

ECHOS FROM THE HILLS

Issue One of the Dark Reign



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Her Majesty's Royal Guard

Queen's Champion	Blank
Regent's Defender	Sir Logan Black
Captain of the Guard	Sir Tuneat Sebeth
Kingdom Sheriff	Lord Squire Og

Guardsmen

Oriana Bowbar Constanzie Delphos
D'yoknn Infinity Katastophi
Martello Rayel Talen

Alternates

Little Zig Wickett Stormy
Balisk of the Golden Plains
(Foreign Representative)

Other Kingdom Offices

Court Herald

Sir Cabal

Scribe and Lady in Waiting to the Queen

Dame Selka Shadowcat

Personal Secretary to the Queen

Morgana

Guildmistress of Garbers

Ominique

Guildmaster of Smiths

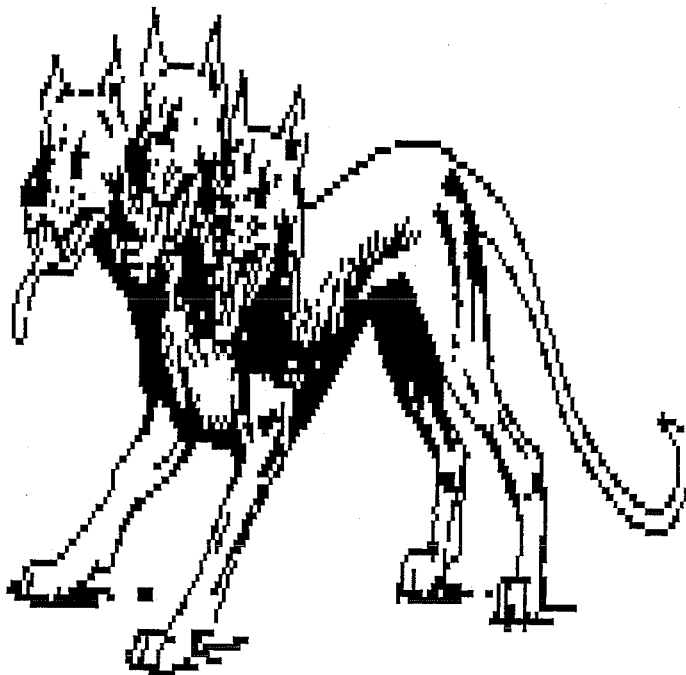
Scytale

Guildmistress of Heralds

Stormdancer

Kingdom Guildmasters

Archer	Sparhawk
Anti-Paladin	Nevron
Assassin	Nevron
Bards	Logan
Barbarian	Rayel
Druids	Kodiak
Healers	K'tai
Knights	Nevron
Monks	Nevron
Monsters	Bachhus
Paladin	Terrarin
Reeves	Rath
Scout	Bachhus
Warrior	Martello
Wizard	Bachhus

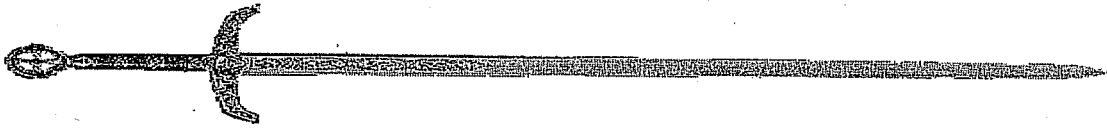


Due to circumstances beyond mine or Empress Shaylen's control, her letter was lost from my email late in the creation of this newsletter, making it impossible for me to get another copy of it to insert into this newsletter. I apologize to Empress Shaylen for this problem.



I want to thank Shay and Kodiak for helping to guide me through this reign. Six months has gone by now and it's time to pass the Crown to another. I could say a lot of things that I wished I'd done differently but I have decided not to. There is something I'd like to pass on to the next Monarch and Regent, do not try and please everyone. If you can, realize that doing the best that you can with what you have is all that matters. Leave this imaginary position feeling good about what you have done because the worst thing that you can do to yourself is leave this office with a bad taste in your mouth. I know that you will accomplish a lot for Amtgard. Thanks for giving me this opportunity guys.

