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On the Cover:

Rob Marin (Destrier) and Jeff Hedgecock (the Order of the Crescent) meet in a shower of lance shards. Photo printed with permission: Gwen Nowrick © 2007, all rights reserved.

The Baron's Column

Baron Harold Devin of Waltham

Yesterday (which is about to tell you exactly how late I am with this column) I went to the Canada Day celebrations in Fort Langley. The birthplace of Canada and Canada turned 140, so what better way to spend the day than exploring another living history group.

To be honest, there is a fair bit of overlap with the various living history groups. I know that a number of the Fort Langley Blacksmiths play in the SCA (and if you make it to Clinton you will see one heck of a good blacksmith shop) and in talking with one of the volunteers there, he said that a number of the Fort Langley people travel down state side to participate in the Civil War re-enactment or other fur trader exhibitions.

But while there is a fair bit of overlap amongst these groups and ours, the SCA still stands apart.

We don't perform. We stand firm in that we do not have an audience, nor do we have "general public" standing and watching us. All that we



have is really, really new members. We may invite them to do some spinning or dancing or put a marshaling staff in their hands, but they are participants, not an audience.

Some just do not like this and decide not to come back, but many do and someone that we could have treated with an invisible wall, walks right in and jumps aboard.

It's a heck of a ride sometimes...

The whole member vs. non-member thing has caused much, much confusion. It was, and remains, an insurance-related charge. It was, and remains, a discount for those who already paid towards insurance via membership fees.

It's all marketing, non-member surcharge vs. member discount. Audience vs. new members. Both presentations are right, both presentations are wrong. The choice in how we present ourselves depends much on the goals we wish to achieve.



Council Meeting Highlights

June 27, 2007

- Blades brought up some issues with regards to Sealion. These issues will be addressed with the fighters at upcoming practices.
- A request to have the dates September 29-30 reserved for a Newcomers event to be autocrafted by Kate Morrow.
- Anyone want a job? Chirurgeon, waterbearer, demo contact are vacant.
- Lots of rides for people to Clinton needed. Contact Genevieve, the Dragonward if you can help.
- Relay for Life was a smashing success! (See details on p.4)
- 12th Night hotel rooms are booking up fast. Better get a move on if you want a room (see details on p.6)
- Dance practice in Burnaby is being cancelled for lack of participants.
- Clinton has got a few more issues to resolve. The event will go forward however we will have to work with the Thompson Nicola Regional District to sort out the issues. A task force to address the immediate concerns was formed (Devin, Donatello, Amanda and Elena).

For all the details on what was discussed at Council, visit the Baronial website for a complete copy of the meeting minutes.

From the Chronicler's Quill...



I'm looking for suggestions for two things. First, how do we improve our newsletter and encourage contributions? Second, what would be a good incentive to purchase a subscription?

I'd really love to hear from you. How are you enjoying your North Wind? What do you like about it? What don't you like about it?

Since I have little ones that keep weird hours, please send me your comments via email. That's the best way to contact me anyways!


Yours in service,
Lady Kira the Lighthearted of Rockfall
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Lions Gate Calendar of Events

Events with information included in this issue of the North Wind are indicated in bold.

July

1-3 An Tir West War (Oregon)
 6-8 The Stranded Mermaid (False Isle)
 6-8 Forest War (Coill Mhor)
 17 Holmgang (Krakenfjord)
 20-22  Coronation (Silverhart)
 24 North Wind submissions deadline
 25 Lions Gate Baronial Council*
 27-29 Seagirt SYG
 27 Bransle

August

3-6 Clinton War
 11-12 Eisenmarche Summer Ithra
 18-19 SYGC Trials
 22 Lions Gate Baronial Council*
 24 Bransle
 24-26 Warren War IX (Shittimwoode)
 31-2  September Crown (Blatha An Oir)

***Lions Gate Baronial Council** is where the "business" side of the Barony is run. All members are encouraged to attend council. Council is held on the 4th Wednesday of the month, 7:30pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 7283 Nelson Avenue in Burnaby.

Contact the Seneschal, Lord Donatello Sanudo (Don Giacomazzi), (604) 856-8788, integratedtube@hotmail.com.

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Relay for Life Results

Held on June 2, 2007 from 10am to 10pm

Hopefully everyone in our fair Barony knows just how hard Arianna and Cyneric worked to ensure Relay for Life was a success this year. The proof is in the pudding, they say... a whopping **\$5,168.38** was raised for Cancer research! Congratulations on a job well done! Of course, this was a joint effort of many in the Barony, both in participation and donation!

