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A KNIGHT TO REMEMBER

Its back, bigger and badder than ever. That's right folks Konga's training tourney has returned again to arrowsreaches Monday night trainings. It now comes packed with a bucket load of new and improved features.

When: first Monday of the month
(check calendar for exact date)

Time: armour inspection at 7:30pm,
tourney begins at 8pm

Cost: same as normal entry fee

Tournament style: this month it will be round robin.

Who can fight: as this is a training tourney unauthorized fighters may participate, please see the marshals if you have any further questions regarding

your fighting eligibility.

What else can I do: this is a good opportunity to learn how to become a herald, marshal, or how to run the list. If you would like to volunteer for one of these positions please see Konga.

Other features: the idea is to recreate a period tournament as such we encourage everyone to consider this a proper event. For any further information or questions please contact Konga.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS AN ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE AND GARB ENCOURAGED EVENT.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ **H** Heavy training,
- ♦ **A** Archery training,
- ♦ **S** Stormhold monthly bash,
- ♦ **A&S** Kub Painting
- ♦ **K** Congas training tourney

September 2005

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SHIRE OF ARROWSREACH REGULAR EVENTS

ARROWSREACH HEAVY TRAINING

WHERE & WHEN: Every Monday night 7.30 till 10pm, at Central Ringwood Community hall, Bedford park, Bedford rd, Ringwood.

COST: \$5 for fighters, \$3 for spectators.
(\$1 Discount for members)

ARROWSREACH ARCHERY TRAINING

WHERE & WHEN: 2nd & 4th Sunday's, 1 till 5pm, at Croydon Secondary College, Croydon Road, Croydon.

COST: \$5 for fighters, \$3 for spectators.
(\$1 Discount for members)

REGULAR EVENTS NEARBY

STORMHOLD MONTHLY BASH

WHERE & WHEN: 1st Sunday of the month at John Gardiner Reserve, Auburn rd, Hawthorn

COST: \$3 for members, \$5 for non members



October 2005

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Upcoming events

Benevolence Crusade III

Venue: Culcairn Sportsground,
Federal Street, Culcairn

Date: 28-30 October 2005

Accommodation:

Camping (\$5.00 per person)

Motel (02) 6029 8233

Hotel (02) 6029 8501

Stewards: Artos (Bear) Berner
(Daniel Shaughnessy Agnita Loridan
de Rovigo (Lorralei Burton)

Bookings: Bordescros@gmail.com

pending receipt of booking form
and payment.

**Booking form and payment to be
sent to:**

P.O. Box 3337 Albury NSW 2640

(02) 6056 3969

Prices Before 1 September 2005
Members \$45.00 Non-members
\$50.00

Before 1 October 2005 \$50.00
\$55.00

Before 25 October \$55.00 \$60.00

NOTE: A \$5.00 discount is available
to those who make a contribution
to the prize pool for the fighter
auction.

Activities: Team Skirmish, Light
and Heavy Fighter Auction Tourna-
ment A&S Collegia (volunteers
please), Roving hunt, Pas de Armes
by Company of Dragon Star,

Feast Saturday night

Feastocrat: Gabriel (Thanatos)
Kalethetos (Andrew Donaldson-
Hollis)

All meals included from Friday
night to Sunday lunch



OFFICER REPORTS

We have a number of vacant, or soon to be vacant officer positions. I have outlined these below, but further information is available from the current officers or the <http://www.sca.org.au> website. To be an officer, you must be a subscribing member of the SCA. The usual term of office is 2 years.

Seneschal

Our current Seneschal, Master William Cummin (Bill) is stepping down from this role. I am hereby requesting all interested parties to apply for the grand position of Arrowsreach

Seneschal !!

Deputy Reeve

This is a training & assistance role with the intention to take over the office of Reeve in the near future. As reeve, you will be required to arrange for the collection and banking of monies, keeping the groups financial records, and reporting to your superiors on time (very important). You will also review event proposals to ensure the financial viability of any events that we run.

Hospitaller

This officer is in charge of our valuable assets consisting of table cloths, pots and pans, and other miscellaneous Stuff ! Keeping an inventory and coordinating who has what are essential skills (very easy).

CHRONICLER

Greetings all,

Welcome to the September issue of The Bowstring. As you can tell there is still a bit of fine tuning being done, like the addition of next months calendar so that we all know what is happening a bit in advance.

I would like to thank all those people who have submitted articles this month, and I would like to remind people that submissions close on the 26th of September .

If you have something in you hot little hand but you aren't sure if it is appropriate for The Bowstring

send it to me anyway, you may just be surprised. I look forward to reading all your submissions for next months issue.