Scytale



Shhhhh, do you hear it? The sounds of far off war, coming closer and closer all the time. Welcome to the dark reign where war is our mantra and death to all kingdoms shall be our battle cry. We will be hosting our first annual EH World War in March of 2000. The Hills shall run red with the blood of other Amtgard Kingdoms! Spread the word amongst all EH soldiers, magical and non, bring out the old fighters and the new to help crush all foes. I call upon all soldiers to come to the aid of their Queen and Regent in this time of war. See you on the battlefield.

Eclipse, Warrior Queen of the Emerald Hills



Notice

I would like to have the populace committed to an institution for electing me as your Regent. If we all band together then we have a chance to have a fun six months and accomplish a lot for the Kingdom. I'm not a big talker so instead of telling you what I plan to do here, I'll let you live the experience with me over the next few months.

We have enjoyed quite a few reigns of peace, tranquillity and soft passive arts. I hope that you enjoyed them because they are no more. I am here to embrace the darker side of the arts. While I can enjoy the simple beauty of a string of gems, I know that their true value comes from the joy felt when ripping them off of my foes' dead neck. My reign shall be dedicated to serving my Mistress Queen Eclipse. Woe be to those that oppose her. The light exists during this reign only to cast a greater shadow.

Dark Prince of the Emerald Hills
Sparhawk Kingfisher

Dark Reign Calendar

(Subject to Change)



January

8 Wetlands Weaponmaster
9 EH Rotating Quest/Allthing - Morning Wood Glen
14-16 Neverwinter Coronation - Florida
23 EH Winter Warrior Tourney/Potluck - Old Tanglewood Park (tentative location)
29-30 Tanglewood Forest Work Weekend - Party Saturday Night!!

February

5 WL Relic Quest
12 EH Chump Tourney/Arts Festival/Rotating Quest /Allthing - Iron Cloud
26 WL Collegium
26-27 Tanglewood Forest Work Weekend - Party Saturday Night!!

March

4-5 EH Weaponmaster/Dragonmaster (4th @ Cueavador Armath (Morning Wood Glen Park) - 5th @ Eagleshire)
10/11/12 EH 1st Annual World War @ Tangle Wood Forest
16-19 Spring War (CK)
25-26 Tanglewood Forest Work Weekend - Party Saturday Night!!

April

3/31-4/2 WL MidReign
7-9 EH MidReign /Allthing (Tangle Wood Forest)
29 WL Nighthunter
29-30 Tanglewood Forest Work Weekend - Party Saturday Night!!

May

13 EH Rotating Quest /Allthing - Midnight Sun
20 WL Quals
20-21 EH Crown Qualifications (20th @ Midnight Sun - 21st@ Morning Wood Glen)
27-28 Crown Elections

June

2-4 WL Coronation
9-11 EH Coronation - Tanglewood Forest



ANNOUNCEMENTS - THINGS GOING ON IN YOUR KINGDOM

I would really appreciate it if anyone who purchases Amtgard related items from the following stores would provide me with receipts (or copies of receipts) from their purchases (old receipts too, if you still have them). You may turn these into your park P.M.. and I will be sure to collect them.

Jo-Ann Fabrics
Hancock Fabrics
Singer Sewing Centers
Home Depot
Lowes

Any help would be appreciated...

