

the Adrian Herald

MAY 2003

No Civil War!

The deadline for declaring Imperial Civil War was April 24th (30 days prior to Memorial Weekend, which is the date that is set in law for an Imperial civil war). No one has declared against the incumbent Crown, so there shall be no Civil War. The Imperial War and Tournament, scheduled for Memorial Weekend, shall continue as planned, with three sites in various places around the country. The war shall be held for the fun and entertainment of the populace.

(For more information, see page 8)

These are Imperial events, and shall be supervised by Imperial ministers (or their designates). The points will be kept at the Imperial level, and will be published on the Imperial website. The points earned shall be an exception to the one-per-month rule. This means if you have already earned one point of a specific type, and you earn another at the Imperial war/tournament, you can count it as a second point. But two in a month (of a specific type) is the absolute maximum that you can count toward knighthoods.

Chivalry

Excerpted from The Book of Chivalry of Geoffroi de Charny:

We shall speak first of a class of men-at-arms who are worthy of praise in terms of the kind of pursuit of arms they are willing to undertake. These are the ones who are physically strong and skillful (agile) and who conduct themselves properly and pleasantly, as is appropriate for young men, gentle, courteous and well mannered toward others, who have no desire to engage in any evil undertaking, but are so eager to perform deeds of arms at jousts that if they hear of any festivities or other occasions for jousting, they will be there if they can; if all goes well for them they will usually win their contest or be in the running for the prize. And because God has bestowed on them such grace as to conduct themselves well in the particular pursuit of arms, they enjoy it so much that they neglect and abandon the other pursuits of arms; that is not to deny that it is a good pursuit, attractive for the participant and fair to see. I therefore say that it is good to do for him who does it, when, by the grace of God he does it well; for all deeds of arms merit praise for all those who perform well in the. For I maintain that there are no small feats of arms, but only good and great ones, although some feats of arms are of greater worth than others. There, I say that he does more of them is of greater worth.

Remember our warriors



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Memorial Weekend War Information

Available online at <http://www.adrianempire.org/events.html>

Miscellany

Profile: Chesapeake

The Duchy of Chesapeake was originally founded in 1992 as the Canton of Pallisgreen, part of the Palantine Duchy of Snowden, which covered the area from NY to DC. After the Adria-HMR split in 1996, the Maryland area was reformed as the Duchy of Chesapeake. A steady and stable period followed, which sadly ended with the now all too familiar clash of personalities, failure to compromise, breakdown in trust and communication, charges, counter-charges. By 2000, the Duchy's numbers had slumped. It has been slowly rebuilding, learning from past failures.

Our fine Ducal Crown, Sir Aerindane McLorie and Dame Kelda Rudd Catha, have been working diligently to expand the Duchy, re-energize the populace and hold joint events with our neighbors, the Duchies of Cambridge and Somerset, and the Shire of Dunvegan.

Chesapeake is proud of its great artisans, particularly accomplished in leatherwork, chainmail, bowyery, garb & cooking. Our archers are spectacular, our renn fighters formidable, and steel has recently returned to our lands. Our feasts are phenomenal, our hospitality beyond compare, our lands beautiful and green, rich with history, culture and art.

Sir Duriel van Hansard, Ducal Hospitaller, Chronicler



*Sir Aerindane McLorie and Dame Kelda Rudd Catha
Ducal Crown of Chesapeake*

Recipes for Preserving Meat

None of these recipes is necessarily recommended, but certainly make for interesting reading. Preserving food, especially meat, was quite a bit different in ages past than it is today. (*see related article about food safety on page 7.*)

If you would preserve game for a long time ...

When it is an entire red or roe deer, then skin it and take out the entrails and hang it in a cellar without any drafts. After that you must baste it every day, inside and out, with wine. And put inside it nettles or mint. When it is washed out inside with wine you must lay in it fresh herbs, then it will keep for a long time. When it is just a piece of game, however, then lay it in a trough with fresh nettles and mint over or under it and baste it every day with wine.

