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### **COVER**

“East meets West “ Lady Nadia Stopka

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## ORANGE ORACLE

Here we are again! Another fascinating installment of The Aardvarkian. There is much to contemplate, as I type and Alanis Morissette wails in the background. All I ask is that when you compose your articles, to **double space** after every full stop. I also suggest that you do not attempt to write whilst listening to the radio. It destroys your creativity. I am floundering and unable to construct a single, witty phrase! I am a hollow shell filled with commercial babble! What to say... I grovel and beg for everyone's forgiveness as this issue is beyond late! I suck!

"Man, I feel like a woman!"

**LADY DRUID ORANGE GIRLIE**

## SENESCHAL'S BIT

Not much has happened this issue. Fighter practice is going well. We have two new imported fighters; welcome Sven and Wytan! We have a few events coming up. Lady Jessica St. Clair (Kate McIver) is autocrating the second day of Twelfth Night as well as Stick Jocks. Lady Nadia Stopka (Kelly Farrow) is autocrating the Arrowsreach Spring Tourney on the 13th November.

The new 'unofficial' Baronial policy regarding a 10% tithe on all Feasts will affect our Canton. Arrowsreach fully supports this venture as the Barony needs money.

**SIR ATAR OF SAUM**

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**TUESDAY NIGHT HEAVY FIGHTER TRAINING SCHEDULE**

This is a new initiative run by the Canton of Arrowsreach and organised by Sui Zo and Sir Atar of Sarum. They welcome all suggestions especially from newcomers and female fighters.

**Title:**               **BASICS**

**Description:**       This evening is designed to work on the basics of heavy fighting. It will run through how to 'throw' the basic blows [Snaps, overheads, and wraps], how to use a 'bunny round' shield, good fighting stances, pell work, and conclude with some 1/4 speed fighting. It is aimed at helping beginners through to experts.

**Equipment:**       Requires sword and shield

**Cost :**               \$5

**Times:**             7:30 -9pm

**Includes:**shield usage  
              basic blows  
              stances  
              pell work  
              1/4 Speed Fighting practice

General full speed fighting from 9pm. - requires SCA legal armour, and weapons.  
SOME spare armour can be provided, by prior arrangement

**Title:**               **WEAPON ATTACKS**

**Description:**       This evening will be focusing on using a weapon. It will cover using combinations, different types of body movement to generate power, different types of weapons [and their usage's], and good sword technique. It is aimed at intermediate, to advanced fighters, but beginners are welcome!

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**Equipment:**       requires sword. shield would be helpful.

**Cost:**               \$5

**Time:**             7:30 -9pm

**Includes:**practical sword blows  
              shots types  
              combination shots  
              types of weapons  
              1/4 speed fighting practice

General full speed fighting from 9pm. - requires SCA legal armour, and weapons.  
SOME spare armour can be provided, by prior arrangement

**Title:           SHIELDS**

**Description:**     Do you know exactly what you are doing with your shield? - or, "just sort of flinching in a 'helpful way'" ? This evening we will be running through WHY we use the shields we do, and how to get the best from it. We also will show different types of shield, which might be better suited to YOUR style.

**Equipment:**     requires shield.

**Cost:**           \$5

**Time:**           7:30 -9pm

**Includes:**practical shield usage  
                   Shield movement  
                   shield construction  
                   types of shields

General full speed fighting from 9pm. - requires SCA legal armour, and weapons.  
 SOME spare armour can be provided, by prior arrangement

**Title:           DISPLAYS ON THE FIELD**

**Description:**     This evening we will be helping you think about your look on the field. Do you want to look bright and flashy? do you want to look aggressive, but motley? Do you have a device? We intend to cover all these, plus more! - How to die, with style! How to issue a challenge and how to receive a challenge...

**Equipment:**     requires imagination, pen and paper

**Cost:**           \$5

**Time:**           7:30 -9pm

**Includes:**chivalry on the field  
                   armour/garb standards  
                   pageantry/heraldic displays on the field

General full speed fighting from 9pm. - requires SCA legal armour, and weapons.  
 SOME spare armour can be provided, by prior arrangement

A copy can also be found on the Arrowsreach Webpage.

**SUI ZO**

**PAVILION ETIQUETTE**

*(as espoused by Mistress Aliskye MacKyven Raizel)*

Had I heard of Pavilion Etiquette before? Why no! It wasn't until I received a copy of the latest Griffintayle did I come across this unexplored region of S.C.A propriety. I have to be honest, I was amused by the article, thinking it preposterous and just abit... (ahem) retentive. However, I fully retract my uncharitable thought and heartily agree with Mistress Raizel in urging people to treat everyone's pavilion as you would their home.

What bought this change of heart?

Rowany.

This year was the first year we were lucky to have a pavilion provided by a most generous person. It turned out to be fortuitous, as the weather was less than hospitable.

I like to consider myself fair (I have my moments) and feel that I am more than accommodating at times; but I have to admit that I was less than impressed by the behaviour exhibited by some gentles this year.

To reiterate the points Mistress Raizel raised in her article:

- \* Do not cut through a pavilion on your way to a list field.
- \* Try not to stand in front of a pavilion in such a way as to obstruct the view of those seated inside.

