, 25 to 20.

Prior to the crown list, the Imperial (also called postal) Shoot was also held. We will be doing this every month in conjunction with our crown shoot at Mile Square Park, more on this later. Dame Marion, (also known as She Who Wields the Scepter of Pain, Her Royal Majesty,) shot a very respectable 43 on the slow fire end (higher than my two rounds combined!)

His Highness, Terrin Rex, came in a close second with a 35. In the speed round I had the high score with a 26.

As I mentioned earlier, we are now holding our crown archery list at Mile Square Park on the Sunday following the event (the next day, that is, for folks traveling in for the weekend.) For the month of July, that means Sunday the 13th. We will usually begin around 11am, though this month we will be there shooting by 9 o'clock, and stay till around 2pm. If you can't make it till 12, still come out! we won't leave if you are still shooting. As we get more archers participating, we will stay as long as needed to get everyone's scores.

Speaking of getting archers to come out, please don't let the

lack of your own bow or arrows keep you away! We have a few spares of various weights, and the appropriate shafts, for those who might need them. I also pack odds and ends for repairing arrows, making strings, and other on the spot needs that may arise. Instruction on shooting is available for the asking as well.

The Queen has also asked me to remind everyone that although we will continue to have the peasant shoot at the monthly event, it will be for ribbons and glory only. As of the June event, the peasant shoots will no longer count towards archery knighthoods (prior wins are grandfathered.) The official crown lists will be done using field tipped arrows at standard

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FROM THE CANTON OF LOCH LAVE

We would like to give a warm welcome home to Connor MacAskill (squire to Sir Troiano the Strong) and to Wolfgar (freeman in the Barony Brea O'wn)! It is wonderful to have them back in the game! Even though, Squire Connor was gone for about a year, he showed us he hasn't lost his skills by winning the shinai list! hip, hIP, HUZZAH!!! Sir Troiano the Strong bested his man-at-arms, Vaisilli "the coin biter", in the Renn list. (Although, Sir Troiano won, the populace saw an excellent match

that lasted quite some time because of the double deaths! "Vaisilli, there will be another day!") Sir Troiano won the Huntsman's List in Archery. No Bowmans list, No Steel List, No Arts. We had a visit from the local newspaper. They took pictures and information. We are to be listed in the next addition of the Desert Trail!

Later, when the fighting had ended, there was a wondrous feast presented by Zarah Viola, Dame Marsaili de' Meucci, Gianetta, and Faer-

ron making exquisite dishes. The men didn't go hungry! After closing court, it was announced that the local drive-in movie theatre was playing "Pirates of the Caribbean" and the crew of the Sweet Siren decided to show the locals what Pirates "really" look like! Yes, folks - the canton went to the movie theatre in garb! We took up the front row! We had many lookers, lots of questions, and a few asked for information on how to

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FROM THE MINISTER OF ARCHERY (CONTINUED)

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archery targets for points.

Before I close I would like to ask the populace that live in the northern areas of the kingdom, to let me know if you are aware of any archery ranges in your area. Mile Square Park is a very long drive for many of our people. If I can locate an alternate shooting site that is more convenient for those folk, I would be delighted to auto-crat additional shoots so that more people can enjoy archery in our kingdom!

I hope to see you all on the shooting line!

July 2003

Ahh... clear blue skies, soft grass wet with dew, a gentle breeze from the west, an almost finished bow to try out, and the company of a dozen

other archers gathered for the July Esperance lists and Imperial shoot! If you didn't stop by last month you missed a great time!

The Gruesbanes arrived early to set up our shade pavilion (well, ok, we arrived early because their Majesties had to leave early to make the Imperial Estates meeting!) and put the targets in place. Starting around 9 seemed to work well, so please, folks, give me some feedback if you would like me to open the range this early all the time!

After everyone had a chance for a good warm-up, we began the kingdom lists. Bowman and huntsman shot together, though the scores were recorded on the appropriate list. This Moth the big Huzzah goes to his Majesty, Sir Terrin Rex, for winning the Huntsman's list. Bill Dit-

temore won our Bowman's list. Huzzahs for our fine Esperance Archers!

The Imperial shoot showed everyone with slightly better scores. I expect we will see even more improvement as folks shoot more and get used to their bows. Did I mention Squires' Alwyn and Luren had new longbows? I think I'm correct in guessing that they both enjoyed breaking them in! Speaking of breaking... Sir Jamie the Red and I appeared to be vying for who could break the most arrows! <chuckle> He won, but not by much!.

Our good King topped the slow round of the Imperial shoot with a 31 this month. I, your getting somewhat less humble Archery Minister, topped the speed round with a 32. (HmMMM I seem to do my best on the speed

rounds... I'm going to have to start shooting my slow fast or something like that!)

For those with internet access, scores may be seen at: <http://bbs.v20software.com/ImperialPostalShoot/>. Clicking on a persons name will show each events score. Please check yours and let me know if corrections are needed!

That's all for this month, I look forward to seeing everyone again in August!

Sq. Wuner Gruesbane

FROM THE CANTON OF LOCH LAVE (CONTINUED)

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join! We are looking forward to our next event to see what new individuals we may have shanghai!

We would LOVE to see other faces from the kingdom attending our events as well. (You don't know what you are missing!!!) Our next event is scheduled for August 23, 2003 at 10 a.m. Luckie Park in 29 Palms. If you need directions, please contact Baroness Marsaili de'

Meucci or Viceroy Sir Troiano the Strong. marsaili29@msn.com After the event on August 23, 2003 the canton (members who can) is supporting Sir Troiano in his acting career by attending the local playhouse and seeing him in action in "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers". Rumor has it he has to SING and DANCE!! If you would like to attend but feel the drive is too long, speak to the Baroness or Viceroy, arrangements can be made!

Lastly but not least, we would like for all to keep in mind and prayers our last member still in Iraq, Kuravon di Rinaldo (Joseph Tiffany), to come home safely and soon! (His wife, Gianetta, is missing him terribly and awaits for his return!)

In service,

Karmin Fitzwell of the Sweet Siren



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FROM THE CHANCELLORY

The anniversary of the Coronation of Sir Terrin and Dame Marion will all too soon be upon us. All who would vie against them and others for the throne of Esperance (or against each other should they choose to step down) must indicate so to the Chancellory (Dame Katherine, Deputy Chancellor, or the Chancellor, Sir Jehan, when he returns from Spain) in writing no later than Saturday, September 13th, prior to the closing court when all contenders will be announced. Per the bylaws, this written notice must include: name(s) of candidates, whether both candidates are to be rulers or if one (indicate which one) will be a consort only. Please include both mundane and

persona names.

Unto the Estates and Populace of Esperance, be it known that a meeting of our estates is hereby scheduled for October 4th. Note that this is the first Saturday of the Month as the second Saturday is the National "Steel" Tourney. The agenda so far is the review of acceptability of all crown contenders and to advise their majesties regarding the items for the November Imperial Estates meeting.

The Esperance Crown War is scheduled for November 8th.

The Chancellory of Esperance