

TUDOR TRIVIA

- 1) Who was the first Tudor King?
- 2) What battle did he win in order to become King?
- 3) Henry VII married Elizabeth of York, effectively ending the civil war which became known as the War of the Roses. What was the name of their first child?
- 4) What Tudor prince was born on June 28, 1491, at Greenwich?
- 5) What was the name of the Spanish princess who arrived on Oct. 2, 1501, at Plymouth Sound, and who was she to marry?
- 6) What papal dispensation was the beginning of the end of the Roman Catholic Church in England?
- 7) Henry VIII succeeded his father on April 21, 1509. What was one of his very first acts as monarch?
- 8) What was the name of Henry's only surviving daughter by Queen Catherine?
- 9) What furtive ceremony was performed sometime in January 1533, in the presence of only 3 witnesses?
- 10) Who was born on Sept. 7, 1533?
- 11) What is an easy way of remembering Henry's marital history?
- 12) Henry was the last adult male Tudor to rule. When did he die?

CALL OF HELP FROM THE BARONESS

I need a source of brass forks (2-pronged), and round-bowled spoons (also brass). Otherwise, our jewellers will have to begin making them. Has anyone seen them in stores lately???

....Cristiona

CONTEST !!!

THREE MAJOR CONTESTS IN ONE

At the 1992 Regional Championship and War Games, Yeoman Master Thorvald Grimsson will be sponsoring three medieval encampment contests. There will be major prizes, with first, second and third prizes in all contests. Any gentles wishing to donate some of the prizes please contact Thorvald.

CONTEST !!!

St. Nicholas will be celebrated in Renaissance fashion this year, so I have decided to sponsor a contest in the same flavour. Yes, good gentles, a COD PIECE CONTEST !! Four prizes will be awarded -

- (1) finest workmanship,
- (2) best double-entendre made with regards to cod pieces,
- (3) most outrageous design;
- and (4), since all entries must be worn by a person in order to be judged, a bottle of mead will be awarded to the individual courageous enough to model the entry judged (3), most outrageous.

All entries must be registered with companion Sigrít before the feast on December 7. It is possible for one person to win all three of these prizes. Good luck, good sewing, and good hunting!

- Mistress Sigrít Rabensfel

- (1) For the best period disguise, decoration or embellishment of a mundane tent, sunshade, or cooking shelter.

- (2) For the best period tent, sunshade, or cooking shelter.

- (3) For the best ensemble of period camping equipment NOT including tent, sunshade, or cooking shelter.

Write a paragraph or a page explaining how awesome and practical and period and wonderful your entry is. Open to residents of the region only. No restrictions on when the entries were constructed. No restrictions on whether they were previously entered in a contest.

For further details, to assist in judging, etc., contact:

Thorvald at (403) 282-0541, 4915 Carney Road NW, Calgary AB T2L 1E6 (mka James Prescott).

THIRD ANNUAL BEFUDDLED DUCK TAVERN

- November 9-10, 1991

508 - 12th St. East

On the 9-10 of November, an event of unequalled scope will be occurring in Myrgan Wood. Things happening to make this event one of the most fun ever include:

- a bar and some sundry food items prepared by Saint Geoffrey and his lady, Claudia;
- an Ithra with imported talent from Lionsgate and Montengarde, and
- Saint Elmo's School of Fence will hold a prize tournament.

The festivities will occur in the following order:

Saturday:

- 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Ithra
- 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Prize fighting fencing
- 7:00 pm - On (am?) Great eating, drinking, and revelry.

Sunday:

- 9:00 am - 1:00 pm I t h r a resumes
- 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Fencing lectures and seminars
- 1:30 pm - on How to run a fencing demo and stage a duel
- An added attraction is a professional fight director and a professional theatrical costumer will be in attendance to assist with the teaching.

ADDRESSES AND MORE INFO:

FENCING:

Saturday: Saskatoon Field House - 2020 College Drive - \$5.00

Sunday: Boy Scout Hall

ITHRA: U of Scampus - fee varies

TAVERN: Airliner Dance Hall
- 810 - 45th St. West
- \$10 members - \$15 non-members

AUTOCRAT: Jakob von Soest
244-6089

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343-7336

TAVERN & BAR: Geoffry 374-8126

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Good Gentles,

I have a few thoughts I would like to share concerning the status of the Bardic Arts in the Society as a whole, and the Barony of Borealis in particular.