Farewell,

Konga out!

A&S

Hi folks,

As the etiquette session needed to be bumped back a week, we did not have the Kub painting on the 29th, as announced. The next time we have the backroom available, is on the 19th Sept, so I propose we do it on that night. So,

therefore, we still need some designs, preferable Nordic in nature, to choose between. So lets all have a think , don't wait till the night to bring ideas - show them around before then and we can all get a feel for what we might like to use. If you don't want to come

up with a design, but you have a knack with a paintbrush or a steady hand, please still come and help paint on the 19th.

Yis,

Arganhell

HOSPITALLER

Greetings Good Gentles All,

Thank you to all those who participated in the Etiquette Class and to all those who assisted me at short notice. I hope the informal session was of some help, please look forward to other related sessions in the future. Here is just a reminder list of what we very basically covered. (The following is taken from the Known World Handbook, 1995 ed)

- 1) Treat your inferiors as if they were equal. Treat your equals as if they were your superiors. Treat officers as representatives of the King. Treat King and Queen with the reverence due your sovereigns
- 2) Use Medieval forms of address
- 3) Be faithful to your lord and your word

- 4) Gentlemen, honour all ladies
- 5) Ladies, be worthy of all honour
- 6) Touch no man's goods unasked
- 7) Be gentle to the stranger
- 8) Raise your sword, but not your voice
- 9) Let the slain man say if he be slain
- 10) Reverence the King and Queen

In Service to the Dream,

Lady Nadia

Arrowsreach Hospitaller

ARROWSREACH OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES

Attending: Kelly, Suzanne, Jason, Bill, Konga, Adam, Rohan.

Drago sends his apology.

Opens 7:30

First topic: officer change overs

Bill: Konga is now deputy seneschal, with intent to assume position in two months. Positions were advertised on the list two months ago and he was the only one who applied.

Jason: rob is now deputy reve, need to change signatures over

Konga: Jade is now deputy chronicler, all officers should start looking for deputy's, bill should be web minister (deputy chronicler) and make arrowsreach web site official.

Kelly: wants to hand position over to someone else, position advertised.

Next topic: upcoming events

Bill: Bryce has put in proposal for event in October, camping event.

Discussion: officers are concerned as to the event date as it is too close to other events, decide to inform Bryce to adjust date and resubmit

Next topic: hall and equipment

Bill: Konga volunteered to make two pells for arrowsreach. What armour is at the hall?

Rohan: 1 full suit, bits and pieces. Another almost finished needs body and shoulders. Suggests make armour for nebies.

Kelly: suggests making a list of resources

Discussion: encourage newbie's to make their own armour.

Kelly: happy to help people make garb, is able to cloth newbie's for an event garb must be returned.

Bill: shield work shop ideas?

Discussion: should the group pay for materials and sell back to new-

bie's decide to check interest first.

Konga: will cost finished product and write up a flyer.

Open discussion on topics

Adam: Sunday archery constables needed. Where is money and sign in book? Need a marshal in charge.

Jason: hall I.O.U system is being cancelled. Losing too much money.

Konga: asked for a budget for chroniclers office. Suggested a group survey of arrowsreach to see how bowstring should be distributed.

Meeting closed at 9.30

ARROWSREACH SHEILD MAKING WORKSHOP

They say that the best defence is a good offence, but personally I like to hide behind a nice big shield. "Hey that sounds like a good idea, but how do I get one?" I hear you cry. Well the nice folk of Arrowsreach are organising a shield making work shop to help teach you how to make your very own shield.

The idea:

In a series of weekly workshops we will be progressively helping you to make, cover and paint you very own shield.

The offer:

For ease of transport and cost we will be providing all the equipment and materials needed to construct, cover and paint a standard size bunny round shield.

The cost:

Due to the fact that we are buying all the material in bulk we need at least five interested people to be able to go ahead with this project. To cover the cost of materials

we are asking that all interested people bring \$50 with them to training and give it to

Konga, by the 12th September. Unfortunately if interest is low we will have to cancel this project.

The catch:

Sounds good so far, well here is the catch. We will show you how to

make the shield but you will be the one actually doing the work. If for some reason you can't make it to a workshop we will be happy to help you catch up the following week.

Important stuff

The aim of this workshop is to help provide Arrowsreach fighters with bunny round shields, if for some reason you would like another shape please provide a paper pattern of the shape you are interested in. **Please note that this will incur a greater fee.** For safety reasons we will be pre-cutting all the shield blanks before the first workshop.

Interest is only accepted with payment of the full amount of \$50 by the 12th of September.

