

# the Adrian Herald

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## Imperial Crown War Results: Dame Aislynn de Chartier, Sir Wright Bentwood Heirs Apparent



We are pleased to report that all went well at the Imperial Crown Wars. Dame Serina withdrew from the "election" the day before, leaving two armies vying for the Imperial throne. Saturday morning Sir Logan/Dame Sapphire Jade's contingent withdrew at the close of the East Coast combat prior to the open of the West Coast combat which made it an "uncontested" war, and leaving the rest of the war to be fought as a "fun war". The east coast war had 96 participating, the west coast had 250.

**In the West...** The arts entries in the west were stupendous. Dame Maedb Hawkins entered her (at long last completed) wedding tapestry and a feast

that included cheese made from scratch. Both entries received masterpieces. Sir Warren Anthony of Aragon received a masterpiece for his men's black velvet 16th c. hand sewn doublet and hose. There were several masterworks as well. Dame Milisent de Lilley received masterworks for a Lady's English blackworked coif based on V&A originals, and again for a beautiful embroidered handkerchief. Dame Julianna Hirsch received a masterwork for a set of German embroidered pieces including a sweet bag. Dame Katherine Marshall received a masterwork for an exquisite stained glass panel based from a cathedral window which featured 115 pieces of glass, exquisitely set with a "swirled" pinwheel at the heart of its triangular shape. Being smaller in scale than the original it was a fantastic piece to execute, requiring much more precision... and she used a period lead knife to make it. Pictures of the closing court and the handkerchief have been posted in Our online photo album which can be accessed at:

[http://f1.pg.photos.yahoo.com/dme\\_elisabeth@sbcglobal.net](http://f1.pg.photos.yahoo.com/dme_elisabeth@sbcglobal.net)

As always we'd like to thank all the volunteers and the Imperial Ministers for their work!

*Elisabeth Imperatrix*

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**Whether or not something  
is a game does not change  
the truth of how men and  
women of honour behave  
when they play it.**

*~ Brannynn Ottersby*

# Imperial News

## Office of Rolls/Lists: War Points

... Had fun at War or War Games? So now the question is: What points did I earn this past weekend? Here is a generalized overview. While I have probably left some activity out (and I apologize in advance for that) this should cover most questions.

**Important Note:** Imperial War points, regardless of the actual date of the event, count for September points. As always, points awarding for Imperial Event autocrats is the pervue of the Imperial Crown.

**Classes taught at Imperial War:** must meet all the bylaws announcement and sanction requirements prior to the event. For the instructor to earn a demo initiation (DI) point for teaching, there is a sign-in participation requirement of 10 attendees (determined when the class sign-ins are turned in to the Office of Rolls/Lists)", unless the requirement is waived by the Imperial Crown. All DIs are awarded solely at the pervue of the Imperial Crown. Participants who sign in for classes may earn a DP (demo participation point) for every class they sign into and attend. The type of DP earned by the participants (arts, archery, ministry or combat) is determined at the beginning of the class by the instructor.

**Main Sign-in:** This page has a waiver at the top and a line for your mundane name and signature. Print clearly, we want to know who you are, not how artistic you can write. There is a place for the parents of minors to sign in for them and put their age. Signing in earns you zero points and may be listed in monthly report as Attend-Only. All who attend events **must** sign-in. This is how we track ourselves/Adria relative to our obligation to our 501(c)3 status.

**Combat:** There are two combat activities held at Imperial War, the actual war itself and the tourney following the war. The combatant must sign onto the regular sign-in sheet AND the combat list AND actually fight on the field to earn a war point for participation. Participation in war combat (includes combat archery) earns a combat WP (war point). The combatant must participate in the Imperial Tourney to earn an combat EP (event point)

**Arts and Archery:** All artisans and target archers get both an arts and/or archery WP (war) and arts and/or archery EP (event) for their single participation.