Thanks to the following:

- Arianna and Cyneric
- Caitrina, Ulliam and Amanda (A&S)
- Storm, Artur and his Lovely Assistant (magic shows)
- Rhiannon (dance)
- Rothgar and his team (Friday set-up)
- The Khabeelah's (Tablero Tournament)

Thanks to the team members:

- Cyneric, Colin, Lasairiona, Azure, Caitrina, Jayson and Isabel

Thank you to the Heavy Fighters

- Cyneric, Miles, Brok, Randall, Colin, Jayson, Wendy, Gerard and Kerry

Thank you to the Rapier Fighters

- Lasairiona, Cordell, Sina, Godfrey and Telron

Thanks to the Marshals

- Kenzie, Alastair, Delgrade, Azure and Cameron

Thank you to everyone else who showed up to provide general colour and answer all the questions.

- Vicountess Amanda, Baron DevIn, Morweena, Anika, Rhail, Sorsha, Jason, Amy, Allena, Isa, Ariel, Isabelle, Bernadette (Naked), Nigel, Nigel's Lady, Nigel's Friend and Galen.

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Another Successful Demo

A last minute call for help was met in true Lions Gate fashion recently. HL Arianna Freemont heeded the call of the students from Kenneth Gordon School and coordinated a demo for them on Tuesday June 26th at the McLean Boy Scout Camp in Langley. There were 17 generous volunteers on hand to ensure the kids had a great time learning about medieval life. They were Arianna Freemont, Alienor Sanz-Argent, Isabelle de la Roche, Don Alverro,

Kerry Mac Geraidh Mor, Amy, Rhiannon ap Gwynedd, Artur of the Two Axes, Cameron McRoy, Blake of the Wolf, Sean the Short Order Chef, James Wolfden, Brenna, Gunther, Cyneric Bearson, Fergus Bearson and Myfanwy Milay.

The photos and captions shown here were taken and provided by HL Alienor Sans-Argent.



*HL Cyneric in the foreground, letting some kids try on his helm.
HL James Wolfden in the background.*



This is Kerry and Cyneric doing a fighting demo with some of the background of the camp and the kids. I wish WE could use that shelter sometime, it was awesome!

12th Night Announcement

I am happy to announce the eagerly awaited hotel information for 12th Night that our fair Barony of Lions Gate will be hosting in 2008. Please also look for event website information coming soon to an email list near you!!

Hotel Info:

Aston Pacific Inn

1160 King George Highway

(604) 535-1432

Reservations: 1-800-667-2248

Room rates are \$79.99 CAD/night and the rate is available from Thursday January 10th through till Sunday night, January 13th for those would like to extend their stay.

Event is from Friday Jan. 11th 4 pm to Sun. Jan. 13th, 5pm.

Room types available are either double queen beds or single King bed rooms and as long as

there are no cots added, the price is the same for all rooms. There is an additional charge of \$10/night for rooms with an atrium view, this applies to about 20 rooms)

Cancellation policy of hotel is with 24 hour notice for no charge.

When calling hotel to book, please say "SCA" or hotel will not book you at the quoted rate.

Any questions or queries please contact me at berndettetheirshone@yahoo.com.

Viscountess Bernadette

Happy chair of 12th Night Autocrat Team

****Update: As of the June Council meeting, the rooms at the hotel are half booked. Act now, act fast if you want a room!**

Clinton War

August 3-6, 2007

Lions Gate will meet the combined forces of Danescombe and Coill Mhor at the Clinton War. There will be battles for all, including Archery, Rapier, Arts and Sciences. The War begins at noon on Friday, August 3 and ends at 1pm on Monday, August 6, 2007. The site is the Clinton Creek Ranch (no street address) located near the Village of Clinton in central B.C.

Minors (18 and under) attending without a parent or legal guardian must have a signed NSCA minor waiver, a signed SCA minor waiver and two copies of a signed SCA medical authorization.

Site Fees

Adult Members... \$12

Adult Non-members...\$16

Youth (13-18)...\$6

Children (12 and under)...Free

Family cap...\$36*

*applies to modern families only (max 2 adults) and does not include applicable NMS

Please make cheques payable to "Barony of Lions Gate"

Use of the site structures is at your own risk. For more information, please visit the Barony's website at www.lionsgate.antir.sca.org.