Sabrina Welserin (German, 1553)

Venison of Deer or Other Beast, If you wish to salt it in summer, it is appropriate to salt it in a wash-tub or bath[54], ground coarse salt, and after dry it in the sun. Haunch, that is the rump, which is salted, should be cooked first in water and wine for the first boiling to draw out the salt: and then throw out the water and wine, and after put to partly cook in a bouillon of meat and turnips, and serve in slices with some of the liquid in a dish and venison.

Salted meats ... If you want to salt beef or sheep in winter, have coarse salt and dry it well in the pan, then grind it well, and salt. And note that in June and July mutton should be soaked, then salted. Goose must be salted naturally for three days.

Easter hares ... If a hare is taken two or three weeks before Easter, or at some other time when you want to save it, gut it and take out the entrails, then cut the skin on its head and break it, and make an opening in the head and remove the brain and fill the hole with salt and sew up the skin: it will keep for a month if hung by the ears.

Le Menagier de Paris (1392-4)

Both of these texts have been made available online by David Friedman at

<http://www.davidfriedman.com/Medieval/>

More Elizabethan Gambling

There has been great interest in gambling spreading through the Empire. Not real gambling, mind you, but fun tokens of no value used as an excuse to enjoy cards and other games.

In the February 2003 issue, Lord Jordan of Marlborough explained the rules for Landskentch, One and Thirty, Bone Ace and Tarot. In this issue he shall explain some games for your dicing pleasure.

Dice Games

These basically comprise Hazard, the granddaddy of craps and a few mindless games. By the way the design of dice pips (you know, the dots) goes way back to the Romans. Any set of bone, wooden or pewter dice are authentic for our period. Also, at least in military circles, it was customary to roll the dice on a drum head. Of course, if one is desperate to lose money, any old flat surface would do.

Hazard

First mentioned in the Chaucer's Canterbury tales, this game stayed popular up until the 19th century when it was eclipsed by its descendent, craps. It is played using two dice and any number of players.

Determine the Caster (the guy who rolls the dice). Usually this is done by rolling dice. The other players are called Setters. The Caster rolls the dice. If the roll is between 5 and 9, this number becomes the Main. The Setters then may lay a wager or abstain. The Caster covers the bets he chooses to. If the Caster fails to roll between a 5 and 9, the dice pass to the Setter to his left, who becomes the new Caster.

If a Main has been set, the Caster rolls again. This roll is called the Chance roll. The Chance roll will result in either a Nick (win for the Caster), an Out (win for the Setters) or a Mark (stay tuned...). Determining Nicks and Outs is the hardest part of Hazard!

You may want to write the following table down:

Main	Nick	Out
5	5	2,3,11,12
6	6,12	2,3,11
7	7,11	2,3,12
8	8,12	2,3,11
9	9	2,3,11,12

If a Mark was set (any other number), the Caster keeps rolling until he makes a roll equal to the Main (in

which case he wins) or the Mark (in which case the Setters win). These bets are paid off 1 to 1. The Caster keeps the dice until he loses a roll. Then they pass to the Setter to his left, who may turn down the dice if he doesn't want them (they pass to the next fellow)

Side bets are frequent in Hazard. Odds are up to the players. They are usually on what the next roll or two might be. For example, Karl might bet Klaus that the next roll will be 2 and asks for a 40 to 1 payoff. Klaus, having studied a bit, knows better. He counters with 6 to 1 that a 7 will be rolled before a 2. And so on. Fun bets are encouraged ("8 to 1 that the next Caster to win will be an unmarried lady!" and so on).

Novem-Cinque

16th century, any number of player, 2 dice. Players ante into the pot. Each player rolls the dice. Everyone who rolls a 5 or 9 is out. Everyone not out rolls again. Again, 5 or 9 is out. Keep going until 1 player is left. He then get the pot. This is a good game for determining who has to stand guard duty, do the laundry, etc.

