

Le Chronique D'Esperance

May 2005

From The Crown

Greetings to All and Sundry. The April Flower Tourney was a real kick. Lady Michaela's cries for assistance as the Maiden to be rescued had me laughing until my sides hurt. The Ladies as a whole did their part in grand style, ensuring that we had a multi-way tie for the winning lady as they each gave each combatant a favor.

This was also our make-up for January when Mother Nature saw fit to try and drown all of Esperance. It went well indeed.

We had several demos in April and although I was unable to attend the Jr. High demo I understand it went very well. I had to run home for a family emergency and missed Wayzgoose but Dame Willow was gracious enough to provide pictures and it looks to have been a smashing success. The Barstow High School demo went very well and we have been asked back for next year.

I have had inquiries about two more demos for June and you will be hearing more about those very soon. Please try to support these demos as they are what we are really all about.

Remember, Banner War is just around the corner, start making your plans now. We do not have a location yet but much can be prepared in advance.

I am told we have a number of persons who saw us at demos or practices and want to come out and see us. Let's make an effort to ensure that they feel welcome.

Our events are still very small. Let's call friends who haven't been to events for a while and ask them to join us.

His Majesty and I are contemplating a potluck luncheon perhaps for July or August



with just cold foods so no one has to try to figure out how to heat something or keep it hot. What do you think? Let us know.

We have a number of vacancies in our Ministries so if you think you would be interested please let us know.

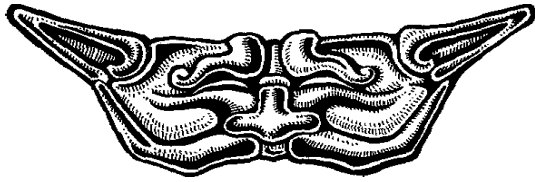
Razi bint Sabra, Regina Esperance

To the populace,

First, We would like to thank Sergei for autocrating a wonderful event, and Sergei and Jamie the Red for a great tournament. The Flower Tournament was a true pleasure to watch. We also had a large group of visitors who were taking pictures and talking to us. With Banner War coming up, May's event will focus on battle tactics.

We would like to send a thank-you to those who were able to make the Jr. High demo. We received a message from Amy later that day. She told me that the teachers were so impressed with us that they are working on setting up some more demos with us.

HRM Caspian Holgar



Minister Reports

Archery

No report submitted

Arts and Sciences

No report submitted

Chancellor

Hi! The Chancellor's office has been quiet this month. I like quiet months. :) This office is currently without a deputy since Dame Luren has moved out of the area. If you're interested in learning about Adrian law, chairing Estates meetings and the like, please let either Their Majesties or me know. Have a great month!

Dame Katherine

Chronicler

This last month has indeed been a busy one. I would like to thank all of you that have submitted items for the newsletter, those of you that have not but would like to submit something please do not be bashful or shy. The thing that makes or breaks a newsletter is inputs from the populace.

YIS, Sergei

Crown Marshal

I would like to thank all those that helped out on the field this last event. I hope to see everyone again in May where I am sure that Sir Jaime will have something interesting planned for combat.

YIS, Sergei

Herald

No report submitted

Hospitaler

At the last tournament we had a great many visitors. Everyone did a great job helping the Hospitaler, as he is only one. The visitors appeared very pleased with the taking of pictures, with those funny little boxes, magic me thinks. The Knights and Squires, Ladies and good populace all dove in and displayed weapons etc. for the many visitors pleasure. Many times our history was explained, of who and what we are, of course our allegiance to their Majesties was strictly adhered to, after all no one wishes to be called up for treason, especially not I, I rather like where my head is currently placed.

If I may be so bold to express my own opinion, Sir Jamie did an exceptional demo at Wayzegeose, I couldn't even begin to tell how many of the fair visitors were pleased with the combatant's on and off the field of battle, not to forget the wonderful arts and crafts displayed by our members. Many business cards were handed out, hopefully, potential new members, which reminds me, one such occurrence did happen yesterday, I received an e-mail requesting information from an individual who wishes to join our organization. I contacted him, he resides in Anaheim, and I hope to see him at combat practice this Wed.

Well, I have used up enough of the kingdom's ink, I apologize for being so winded, we will have to pay the scribes overtime for their efforts, extra quills and ink.

Sir Ray the Red

Physicker

Due to prior obligations I was unable to attend the event, as I explained to the Crown. I have an obligation that will prevent me from attending the May event, also. To the good populous of Esperance: As we move into the summer months, I wish to remind you be aware of the sun and make sure you drinking lots of water. I thank those who have stepped in in my absence.

In service, Larissa

Joust and War

Good Populace, We ran a double tourney this last month, fulfilling the promise of a makeup for the rained-out January event. There were, unfortunately, no shinai lists, but both steel and ren had plenty of participants. In the April steel list, Kneiocz Sergei (I think I spelled that right) was the victor. And in the make-up January steel list, the winner was Kneiocz Sergei. Yes, he won both.

