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CELEBRATING ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY, THE SHIRE OF CORVARIA GREETES and welcomes you to the third issue, the Summer Season, of The Corvarian Publication: sharing the news, talents and activities of the people of Corvaria and their friends.

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(photo - courtesy of Victoria Brumley)

When push comes to shove!

2016 APRIL FOOLS EVENT AT SHIRE OF CORVARIA

SATURDAY APRIL 2

The sun was streaming on the American Legion hall in Redmond, Oregon on Saturday, April 2nd. At 10:00am, the autocrats Lord Johann and Lord Levi with help from the other Corvarians were beginning to transform the American Legion hall into banquet dining, work-shopping and gaming hall with the Shire of Corvaria flavor. Thrones were being assembled for the guests of honor, Praetor and Praetora, i.e. Prince Turk and Princess Vesta.

Table cloths were covering the dull brown long tables providing spaces for the exhibits of Viking Whip Cord used for strengthening a cord by Nai; Making a water bladder, one of the accomplishments by Ragna awarding her the Champion of Arts & Sciences for Corvaria and Moudry's first self-published historical-fictional novel of "The Quest of Sir Marek," set in the year 1234 AD in Central Europe, along with story-CDs of the same era.

As people started arriving, some claimed places at the table by placing tableware to mark their spot. While others set up workshop space for their presentations.

Johann began the games by setting up the "Viking chest game" where two contestants are blindfolded. They put one hand on the chest and with a pillow in the other hand, they try to hit their opponent after asking, "May I hit you?" to ascertain their location from the direction of their reply. A winner of each round needs three hits. Everything went fine until 4-year-old Willow forfeited her turn when she discovered she would have to hit her father if she wanted to play.

The Shire was very fortunate to have Summits Alpine Scholar Her Ladyship Anja Snihová from Tymberhavne presented an enjoyable workshop on the origin and making toy balls. The amount of time spent on research was mind-boggling. The covers of the balls were stuffed with human hair, stones, marbles, sand and many other materials.

Her Excellency Temperance had many of the gentry join attend her workshop on exploring insults in the Shakespearean manner...not four letter words but expressions, ex: "Thou art like a toad; ugly and venomous," or "You rat-catcher." We practiced venting them with our voices pitched high or low, paced quickly and slowly, making them sound as gross as possible. Hah!

The Bardic Competition included "Froggie Went A'Courting" by Aetta; Wulfang played "Harmony" and "Rhunescape" on mandolin; Seamus won with his ballad, "I Kissed You on the Doorstep One Day."

Johann and Levi competed for the title "All Fools Biggest Fool." Johann impersonated Thaddeus but Levi, wearing a wig, won hands down for his outrageous impersonation of Princess Vesta, who most graciously added her improvised wit to the non-scripted scene. The prize?... scepter, trophy and title.

Pot-luck supper followed with scrumptious food provided by the members of the Shire. No one went away hungry.

After supper was the Opening Court with words of welcome by Their Alpine Highnesses Praetor Ziitos and Praetora Vesta who made the following awards:

Aliere of Paris (Corvaria) - Award of Arms
Levi Buck (Corvaria) - All Fool's Biggest Fool
Moudrý Povídkář (Corvaria) – Grail of the Summits – Service
Ragna Brandulfsdottir (Corvaria) – Champion of Arts and Science
Seamus O'Caelligh (Tymberhavene) – Champion of Bardic Arts & Silver Barberry
Temperance Trewelove (Corvaria) - Silver Barberry
Tryggr Tyresson (Corvaria) - Silver Barberry
Ziitos Turk (Summits/Corvaria) – Silver Barberry

Many thanks are given to Her Ladyship Anja Snihová (Tymberhavene) who gifted to the children of the Shire toy balls, hand-made by herself.

The court closed, thus ending the official activities for the day.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Another beautiful day made it possible for the Corvarians and guests to make their way to Miller's Landing, Bend. Among the attendees were eight armed fighters to enjoy their skills: Their Highnesses Ziitos Turk and Vesta Aurelia from the Summits; Their Excellencies Tryggr Tyresson and Temperance Trewelove, Lords Laurs Surtr, Thaddeus MacGraegair from the Shire of Corvaria; and Brandubh De Santini from the Shire of Briar Oaks.

To quote Laurs: "Great practice today! Eight in armor. And who stomped this old fighter at today's practice? The Princess of course. Vesta, had angles on shots I couldn't predict. I wish I could fully blame being rusty, but she just had wonderful technique. And she was the only fighter to hit me in my silly AC/DC pants."