**Ministry:** All range masters, judges, and arts scribes get a WP (war point) and an EP (event point) in ministry. All water bearers, active physikers, and war combat marshals get a ministry WP for participating in the Imperial War battles. In order for waterbearers, marshals, physikers to earn a ministry EP in addition to the WP they must be a participant in the actual tourney portion of the event following the battle scenarios.

List keepers for the tourney earn an EP for their participation in the Imperial combat tournament. List keepers are not used for combat war scenarios. List keepers who run the stewards and rolls offices for sign-ins (both the war and tourney) earn a WP and an EP.

Heralds and criers earn a WP in ministry for heralding the Imperial war event. Those who cry for the list keepers during the tournament may earn a ministry EP.

Physikers, marshals and waterbearers **MUST** get on the field list. These participations are documented on the field. If you sign in at the main table and do not get field listed you will not earn a point. *[Editor's Note: See related article immediately following for an update on this topic.]*

**Notes:** If there is a chance of an arts entry not being judged and it is pulled from the competition by the artisan there is no point awarded and it may be re-entered as is. The Arts Autocrat reserves the right to return an entry to an artisan un-judged. Generally this only happens in unusual circumstances. For example, if the War is contested but significantly decided on way or another, meaning your entry in no way could change the outcome of the points; or if the war is uncontested and there is no time left for judging an entry may be returned un-judged. The right is reserved by the Arts or Event autocrat to return entries un-judged.

At any time during September, following Imperial War; a member may participate in a Crown Tournament and earn an additional EP for the month of September.

*YIS, Dame Marcella Visconti, Imp. Min. of Rolls/Lists*

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## Office of Rolls/Lists: Field Lists

Many of you may know that Imperial Wars have, in the recent past, begun the practice of creating "Field Lists." This is a fairly new practice where the person running the War combat and the present Imperial Physiker keep a list of members participating in marshalling and waterbearing. This has helped to confirm participations in addition to sign-ins. As we all know sometimes members will neglect to sign up for marshalling or waterbearing and participate but miss out on points because they were not on the sign-in list. The field listing was started to keep track of who participates, so they may get the points they deserve. Waterbearing, physiking and marshalling are hot dirty jobs and no one wants to miss out on their points. The field participations for marshals and waterbearers may not have been made into a written list for Imperial War West 2003. So this year we will use the traditional sign-in lists. However, if there are members who did not sign-in and got roped into waterbearing or marshalling and need their points recorded we will add on their names for participation points as needed. The word of two knights will be used in addition to the sign-ins to confirm field participations at this past Imperial War West. So, I respectfully request of Crowns, could you please have announced at your next event: **"if a member participated as a field marshal, waterbearer or physiker and did not sign in at the Imperial War for that participation please contact their local Roll minister to get on a list to be sent to the Imperial Office of Rolls and Lists."** Thank you so very much, we do not want anyone who worked this past war to miss out on their deserved points.

*Dame Marcella, Imperial Minister of Rolls and Lists*



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## Archery: Imperial War West

Unto the populace I send greetings, Archery at Imperial War was a great success. Many people turned out and a lot of fun was had by all. The archers had many targets to shoot at over the weekend, many of which were provided by HRM Marion of Esperance. Also thanks to a couple of people who I apologize for forgetting thier names that provided some leather and chain maille to put holes in. The archers or Adria came together to hunt the dreaded Predator of Prado Park, which was presented to Their Imperial Majesties at the close of court Sunday. The archers again came together to put on a fantastic demonstration Sunday night to help me demonstrate fire arrows, which I understand was well-recieved by the populace. I hope to do another demonstration like that again in the future with even more archers participating. I also wish to again thank Giachino Morones for his fantastic work on putting everything together for the war.

*Sir Connor O'Riordain, Deputy Min. of Archery West*

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## From the Event Producer West

Greetings great and nobel people of the Adrian Empire, I wish to thank all personnel who were able to lend a hand at this year's Imperial War event. Despite several difficulties with the park management, our activities went off without a hitch!

For the first time since I have been involved with this organization, we managed to stay on or ahead of schedule!