Calender

September 12th pay Konga \$50

September 19th cover shield blank with calico, and begin to design device

September 26th drill holes for hose, bind hose with cord. Bolt on straps.

October 3rd begin painting devices on shields

For any further questions please ask me at training or email me at

konga1981@yahoo.com.au

THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE MAYBE I SHOULD!

Thank you to Lord Drogo who compiled the following phrases one should think twice before using in the SCA! (as slightly edited by Lady Nadia). The first list is what one Should NOT say, the second list is the recommended phrase.

BAD

1. Nice Rack
2. Yo, pointy hat, over here!
3. You hit like a pansy

4. So, you're the King's bit?
5. Spurs? What sort of wanker wears spurs?
6. Ha, ha, loser! You got slaughtered!
7. If I bend this way, I can see right down your dress :)
8. Let's go steal Stormhold's banner
9. Useless Stickjock
10. Fight properly pokey boy

GOOD

1. That's a lovely bodice you're wearing, my lady
2. Good Morrow Your Highness (Your Majesty, Your Excellency)
3. Light!!
4. Good Day to you, Your Majesty
5. Good Evening, Sir Knight
6. You fought well today, my lord, despite your numerous deaths

7. Oh no Mistress Margie, of course your bodice isn't too low ;)
 8. Let's go apprehend Stormhold's banner in jest
 9. While I appreciate your fighting style, I prefer fencing
 10. Everyone should fight heavy, fencing is a joke ;)
- Oh alright...
10. While I appreciate your fighting style, I prefer heavy combat
(biting tongue while being said!)

ARROWSREACH MAKES A FORAY INTO PERIOD THEATRE

by Mistress Margie of Glen More

With the support of Vandel Lynchea, I devised a commedia dell'arte scenario to be performed at Winterfeast. After speaking to the Master, Lord Rodrigo, it was decided to include the concept of 'wedding' to tie in with the theme of the evening "Bruegel's Wedding

The next task was to find a cast! Where are all those extroverted actors when you need them? There have been a few casting changes since

the original concept was mooted, but Monday 18th July saw a fabulous rehearsal in the back room at Monday training. A quick commedia lesson, don the masks and take the floor

Commedia dell'arte probably had its roots in the market places of Italy as early as the fifteenth century. By the sixteenth century it was a well established theatre form in Europe, although the term 'Commedia dell'arte' was not used at this time.

Commedia focuses on stock

characters and improvised scenarios. The scenarios revolve around love, money, jealousy, revenge and food. The commedia makes social comments and tailors itself to its audience using satire and slapstick comedy routines to entertain the audience.

Congratulations to our Arrowsreach actors and thanks to others who have helped in this project



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ARROWS ARE
USELESS WITH OUT
THE BOWSTRING”**



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LAST MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greetings All

Recently a member of AR raised with me their concerns communication within the group, due in part to the absence of regular general meetings. In the past general meetings have been called on a reactive/needs basis and this approach has generally met our requirements. This practice has also ensured minimal interruptions to the fighter training and other activities being conducted during our weekly meeting sessions. If people have concerns, however, then we need to review this matter

How best can we ensure that our Group's communications requirements are met, minimise disruptions and avoid the situation of holding regular scheduled meetings, which may not always be necessary? Some issues can be better addressed via other means such as; Arrowsreach email list, Officers dealing with the matter, Group's newsletter etc. Please note the newsletter is being published more regularly and the chronicler has requested that Arrowsreach Officers provide regular input

I believe it would be prudent to formally plan the meetings in advance so the Group Seneschal has the opportunity to decide if a general meeting is required or if the tabled subject matter could be resolved via other means. This approach would avoid the situation we have seen in other Group's which appear to have meetings for the sake of having a

meeting with minimal outcome

How do the populace get an item tabled, make a suggestion or raise a concern? You can make a post on the Arrowsreach List, approach an Officer or place a note in the new suggestion box. We are introducing a Suggestion Box that will be kept next to the sign in book. This will allow everyone the additional means of providing suggestions or raising an issue. The suggestion box will also allow people the opportunity to raise a matter without feeling intimidated in voicing their ideas/concerns in a public forum such as a general meeting

Each suggestion/matter will be discussed by the Arrowsreach Officers and Seneschal. They will then decide if the matter can be addressed without a meeting or by the relevant Officers with the appropriate abilities/responsibilities. If not, then it will be tabled for the next general meeting. The officers will undertake to address any matters raised in a timely and professional manner. Anonymous suggestions/requests will not be considered and will be discarded. This system will be trialed for 2 months. At the end of this time, we will assess whether to continue with this system. The box will be introduced on Monday and is not to be used in place of the SCA standard dispute resolution process

Yis

Everard