And so ended a great weekend.

FUTURE SHIRE EVENTS

HARVEST FESTIVAL – August 26-28, 2016 (AS LI)

Petersen Rock Garden Address: 7930 SW 77th St., Redmond, OR

A RAVEN'S YULE - December TBA

ARCHERY EVENT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

Archers of the Shire of Corvaria began their first official practice of 2016 on Wednesday evening, the sixth of April. Our Shire Archery Marshal, His Excellency Tryggr Tyrersson and his beloved able assistant, Her Excellency Temperance Trewelove, hosted the event on their home archery range at their lovely, wooded homestead set along the Little Deschutes River south of Sunriver.

Warm zephyrs whirred in the pines as arrows flew to the heart of the target, and elsewhere to some archer's chagrin. Sigrid brought her son, Liam, who just turned 12 years old! Youth archery is alive and well in Corvaria! Liam shot the Youth Royal Rounds at 15, 20, and 30 yards and Speed Rounds at 15 yards. Older archers drawing a bow string were Tryggr, Temperance, Gundagny, and Ragna as Sigrid provided moral support. Adult Archers all shot Royal Rounds at 20, 30, and 40 yards and Speed Rounds at 20 yards. Scores were tallied as the sun was setting through the trees and everyone had an enjoyable time.

Shire archery practice takes place on the First and Third Wednesdays (and any Fifth Weds.) beginning at 4:30 pm. Come on out and give archery a try! With such excellent teachers as Tryggr and Temperance, there is no reason that the Shire of Corvaria Archers cannot become the best in the Kingdom of An Tir!

(by Ragna)

NEW FIGHTER WELCOMED



Fighter practice on Sunday morning of April 24, 2016 was the first practice for Devon Ross. Five fighters, including Devon, suited up and practiced at Miller's Landing. Calls for slow or fast were heard, i.e. do we practice with slow moves or go at it normal speed? Devon definitely started out with slow moves. He was coached by several fighters as to how to move from side to side, how to thrust the baton, hold the shield while other practice matches were being carried on in the same area.

It was inspiring to watch the interest of some of us spectators as well as masters doing their best to teach a beginner the art of battle. The armored personnel included Thaddeus, Tryggr, Devon, Wulfang Tighearnan and Laurs, the principal instructor.

(by Moudrý)

ACTIVITIES

Saturday, June 11:

Our Shire folk volunteered to weed the rock formations at Petersen's Rock Garden. We worked for a couple of hours and the owner was happy. Weeders were: Laurs, who lead the party, Ysabella, Johann, Ragna, Tighearnan and Aine. Volunteers will probably be needed again to work at Petersen's again closer to our Harvest time.

Sunday, Jun12:

Aine began hosting scribe painting sessions. For those interested, please check facebook.

*** * * TRUE TALES (Part 3 of 3) * * ***

True Tales of Ziitos Gyorgy Turk

(from a 2014 interview by Moudrý)

I fought Ivan before and he actually won the last time we fought and it was probably a year and a half before this fight, Well, I've grown a lot since then. We were out there and Ivan is such a tall guy and his shield wasn't that large and I thought, "I know there's a pretty good way to get around this. I was using a round shield like a Viking, a very round shield. I threw him a pretty good glancing blow off the top of his helmet, there was no telling...it didn't stick, it didn't push him very hard and he just crushed my leg, so hard, so I dropped down to my knees and I had an odd advantage because I have ridiculously long arms and so after hitting me in the leg, he backed up for a second and when he backed up he thought he was out of range but he was still in my arm range so I just crushed him. He didn't say "good," he didn't recognize the blow that struck him, so I hit him again. He was really shocked then because he thought he stepped even farther after I hit him. He said the strike was good and then, he just fell over. Afterwards he said the first shot was great but he couldn't believe I had hit him. I shouted "Ooh, Ooh." I started with a win. My goal was to go more than 2 rounds...if I can go 3 rounds it will be a great day. My first Coronet tournament this season.

I was really excited and my team shouted, "Yes, yes, we won one." We will look good in the show. Then they started announcing the parings for the second round. There was a large board with all the shields on it. An insignia is emblazed on the shields. They just put the winner's shields together for appearance.

So I go into the unbeaten category and I say, "That's so neat, look at all the people, all my friends. There's Duke Torquel, Viscount Decimus, Sir Diego, three knights, high ranking peers and then Turk, "Hah."