Inn and Inn

Two or three (although I see no reason why more couldn't play), 4 dice. Dice are thrown using a dice cup or (clean) tankard. Ante into the pot (amount set by Caster). Throw the dice, if there are no doubles (dice of the same number), the Setters win and split the pot. If the Caster should roll two Doublets (an "Inn and Inn"), he wins. If the Caster rolls one Doublet, he notes the number and passes the dice to his left. This pot remains in the center, uncollected. If the next player rolls an Inn and Inn, he collects the pot. If not, note his Doublet (if any) and pass the dice left. If after everyone has rolled the dice once, there are no winners, then the pot goes to the highest Doublet.

Passage

Two players, three dice. Decide on a Caster. Bets are by agreement, but can't be decreased once the dice are thrown until a winner is determined. Bets may be increased by mutual consent. Caster rolls. If he fails to roll a Doublet, he passes the dice to the Setter, who becomes the Caster and repeats. If a Doublet is rolled, the Caster wins if the three dice total 10 or more. If a Doublet is rolled, and the three dice equal 9 or less, the Setter wins.

Regions

Andorra

So much has happened since Andorra came onto the scene in November of 2001. We have had many ups and downs and various trials and tribulations as all new subdivisions do, but we have endured. We have had feasts, done school demos and even appeared at a few local events. Slowly, but surely, we are growing. With the addition of our new lands we will hopefully be establishing a few cantons in the coming year!

In March we held the first feast for our patron saint, Saint Ignatious of Andorra, which turned out to be a great event. Well, for almost everyone; our viceroy, Lord Auberon and his assistant Estrellita, slaved away in the hot kitchens of House dela'Reve preparing the fine feast. Still, when we snapped his picture while he was cleaning up, he was smiling and I seem to recall Estrellita sneaking out for a bit of refreshment!

For those of you who are unfamiliar with our good saint Ignatious he grew up in a small village where his family toiled against the often-harsh climate of this area. Deluged by spring flooding and hot dry summers and bone-chilling winters his family endured and always seemed to have enough for all.

He was a dedicated man of merit and virtue and many miracles dealing with warmth and growing things are attributed to him here in Andorra.

There are other such tales and wonders that one hears about the good saint here in Andorra and it is with pride that every March we in Andorra celebrate the good saint with a meal featuring many fine breads and dishes from our lands.

Andorra hopes that we will ourselves prove bountiful this year adding more members to this great empire we call Adria. We have many fine events we hope to be holding, including our first war later in the year. Arts tourneys and even a bardic competition are just a few of the things we here in Andorra hope to do this year. We have also been asked to appear at various faires and festivals this summer so all in all it sounds like it will be a great year.

Lord Auberon, Viceroy of Andorra

Chesapeake

It has been far too long since news of our fair Duchy has been sent to the Empire, so I will begin by recounting our history. *[This history is presented as a profile of the Duchy on page 2.]*

The snows of winter fell hard in our Duchy (up to 2' in 2 days in February), making travel difficult. March saw the first Chesapeake-Cambridge fun war, with several folk from Cambridge traveling down to visit, share, learn and do battle. It was great to finally meet these people in person we had only previously known through phone or e-mail. They're a talented group and do the Empire proud.

This past quarter has seen a new knight in Chesapeake, Sir Dyri Haraldsson, who became Knight Bachelor at our Twelfth Night Feast. Sir Dyri is one of the gems of Chesapeake, a talented and elegant fencer as well as a skilled swordsman, fighting a lightly armored, somewhat choreographed sword/spear/ax style he learned in Iceland. He is also a great leather, wood and bone craftsman. It is an honor to welcome him into the chivalry.

We look forward to the upcoming Northeast Imperial Banner War, the first Imperial event in the Northeastern United States, as well as the warmth of spring and the warmth of friendship.