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SCA Archery

The archers of Lions Gate are once again considering taking their training program on the road. The reason we take it to other groups is that we have an extreme depth here at home, with more than 20 years of continuous practice nights and some of the best shooters in the Known World. Now and again we forget that although we have taught a class many times in many places, there are always newcomers who could benefit here at home.

So once again I am posting portions of my Introduction to SCA Archery.

SCA archery is divided into two main forms, target archery and combat archery. For today's article I will focus on target.

1. Equipment:

All equipment should conform to the spirit of medieval archery. Recurves or longbows of any material with simple arrows rests and nocking points are allowed. Arrows must be feather fletched and wood shafted.

2. Categories:

- Open (modern recurves or longbows with elevation lines)
- Longbow
- Crossbow
- Period open, period longbow, period crossbow.

The major difference in the period categories is the requirement for self-nocked arrows. There are others requirements so for clarification see [www.antir.sca.org/Offices/Marshallate/Thrown Weapons/MissileGuildscoringrules.pdf](http://www.antir.sca.org/Offices/Marshallate/ThrownWeapons/MissileGuildscoringrules.pdf)

And remember there is children's archery too.

3. Rounds

- Royal round (6 arrows at 40yds, 30yds, 20yds and a timed round of 30 seconds at 20 yards on a 60 cm, 5 ring target)
- IKAC (2 timed and 2 un-timed rounds at 40, 30, and 20 yards on a 60cm, 5 ring target)

- York (72 arrows at 100 yds, 48 arrows at 80 yds, and 24 arrows at 60 yds on a 1.2 meter, 10 ring target.)
- Novelty shoots (usually used for tournaments) Wand, 3-D targets, handicap shoots, castle wall shoots, advancing man shoots, obstacle course shoots, clout, flight, popinjay.

4. Competitions

Sir Eddies, Lionsdale indoor, Lionsdale Championship, Lions Gate Defenders, Principality Championships and others. Most of our events are decided by three or more competitions, seldom by royal round scores. You are more likely to find novelty shoots at competitions and royal rounds at practices.

5. Archer's Ranks

Archers may submit one royal round score per category each day. Your rank is based on your top three scores per category, per year.

- o Apprentice 0 – 39.7
- o Archer 40 – 59.7
- o Bowman 60 – 79.7
- o Master Bowman 80 – 99.7
- o Grandmaster 100 – 119.7
- o Ludicrous Bowman 120 – 139.7

Yes, we have archers shooting +140 but have yet to name the category. I vote for Inconceivable Archer.

And remember there is children's archery.

6. Recognition within the archery community

Lions Gate awards tassles to show the archers ranks (Apprentice – white, Archer – black, Bowman – blue, Master bowman – red, Grandmaster bowman – yellow).

The **Kingdom of An Tir** awards top ten medallions the archers in each of the categories as well as in the York round.

TAM's: Archers who take a marshals course, are tested on their knowledge, and accumulate range time are signed off as Target Archery Marshals.



Individual championships: Archers who win individual championships are generally given court responsibilities as well as often are asked to coordinate the next years tournament.

Baroness's Champions: Every six months the Baroness of Lions Gate picks a champion of Archery.

Membership in the Lions Gate Company of Archers: Archers who achieve a 40 average in Open, Longbow, Crossbow, Period class, shoot an IKAC and York, and who hold TAM certificates.

Ithra Masters: awarded by Ithra for teaching a class three times.

Kingdom Protector: An annual Kingdom level competition in light combat.

Members of the Order of the Grey Goose (OGGS): Archers who are considered for membership excel in target, thrown weapons, or light combat. They are expected to be leaders, teachers, inspirations, have a good knowledge of the SCA, and be clear exemplifications of the virtues of chivalry, courtesy, and honour. OGGS are recognized by their write bracers.

Arcarius: Similar to squires, protégés, and cadets. They are personal students to members of the OGGS and are recognized by their red bracers.

Additionally archers may be recognized for:

Award of Arms: for service and entitles you to be called Lord or Lady.

