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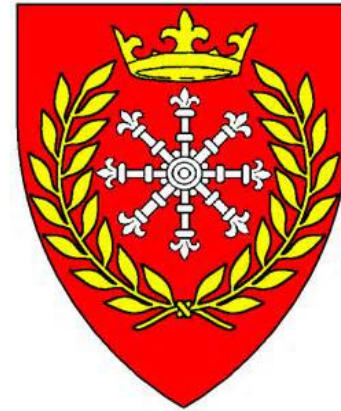


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His Majesty Timothy of Arindale and Her Majesty Gabrielle van Nijenrode

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Their Royal Highnesses

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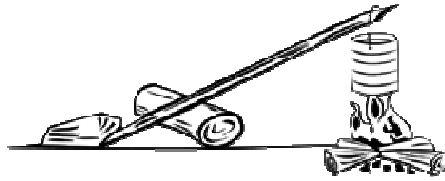
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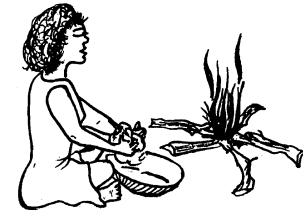
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Next Meeting: Tuesday

Aug. 25, 2015 , 7:00pm at Butler Memorial
Park. Butler, PA 16001



Greetings Sunderoak,



Pennisc is fast approaching, like a freight train, lol! I hope everyone goes has a wonderful and safe time. For those not making it this year, you will be missed. Please note, unless otherwise announced all activities will be cancelled during War.

I'd like to thank everyone who made A Ethelwald Proving Grounds a success. Thorgrim, Raven, Meadhbh, Jarngerd, Elena and Eoin for running the event and it's activities. For anyone who chipped in, helped out, loaded, pre-cooked, packed up in the pouring rain, thank you!

Looking forward to next year.



Best,

Katla



Sunderoak once again hosted equestrian activities at **Aethelwald Proving Grounds** at Breakneck Campground.



While it turned out to be a somewhat wet and muddy day, we had a good turnout, with eight riders and five horses in attendance - including one horse and rider combo who were both attending their first SCA event.

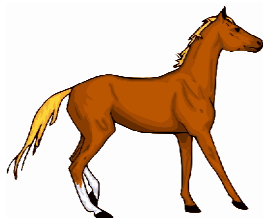
Welcome Kathleen Haak and Red! There were also a couple of newer Scadians, hopefully soon to be equestrian Scadians, watching the course. Welcome, Ladies! I'm very sorry I was not able to get your names over the course of the day.

Riders attending were:

Mistress Gozen on Rex; THL Morien on Mira; Lady Maeve on Mira; Lady Tommasa on Mouse; Lady Rowena on Mira; Lady Aaliz on Hayley; Kathleen on Red; and THL Meadhbh on Mouse (EqMIC).

The morning was dedicated to a competition, with an “obstacle” course (loosely!) based on the [Devonshire Tapestries](#).

These are four. fifteenth century tapestries depicting hunting scenes:



**A deer hunt,
a swan and otter hunt,
a boar and bear hunt,
and falconry.**



The riders started their day's "hunting" by opening a gate to leave the courtyard. Then they picked up and swung a lure to call in their falcon, and started off on their adventures, clearing their trail through the woods, crossing a swan "pond", spearing a deer target, and running into all manner of other obstacles on their way. They ended by calling their hounds to kennel and backing their horses into a stall.

The course was designed to be fun but challenging, and everybody rose to the challenge quite nicely.

The first round was timed, with points deducted for going over the time limit, and each obstacle had a set number of possible points to be earned by completing it. Mistress Gozen and Rex won the first round, with Lady Tommasa and Mouse coming in second.

The second round (unbeknownst to the competitors until after the first round was over) was won by the most improved score over the rider's first round. We had five horse/rider combinations complete the second round, but only three were eligible to be scored by reason of having completed the first round. Lady Tommasa won the second round.

Congratulations to all of the riders and their mounts who competed. I am very proud of all of you and the work you've been putting in!

I was honored after the morning's competition in that Lady Tommasa agreed to become my Equerry. An Equerry is the equestrian student of a Peer or Grant level member of the Order of the Golden Lance. Don't blink! With as quickly as she is progressing in her skill and becoming a true horseman, I have a hunch it won't be long before I lose her as an Equerry.

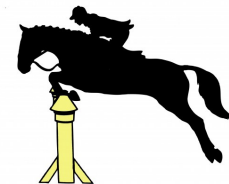
On the home front, practices are continuing while we count down the days to the Equestrian Championships on July 4 in Stormsport. In addition to the Champs competition, there will be classes - Ground Crewing for Equestrian Events; Riding to the Obstacles; Heraldry for Horses; and a barding and equestrian garb "fashion show". Gozen is EqMIC for the event, and I will be running the Champs course.

There will also be horses at the BMDL event Iron Comet at Brady's Run Park on August 29. Lady Aaliz will be EqMIC at that event.

Hope to see you at one or both of these events!

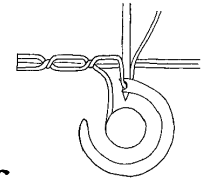
Ride safe, and keep the dirty side down.

THL Meadhbh inghean ui Bhaoighill, KEO





Greetings SunderOak,



We have met some new teachers and learned new things. We started with Largess with Lady Raven on June 1, then Lady Cassandra came back and taught us some Breads. Countess Elena taught fencing armor and now more of the Shire will be on the field, His Lordship Keiran walked us through Celtic Knotwork, and Mistress Fredeburg taught block printing including carving of the blocks.

- July started with a discussion on Event prep with an emphasis on Pennsic. This class will be repeated in late winter. July 13 is another Largess night, and July 20 will be felting.
- There will be no A&S July 27 or August 3 as we will be at Pennsic, or August 10 as we will be recovering.
- If you are going to Pennsic, please bring back a hand out from classes you attend and bring them to share on August 17th when we resume. August 24th will be a Largess night.
- A&S is held at 110 Pine St, Butler, PA 16001. The door opens about 6p, the class starts about 630pm. I hope to see you soon



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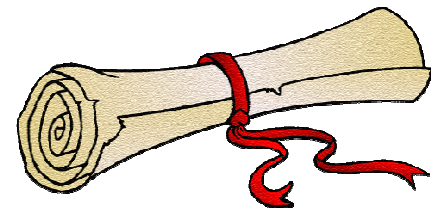
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