Sir Duriel van Hansard, Ducal Hospitaller, Chronicler

Tierra del Fuego

The March event had a small turnout, but it did mark the return of combat at our events (although not enough combatants to hold a list.) The cooking competition, Lenten Foods, was fully subscribed to, with all attending households entering. Dame Maud provided an excellent sorrel pottage, Dame Juliana outdid herself with a salad, herbed omelet, and apple pancake. (She also told, in story form, how one got dispensations to have eggs and butter during Lent.) I provided a white bean and mock almond milk pottage. Embarrassingly, I won, and so the prize, A History of Food, was donated to the library of the RMS.

Yours, Nicholas Worthington "Allus Mi'Sen"

Dunvegan

It has been a busy first year for Dunvegan. We began our inaugural year March 2002 with 5 members. We are 25 strong now, with many more interested. It has been a slow process, but as I reflect on the activities of our first year, you will see that it was all worth it.

Our first public appearance was at a small library festival last April - a very child-oriented affair. We did so well we were asked to be an anchor group this year. The summer was filled with practices, handing out brochures and getting acquainted with local merchants. We found ourselves knee-deep in public adoration at the annual Harvest Faire in Newport News Virginia last October. There was a knighting, some flaming swords and the stocks (the hit of our encampment). Plans are well underway for this year's Harvest Faire!

In January, we held a demo before the showing of the Princess Bride at a local library. After the sword fighting was over, almost everyone left. But the library wants us to participate in other upcoming events.

March saw us doing a demo for a large homeschool group here in Chesapeake, VA. It was one of the most satisfying experiences I have ever had with the Empire. Parents continued to comment as they were leaving that we were professional, entertaining, and even the old folks learned something they didn't know.

The highlight of the year was a 2-1/2 page article about our merry little band in the local newspaper. I had the good fortune to get acquainted with one of the paper's feature writers. She came and observed, asked questions, observed some more (at least 4 times). Two of those visits were with a photographer, so now we are famous. If you have the chance to connect with your local paper do it. It opens up a world of opportunities.

As we embark on our 2nd year we are making decisions on how to better our group through our members. We are involved in at least 3 highly public events before the end of October, we're scheduling joint events with some of the other groups in the area whom we have met. And we are just plain having fun.

The members we have "collected" include; two blacksmiths, a master armorer, a beginning brewer, fighters young and old, people who are good with their hands and their minds and some of the most delightful children you will ever meet. In closing, I wish to say hello to all of our friends back on the West Coast, welcome our new members to the fold and declare...Let the games begin.

Dame Isabel MacAskill

Esperance

Comtessa Aleta O'Barry van Hansard did take Knight Minister and Knight Civil at the Mardi Gras Event with her husband Sir Dilvish Van Hansard and daughter Lady Katherine van Hansard in party. This was a wonderous time to take such a knighting as Comtessa Aleta O'Barry is usually the autocrate in the kitchen!

New Event Location!

The Kingdom of Esperance Event will be at this new location starting April 12th.

Hurless Barton Park

4601 Casa Loma Ave.

Yorba Linda, CA 92886-3316

The new site is near the amphitheater (at the back of the park) in Hurless Barton Park in the city of Yorba Linda. There is a parking lot on Casa Loma Ave. in front of the park and there is lots of close by parking with a nice ramp to the park near the Senior Center located just north of the park. **From east of Orange County:** take the 91 fwy. to Imperial Hwy. Go north/west on Imperial Hwy. and turn left on Casa Loma Ave. The senior center and the park will both be on your right. **From north of Orange County:** take the 57 fwy. to Imperial Hwy. Go south/east on Imperial Hwy. and turn right on Casa Loma Ave. The senior center and the park will both be on your right. **From (or through) Orange County:** exit the 91 fwy. at Tustin Ave. Go north on Tustin, then turn right on Yorba Linda Blvd. and then left on Casa Loma Ave. The senior center and the park will be on your left.