Thank you to all ministers who put countless hours in planning and running the event. In particular, thank you to Dame Elspeth, Sir Pavo, Lord Jordan, and Sir Connor.

I would also like to extend thank yous to all of the criers, especially Squire Falcon, Squire Lauren and Captain Whittaker.

Finally, a special thanks to Dame Lenora who not only performed her duties as steward but served as my right hand person in preparing this event.

And finally, to those persons I may have missed in the letter, please know your contribution is greatfully appreciated. This event could not take place without all the hard work you have put in.

*With best regards. Giachino Morone Lococo de San Filippo, Event Producer*

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## Combat

Along with packets of tests I have been receiving, I have received some questions. Anytime I get a question regarding the tests I will post them and responses to them on the adria-marshals e-list.

**On the Shinai test #7:** Circle all that apply: Who can judge a blow in Shinai Combat:

- a) Combatant Receiving the blow
- b) Combatant delivering the blow
- c) Spectators
- d) Marshals

**As compared to question #15:** The determination of a good blow should be made by:

- a) the Marshal
- b) the combatant being hit
- c) the combatant throwing the blow

Question #7 asks **who can** and question #15 asks **who should**. The combatant being hit and the marshal are the ones who are allowed to call the blow. The combatant being hit is the one who *should* be calling the blow. I understand the confusion and I made an update to the Combat manual that should clear up #15. The new wording in the Combat manual matches the wording in question #15.

**On the Marshals Manual test #19:** A weapon must be allowed on the field if it meets the weapons standards set forth in the Adrian Combat Manual. True or False?

The answer to this is False. If a weapon meets the dimensional specifications in the manual, it may still be flimsily made (poor welds, questionable materials, etc.). It technically meets the weapons standards, but it is clear that it may break in combat and become unsafe. It would not make sense to say that this weapon **MUST** be allowed to be used. This is why the first line in the Combat Manual Section III.H states: *All weapons must meet with the approval of the Imperial or Crown Marshal or Minister of Joust and War, and conform to the following guidelines:* The **and** is very important here.

I understand that some of the questions are not crystal clear or direct quotes from the manual, but it gets people to study the manual a little more that way. I also know that some people will interpret some questions a little different than others. That is why test takers are not required to score 100% even though the test is open book. I'm willing to put up with a little abuse to get people to understand the rules better.

*Happy Whacking! Sir Arion Hirsch, Imperial Marshal*

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## Church of Adria: Imperial Synod

Greetings good people of the church of Adria. This past weekend there was a Synod held and the following things were covered. (Those who attended please feel free to add or remind me of things missed.)

Though the church guidelines were approved last year there remained the matter of how and how often a Patriarch/Matriarch is to be chosen. The voting Bishops elected to call the Patriarch/Matriarch to the first list option in the guidelines. Basically that the Patriarch/Matriarch will serve until he or she chooses to step down. At the synod during Imperial War any Bishop or higher may petition the Synod for the office and at that point the Patriarch/Matriarch may choose to step down or try to remain in office. There is also the provision for an emergency synod for the election of a new Patriarch/Matriarch at anytime should the Patriarch/Matriarch be found to be in malfeasance. The Synod then called for a vote of confidence to re-affirm the election of your current Patriarch.

The Venerable Greese du Fromage was elevated to The Beatified Greese du Fromage due to the ongoing miracles and diabolical acts attributed to him. (I might have those terms switched.)

The followers of the Late Sir Ian presented the Synod with evidence of three witnessed miracles or diabolical acts. After review the synod recognized two of them as acceptable and the third is in review. The synod also felt that the evidence was strong enough to raise him to the level of Venerable.

The Synod approved of the formation of an Order of Warriors of the church. Currently Father Kaeyron of Cambridge is working on the details of that order.

The Synod was reminded that the church of Adria is NOT an actual religious guild. (yes it is considered a guild) It is to provide ceremony and pomp to the events that occur and has no dogma.