Lions Claw: for long-term service to the Barony of Lions Gate

Order of the Havok: for martial service to the Principality of Tir Righ

Goutte de Sang: for long-term service to the Kingdom

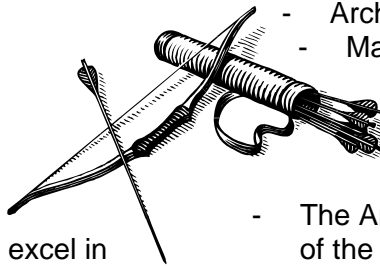
Jambe de Lion: for excellence in the Arts and Sciences

Pelican: to those who have demonstrated qualities of nobility and outstanding achievement in service to the Kingdom

Laurel: to those who have demonstrated qualities of nobility and outstanding achievement in the arts and sciences in the Kingdom

7. Courses available:

- Introduction to target archery
- Introduction to target archery coaching
- TAM (target archery marshalling)
- Target archery arrow construction
- Bow tuning
- Children's archery
- Period arrows
 - Archery garb
 - Making strings
 - Women in archery
 - Equipment overview
 - Crossbows: History and construction
- The Archers of the Mary Rose, The History of the Mary Rose.
- Bowmaking
- Speed round training
- How to make: Arrows, bows, arrowheads, quivers, armguards, gloves, garb, targets
- And more.....



8. Chivalry, courtesy, honour

All the things you expect to find in a medieval heavy tournament you will also find on an archery range though perhaps a little more subtle.

- Do not take unfair advantage of the archers around you.
- Keep conversations back from the shooting line.
- Do not speak an archer's name while they are shooting.
- Only the marshal or archer themselves can call an early arrow.
- Do not move to the shooting line while archers are at draw.
- If an arrow is near the scoring line, have another archer call the value.
- Respect the rules and the archers around you.

- Respect the marshal running the tournament. They spent a lot of effort for you.
- Volunteer for set up, tear-down, marshalling, teaching. The weight of running

one of the top archery groups in the Kingdom depends of distribution of work.



Master John Macandrew
OGGS, OP

Special Feature

Diary of a Joust:

An insider's view of "The Tournament for the Sword of Honour" at the Royal Armouries Tiltyard, Easter 2007

Tuesday

We're on our way to England to participate in the "Joust for the Sword of Honour" at the Royal Armouries in Leeds. This annual event is held in the Tiltyard each Easter. My husband, Jeffrey, is a member of the Order of the Crescent, one of the teams competing. Flights are a nightmare in and out of Chicago because of weather and we barely make our connection. As we check in, it's unclear whether our bags will make the flight. We have no choice but to board the plane and hope for the best. I hope this isn't a bad omen!

Wednesday

We arrive in England without further incident but, as we feared, our bags did not arrive with us. All of Jeff's armor, his saddle, caparisons, costumes - in fact everything except the dress clothes we carried on - are in those bags. The airport people seem to know where the bags are though. At this point it's just a question of getting them from Manchester Airport to Leeds, and then over to the Armouries in time for the first show tomorrow at two-thirty. There doesn't seem to be a reason for worry, so we head over to the flat where we'll be living this week.

Anne, the rental agent, picks us up at the airport and brings us 'home'. Our flat on the twelfth floor looks out to the west over the train station and the canal. Not as scenic as the flat we've had before, and not as close to the Armouries, but it is new, clean, and well appointed, and so quite satisfactory. We settle in for a short nap before heading out to pick up a few things. All of my horsey clothes are in the delayed luggage, and since I can't groom

horses while wearing heels, we're off to find the UK version of Payless. I find some inexpensive trainers at Shoe Zone to tide me over until our bags arrive. While we're out, we stop for groceries. By the time we carry everything back to the flat, we're almost dead - time for another nap, I think!

Brother-in-arms and flatmate Dominic Sewell and his girlfriend Nicola arrive at about seven, and we enjoy a quiet dinner. Everything starts tomorrow so we're going to call it a night fairly early. Before retiring, Jeff phones the airline and is assured the bags are on their way and will be delivered tomorrow by one. Let's hope that happens!

Thursday

My second favourite day of these trips - the day the horses arrive! I make breakfast for everyone before scurrying off to the stables. When I arrive, horse supplier Mark Atkinson is there and the horses are already being exercised. From early on, I've volunteered at the stables, so Mark, Mark's daughter Lucy, and I have grown close in the four years Jeff and I have been coming over. It's like a family reunion as we exclaim over each other and exchange warm hugs. Next to greet is Jeff's horse, Carla. Jeff's ridden Carla at each of these events for the last four years, so we know her well and, in a way, she's almost like our own horse. Next, I meet new horse Mutley and his owner Nicky Willis. Mutley is a gorgeous Gypsy cob stallion, and I immediately fall for him and his wonderfully friendly owner. After making a fuss over Mutley, I help groom horses and prepare the kit for the 2:30 show. The first

day is usually the most difficult, as all the horses need baths and their manes and tails washed and combed out - lots to be done!