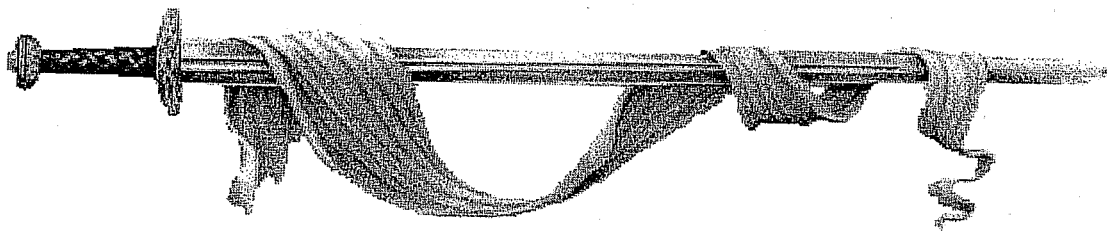


Greetings

At Midreign we are going to have a fundraiser in the form of a live auction. We would ask that each and every person that is a member of the Emerald Hills make something to donate to be auctioned off. Whatever your talent is, for instance, if you draw, draw something great, if you garb, make a tunic or a cloak or a ..., if you woodwork, weave, glass etch, make weapons, whatever. Even if your specialty is baking, bake a couple of scratch pies to bring out to Midreign. If every single person in this kingdom makes just one item to donate for the auction, I believe it will be a great success.

Let's pull together as a Kingdom for the benefit of the Emerald Hills. And, of course, bring out your \$ because I have a feeling with all of the talent in the Hills there are going to be some great items up for bid. We have begun a list of items being made for the auction and as we tour the EH parks, please have your item in mind so we can add it to the list.

Eclipse, Warrior Queen of the Emerald Hills
Sparhawk, Dark Prince of the Emerald Hills



Unto the Populace of the Emerald Hills -

I now can announce the Grand Opening of the Emerald Hills Amtgard Credit Page. Please use this link to check up on your credits and your friends credits

<http://www.slowlink.net/amtweb>

The first link is where you can go to view yours (and others) credits, as they stand now. These credits are kingdom credits and at this time they do not, (I repeat, Do not) reflect any credits from outside our lands. If you have signed in over the years under different names/aliases you can consolidate all of those credits into one character. There are directions on how to do this at the site.

The Link will take you to the search page. Don't panic if you can't find someone. Nothing is written in stone as of yet. From this page, you can find links to other sites you may find of interest.

Since you are reading this in our newsletter you may or may not have already checked out your credits. If by chance you are one of those unlucky enough not to have access to the site on the web then I can still help you. What you can do is give me a call @ (972) 263-5310. I will take the info I need from you and go and do a search on my own. I'll call you back and let you know what I found. Simple as that. For the sake of what little sanity I have left, please try to call me between the hours of 6p.m. to 10p.m., Monday thru Friday. You can call me during the weekend, but I may be at one park or another. Awaiting your feedback...

Sir Nevron, Kingdom PM





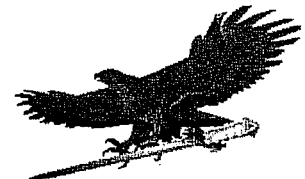
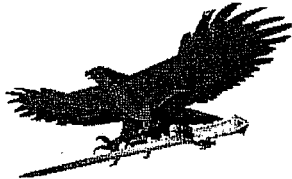
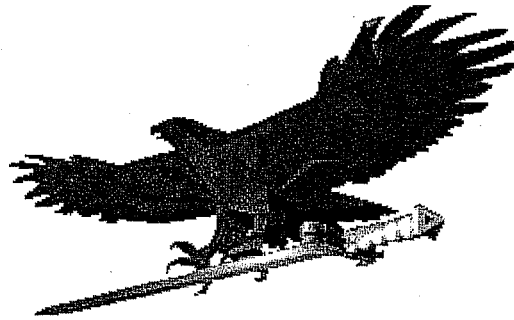
Greetings

I would like to begin a registry of all mundane skills and abilities of the populace of the Emerald Hills. If you are a carpenter, brick layer, electrician, plumber, painter, sign maker, etc..., please let me know of your specialty. You can e-mail me at eclipse_@swbell.net, call me @ (972) 671-5087, or see me in person at your park. The general idea is to get all persons familiar with particular trades to engineer land projects. Also, if you have access to building materials at a low cost or no cost *grin*, please let me know that as well. As mentioned at Coronation we will be hosing the first annual World War in March. There are many items that need to be completed at Tanglewood before we host this war. Thanks for your help.