The Patriarch welcomed Archbishop Mathameheim back from the mission field after his travels. He is scheduled to re-enter the mission field as he seek to build the church in different areas of Adria. His home shall be where ever he is serving at the time.

His Holiness begged forgiveness of the Bishops for his extended absences due to extreme changes in his mundane world. He will strive to be more available in the upcoming year.

*My Best, Magnus, Patriarch of Adria*

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## November Mtg: Imperial Estates

The meeting of the Imperial Estates will take place in York over the weekend of the November 1/2, 2003.

### Hotel Information

- **West Palm Beach Crowne Plaza**  
**1601 Belvedere Rd.**  
**West Palm Beach, FL 33406**
- Phone number is 1-800-2-CROWNE.
- Reservations must be made by no later than October 10, 2003
- Hotel rates are \$89 per room per night, no occupancy requirements stated. (ie: single, double, triple or quad).
- This is a SPECIAL rate for The Adrian Empire, Inc. and all rooms have been upgraded to suites. This is a special upgrade just for us. Please mention Adrian Empire when calling for reservations.  
*[Ed. note: We're also listed as "Imperial Estates Meeting."]*
- Rates are available (3) days before and (3) days after October 31, 2003. Rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes (currently 10% per room per night) such as are in effect at time of check in.
- Check in 4:00 PM  
Check out 12:00 PM

### Airport Information

Airport transportation is available from the airport to the hotel (which is approximately 1 mile away) between the hours of 4:00 AM and 1:00 AM. All arriving guests are to call the hotel via the courtesy phone located in the baggage claim area. Return shuttles to airport from the hotel leave every hour on the hour.

### Deadlines and Agenda Publication

As always, the deadline for agenda items was 60 days prior the meeting date (September 1). The agenda is scheduled for publication about 30 days prior to the meeting. Lists of estates holders should be forwarded to the Imperial Chancellor as soon as possible.

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## Imperial Coronation

The coronation of the Heirs Apparent will take place at 6:30 PM on Saturday, November 1, 2003.

### Location Information

- **FOP Hall #50**  
**885 62nd Dr N**  
**West Palm Beach, 33413**
- The feast hall is located 10 minutes west of the host hotel
- Cost: \$17.00 per person (reg. cutoff Oct. 15)
- Children under 12 free
- All feast gear is provided

### Reservation Information

- Please make checks payable to: **The Adrian Empire**
- Mail checks and registration forms to:  
The Kingdom of York  
c/o Josephine Rudd  
4602 Meadow Green Trail  
Lake Worth, FL 33463
- The cutoff date for feast reservations is October 15, 2003. After this date we can not guarantee you a seat.
- Seating is limited.
- Include the following information for **every** person you are making a reservation for:
  - Mundane name
  - Game name
  - Subdivision
  - Whether they are under 12

### Contact Information

The autocrat for this event is Her Royal Majesty Josephine of York, who can be reached at:

[hawkslure3@yahoo.com](mailto:hawkslure3@yahoo.com)

Please let us know if you will be bringing a banner to display in the feast hall. All banners will be picked up at the hotel the morning of November 1st prior to the start of the Estates meeting.

This information, as well as any updates can be found on the Imperial website:

**National Steel Tournament:** <http://www.adrianempire.org/events-steel-tourney.html>

**Imperial Estates Meeting:** <http://www.adrianempire.org/events-iem-nov.html>

**Imperial Coronation:** <http://www.adrianempire.org/events-imp-coronation.html>

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## Call for Award Recommendations

Send an email with your recommendations for awards and honors to [emperor@adrianempire.org](mailto:emperor@adrianempire.org) AND to [empress@adrianempire.org](mailto:empress@adrianempire.org). You must include the following information: mundane and game names of your honoree, their home subdivision, and a detailed explanation why you think they deserve the honour for which you are recommending them. Please remember that these awards are for Imperial service. Anyone may recommend anyone else for an award. Here are the awards you may recommend someone for.