Soapmaking Collegium

Please join me for a soap making/history collegium!

Don't be afraid!

I won't make you bathe!

May 10th, at the Esperance event, during the lunch hour, I will be hosting a collegium on soap making and the history of soap. I will be showing how to make soap with the help of my good friend, the soap making lady, along with giving a history of soap and its uses.

I hope to see you all there!

Sq. Lauren de Wisconsin

Terre Neuve

Even with rain everywhere there was a great turnout for the March Crown event, but it had to be rescheduled for April. There will be 2 tournaments run back-to-back in April as well as the Coronation Ceremony and Feast to follow that evening. A very busy day, indeed, but 2 chances to fight, 2 chances to enter the arts, 2 chances to be in service to the Kingdom of Terre Neuve. Double the action, double the fun - and top it off with great fun and great food!!!

Along with the rain came a mighty powerful wind. If you came to the uncontested Crown War, you would have seen it firsthand. Unfortunately the vendors weren't able to set up - they couldn't keep their pavilions on the ground. Several pavilions in the middle of the night took flight, and many campers took refuge by sleeping in their cars. Did we let a little bit of wind stop us? Of course not! Terre Neuvians are like mailmen: Neither rain, nor wind, nor blast of summer...we will not allow the weather to determine our Adrian activities. No matter what, we're there and ready for whatever may come our way!

Even with the winds, we had some very memorable moments at the Crown War. His Majesty Sir Badger was knighted a Knight Hunstman (giving him a knighthood in Combat, Ministry and Archery). Tailan Bran McNeil was sworn in as our new Chancellor since the old Chancellor will be taking his proper place on the throne during next year's reign.

Cledwyn ap Llanwrst, our MoWJ, created some very interesting war scenarios, which were entertaining to the spectators, and a challenge to the fighters. Even with the high winds, archery was conducted. Several collegiums were held. All in all, a very fun, challenging, and informative Crown War for all who attended. And we can say that we survived the Great Windy War!

Terre Neuve would also extends congratulations to Govannon of Dragon air Chutlach, who holds first place in both the standing, and timed categories for the Imp. Postal Shoot! Huzzah! May your arrows fly true!

For questions, or information regarding our events, or ministers, you may contact us at:

Information Hotline: 619-624-0014

Yahoo Group: kingdomofterreneuve

Web-site: www.kingdomofterreneuve.org

IMPERIAL CROWN DEADLINE

The deadline for declaring your intention to run for Imperial Crown is the end of Saturday night court at Banner War (Memorial Day Weekend). Declaration must be in writing to a Chancellor.

Umbria

It is with great pleasure that I make the following announcement: Umbrian Crown War was held this past weekend [May 3-4]. Sir Waldham and Dame Nisha won the war, and then were Crowned King and Queen of Umbria at closing court. I am pleased for them and excited for our Kingdom.

To my new King and Queen: Your Majesties, may you be blessed with a wonderful and prosperous reign, as I was. May Umbria shine even more brightly under your dedicated care and diligent watch. Long live Umbria! Long live King Waldham and Queen Nisha!

Dame Aislynn de Chartier



Imperial News

War and Joust

I have recently been asked some simple and very important questions (for simplicity's sake I have combined them).

"How do I make sure that the weapons and armour I plan to buy or build meet Adrian Empire inc. specifications?" The answer is that you must first be informed: reading and understanding the combat and marshal's manuals beyond just qualifications as a combatant or marshal.

If you are buying weapons and armour make sure that the finished product conforms to its respective standard material types and thickness for armour weight, length, flexibilities, and blade/head dimensions for weapons. You should ask the manufacturer about the material used and any limitations of warranties or return policies. Lastly, but not leastly, make sure that the armour you are buying is comfortable and well fitted. Ill-fitting armour is dangerous and no bargain at any price.