I would like to paraphrase her in a more direct manner:

- Please 'ask' if you may enter
- Please ask before you take a seat
- If you are invited... please do not invite others unless you ask first or are invited to do so

I have to admit, that I was non too impressed when I found our pavilion filled with persons unbeknown to myself and none of my group in sight. I was also chagrined that my seat was being utilised, as well as the stool I bought down. I was relegated to the back of the pavilion and made to feel unwelcome.

By all means, I do not mind if you wish to join us and if you ask. More than likely, you will be welcomed. I just do not enjoy the sensation of being ignored and used. So, somewhat surly, wet and bedraggled I carried all that I had bought with me and retired to our campsite.

I guess my gripe is this, **please ask**. A little embarrassment is far better than not asking and being rude. So, I suggest that one and all peruse Mistress Aliskye MacKyven Raizel's article which can be found in the latest issue of The Griffintayle.

Happy Paviloning, (*when in doubt, make up a word!*)

**LADY DRUID ORANGE GIRLIE**

### **THE PRICE**

The snow falls softly on the field, where you lay  
Where up until a week ago you used to shout and play  
But that was before the cry went up looking for sword to slay  
The horde rides down from the North and you knew what you must do  
Was that pride in your heart?

The shield wall was broken and still you did not run.  
But stood your grown upon that field, when others turned and fled  
You saw the slayers from the North, and you saw the bloodlust in the eyes  
Still you stood your ground, and asked no quarter, you knew none would be given  
Was their fear in your eyes?

There was a clash of blades as you met the first, and he fell down and lay dying

You said a silent prayer and thanked the gods it was not you as you sank your  
blade into another  
Your arm began to ache with fire, as you lost your shield from a giant's blow  
You knew that your timed had come, as you looked to his eyes  
Would you finally now have peace?

And the giant said, if you have a god, you better make your peace  
The field was slick as you fell the sword went swish right over your head  
So you turned and ran, away from war, never to return to become something like a  
saint  
And lived in peace all you're days, once the war had gone  
And you finally did have peace.

**THORRGILL INI GANGINI BJOR'SONN**

## ARROWSREACH MEETING MINUTES

Held on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 1999.

Minutes taken by Sui Zo.

**ATTENDEES: Von, Ryan, Simon, Fergus, Craig, Ness, Kelly [Sparky], Billus Maximus, Kelly [Bill's bit], Jennifer and Margie.**

### 1. FEMALE FIGHTING ARMOUR

- Sizes don't fit all
- Stormhold should subsidise
- The only requirement is padding, [Margie's phone call] but it is felt that rigid would be better.
- Coat of plates?
- Should someone make it?
- Leather, or carpet?
- Groin protection. Close cell foam down ya pants.
- Speaking to Thorrgill about leather cost.
- Stormhold Marshall [Lorenzo] to be asked about Stormhold subsidise.

### 2. A&S MEETINGS

- 6 meetings organised so far.
- Starting next week, the main prob is ppl giving talks. No one wants to give feedback.
- If no topic is forthwith, a projects night.
- Materials? Ppl expect their own.. Advertise, and let ppl know wot is required.
- Can we incorporate the A&S competitions into the as meetings?

### 3. SELLABLE ITEMS

- A list of items for sale, plus 'common' items
- Into the Aardvarkian, plus a list keeper
- We need to be careful where we put this list.
- Sui is willing to become 'scrounger'

### 4. REPORTS

- Everyone who is an officer needs to write one group report per reign.
- They also need to contact Vanessa, plus meetings.
- These need to be done so that others reading the advarkian are aware of this.
- When we become official [or before] we should hold officer meetings [report nights]

### 5. PAPER WORK

- People need to do their jobs.
- They should work out wot they need to do, and then do this in regard to Arrowsreach.
- Although there seems to be a lack of officer descriptions.
- Perhaps we should write the descriptions to help the next person, or the officer should contact the office above them?! CONTACT superiors. Let's look to Stormhold to see whom we should report to? Or ask Lochac superiors.
- Michael needs to pull his finger out! (*Sui's words!*)
- Can we sign warrants? All officers need to sign warrants and then register that they are in the position. Does this take a Baronial signature? Yes. [At this stage coz we aren't real.]
- Kelly [Bill's bint] has taken over from Von as Arrowsreach A&S officer. Von is now deputy.
- An officers night needs to be held [not Tuesday nights] for meetings. 13<sup>th</sup> of May held at Simon's place. ----Approx 8pm. Officers to attend are:

Kelly - A&S  
 Seneschal - Simon  
 Reeve - Michael  
 Chronicler - Vanessa  
 Herald - Stuart  
 Margie - Marshal  
 Thorrgill - Historian and Chirurgeon  
 Bill - Constable  
 List - [Ryan]

Hospitaller -[Ness has the stuff]  
Dom - Publicity Officer

6. CALENDAR

- We have no calendar.
- Except for Tuesday night. [Fighting and A&S]
- Need events form.
- A copy of the calendar is needed. Ness to get it.