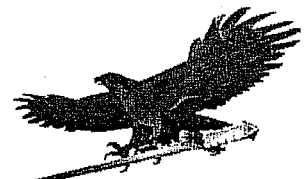
Eclipse,. Warrior Queen of the Emerald Hills





Overall Qualifications Results

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Entries</u>	<u>Average</u>
Sparhawk	29.13	18	4.03
Nightingale	24.63	16	4.28
Darkangel	20.67	16	4.28
Forest	19.46	11	4.13
Blank	19.1	17	3.64
Eclipse	15.7	10	3.92
Morgana	13.6	13	3.62
Martello	10.52	7	3.86
Tamara	10.3	10	3.62
Sponge	8.3	17	2.66
Deitri	7.23	4	4.05
Pandora	6.66	5	3.83
Careakith	4.83	5	3.46
Mouse	2.53	3	3.76
Wickett	2.53	1	4.53
CiDi	2.5	1	4.5
Bachhus	.83	1	3.33



Cultural Results

2D Art

First Place> CiDi	New Corsair Bird	4.50
Second Place> Pandora	Pieces of the Black Book	4.30
Third Place> Sparhawk	Etched Glass	4.26
Eclipse	Business Card	3.20
Sponge	EH Crest	2.50
Sponge	Silly Face	2.20
Sponge	Wetlands	2.03



3-D Art

First Place; Deitri	Black Model Ship	4.30
Second Place; Deitri	Blue Wood Tone Model Ship	4.30
Third Place; Sparhawk	Teletubby	4.20
Nightingale;	Masquerade Mask	4.10
Sponge;	Amtgard Phoenix	2.56
Sponge;	Ghost	2.56



Needlework

First Place: Nightingale	Sorcerer	4.80
Second Place: Tamara	Owl	4.03
third Place: Morgana	Black Work Piece	3.96
Mouse:	Dobie Cross Stitch	3.90
Tamara:	Drummer Boy	3.86
Mouse:	Tigger Cross Stitch	3.76
Mouse:	DragonHeart Cross Stitch	3.63



Factual

First Place: Sparhawk	Rules of Spring War	4.10
Second Place: Darkangel	xcerpts from the Book	3.96
Third Place: Forest	An Historic Account of	3.73
Blank	Story of the Redhaired Yeti	2.15



Photography

First Place: Nightingale	Sunrays	4.56
Second Place: Nightingale	Waterfalls in Crested Butte	4.36
Third Place: Sparhawk	Panoramic Waterfalls	4.36
Sparhawk	Panoramic Rocks Blue Sky	4.13
Darkangel	Heart of Darkness	3.73
Darkangel	Glamour	3.66
Nightingale	Sunrise in Crested Butte	3.50
Tamara	Clouds	3.50
Tamara	Squirrel	3.40
Morgana	Peace Garden	3.26
Tamara	Waterfall	3.03
Morgana	Woodlands	2.90



Publication

First Place: Eclipse	Tanglewood Newsletter	4.46
Second Place: Sponge	Flyer	3.56
Third Place: Sponge	SM Spell Ball	1.33

Passive

First Place: Sparhawk	Wooden Knife	4.30
Second Place: Deitri	Catapult	3.86
Third Place: Blank	Gizmo Stuffed Animal W/A	3.13

Active

1 Sparhawk	Indian Knife Sheath	4.46
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Weapon

First Place: Eclipse	Black Sword W /Symbol	3.83
Second Place: Blank	Polearm	3.60
Third Place: Tamara	Green Sword w Black strap	3.50
Blank	Green Sword	3.23

Shield

First Place: Blank	Rogue Shield	4.26
Second Place: Darkangel	Crawling Chaos Phalanx	3.90
Third Place: Martello	Snowdisc Shield	3.40
Forest	Star Shield	3.33

Banner

First Place: Deitri	Nel Frey Battle Standard	3.76
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Monster