Use the combat and marshal's manuals for dimensions and limitations. You will save yourself money and disappointments if you check the regulations before you buy.

If you are building your own weapons and armor, it would be well advised to have a good working relationship with your local Minister of Joust and War, as well as the Crown Marshal, so that they can make sure you are not building something that you can't use.

Good luck and fight well,

Sir Erik, Imperial Minister of Joust and War

Archery Postal Shoot Standings

Standings as of April:

Standard shoot: 1. Dame Margarita DuBois (Umbria)

2. Sir Blackarrow (Umbria)

3. Govannon (Terre Neuve)

Speed Shoot: 1. Sir Blackarrow (Umbria)

2. Govannon (Terre Neuve)

3. Dame Margarita DuBois (Umbria)

Complete ranking and rules:

<http://www.boredandbrazenwine.com/ImperialPostalShoot/>

Safety Corner

Food and Cooking at War

Along with dehydration, heat illness, war injuries, and hangovers, food and how it is stored and prepared can affect how much fun you have. Cooking at overnight events can be tricky. By keeping all food preparations clear from cross-contamination, preparing well-cooked meals with properly preserved and stored foods "campground gastritis" can be kept to a minimum at camping events. More fun for all if you're not cramping sick. Here are some preventive-medicine tips for sanitary food handling.

Always wash your hands completely before touching any food! Most food experts believe that certain meats, especially chicken, should be cleaned with a vinegar/water solution (1 TBL per 6-8 oz water) for at least 10 minutes (soak time) before preparation. This method will also work for fresh vegetables.

Freeze your meat. Meats, cut or cubed for stews and other dishes, should be partly cooked at home and stored in freezer bags, and frozen prior to camping. Packing frozen meats will allow a gradual thaw without spoilage over a 3-day weekend so plan which meats to eat accordingly for freezing.

Clean the prep table. Most experts also believe that the most danger comes from the preparation table. Remember to always clean knives, tongs, and every other utensil between uses (or between different food groups) to prevent cross-contamination. Cutting surfaces should also be sanitized between each and every use (try using disposable cutting sheets).

Wash it! A wash basin with a citrus-based dish detergent, a wash basin of clean water, and a wash basin with a bleach/water mixture is the best way to sanitize washed items. One capful of bleach to three gallons of water should do it. (This method is referred to as the 3-step method cold-chemical sanitation).

Fighters: Remember that the physickers, marshals, water-bearers and their assistants are there for our safety so we may fight another day. Be well and be safe my beloved Adria.

In service, Lord Jordan of Marlborough Imp. Physicker

Banner Wars

East - General Coffee State Park, Georgia

May 24rd to May 25th

Location: General Coffee State Park
46 John Coffee Road, Nicholls, GA 31554

We will be having the war in the same location this year. The park has requested that we have the entire war next to the archery field. The arts will be held in the pavilion next to the archery field. The feast will be held in the feast hall that is located in the main park. It is called the Group Shelter. As you drive towards the campgrounds it will be on your left-hand side. On the attached map of the park, you will see a square around pavilion #7, this is where the event will take place. A circle marks the feast hall.

We will need water bearers, combat marshals, arts judges, and scribes. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Site Facilities

Park Office Hours: 8:00am – 5:00pm

Park Rules: There is a curfew of 10:00 pm, and fires must be kept in the fire rings. All wildlife and vegetation are protected.

Camping: If you are camping you must make your own reservations to camp. Each campsite is 120ft pull through with water, electric hook-ups, tables and grills. A comfort station with hot showers and flush toilets, a pay phone and playground are located in the camping area. Fees for tent camping are \$15.00 \$17.00 per campsite, which sleeps up to 6 people.

Cabins: Two bedroom cabins are available. But there is a limited number, so if you are interested call the reservations' number listed above. The cost for cabins can range from \$60-70 per night, call the reservations line for the current rate.