7. DEMOS

- There is a demo for an old people home after May.
- Sui was the ONLY person to reply
- Aren't there legal issues? We are ok as long as we don't do it as SCA
- Dom is going to talk to Manny about a time after May. Pay to be included.

8. HOSPITALLER

- Ness is sick of the shit.
- Von to ask permission from her mother [although she's 31!!]
- The person needs to be able to get to events, and store stuff

9. ARCHERY

- We could shoot all the buckets! (*Ha Ha!*)
- We need to keep archery going, one day a month with Stormhold.
- Margie as Marshal needs to arrange. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday to appear together

10. ARROWSREACH REGALIA

- Kelly has scheduled May 11<sup>th</sup> to be a workshop.
- We need device approved first.

11. ARROWSREACH & OTHER GROUPS

- We need to improve communication between the Canton and the Barony.

12. DEVICE

- A new device has been designed by Kelly Farrow. (Lady Nadia Stolpa)
- Thorfinn has docs on Arrowsreach.
- A petition has to be signed by people.
- A proper form needs to be signed by officers.
- Stuart (Fergus an Feumail) needs to have it done by May 25<sup>th</sup> (Time has been extended)
- Surveys need to be sent to all people living in the 'proposed' area.

13. GROUP UNITY & IDENTITY

- We need to have a listing of officers. (Done, on Web Page)
- Some officer positions are legal so they need to be aware.

14. SCA LEGAL

- S.C.A Aust. Has a \$10million cover, but unknown wot it covers.
- Waivers are an issue, with some superfunds. Waivers are needed, so if you have a prob, you can't fight. (Sui, what the hell does this mean?)
- Food safety -Law says that there's new food safety laws. [Bill's words!]
- The local councils aren't prepared to deal with this, so we need to know wot the deal is. We don't need training, but do need to respond to food safety act.
- B&B and Seneschal are to enforce the act.
- Contact the Councils to find out [Get a response]
- Alcohol: You need a license to sell it.
- State incorporation:
- Canberra has incorporated and will offer to membership to incorporation for approx \$2.

15. DAFYDD'S PLAY

- Margie said, "All I know is Dafydd has a play that he'd like to put on". Would he like to do it with actors from here? We need to ask him. The Robin and Marion play.

16. CORONET BID

- Kate McIver would like to bid for November Coronet.
- Kate will need several teams of stuff.

17. GET REPORTS IN

18. WHAT WE NEED TO BE LEGAL

- See above.

19. STORMHOLD CAMPSITE AT ROWANY

- Next festival we would like to have the B&B and other Households to camp with their Barony.
- Stormhold needs to be together. Bring up at Stormhold meeting.

20. OUR MONEY

- We have a few hundred dollars, do we know when Reeve is coming to meetings again?
- What should we spend it on?
- Harass the Reeve.
- Hold tourneys and stuff
- Does money need to be spent to promote us?
- Get the news crews at the demo!

21. MARSHALL BUSINESS.

- We need to get all marshalled up. Let's hold a Marshal collegia.
- On an A&S night

STARTER KIT

- We need to get a starter kit for newbies.
- Tunic designs, events, the showbag theory.
- F.A.Q's for newbies.
- Quick intro to S.C.A.
- Basic t-tunic pattern
- Feasting gear
- Contacts.
- Shopping areas.
- Reference fighting, A&S,
- Scroungers list

22. EVENTS

- People need to fill in the forms
- Regular events need to be held.
- Check the calendar.
- Kelly to do events every 3 months.

OTHER ITEMS

- Groups are able to be accessed by which ever group they wish to join.
- Heaters needed in the Tuesday night hall
- Storage in the hall also. Will someone donate a cupboard?

Next meeting to be held Officers meeting at Simon's 13<sup>th</sup> May, approx. 8pm time to be confirmed.

### YUMMY IRISH CREAM

TALK ABOUT INSTANT GRATIFICATION!

#### Ingredients

1 cup, Scotch Whiskey  
1 1/4 cups, Half and Half  
1 can, Sweetened Condensed Milk  
3 drops, Coconut Flavouring  
1 tblsp, Chocolate Syrup

Mix Scotch and milk. Add Half and half. Add the rest. Stir!

LADY NADIA STOPKA

#### *Myth*

Wanteth thou this myth?  
of ancients gone?  
Women with tender beauty, flowing hair.  
Whose presence enhanced nature's every breath.

Wars that brought forth glory in life and death, grief that spanned years.

Countries torn and wrent, the blood of it's creatures oozing out every pore, want you more?

There exists no more.

DOMINIQUE FOOSHA TOONE

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

Congratulations to Thorrgill and Paislie as they welcomed Aidan Corrigan into the world!

<b>WEIGHT:</b>	2.574 kg (5lb 11oz)
<b>LENGTH:</b>	45cm
<b>ARRIVED:</b>	3 ½ weeks early – 6/8/99
<b>TIME:</b>	9:55p.m.
<b>FIRST CUDDLE:</b>	7.8.99
<b>FIRST BATH:</b>	10.8.99 at 3:00p.m



I'd like to say 'Thank You' to all who contributed! It's great to finish on a positive note!

