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Champions of Cold Keep

Heavy Viscount Sir Steinn Vikingsson
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Practices

Heavy

Winter: At UNBC on Thursday starting at 7:00pm. As the weather allows, outside in front of the Wintergarden. Otherwise, in the research laboratory building rotunda.

Summer: At Fort George Park, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm. Sunday practices vary in place and time. Contact Markus for further details.

Rapier Practices

Winter: UNBC, Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00.

Summer: At Fort George Park, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm. Sunday practices vary in place and time. Contact Markus for further details.

Archery practice during the summer (May - September) is on Sunday at 2pm. One other practice is held each week, but the time and day varies. Contact Markus for further information.

Directions: From the bypass, go north over the John Hart Bridge. Follow the Hart Highway, past the Mall lights, past the next lights and turn left by Sigi's Gun Repair onto Chief Lake Road. Once on Chief Lake Road you follow that until you hit Pilot Mountain Road. You will see a sign that says "entering Pilot Mtn Road Fire District". The right turn is IMMEDIATELY after that. Follow Pilot Mountain Road up to Arline and turn right. The archery range is alongside the first driveway on the left, keeping left, (shared driveway). For directions, go to Google Maps and type in "Arline Rd, Prince George, BC, Canada".

Recent Events

May Champions

May 23 – 25, 2008

Autocrat HL Natal'ia Volkovicha

A very enjoyable event, including heavy, rapier and archery tourneys. Also, we had a bardic competition and a good showing for A&S including brewing. Period dishes were encouraged at the potluck dinner and Natal'ia won for best period dish with her macaroni cheese made with home made cheese. She also took first place in Bardic, the award given our by our guest the Skald of Tir Righ, HL Sionann in Ui Fhaithbheartaig. Lord Dimitri and Lady Brighid taught a chain mail class.

Champions: Heavy - Viscount Sir Steinn Vickinsson, Rapier - Lord Henry Hawkyns, Archery – Lord Markus Pheilsmid, A&S - Lord Markus Pheilsmid

Avacal Coronet

June 6 -8, 2008

Autocrat: L. Markus Pheilsmid

18 fighters in the heavy tournament (including Sir Vic who was a by fighter) Won by Torny, inspired by our own Natal'ia. Archery was won by Wylfrd of Leeds. Rapier HL Robert of Clan Gunn. Three injuries – two small cuts and one sprained knee

Natal'ia is our new Tanista. Sexburga and Celeste received AOA's. Two newcomers volunteered as waterbearers.

Fields of Gold

June 20 -22, 2008

Report courtesy of Markus

Once again it was a fantastic event. I totally enjoyed every minute of it. Congratulations are also in order for Wlfryd who won the archery tournament to represent Tir Bannog for the next year. It was a great turnout with 11 archers. Throughout the 4 targets I offered, the leader changed between 4 or 5 different people and was finally decided on the last target... by one point! Thank you to Wlfryd and Rihannon who housed and fed us all staying at the Red Wolf Inn. And thank you to Allasdair who ran a very fun and challenging heavy tournament. I'm looking forward to next year already.

Coming Events

Clinton War

August 1 – 4, 2008

Clinton, BC

Autocrat Viscountess Amanda Kendal

Directions: Take Highway 97 to Clinton. From the south, travel to the other end of town and turn left onto MacDonald. From the north, turn right onto MacDonald. When the road forks, take the right hand fork that continues up the hill and turns into a gravel road. Follow the surveyors tape. Cross the railway tracks and the cattle guard. Just after the cattle guard, the road forks again. Take the left fork. Stay on this road and you will see a reservoir on the left. Just past this is the main gate. Please close the gate and continue until you reach the site proper.

Autumn Celebration

September 20th, 2008

Autocrat Sexburga the Brewster

Site Info:

Name: Miworth Community Hall

13510 Flint Road

Prince George, BC V2M 7C1

Directions to Site: The event is at the Miworth Community Hall at 13510 Flint Road, Prince George, BC, V2M 7B9. Make your best way on Highway 97 (the Bypass) to 5th Avenue. Turn west onto 5th Avenue and follow it to Foothills Boulevard. Turn north onto Foothills, and continue to Otway Road (just before the bridge). Turn east onto Otway Road and continue 11 kms to Flint Road. Note the road crosses the railway tracks three times before you reach the site. SCA signs will be posted.

Quiz

How many of these games were played in Medieval times?

Zodiak	Bocce
Darts	Dice
Harpastum	Backgammon
Trigon	Hopscotch
Lacrosse	Kite Flying
Field Hockey	Marbles
Soccer	

Answers

All of these games were played in ancient times, perhaps under different names and slightly different rules in the known world except for lacrosse which was played by the North American Indians prior to the discovery of North America. Source: Various links from the research section of our website.

Lacrosse -Wikipedia

From The Chronicler

Greetings all

It has been a busy summer with lots going on. I am always looking for new ideas so please feel free to send me suggestions, interesting links, ideas and even contributions. I am planning to start including pictures so dig into your digital library and send something to me. And why not some original artwork? I have talked to the helpful folks at Staples and it is very easy and not too expensive to include photos in the printed newsletter. I would also like to start regular items such as “Did you know” or “helpful tips” ie. Must have for campout events – earplugs.

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