At a recent event there was a competition for the best musical performance. there were two "entries"; one was myself and two companions; three strong voices capable of a great deal of volume. The second was a guitarist, by nature a solo instrumentalist. We were able to project enough to be heard and enjoyed by most, though it is doubtful that our words were intelligible. The same cannot be said for the guitarist; in order to enjoy any of his performance, we found ourselves forced to invite him to our table, and even then we had to strain to hear him. My thoughts are best put as ques-

SENESCHAL'S GRIPE

It's that time again - reports. Due Nov 1, 1991. No excuses. No more to be said. You are so well trained, that your subconscious mind could write them unaided (on the other hand, maybe you had better help it out!). Don't phone it to me - I will hang up in your ear.

On Oct 26, 1991, we will be holding the first Annual Baronial Gathering. All Officers will be in attendance (won't you?), as well as the Baron, Baroness, and any members of the populace interested in the future developments of the Barony. Don't come to me two months from now saying that YOU never heard about such & such ...

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tions: first, are bardic presentations actually desired at Barony events? And if so, is the primary qualification for being a bard going to be the ability to shout down the entire Barony? Honored as we were to win the contest, I for one would be saddened to think that it might be because the other competitor simply couldn't be heard.

I hope that in the future thought will be given as to how to provide a forum for the Bardic Arts such that those who wish to hear each and every presentation will be allowed to do so; I don't believe that this is incompatible with the full enjoyment of every pleasure of an event.

Your servant,
Wolfram

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ANSWERS TO TUDOR TRIVIA

- 1) Henry VII
- 2) The Battle of Bosworth Field, Aug. 22, 1485.
- 3) Arthur
- 4) Henry, who would succeed his father and become Henry VIII.
- 5) Catherine of Aragon; Arthur
- 6) The dispensation which allowed Henry to marry Catherine, the widow of his brother Arthur.
- 7) To marry Catherine of Aragon.
- 8) Mary

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- 9) the marriage of Henry to Anne Boleyn. The final divorce from Catherine was not granted until May 28, making the King of England, for all intents and purposes, a bigamist.
- 10) Elizabeth.
- 11) Divorced- Catherine of Aragon Beheaded - Anne Boleyn Died - Jane Divorced - Anne of Cleves Beheaded - Catherine Howard Survived - Katherine Parr
- 12) January 28, 1547

SUBMITTED BY LADY ELEANORA FITZ JOHN

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This meeting will be a first in the sense that we are NOT holding it in conjunction with an event, so that all and sundry can participate without distractions.

There will be a feast held in the evening (dry site) - tickets \$8.00. Lady Eleanora fitz John plans to re-introduce some formal table ceremony - the Way We Used To Hold Feasts In The Good Old Days. Be sure to bring your own lunch, and your own drinkables (non-alcoholic, please) for the feast.

You are not required to wear a costume for the meeting, but bring one for the feast. Hopefully we will have dancing.

The location for the meeting & feast is: St Stephen's Anglican Church, 10909 - 96 St., Edmonton, AB. The meeting will commence at 10:00 am, feast at 6:00 pm. Phone me for further details.

Next month, I will publish a summary report of the results of the meeting, as well as our annual census. See you at the meeting!! Erna the Hag

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Weekly Meetings in Aquilon are held on Wednesday nights 8:00 pm in room #034, in the Student's Union Building at the University of Alberta.

Send all news and information for the AURORA to:

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CALENDER

November 9, 10
Befuddled Duck
Myrgan Wood

December 7
Saint Nicholas
Feast - Aquilon

January 4, 5
Twelfth Night
Segelehundas

January 18
Twelfth Night
Montengarde

February 1
Feast of the Evergreens
Lakeland

February 15, 16
Winter War
Schwanstien

COOKING WITH ERNA

COOKING WITH MAIR: PART II

This is a continuation of the Greek feast we started last month. The cold and snow have finally hit us, and Greece seems so far away...

DOLMEDES

a jar of grape leaves (I used Krinos brand, found in the import section of Superstore ... probably available in most stores with an import section)

Filling:

1 cup uncooked long-grain rice

1/4 c. chopped fresh parsley
1/2 c olive oil
1 1/2 tbsp dried dillweed
1 c finely chopped onion
1 lb ground lamb
1 tsp allspice
3 garlic cloves

Cooking Broth:

1/2 litre (2 c) chicken broth (I confess I use "Chicken in the Mug")
1/2 c fresh lemon juice

Mix together all the filling ingredients. Carefully remove the rolls of leaves from the jar. Sort them out,

keeping the small and/or torn leaves separate from the larger, whole leaves. Rinse them with cold water. Make a single layer of leaves on the bottom of a large heavy pot (an enamelled one would be best), using the small/torn leaves. The dolmedes, as they are made, will be placed on this layer, and stacked upon each other with a layer of small/torn leaves between each layer of dolmedes. Now, take a larger, untorn leaf and cut off its stem. Place a tbsp. or so of the filling near the stem. Fold the

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**SAINT NICHOLAS
FEAST
December 7**

My Lords and Ladies of An Tir, the seasons have changed and the Barony of Borealis once again invites one and all to celebrate the most joyous of occasions, the Feast of Saint Nicholas.