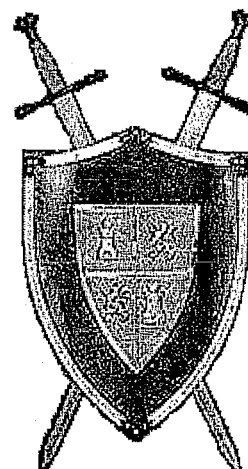
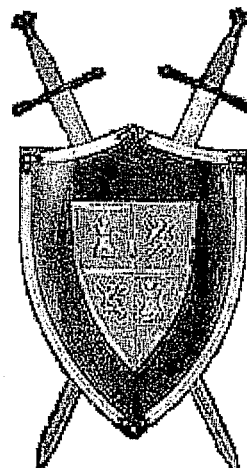
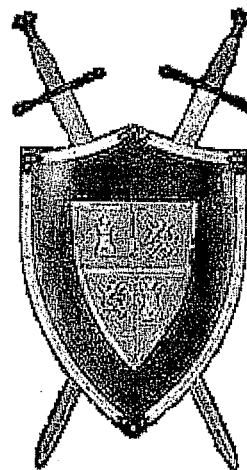
First Place: Nightingale	Vampyre Cape	4.46
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Fighting

First Place: Wickett	Blue Long Sleeved Shirt	4.53
Second Place: Eclipse	Blue Tunic W /Emblem	4.50
Third Place: Killusalla	Green Matching Tunics	3.46
Martello	Tower Tabard	3.33
Blank	Blue and Yellow Tabard	3.23
Pandora	Bard Peasants Bodice	3.13
Killusalla	Wrap Pants	2.60

Court

First Place: Eclipse	Black Gown w Gold Ties	4.40
Second Place: Killusalla	Double skirted Vested En	4.20
Third Place: Morgana	Black Satin Underskirt	3.80
Nightingale	Floral Corset	3.43
Pandora	Velvet Court Pants	3.26

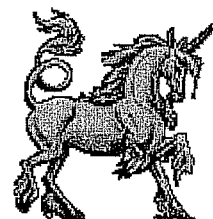


Accessory

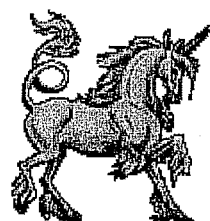
First Place: Killusalla	Green and Black Cloak	4.60
Second Place: Killusalla	Man At Arms Belt	4.33
Third Place: Eclipse	Corset Belt	4.30
Forest	Color Macrame Belt	4.26
Blank	Knights Chain	4.16
Blank	Maroon White Macrame Belt	3.93
Morgana	Panel Satin Pouch	3.73
Killusalla	Blue and Brown Cloak	3.60
Blank	Knights Chain	3.50
Sparhawk	Silver Twist Knight Chain	3.36
Sparhawk	Copper & Silver Knights Chain	3.26

**Favor**

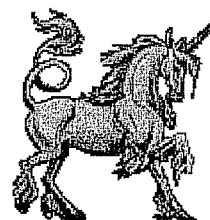
First Place: Morgana	Black Work Belt Favor	4.26
Second Place: Eclipse	Wizard Belt Favor	3.46

**Jewelry**

First Place: Blank	Copper Silver Chain	3.93
Second Place: Martello	Hematite Pendant	3.80
Third Place: Sparhawk	Copper and Silver Bracelet	3.73
Blank	Copper Silver Chain	3.53
Morgana	Light Jade Gold Necklace	3.46
Eclipse	Choker w Glass Beads	3.43
Morgana	Green Necklace and Earrings	3.43
Morgana	Dark Blue and Gold Necklace	3.36
Bachhus	Brown Bead Necklace	3.33
Sparhawk	Turquoise and White Necklace	3.33

**Singing**

First Place: Nightingale	Automne	4.63
Second Place: Nightingale	Lass From the Low Country	4.56
Third Place: Nightingale	Danny Boy	4.56
Forest	Music of the Night	4.40
Morgana	Say Gentle Lady	4.10
Martello	A Little Love Song	3.93
Morgana	Saucy Sailor	3.86
Darkangel	Sounds of Silence	3.83
Darkangel	Wayward Love Song	3.53