At the second round, I just guess they just figured to weed a lot of people out, so they put Viscount Decimus' shield first and the next shield they placed was Turk's, and so I knew I had drawn not only my best friend but the best in the tournament, and I was like, "Auh, well it was a

good ride, so it will be my first loss, no big deal.” Decimus comes up and he goes “Man, this is gonna be so much fun.” And one of the standpoints we have, at least he and I and a couple of other people in the group, is that we do this because of how much fun it is and your opponent, you know, is assisting you in having that much fun, so we were like oh good, this is gonna be great, this is so good, we’re gonna have the best time, we were like before this tournament a company of being friends. We were both members of the Village known as Sith Baylemore. We went out to the field before they made the introductions for the next round, “This is the Decimus and Turk fight.” We just walked up and engaged in a hug. We were really, really happy that we got to fight each other. We were hoping we would get to cross sticks that day. I wasn’t sure I was going to get enough win enough fights to fight him.

Then I remembered week before, like that very week before, I was over at Lassa’s who is another viscount. He said, “You Know? One of the things you can work on is this one-shot idea where as soon as they start to throw a shot, you know where the shot’s going and you can see the shot going so you block it and as you start to block, you just throw one clean shot to get their shield up and moving so they start out moving because the odds of getting it in there are not good. You have to be so fast, you just have to be so good, like you know what you’re doing but you’re ready to counter that kind of thing and it puts you on that offensive edge. So I stood up, “Oh, I think I’m going to try to do that, see how that goes.”

I’ll start off and I’ll try to be a little more aggressive and watching Decimus, it just dawned on me that my friend is the other guy. Offensively, I was like, “Oh, goodness.” My consort and I walk out together. We hug and being very involved we drag out the beginning of this fight, probably about 2 minutes, we haven’t even fought yet, we’re just standing there, doing our “kill each pantomime routine” and they give us our command to “lay on.” We walk toward each other, we each salute again and we get within range and when our long swords and round shields come up we look like a mirror image of each other. Decimus goes to throw a shot, I can see his shoulder tense and I see his hand start to release, and from the maneuver of the one-time shot in my head, I just fire. It goes right over the shield into his eyes, protected by his helmet, he falls down. Pop. The fight was over. It probably lasted all of about 5 seconds. The actual fight was over.

It was kind of a joke before this tournament because not many men fight with a male consort and this was the first tournament in our games it was actually allowed. We were a little bit of a joke, a lot of little snickers and scoffs because the people didn’t know what was going on. They laughed at the beginning of this fight because they knew that poor guy, me, was gonna get done in by Decimus, but yup, when Decimus fell, no-o-o laughter. The tournament became very serious after that.

I was in the semi-finals, right before finals, right before the last fight and scored wins against multiple knights and ended up losing to Robert Engleson who was making his finals and I lost my second and final fight to Duke Torquil. So I didn’t fight finals, but I was one fight away. Decimus had only one loss that day, the second round and he won the tournament without losing another fight.

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HAIL AND FAREWELL

As this issue comes to a close, the Shire of Corvaria bids a very fond farewell to Their Highnesses Prince Zitos Gyorgy Turk and Princess Vesta Antonia Aurelia for their graciousness as they were succeeded by Their Highnesses Prinz Sverre Bjornharta and Prinzessa Breaca Flannabhra during the June 3-5 Investiture hosted by the Barony of Terra Pomaria at Stonehedge Farm, Aumsville, Oregon. We look forward to their visitations.

LOCAL GATHERINGS

A&S Meeting: Check the website or facebook group

Archery: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month starting at 4:30pm,
at 54717 Tamarak Rd., Bend, OR 97707 (South of Sun River)

5th Wednesday of the month starting at 4:30
at 5959 NW Butler Ave., Redmond, OR 97756

Business Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the month 6:30pm at Jake's Diner, 2210 NE Hwy 20, Bend

Fighters Sunday Morning Practice; 11:00am at Ponderosa Park 225 SE 15th Street, Bend,
Oregon 97702

Fighters Thursday Afternoon Practice; 6pm at 21165 Reed Market Road, Bend

Social Meeting: 4th Wednesday of the month 6:30pm at Pappy's Pizza, 2065 Meyer Dr., Bend

AWARDS AND HONORS

Ta'ti Sigurdsson - received the **Marshall Grail** at Investiture.

Ragna Brandulfsdottir – received **Award of Arms** at Egils

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