Host hotel: Holiday Inn, 1750 S. Peterson Ave.
Douglas, GA 31533 Local Phone: 1-912-384-9100
Our group rate is \$69.95

Directions

The park is located 6 miles east of Douglas, Georgia, on GA Hwy. 32.



Costs

Site fees (inc. feast): \$2.00 per day parking fee collected by the park on arrival

Adults: \$20.00 (\$17.00 preregistered)

Children 6-12: \$3.00 (free with preregistration)

Children under 6: Free

Preregistration due by May 8th

Event Schedule

Arts: Depending on the number of projects, this may be held over both days

Saturday: Opening court 10:00am, followed by armored, then renn. Feast to be announced at opening court.

Sunday: Court, followed by shinai, archery, then closing court

Autocrats and Contact Information

Event: Dame Etaine Llywelyn (Edwina Dellinger)
561-313-8476 (cell) etaine@bellsouth.net

Event: HRM Josephine Oakesblood (Josephine Rudd)
561-641-1721 hawkslure3@yahoo.com

Feast: Dame Cerridwyn (Tia Marie Kitchen)
emalia@wench.org

Park Telephone: (912) 384-7082

Park Reservations: (800) 864-7275

Map: <http://gastateparks.org/info/gencoffee/>

Northeast Banner War - Greenbank Mill, Delaware

May 23rd to May 26th

Location: Greenbank Mill

500 Greenbank Road, Wilmington, Delaware

It's a beautiful 19th century pastoral setting, freeway close with plenty of nearby shopping and dining; sheriff's station one block away; fire station 2 blocks away. It regularly runs/hosts colonial/revolutionary/civil war events. The President is a disgruntled former SCAdian interested in Adria (especially leathercraft and archery). Having an Imperial War would be a good draw for the Mill and he's cut us an unbelievable deal. Centrally located just off I-95 between Philadelphia and Baltimore, New York and Washington DC. Low-cost air fares available to both Philly and Baltimore. This location should be practical for the following subdivisions (more or less): Andorra, Norddrafn, Cambridge, Chesapeake, Dunvegan, Slivowitz and Somerset.

Let me know if any of you are interested in a ministerial position, are qualified to judge and/or marshal, would like to help plan a feast, are planning on attending or have any questions about the war. Battle scenarios will be at the pleasure of the attendees, so please feel free to be creative and the populace will choose the scenarios at opening court.

Site facilities

19th century grain mill with restrooms and feasthall (sink, refrig/freezer, buffet service area) for feasts, court and/or arts judging; two fire pits; weaving looms (possibly available...one over 150 years old and about 6'x6'x6'); camping areas; parking lot; three open fields for combat, archery, games, dancing, etc.; meeting room for classes; dance hall (small); 19th century train station and train (Wilmington & Western) across the street.

Directions

From I-95 take 141 North to Route 2 West (Kirkwood Hwy.). At third stop light take a right onto Route 41 North (Newport Gap Pike). At the bottom of the hill, just past the Wilmington & Western Railroad, take a right onto Greenbank Road. Drive past the mill, the parking lot is on the left, just after you recross the Wilmington & Western Railroad tracks.



Costs

Site fee: \$10 (children free)

Feast: To be determined (separate from site fee)

No preregistration

No parking fees

Autocrat and Contact Information

Event: Sir Duriel van Hansard (Tom Vincent)

302-379-6294 TomRVincent@yahoo.com

Park: (302) 999-9001

Map: <http://www.greenbankmill.org/GBVisiting.html>

From the Non-Feast Autocrat

I told Sir Duriel that I could organize a feast for Saturday night, something simple and filling. Though I would love to do this free of charge, there will be a small fee to cover ingredients. Labor is free and out of a desire to feed lots of people. My husband laments about my inability to cook for our family of 3 (300 no problem). It will add a little flavor to have everyone sit and break bread. The NE subdivisions have worked hard to get where they are and I say "celebrate". The mother control freak in me gets to make sure everyone has at least 1 civilized meal during the weekend. Most of you have seen tired, hungry fighters eat (not pretty). This will give us all a chance to clean up a little, turn out in some of their finery and get to know one another. It would be especially nice if someone (hint, hint) could scare up some entertainment (a perfect forum for bardic presentations). I am not a feast autocrat. Consider me your Saturday night activities organizer.