With all the excitement, I almost forget that Jeff's bags are still AWOL. Shortly before one, though, Jeff gets a call that the delivery driver has arrived with the bags. Hurray! What a huge relief!

Everyone at the stable works diligently. Soon riders and horses are ready in plenty of time for the hunting games show. Everything runs smoothly and the show goes off without a hitch. Afterwards, Jeff, Fred, and Stacy don their armor and make some practice runs. It doesn't take long before everyone is confident, so the day ends on a high note.

Our friend Leslie arrives at about eight. We have lots of wine with dinner and get very silly. We're so lucky to have such good friends! What a wonderful, relaxing way to spend the evening before a big event.

Friday

Today is the first day of jousting! It's a madhouse at the stables getting the horses ready, but I'm trying to work fast and stay focused. We had some minor mishaps in the first session with our new caparisons and kit, so I am appointed 'head of wardrobe'. It's my job to ensure all the caparisons and other costume items are fitted properly. As usual, I groom Carla for Jeff then see to the other horses. Carla is quite a competitor and gets excited easily, so I am determined to be cool as a cucumber and work my Zen magic on her. I practice my best yoga breathing and try to give off calm vibes as I work with her, all the time explaining to her how important it is for her to stay calm and focused, too. Maybe my vibe is working as she's very calm. So far so good!

This first day of jousting is an opportunity to see what's been going on with everyone since the last tournament. Destrier takes the field with authority, sporting a new banner, team favors and a renewed air of solidarity. Stacy looks well pleased with his new helmet, greaves and pauldrons, and Rob's new caparison looks quite smart. Jeff's helmet sports a new crest; the black plumes reach skyward from a Crescent whose silver leaf glints in the sun. The Armouries' Andrew Balmforth appears to have

gained confidence since the last tournament, and jousts with a determination and enjoyment I hadn't noticed before. Perhaps most obvious to me is the return of Toby's black armor to the field. I have to admit, I missed it at the last tournament, and its reappearance is like the return of an old friend. Toby is using his great bascinet, and more than ever looks like the Black Knight of Mallorys' tales.



The Order of the Crescent takes the field at the Joust for the Sword of Honour, April 2007. Left to right: Jeffrey Hedgecock on Carla, team captain Toby Capwell on Mutley, Steve Mallet on Magic.

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Today's first session is Leodis vs. Destrier, with The Order of the Crescent vs. the Armouries team in the second session. Jeff, Steve and Toby finish with a score of 42 out of a possible 45, to win with the highest points of the day. Everyone is cool, controlled and on target, landing some big hits along with the high scores. Jeff suffers the only injury, smashing his toe on the tilt rail during a pass with Andy Deane. Mishap notwithstanding, Jeff manages to land a good clean hit on Andy, scoring the full five points.

The weather is absolutely gorgeous - sunny, clear and about 70ish. In all, a very promising start!

Saturday

It's a smoking second day of jousting as The Order of the Crescent and Leodis battle it out to a 37- point tie. Leodis is the ancient name for the city of Leeds, and the team was formed in honor of Leeds' 800th birthday year. Led by captain Arne Koets, the Leodis team includes Fred Piraux of Belgium and William West of Leicestershire. Arne and Fred were formerly two-thirds of the Burgundian team who won the Sword of Honour in 2002 and 2005, and are

amazingly talented and high-scoring jousts. This is Will's third season of jousting and he consistently turns in a solid performance. In today's session, Will lands a ferrule hit to Steve's pauldron that rocks Steve in his saddle, seriously denting the pauldron and driving the plate into Steve's shoulder. Looks as though Steve will have a purple shoulder to match Jeff's purple toe!