**Imperial Order of the Comet:** For individuals who contribute outstandingly to the betterment of the Adrian Empire.

**Imperial Order of the Nebula:** For individuals who contribute significantly to the betterment of the Adrian Empire and its populace. (*Note: The Comet is the higher-level award, so if your intended doesn't have the Nebula yet, recommend them for that.*)

**Imperial Orders of the Lion, Harp, Quill, and Talbot:** To reward prowess in the fields of Combat, Arts, Ministry, and Archery, respectively, given to as many individuals as the Crown sees fit at the time. (*Note: these awards are intended to honour people who are not knights. You may recommend a Knight for one of these honours, but it is very rare that a Knight will receive one.*)

**Royal Star:** For individuals new to medieval recreation who through their enthusiasm and dedication contribute to the betterment of the chartered subdivision or the Empire and its populace.

**Royal Order of the Crown Companions:** For those who display high standards of chivalry, good fellowship, and by their period activities and demeanor contribute to the enjoyment and realism of events.

**Royal Order of the Queen's Guard:** For individuals who display extraordinary skill, chivalry, and style on the battlefield.

**Order of the Golden Spoon:** Given by the Empress to individuals or groups for excellence in culinary arts.

**Crown Seal of Excellence:** For guilds or other non-Estate groups for excellence in their field of work.

**Rising Star of Adria:** For young Estates within the Empire for exceeding all expectations with recruitment, enthusiasm, or excellence.

You may also recommend people for the titles of **Lord, Lady, Baron, and Baroness of the Empire.**

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## Imperial War East

Members from York, Castilles, and Dragon's Mist descended upon the battlefield early in the morning. As Court opened Dame Sapphire Jade read a statement from Dame Serena regarding her withdrawal from the war. Next Dame Sapphire Jade and General Finnian representing Lord Wright and Dame Aislynn's army met before the populace. General Finnian asked if Dame Sapphire Jade wished to yield the field this day. She chose to fight, stating her supporters had come to fight valiantly against any odds. Combatants gathered on the battlefield as trebuchets and a catapult were rolled out. The archers of York also made their way onto the battlefield. Forty plus combatants gathered for Lord Wright and Dame Aislynn and a small but brave group gathered for Dame Sapphire. As the battle wore on Sir Wright and Dame Aislynn continued to capture battle after battle. When the combat was over Sir Wright and Dame Aislynn had 8 battles, Dame Sapphire and Sir Logan 1 battle. While the combat was taking place the Arts tournament was well on its way (where all entries were for Dame Aislynn and Lord Wright). By the end of the afternoon the word had flew by pigeon from the western shores that the War was over as Sir Logan had yielded the field. With the war over, the archery that took place on Sunday was broken up into two armies for a fun war. At the end of the archery the Crowns of York met at the line for a shoot off. The King, who is among the best archers in the East, shot against the Queen, who is also an accomplished archer. The two Knight Archers for fun began shooting. When the flurry of arrows ended the Queen of York had bested His Majesty. Thank you to all who attend the East Coast Imperial War.

The tournament winners are:

**Archery:** Detrich the Red (bowman), Sir Orso (huntsman)

**Combat Sargeant's List:** Samuel (shinai), Eston (renaissance)

**Combat Knight's List:** Sir Gilbert (schlager) Sir Robin (armored)

**Arts Journeyman's List:** Lady Rowan del Marco, 4-course meal, and a green dress (a MW); Owen ApRhy, Welsh poems

**Arts Knight's List:** Dame Cerridwyn, banner (a MW); Tara Callahan, Irish dress, and a surcote (a MW), Gideon b Azarya (sweet meade)

# Miscellany

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## Tournament of Love and Beauty

I would like to thank again all those who participated in the Tournament of Love and Beauty by accepting my challenge and allowing me to perform this Feat of Arms. All fought with great valor and courtesy to honour womankind.

It was Our profound pleasure and privilege to name the Lady Dulcena the Queen of Love and Beauty, but all the ladies who were championed by the greatest Knights of the Empire are certainly worthy of our love and are beautiful.