**Oratory**

First Place: Forest	The Reluctant Martyr	4.83
Second Place: Forest	Monologue From Macbeth	4.76
Third Place: Nightingale	Hamlets Advice P	4.53
Careakith	History of the Drunken W	4.50
Nightingale	Taming of the Shrew	4.50
Sponge	Freeze	4.03



Appetizer

First Place: Sparhawk	The Sauce	3.70
Second Place: Darkangel	Tuna Salad	3.63

Main Dish

First Place: Sparhawk	Turkey	4.66
Second Place: Killusalla	Pasta w Bratwurst Stew	4.43
Third Place: Forest	Spicy Beef Tips	4.40
Pandora	Stuff Poblano Peppers	4.30
Martello	Meaty Minestrone	4.10
Sparhawk	Veggy Concoction	3.66
Tamara	Taco Soup	3.66
Darkangel	Meatloaf	3.63
Blank	Beef Fajita Meat	3.56

Vintner

First Place: Blank	Sun Tea	4.56
Second Place: Tamara	Winter Warmer	3.76
Third Place: Sponge	Apple Cinnamon Tea	3.20

Dessert

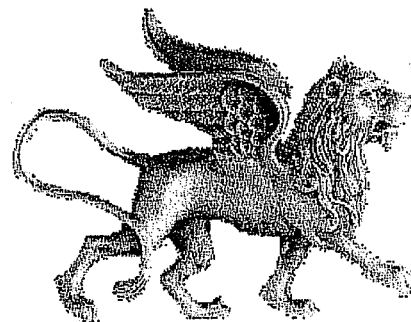
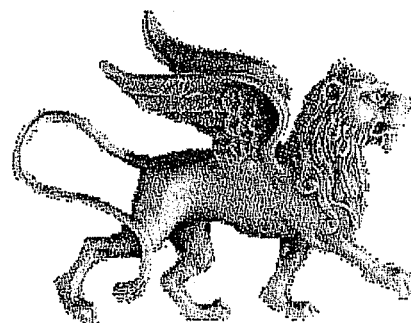
First Place: Darkangel	Homemade Fruit Pie	4.70
Second Place: Nightingale	Pumpkin Bread	4.30
Third Place: Sparhawk	Chocolate Cheese Cake	4.26
Sparhawk	Cheese Cake	4.10
Blank	Peanut Butter Cookies	4.06
Tamara	Pecan Pie Bar	3.90
Careakith	Miracle Cookies	3.80
Sponge	Chocolate Cookies	3.70
Blank	Chocolate Chip Cookies	3.63
Tamara	Chocolate Ruffle	3.53

Other

First Place: Martello	Cranberry Orange Walnut	3.76
Second Place: Blank	Fried Onions	3.46
Third Place: Forest	Cheese Potato Slices	3.43
Darkangel	Salad	3.33

Rose

First Place: Martello	CQ Pre Registration Form	4.70
Second Place: Careakith	IronCloud Website	4.40
Third Place: Darkangel	Amtgard Webpage	4.06
Eclipse	Tabard w EH Symbol	3.93



Fiction

First Place: Forest	Meeting Royalty	4.63
Second Place: Darkangel	Maestro	4.26
Third Place: Sparhawk	Coins	4.26
Morgana	Shadow of War Section	3.96
Sponge	The Story of You and Me	3.26

Poetry

First Place: Forest	This Child Called Love	4.50
Second Place: Sparhawk	Illusion	4.43
Third Place: Darkangel	A Poem For Someone	4.36
Nightingale	Black Cat Scat	4.33
Pandora	Prose	4.16
Nightingale	To See You Again	4.06
Darkangel	The Black Flame	4.03
Sponge	Cordial Was The Mist	4.03
Nightingale	Wind Blows	3.90
Darkangel	Morning Sweetness	3.86
Sponge	Hung Hung Ba Dung	3.86