Dame Isabel MacAskill (Korin Carter)

Korin35@yahoo.com

West Banner War - Featherly Park, California

May 23rd (1:00 pm) to **May 26th** (11:00 am)

Location: Featherly Park (Canyon RV Park)
(91 Fwy., Gypsum Canyon Road)
24001 Santa Ana Canyon Rd., Anaheim, CA

A stately grove of mature cottonwood and sycamore trees and the Santa Ana River create the setting for the beautiful Featherly Regional Park. Among the park's other assets is a natural riparian wilderness area, wide open spaces, planted turf areas and a wide variety of ornamental trees. The Santa Ana River flows through the park, encouraging a variety of plant and animal life. Consisting of 795 acres, only 66 are now developed leaving the rest of the park in its natural state.

Though this is Featherly Regional Park, the camping is run by Canyon RV Park, so you'll see references to both park names.

The park is located just a mile from major shopping areas for groceries and other goodies.

We are always looking for volunteers to help so be sure to circle your intentions on the preregistration form!

Site facilities

Hot showers, flush privies, fire pits (firewood and ice are available on-site and from nearby shopping centers.) and children's play-ground on site. Some cabins may be available - call the park for information.

Don't tie ropes to the trees! All vegetation and wildlife are protected, and the park is very serious about it.

Directions

Featherly Park is located in the heart of Santa Ana Canyon, approximately two miles west of the Orange County-Riverside County line. The Riverside Freeway (91) runs along the edge of the park. Visitors should exit on Gypsum Canyon which leads directly to the park entrance. The 91 fwy is particularly busy and congested between the hours of 3-8pm on weeknights. Please keep this in mind as you make your way to the camp!



Costs

Site fee: \$5.00 adults and \$3.00 children 3-11

Park will collect its fees when you enter:

\$5.00/car per day **AND** \$3.00/person per day

Preregistration due no later than May 8th.

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Park Info: <http://www.ocparks.com/featherly/>

Watch for Critters!

This year has been wetter than normal in the Southwest. This means many of the small animals have been flooded out of their homes and are roaming. Snakes, field mice, raccoons, and coyotes are a sampling of some of the wildlife you may see. But remember - they aren't interested in you, even though you may see one. (But they may be interested in the food you left out!)

Snakes, especially, are out and about. If you do happen to see a snake, what do you do? **Hold!** Stop what you are doing. Freeze. (It works for fighters & it works for you). If snakes have a way to escape they will.

How do you keep the critters out of your tent? Zip it up. Don't leave food lying open on the table when you go to bed. Be honest - would you refuse an invitation like that if you were hungry? You can't expect the animals to, either.

Don't worry, though. If you keep your eyes open, and your ears alert, you won't have any problems.

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Events

May 19: Agenda deadline

for Imp. Estates Meeting

**May 24/25: Imperial Banner War/
Tournament**

Eastern site:

Gen'l Coffee St. Pk, Nicholls GA

Northeastern site:

Greenbank Mill, Wilmington, DE

Western site:

Featherly Park, Yorba Linda, CA

July 19/20: Imp. Estates Mtg

Castaways Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

August 30/31: Imp. Crown War

(location tbd)

September 1: Agenda deadline

for Imp. Estates Meeting

**November 1/2: Imp. Estates Mtg
and Imperial Coronation**

(location tdb)

Dame Maud de Clayton,
recently retired Crown
of Tierra del Fuego
(and an example of
what happens to many
retired Crowns:
bread, water and
much penitence.)

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