The final results were 13 victories to Oursel and 5 defeats. We delivered 37 good blows and received 17.

Again, Our thanks to all the Knights and Gentlemen at Arms that contributed to this great Passage of Arms.

*Sir Karl, Knight Champion*

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## Knighthoods Earned By Points

Regarding the observation that some people are only about the points, humanity will always be what it is. No particular system can change that, you can only plan for it and try to make the system recognize those who strive to excel in principle rather than those who achieve by technicality. We reward people every day by the creditability we accord them.

There will always be, just as there were in history, people who take the oath without either meaning it or perhaps understanding it. Whether the former or the latter, if the dominant culture is that striving for principle matters more than the technicality time may change them. After all, Parsifal was a total... may I use the term "nincompoop"... when he started out. The journey made the man, and only he could accomplish that which the other knights had too much... well... "baggage" to achieve.

*Elisabeth, Imperatrix*

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## Cinnamon: Debunking the Myth of the Phoenix

Often, folklore becomes confused with fact. Cinnamon (cassia) is a wonderful example of that. In most tracts on medieval spices, you will find the following information given as fact.

Medieval physicists loved any information on spices and were content to believe in even the most fantastic "facts," usually embellishing them with even more incredible details. Even the most common of spices, such as cinnamon, became objects of folklore:

"Pliny speaketh of canel (cinnamon) and seith of canel and of cassia men tolde fables in old tyme, that is yfounde in briddes nests and specialle in the fenix (phoenix) his nest, and may nought be yfounde but what falleth by his owne wight or is ysmyte down with leded arwes (arrows)." [Mysterious Origins of Spices, James Matterer]

What Pliny actually said was:

"That in that tract where Bacchus was nourished, Cinamon and Canell either fell from the nests nests of certaine foules, and principally of the Phoenix, through the weight of the venison and flesh which they had

preyed upon and brought thither where as they builded in high rockes and trees; or els was driven and beaten downe, by arrowes headed with lead. Also that Canell or Casia was gotten from about certaine marishes, guarded and kept with a kind of cruell Bats, armed with terrible and dreadfull tallons, and with certaine flying Pen-dragons. And all these devises were invented onely to enhance the price of these drugs." [History of the World, translated 1601]



# Regions

## Chesapeake

To the Crowns, my cousins and comrades of Adria, I send greetings.

As you all know, early Sunday morning [of *Labor Day Weekend at the Northeast War Games*] I had to depart the site and visit the office of the Delaware Barbers (hospital). Let me clarify and quell the rumor mill as to what had happened. Early Sunday morning/ late Saturday night my pulse began to race and was irregular, so off my dearest lady did take me to the hospital. They medicated, monitored, poked and jabbed me until the pulse rate finally decreased and a steady heart rhythm was established. After that, they had run numerous tests to determine the cause and are no more enlightened now than they were before. They suspect that the loss of my dearest friend Oliver (my sheep, you conniving "krusaders") caused severe heartbreak. (Just kidding!)

I was released tonight with the condition that I seek further attention locally and more tests. I hope to be back into the swing of things very soon.

I wish to thank all that helped out with the continuation of the event and also all that helped pack up all of Lady Kyra and my stuff. This was truly most appreciated and only further shows how this region supports one another in good times and in bad.

In spite of the weather, I hope all attendees had a good time. I wish to thank all of the Crowns and Ministers for their dedicated service to make this event a success. I would like to thank all of the populace for making this an enjoyable experience for all. I would also like to thank Tony and Green Bank Mills for having us again to their wonderful site.

I look forward to seeing each and everyone in the near future. Again, I send my deepest thanks.

*In Service, Sir Aerindane (George Gummer)*

## Brandenburg

Greetings good Populace of Brandenburg. Here's the schedule for the next several months. Tournament opening court will be 10:00 am as has been our custom. Setup is 8:30. Estates meetings will continue at Serby's in Escondido, starting at 7:00 pm. The Sons of Norway demo is currently TBA. I will post as soon as I know. I have war autocrats working on another wonderful and wet aquatic war this year. You will get the details as soon as I do. One of Our goals is to get out and grow the duchy (pouring water and you-know-what on it hasn't worked). Please feel free to contact me with ideas and/or possible events.