War Event Results

Weapons Scramble

First Place: Forest of ES
Second Place: Sponge of IC
Third Place: Wickett of ES
Fourth Place: Brennon of MS
Fifth Place: Everlast

Dagger Toss

First Place: Kodiak of MS
Second Place: Brennon of MS
Third Place: **TIE**- Lief of ES & Ionin of CA
Fourth Place: **TIE**- Rayel of MS & Sponge of IC
Fifth Place: Martello Entropy of MS

2 Man Teams

First Place: Talon of ES
Squire Ziggy of TW
Second Place: Sparhawk of MWG
Trelath of The WL
Third Place: Everlast
Zam of The GP
Fourth Place: Sir Taldak
Eggman of GP
Fifth Place: Lecrucius of ES
Badger

Archery

First Place: Blank of MWG
Second Place: Ionin of CA
Third Place: Talon of ES
Fourth Place: **TIE**- Lief of ES & Rayel of MS
Fifth Place: **TIE**-Careakith of IC, Tatter of IC & Gabriel Fray of CA

3 Man Teams

First Place: Taldak of TW
Eggman of The GP
Lecrucius of ES
Second Place: Talon of ES
Forest of ES Solace
Third Place: Ziggy of TW
Nevron of TW
Silvershade of ES
Fourth Place: Squeak! of ES
Brennon of MS
Wickett of ES
Fifth Place: Sparhawk of MWG
Spynthrift of MWG
Blank of MWG

Javelin Toss

First Place: Sponge of IC
Second Place: TIE-Ionin of CA, Gabriel of CA
& Brennon of MS
Third Place: Blank of MWG

4 Man Teams

Fourth Place: TIE-Bacchus of MS, Lief of ES,
Delphos TW & Taeyrn Do'rden
Fifth Place: TIE-Kodiak of MS, Ed the Dread
of WL, Sparhawk of MWG & Careakith of IC

Single Sword

First Place: Lief of ES
Second Place: Sponge Jimmykicker of IC
Third Place: Reign of ES
Fourth Place: Brennon of MS
Fifth Place: Forest of ES

Sword and Shield

First Place: Lief of ES
Second Place: Spynthrift of WL
Third Place: Tarkus of ES
Fourth Place: Lecrucius of ES
Fifth Place: Zam of Golden Plains

Sword and Dagger

First Place: Lief of ES
Second Place: Reign of ES
Third Place: Cannibis of EH
Fourth Place: Brennon of MS
Fifth Place: Forest of ES



Open Class

First Place: Lief of ES
Second Place: Sparhawk of MWG
Third Place: Bachhus of MS
Fourth Place: Reign of ES
Fifth Place: Forest of ES



Florentine

First Place: Brennon of MS
Second Place: Forest of ES
Third Place: Lief of ES
Fourth Place: Ionin of CA
Fifth Place: Bachhus of MS

Pole Arm

First Place: Sparkhawk of MWG
Second Place: Reign of ES
Third Place: Sponge of IC
Fourth Place: Blank of MWG
Fifth Place: Spynthrift of WL



Single Dagger

First Place: Lecrucius of ES
Second Place: Sparhawk of MWG
Third Place: Forest of ES
Fourth Place: Zam of Golden Plains
Fifth Place: Caun

Sword and Madu

First Place: Blank of MWG
Second Place: Sparhawk of MWG
Third Place: Martello of MS
Fourth Place: Lief of ES
Fifth Place: Tatter of IC



This Child Called Love



This child called love was ours.
We created it when we met,
Nurtured it as we grew,
And cared for it as we
would our own child.

Slowly, sadly, our child got sick.
The tears rolled out and we
wept Notknowing what
to do For the faltering
health of our child.

Now our child is on the verge of death
And instead of helping it to heal,
We fight over who made it sick
And add to the pain that it feels.

Will we realize before it's too late,
That only together can we make it well?
Or will we bicker and cling to pride
As our child of love slowly dies?