For the April ren list, Sir Ray the Red was our victor, making this his third in a row. However, Squire Alwyn the Relentless broke his winning streak by taking the make-up January ren list and, incidentally, earning his knight's list win. According to rumor (and his knight), Squire Alwyn is now qualified for knighthood. Of course, the appropriate checks must be made, before the ceremony, but we are confident.

Next month, we will have something up our sleeves. Most likely, there will be matched weapons tournaments with the weapons drawn at random from a deck of marked cards. Bring whatever you have to the event, so there will be enough for those who don't have them.

In service, Sir Jamie the Red

Rolls and Lists

Good Populace, there were 18 attendees at the April and January make-up event, all of whom were from Esperance. This is the same number as were at the March event... yet not everyone came both months. What does this mean? It means we need to try to get everyone out here at the same time! Oh, and for those of you who signed in twice on the same sheet... sorry, but you don't get to be counted twice. Just so you know.

The 18 Esperancian denizens gathered for this event earned a total of 14 ministry, 2 arts, 3 archery, and 6 combat points. Unsurprisingly, the numbers were much the same for the concurrent January makeup, with the exception that there were no arts entries for

January. Only 10 ministry points were earned, since the would-be arts judges were apparently having fun elsewhere.

The Portola Middle School Demo on April 12th had 7 attendees; Wayzgoose, on the 16th, had 14. Anyone who thinks that sentence has too many numbers in it should give three cheers for those who attended. Huzzah!

Squire Alwyn the Relentless

Steward

No report submitted

Warden

Greetings! The 'lusty' month of May is upon us! Rejoice and be merry!

At the time of this report, no location for the Imperial "Banner" War has been given. The Crowns will make that announcement as soon as they know.

This will be my last report as Warden. It is my hope that everyone continues to support the Crowns and the Kingdom to the best of their ability.

Remember that we make our own fun and you can't blame anyone else if you aren't having any!

Dame Aleta, Warden



Barstow High Sch. Demo

I would like to thank their Majesties for all the help they gave me in Barstow. I took up the challenge of auto crating this event and after much scrambling managed to have 3 people show up. I know several others tried to make it and I also want to thank anyone who tried to fit this into their schedule. The demo went well and the school has already asked Esperance to do it again next year.

YIS, Sergei

Newhart Middle School

The School is Newhart Middle School (25001 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo 92692) My contact person is Dalia Van Den Boogaard. Again the event will be Wednesday June 1st from 9:45-3:20. It is actually an all day event for the school with different classes attending at different times. We are welcome to come for part of the day or the whole day.

Thank you again, Kit the Blue

Calendar

The following are events that have been announced for the upcoming months. If you have a demo you'd like to organize or wish to autocrat an event please contact me for the necessary paperwork.

May 2005

- 14 - Crown Event - Hurless Park, Yorba Linda
- 20 - Country Hills Elementary School Demo
5 pm (event ends at 9 pm) (Sir Donavan autocrat - donavanc@earthlink.net)
- 22 - Southern Renn Faire ends today
- 27-30 - Banner War (Memorial Day Weekend)
times and locations to be announced

From the Warden's Report

Banner War Info

DATES

Memorial Day Weekend May 27, 28 & 29 -
We must be cleared from the site by 11am on Monday, May 30th.

Check in for the populace can begin on Friday, May 27th at 1pm.

LOCATION

Featherly Park
24001 Santa Ana Canyon Road
Anaheim, CA 92802

FEES

Park Fees:
\$5 per car / per day (entrance or camping)
\$1 per person / per day (entrance or camping)

Site Fees:
\$7 per Adult
\$5 per Child

Please be aware – you will not be able to gain admittance to the park between the hours of 4am and 8am.

NOTICE CONCERNIG ARCHERY

We will be doing archery on-site for this war, so you do not have to worry about an off-site shoot.

SITE AUTOCRAT FOR BANNER WAR (WESTERN REGION) SITE FEES

Dame Brynna nan Tolman
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If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact the site autocrat. E-mail and phone messages will be returned each evening.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Archery Points for Banner War

Greetings Unto the Populace.

As per the Imperial Bylaws Article XVI, Section 5 regarding conduct of a crown war, Archery war points are to be tallied as follows:

There are 4 war points awarded in archery:

1. Bowman's List (The Bowman with the highest score wins the war point for their contender)
2. Huntsman's List (Same as bowman's list except with huntsman archers)
3. Open list (combined total scores of all archers for their candidate regardless of rank, this is a separate shoot, Bowman's list points and huntsman's list points from the previous shoots (1 and 2 above are not to be used in this score)
4. Champions List (All archers compete in this one regardless of rank, the highest score from this shoot shall win the war point for their candidate, Contenders need not choose a champion).

In regards to #4. If the contenders wish it, and TIM's approve, we can arrange that they choose a champion to fight, and those champions can meet on the range to shoot it out.

Combat Archery: Scenarios using combat archery will be announced by the Minister of Joust and War. Combat archers will be subject to arrow inspection during their armor check. This will include deconstruction of 1 (one) arrow to check construction. Any arrow that fails inspection, the archer can opt to have a second arrow checked or have the entire quiver disqualified. If the second arrow fails then the entire quiver is disqualified.