This year's feast will be set in an Italian Renaissance hunting hall (m.k.a. Assumption Parish Hall, 9040 - 95 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta). The hall will be open for set up, merchants etc., at 1 p.m., but must be vacated by all save kitchen staff between 4:30 and 6:15 p.m. The tavern will open at 6:15 p.m. for potations, carousing and other jollities. The assembled gentles shall be presented at the Baronial Court at 7 p.m.; the feast shall commence at 7:30, sharp. The fee for site and feast is \$15 per person. Servers and kitchen staff are required and will only be charged \$10.

Among the contests will be those for best entertainment (songs, plays etc.) and best costumes befitting the feast's theme. All bards and entertainers are encouraged to participate. Any gentles having pelts or animal head trophies, hunting horns or such paraphernalia, are requested to

bring them to add to the authenticity of the hall. (Stilettoes, poisoned or otherwise, though authentic must be checked at the door!)

All reservations should be made by November 23, 1991. If crash space is needed, please so indicate when making reservations. Funds received early will be greatly appreciated (the tavern must

be stocked!) Please make cheques payable to "ASCA - Barony of Borealis".

For reservations or more information, please contact: Isabieux de Sommervieux (Shareen Grier, #23, 10330 - 115 St., Edmonton, Alberta T5K 1V1; farspeaker: 403-488-4227)

or
Guy de Montferrat de la Meslaye (Jim Schovanek, #20, 10755 - 81 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta T6E 1Y2; farspeaker: 403-432-9395).

cooking with Erna,
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bottom of the leaf over the filling once, tuck in the sides, then keep rolling. Place "seam down" in the pot. Continue in layers as described above, finishing with a layer of leaves. Place a plate on the leaves as a weight, then pour the cooking broth over it. Cover and bring to a light simmer (I have a gas stove, so it's easier to adjust the flame. On an electric stove, I'd recommend using a heat diffuser on the burner).

Cook for one hour, then remove from heat and let stand for one hour. If you remove the dolmedes from the broth too soon before serving, the leaves will darken a bit. This doesn't affect the flavour, but is merely an esthetic thing. Serve warm or cold, with or without lemon juice, or with an egg-lemon sauce. [1 c. broth, thickened by 2 tbsp flour + 2 tbsp butter; cooked to a roux. Add 2 eggs, 1/2 c lemon juice and 2 tbsp water. Whisk all together until sauce is thickened]



MONTENGARDE BARONIAL TWELFTH NIGHTE

January 18, 1992

Their Excellencies Edward and Laurel, good Baron and Baroness of faire Montengarde do bid all welcome to their annual Twelfth Nighte fete and court. They have bid their cooks to prepare a feast unsurpassed to enjoy the fruits of the four elements (Aire, Water, Fier, and Earth).

There will be a number of contests to display the talents of the populous. As usual there will be a costumers competition, with judging in both the experienced and novice categories. The cooks guild is also sponsoring a brewers and vintners contest. All who enter are asked to bring 6 bottles (or equivalent of any selfmade alcoholic beverage [ale, wine, mead, ect.]). Judging will be by any of the populous who donate \$2.00 or more to the Regional Royalty Travel Fund. As well there will be arivalry for the best

decoration and disguise for a cloved fruit brought on site. The good Arts and Sciences minister wishes to hold a display of wares for any of the populous who wish to bring items to the site. The wish is for this to be a chance for any faire artisans to show their work to the world.

The site will open at Twelve noon, with armour inspection immediately thereafter. There will be a Prize Tourney starting at 1:00. As well there will be the infamous Bad Medieval Movie Festival running throughout the afternoon, and if there is interest, Danc-ing lessons will also occur.

The site will once again be back at Red Deer Lake Community Hall. Take the West bound turn off of Highway 2 south of Calgary. Take this road 8 kilometers West, past Spruce Meadows. The site is South of the road,

beyond the Red Deer Lake school.

Site fee is \$15.00 for SCA members (\$16.00 for non-members) until January 1st, 1992.

After that it is \$20.00 for SCA members, and \$21.00 for non-members. Smalls under 12 gain entry for \$8.00. There is a limited number of tickets so purchase your seat early.

Tickets may be bought through Blaise de Loire (Wayne Carmichael, 152 Hunterhorn Dr. N.E., Calgary, AB, T2K 6H3., (403)274-4812).

For more information on any of the above contact Graham MacRauri (Dave Bulman, 307 Adams Cr. S.E., Calgary, AB, T2J 0T5, (403)252-9114.)