- Sept 27 Tournament - Poway
- Sept 28 Archery for Sept/Oct
- Oct. 22 Wed Estates Meeting
- Oct. 4th or 18th Tourney/Sons of Norway demo?
- Nov 1-2 Imperial Estates Meeting
- Nov 1-2 Felicitas Faire
- Nov 8th or 29th Sons of Norway Demo?
- Nov 22-23rd War/Event/Archery - Dos Picos?
- Dec 10 Wed Estates Meeting
- Dec 27 Tournament - Buddy Todd
- Jan 24 Tournament/Investiture - Poway
- Jan 25 Archery
- Feb 18 Wed Estates Meeting.

Here is the link for the Renn faire.

[http://  
www.goldcoastfestivals.com/  
erenpg1.html](http://www.goldcoastfestivals.com/erenpg1.html)

I want to thank Landgravin Schutzenheim for her wonderful assistance with the schedule. I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

*YIS, Karl, Duke of Brandenburg*



*Duke of Brandenburg in conference*



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## Alhambra

Thank you to all who helped to make this weekend such a success. It could not have happened without you, and your efforts are truly appreciated. A special recognition is due the Laluna band, Master Crypsin, Sir Hamish, Sir Mikcos, and anyone else I missed who helped in the kitchen. I have heard nothing but good reports on the feast, and Sir Steven and I could not have made it happen without you. Thank you.

Everyone pitched in to make this event a success, despite our never-ending penchant for getting behind schedule :-). Thank you everyone who bit the bullet to become qualified combatants. The combat could not have happened without you. Thank you to everyone who taught classes or presented demos. Thank you to all the ministers. And thank you to everyone to come and celebrated with us. The weekend would have been meaningless without you.

I must beg your indulgence as I mention some of the many and wonderful gifts that were received from the populace at Our coronation. It was clear that much thought and effort had gone into all of them, and they will add to the richness of Alhambra.

- From The Zambino Family, girdle books
- From Clan McKlaine, a kneeling bench
- From House of the Silver Circle, a herald's bell and lanterns
- From County Iberia, a museum replica chess set
- From Sir Steven vai'Datha, the very bottle with which we toasted our beginnings, made beautiful again (and refilled with some of his brew)

Again, on behalf of myself and Sir Mikcos, I extend our appreciation for these gifts. Thank you.

*Most  
humbly and  
sincerely,  
Dame  
Amara  
vai'Datha,  
Duchess of  
Alhambra*



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## Castilles

July could be considered a regrouping month for the Kingdom of Castilles. At our crown event, Their Royal Majesties, Dame Etaine and Don Amador stressed the importance of proper procedure as it pertains to many aspects of our Game. In the same vein, Sir Wright held a collegium on "Holding Collegiums".

During opening court, our Minister of Archery, Govannon, announced that our Archery events continued to draw a larger crowd. The July winners were Sir Orso on the Huntsman list, and Govannon snagged the Bowman's list and earns his advancement to the Huntsman list.

Also during opening court, two special birthdays were announced. Allura and Arthur, who turned 13 and 18 respectively. As Allura's birthday fell exactly on event day, our newest teenager spent the preparing for her first chance on the Shenai list. Arthur's father, Gygantus, marked his son's birthday by supplying a BBQ lunch for everyone.

It was announced that there would be a double event in September, due to the fact that the Imperial Crown War falls on our normal event weekend. It was also announced that a new guild had been formed, the Historical Dance Troupe, which hopes to, through research and performances, to enlighten the Adrian populace of the various dance styles from our time period. At the time of this submission, the guild has 11 members from two kingdoms!

HRH, Dame Etaine reported that the Kingdom received \$250 for our participation in the recent Shakespeare Festival. The Queen applauded the efforts of Sir Wot and Sir Claymore for their Rapier Combat Demonstration at the Festival.