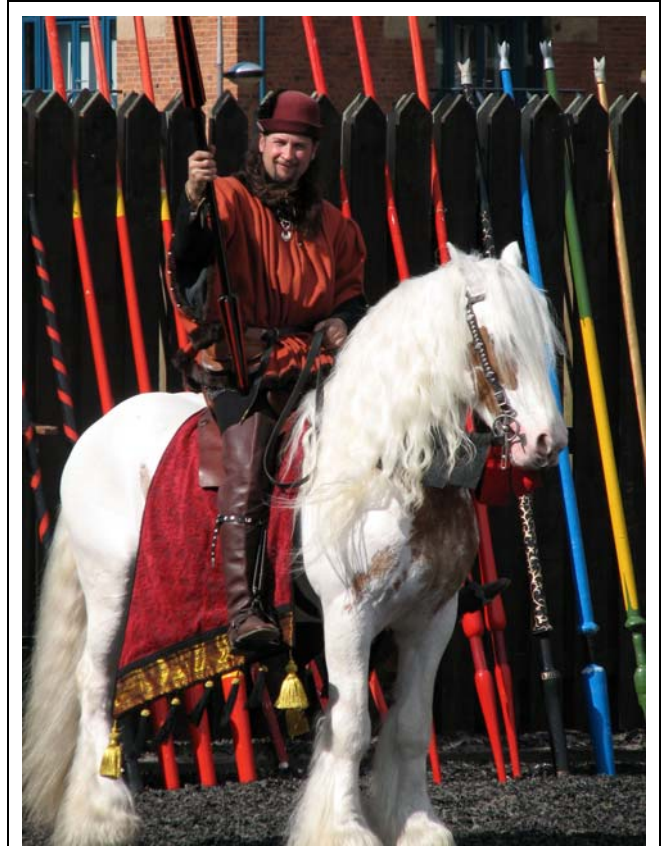
The Order of the Crescent is still in front with a cumulative score of 79. Destrier and Leodis are tied at 72, and the Royal Armouries team trails with 62 points. Although everyone is in top form, nothing is a sure thing and, as commentator Anna Ward says, 'there is everything to joust for'. Any horse or rider could have a bad day and lose the event, or everyone on a team could perform brilliantly and accumulate enough points to pull ahead. We'll just have to see what tomorrow brings.

The horses are better and worse than usual. Fred is riding Switch, a colored cob gelding. Switch loves to joust and Fred is having a hard time getting him to settle down and stand prior to a run. Albert is running well for Arne and Penny is going well for Stacy. Rob's riding a beefy cob named William and Will is riding an equally beefy cob named Seamus. The two cobs are virtually the same size, color and temperament. I have a difficult time telling them apart, although Mark has pointed out which has the white blaze a hundred times. Oops. Steve is having a bit of a time on Magic, who has suddenly decided to be uncooperative. My Zen mind tricks seem to be working on Carla, as she is being as good as she ever has been. Toby is jousting on gorgeous Mutley. Solid, brave, fast and enthusiastic, he is also the sweetest beast to deal with. I wish more owners would train their stallions to have this kind disposition and habits, as Mutley is an absolute joy to work with. Nicky deserves huge kudos for this guy; he is a gem.

All in all, a great day any way it's judged. We'll see what happens tomorrow. Now we're off to a joust dinner arranged by Arne.

Sunday

Holy catfish, what a day! With Destrier, last year's winner, up against the seemingly unstoppable Order of the Crescent, everyone in



Steve Mallet rides Mutley (a Gypsy cob stallion) in the hunting games.

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the yard calls the first session 'The Clash of the Titans'. Destrier fights hard but the Crescent prevails with a 37-33 win. A turning point came when Dominic hit Jeff in the face. Dom's horse Hawthorn veered wide as he approached Jeff and Carla, then Dom overcorrected and hit Jeff high. The shock popped Jeff's visor open, but Jeff was completely unscathed. It was a bad turn for Dom, as head hits are illegal at the Armouries. Dom lost all but his horsemanship point. It was one of those 'anything can happen' moments that makes jousting thrilling and heartbreaking at the same time.

Leodis and the Royal Armouries have a bone-crunching session with lances flying left and right. There's a spectacular unhorsing as Andy Deane is removed rather unceremoniously from his saddle by Fred Piraux. Leodis wins the session with a score of 37, putting them in second place.



Poetry in motion – Mutley skimming along as Toby prepares to cut cabbages.

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After three days of jousting, the scores give The Order of the Crescent 116, Leodis 110, Destrier 105 and the Royal Armouries 85. The final round for the Sword of Honour will be between high scorers the Order of the Crescent and Leodis. Hang onto your hats, sports fans, anything could happen tomorrow!

Monday

WE WON!!!!!!!!!!!!

In amazing competition that had everyone holding their breaths, the Crescent and Leodis battled tooth and nail through the final. Almost every pass saw beautiful horsemanship, unwavering lance control yielding full scores, and crowd-pleasing spectacular lance shatters. The teams were seldom more than two or three points apart, and I am certain I was not the only one in the stands alternately breathless and screaming.