Any arrows missing feathers are to be pulled from the field. Any arrow that falls apart in any way on the field will be pulled NO FIELD REPAIRS! Anyone field repairing their arrows will have their quiver disqualified and possibly face disciplinary action. Remember, all we want to do is have fun out there, so let's keep it safe out there.

As I will not be able to attend Banner War West, My deputy Sir Garreth Grae will be handling archery matters that weekend. Help is requested and greatly appreciated on the range. Qualified range masters that wish to help should make themselves known to the autocrat Dame Brynna.

In Service, Sir Connor O'Riordain

Things of Interest

Aloe Vera

Please note that the author is not a medical professional. Always consult your doctor before trying any new remedy.

There are about 350 species of aloe vera. It is known to grow in Africa, China, India, and Central America. Aloe can be grown indoors or out (in a protected location). It does require a minimum temperature of about 41 degrees.

Aloe can be used as a decorative plant and is quite attractive with the stark simplicity of its lines.

Cleopatra used aloe vera as one of her secret beauty ingredients, and Josephine, wife of Emperor Napoleon, used a lotion prepared from milk and aloe for her complexion.

It has attracted the interest of many governments for its ability to heal radiation burns, and the U.S. government is said to be stock piling it for use in the event of nuclear disaster.

A beautiful violet dye is produced from plants native to the island of Socotra in the Indian Ocean, it is thought that a desire for this



product motivated Alexander the Great to conquer the island in the fourth century BC. Some 1400 years later Muslim traders reported that the island was still the only source of the herb. It is also said the he conquered Madagascar so that his army would have a good supply of aloe for healing wounds. **Important:** Only the fresh sap is effective.

Aloe has anesthetic, antibacterial, and tissue restorative properties. It soothes itching and burning. Depending on severity of burn, the tissue regenerates with no scar, and normal pigmentation returns.

Used as a skin lotion, aloe is both soothing and moisturizing, and is especially good for dry skin. Sap from fresh leaves can be used as a poultice for especially chapped skin, dermatitis, and eczema. The gel used aloe may cause some drying, if this happens try mixing it with a little vitamin E. Mix in shampoos to help a dry or itchy scalp. Add to suntan lotion. It is also a good remedy for poison ivy. For minor small burns press the gel from a fresh leaf and spread on burn. For large burns, split and open leaf, place sap against skin and lightly bandage in place. Renew as necessary. **NOTE:** Always seek medical attention for serious burns.

Aloe is reputed to be effective on skin cancer though no scientific studies have been reported.

It has been used as a laxative but may cause severe intestinal pain and so is usually restricted to veterinary use. (Though I can't personally see why you would subject your pet to something too harsh for your own use.)

Aloe has been recommended for amenorrhea, asthma, colds, convulsions, hemorrhages, and ulcers, however, no scientific research supports its use for any of these purposes.

It reportedly helps clear acne and dermatologists report having used it successfully to treat oily skin and dandruff.

All in all, however, the best known uses for aloe vera involve the treatment of various skin conditions, minor injuries and burns.

Chireseye

For to make chireseye tak cheryes at the fest of Seynt John the Baptist, & do away the stonys. Grynd hem in a mortar, & after frot hem wel in a seue so that the ius be wel comyn owt; & do than in a pot & do therein feyre gres or boter & bred of wastel ymyid, & og sugur a god perty, & a porcioun of syn. & wan it is wel ysodyn & ydressyd in dyschis, stik therin clowis of gilofre & strew theron sugur.

When this recipe was first written (14th century), a cook would have prepared it for a merchant or noble on Saint John's Feast Day. A wife for the family could even conceivably have prepared it. I feel strongly that it would not have been a peasant dish for several reasons. Sugar was available, but not cheap. Cloves were also available and also not cheap.

Even the butter was beyond the means of the lowest of the peasants. But those with a bit more money would have lavished it on the makings of a feast dish such as this - much as Americans do on Thanksgiving to make the day special.

The dish is elegant enough that it would have been feasible to serve it on a noble's table as well. Today, however, it can be prepared by anyone with access to the ingredients and a stove.

Translation

The recipe as quoted at the beginning is straight from Curye on Inglysche. The following translation is from The Medieval Kitchen:

To make chireseye, take cherries at the Feast of Saint John the Baptist and remove the pits. Grind them in a mortar, and then press them hard through a sieve to extract all their juice; and put this in a pot and put in good fat or butter and good white bread, plenty of sugar, and some wine. And when it is thick and served up on plates, stud it with cloves and sprinkle with sugar.



Recipe for Today

- 1-1/2 pounds ripe cherries
- 2 slices dry white bread
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1-1/2 tablespoons butter
- 5 fluid ounces good red wine

Stem and pit the cherries, puree them, strain them in a fine sieve and extract the juice. Remove the crusts from the bread and cut the bread into small pieces. In a heavy saucepan combine the bread, cherry juice, wine, sugar and butter. Bring to a boil and lower the heat. Simmer over low heat for 10 to 15 minutes, until the mixture thickens and the bread falls apart and swells, binding the dessert into a creamy pudding. Turn into a serving bowl and chill well. Stud the top with cloves. Just before serving, sprinkle the top with sugar.

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