Sir Finnian encouraged everyone to participate in the August 9th demo at the Medieval Days at the BCC South Regional Library. Adrians were encouraged to come out as fighters, stage acts, vendors and craft demonstrators.

At the end of the day, Lady Angalina announced that there would no tournament winners in the arts and sciences. Combat winner were Govannon in Shinai, Hanzere in Sergeants Ren, Sir Alaric in Knight's Ren and Sir Iowerth in Steel.

*In service, Bridgett O'Flaberty*



*Duke & Duchess of Sangrael, King & Queen of Umbria, Queen of Terre Neuve, King & Queen of Esperance, Queen of Aragon*

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## Andorra

Greetings and well met! Well we came we saw and we did GREAT!!! Our demos were very well recieved and we have been asked to be at a few more Renn Faires/ Festivals next year. We have been asked to return to IRF next year, we have been contacted for two other faires in Iowa as well as one in South Dakota and Minnesota, and Nebraska.

While our territory is only the states of Illinois and Iowa we feel it is in the intrest of the Empire and Andorra's goal to expand within the Midwest region. This does not mean that Andorra wishes to claim more territory but rather to help other subdivisions get started in areas where the Empire does not yet have a presence.

On behalf of Andorra, I would like to thank the 11 brave souls who came and worked our booth and helped out with demos at IRF. The humor and camaradery that helped us through when we got lost trying to find the site in the dark, setting up in dark dark conditions braving the cold and wet weather we experienced on Sunday and so on. Simply put...HUZZAH!!

Here is to many more fun events, where we hopefully will all remember to pack some extra warm garb!

*YIS, Lord Auberon, Viceroy of Andorra*

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## Ekaterinegorod

*[Editor's Note: Both sections of this article pertain to personas, and NOT to real people.]*

### Death in Winter Haven

Here ye, Here ye. Hearken unto my words. I must report to you the death of a Great Knight. It has just been confirmed that Sir Phelan Kell DeCoucy was murdered sometime early last year. It has also been confirmed that his murderer was Master Eugene Charles Yeo, a recently sworn man at arms to Sir Phelan Kell deGour deLey. Sir deGour deLey, brother-n-law to Sir DeCoucy, is very upset to say the least. He is seeking the head of his man at arms. Who fled the area once he was found out. 1,000 galleons reward for the head of the murderer his half sister's beloved Husband. The day after the murderer fled Winter Haven, the body of Mistress Ann, Lady in waiting to Dame Dorthea McEwan, was discovered. Apparently she was unlucky enough to cross paths with the killer as he was fleeing for his life. Unfortunately her Knight, Dame Dorthea McEwan, is nowhere to be found. She will be sourly upset at the loss of her Lady in waiting. We suspect foul play. Someone also pointed out that Dame Isabeau and Squire Griffin have also been missing for some time. Their whereabouts are unknown. Only time will tell.

### Politics and Marriage

Dame Kitara's husband was killed last year, since that time she has been staying with her half brother. Sir Phelan Kell deGour deLey has looked after his sister's health and estates. He has made arrangements for his sister's future. It is not good for a woman so young to remain a widow for long. Dame Kitara Kell deGour deLey is to be wed to Duke Sir Sergay Rusalovich. And the new couple will be running as Duke and Duchess of Ekaterinegorod this October.

*In Service, Sir Phelan Kell deGour deLey*

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# Events

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**September 1: Agenda deadline**  
for Imp. Estates Meeting

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**October 12/13: Nat'l Steel Tourney**  
Las Vegas, NV

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**November 1/2: Imp. Estates Mtg.  
and Imperial Coronation**  
West Palm Beach, FL

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**December: Esperance Coronation**  
1st wkend, Los Angeles, CA area

**December: Sangrael Crown War**  
1st wkend, Lke Elsinore, CA area

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**Jan. 24: Brandenburg Investiture**  
Poway, CA

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