At the final, the score is tied at 41 points, requiring a tie-breaking ‘sudden death’ pass between team captains Toby Capwell and Arne Koets to determine the winner. Both men showed their mettle and scored full points, requiring a second, nerve-shredding pass.

In tie-breaking pass #2, it appeared that Toby landed a hit to Arne’s head, and was therefore disqualified. Then, just when Leodis might have triumphed, Arne stepped forward to say he thought the call had been in error. On consideration, Arne was quite certain the hit had glanced off his shield before the broken lance had skidded into his head. After much

consultation among the Marshals and scorers, the call was changed to a chest hit for Toby. This called for yet another tie-breaking run! Tension and anticipation in the stands was as high as on the field, as Toby and Arne lined up for yet another pass.

A hush settled over the crowd and nerves stretched to the limit, as Toby and Arne regarded each other from their respective ends of the lanes. At a signal, both charged forward and met in the middle of the tilt with a huge crash and a shower of shards. Everyone held their breath as we waited for the judges’ calls. Both Toby and Arne had scored chest hits and horsemanship points, but Toby shattered more of his lance than Arne and so was awarded the decisive breakage point. Victory! The Order of the Crescent had taken the Sword of Honour!



The Order of the Crescent takes the day and team captain, Toby Capwell, holds the Sword of Honour aloft.

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Holy Toledo, I think I lost my mind there at the end. When it became clear that the Crescent had won, I began an involuntary leaping about and screaming that rivaled the best performance of any B-grade horror film actress. When I could finally throttle myself down to hoarse shouting, I threw my camera at Leslie and made for the end of the tiltyard where the competitors group before leaving the field. When I arrived, I looked up to see Jeff standing in his stirrups and frantically waving at me and blowing kisses from the middle of the tiltyard. What a dear man! I waved as frantically and sent him back a thousand kisses in return. As I waited, I was surrounded by well-wishers and friends hugging and congratulating me. I fear

that poor Kate Tiler took the brunt of my emotion as I hugged her for dear life and sobbed on her shoulder. I saw Nicky standing near the fence and called my congratulations to her. She came to the fence and we hung on each other, sobbing in happiness for the Crescent, and in gratitude for Mutley, the star who carried Toby to victory.

Postscript

We're home now and the events of the tournament live on for us in photos and memories. The Order of the Crescent's name will be engraved on the blade of the Sword of Honour, next to previous winners, and the Sword will be displayed in the Tournament Gallery at the Royal Armouries until next year's tournament.

The final tally showed Toby scored an astonishing 100% with 60 points. Chris Lockie once again proved himself the embodiment of knightly virtue and courtesy, winning the prize for Chivalry for the second year in a row. Jeff left the event on a cloud of elation that buoyed him for more than a week, and his increasingly rainbow-coloured toe served as an amusing reminder of the event. Arne's decision to contest the call that would have brought victory to his team stands out as a shining moment of honour and chivalry in action, and Arne as a man for whom nothing is more important than the truth.

Some of the week is a blur, but some memories stand out as sharply now as when they happened: the anticipation in the stableyard; the silent, breathless seconds prior to each impact; the smiles on the faces of friends. Perhaps clearest is the bond we feel to our friends, although many live on another continent. As competitive as each of the participants is, each would admit is that jousting isn't simply about winning. Arne's actions prove that beyond a doubt. Certainly coming away with the prize is something to be proud of, but it's only a small piece of the reason for being there. There is a sense of esprit de corps among the jousters, a sense of being part of something greater. They're friends, we're all friends, and at its core, jousting is all about friendship and honour and chivalry, and testing oneself against the people one respects most in the world, regardless of who goes home with the prize.

In a society increasingly devoid of honour, a group of men compete in a dangerous sport whose core is honour and respect. These men realize they take their friends' lives in their hands each time they compete, understanding it's up to them to make sure no one is hurt. Is there any other activity in the world where competitors entrust their safety to the honour of their opponents? It's only when the depth of that trust sinks in, can we begin to understand the bond of brotherhood between jousters, and what makes jousting so unique. For these men, jousting isn't just a sport; it is the thing that defines them.

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*Jeff and Gwen are sponsoring a competitive joust like those at the Royal Armouries. The event will be held in Southern California on October 27, 2007. For more information go to [www.worldjoust.com](http://www.worldjoust.com).*

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Jeffrey waits his turn at the rings.

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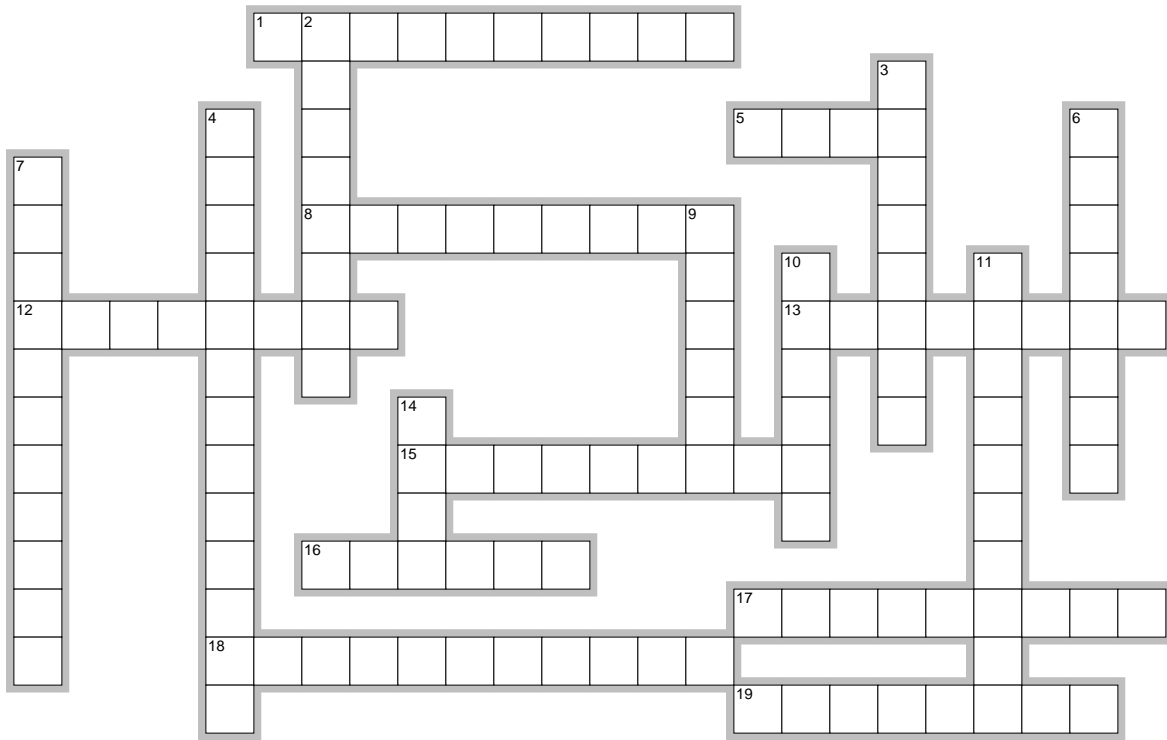
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Crossword - Kingdoms

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Across

1. USA: central/western Pennsylvania, western New York, and West Virginia.
5. USA: eastern Pennsylvania, eastern New York, Delaware, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine. Canada: Québec, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland.
8. USA: Montana, southern Idaho, most of Utah, and western Colorado and Wyoming.
12. USA: Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Northern Arkansas
13. USA: New Mexico, most of Colorado, parts of Nebraska; Cheyenne, Wyoming, and El Paso & Hudspeth counties in Texas
15. USA: Oklahoma, most of Texas.
16. USA: Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Scott County in Iowa, Kentucky (except the southwest counties). Canada: Essex County and Windsor in Ontario.
17. USA: Arizona
18. USA: North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan; Canada: Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario
19. USA: Northern California, Nevada and Alaska; ASIA: Japan, Korea and Pacific Rim.

Down

2. USA: Majority of Florida; lays claim to Panama.
3. USA: Maryland, District of Columbia, North and South Carolina, Virginia, Augusta, Georgia.
4. USA: Mississippi, Louisiana, most of Arkansas, Calloway County in Kentucky, and Memphis, Tennessee.
6. USA: Alabama, almost all of Georgia, a bit of the panhandle of Florida, most of Tennessee, and part of Kentucky (Bowling Green and surrounding area).
7. Europe, Africa, Middle East.
9. USA: Oregon, Washington, the northern tip of Idaho; Canada: British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, the Yukon, and the Northwest Territories.
10. Australia and New Zealand; parts of Antarctica
11. Canada: Ontario (except for Essex County, and Northwestern Ontario around Thunder Bay.)
14. USA: Southern California, Greater Las Vegas Area, and Hawaii

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