



ECHOES OF THE HILLS



INTRODUCTION

This is the first in a series of Newsletters that I will publish during my reign to help improve the dissemination of information to the average populace member. There will almost certainly be duplications from the EH yahoo groups email list, the EH forums, the Kingdom website or E-Sam.

Elder Vermilion

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JULY ALTHING RESULTS

The July Althing was held at TangleWood Park on Saturday July 23 and Campus Supernus on Sunday July 24. We had 36 Votes submitted. Here are the items that passed:

- 1) Add the following line to the Class Guildmaster section:

If the proper Guildmaster is unavailable, or if the sitting Guildmaster needs to test, then three other Guildmasters may give the appropriate test.

- 2) Remove all references to the IRCA from the Corpora.

- 3) Change the current Corpora dates for Kingdom events to be "Suggested dates."

- 3a) Change Coronation date held to: "The second full weekend in June and December."

- 3b) Change Midreign date held to: "The second full weekend in March and September."

- 4) Approve the RGK Funds Requisition Form for Gravel purchase.

In brief: The RGK requests the Kingdom allocate up to \$2000 to pay for gravel and delivery of said gravel to Tanglewood Forest. The RGK must provide a detailed accounting of how this money is to be spent, and any excess is to be returned to the general Kingdom fund.



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NOTES FROM THE MONARCH

A lot has happened in my first two months, let me just hit the high points.

My stepping up was uneventful for the most part, with the exception of Tana Moreheart receiving her well earned Masterhood of the Rose. Then I was thrust right into Kingdom business: My first major construction project got underway the week after Coronation, check the Tanglewood Forest update page for details.

My first Rakis was an amazing event, and earned me a cameo in a comic strip.

The July Althing was very productive, the results are posted on the front page.

And then the Caravan to Clan. For those of you who chose not to participate for whatever reason I can assure you that you missed out on a wonderful experience. The Mini-Vans were full of good music and good conversation during the trip. Clan was very enjoyable this year, and it had the largest attendance for the past 5 years or so. I attribute both to: the new site being much better than the previous; all the events happened reasonably on time; feast was good and an excellent addition, and the new feel that Clan is truly an InterKingdom event. That last comment is due to all the different events being run by so many people from so many Kingdoms, no Kingdom that wants to hold something is being shut out, and there is a greater feeling of cooperation between Kingdoms. That feeling was greatly impressed upon me at the COM meeting to discuss rules updates. All the Monarchs sat down and hashed out a lot of items without any animosity or egos. It really felt good to be cooperating to achieve what was best for Amtgard as whole. Look for a list of the changes that passed on the following pages. All in all I highly recommend that everyone should make an attempt to attend Clan next year, I'll be there.

Future Business: There is a new edition of the Dor un Avathar, edition 8, and we need to start trying it out. I will have a PDF posted to the Kingdom website in the library and hopefully I will have some with me in my travels.

Check out the Calendar for upcoming events and local visits. I am making good on my promise to bring 'Bread and Circuses' to the parks, be sure to attend my visit to your park, I hate bringing home so much bread. Look for the next newsletter at Midreign, along with a copy of the updated Corpora.

NOTES FROM THE HIGH OFFICERS.

Note from the PM:

Park PMs please be sure to update the ORK at least once a month. Also, please bring copies of all your sign-in sheets between Coronation and Midreign to give to me at MR along with your park financial statements.

Note from the Regent:

DragonMaster XVII will be at TanglewoodForest, Saturday August 20, 2005. Registration begins at 11am, ends at noon. Judging begins promptly at noon. I will be using the judging system previously used by Contessa Tanara.

Note from the Champion:

I will be conducting Weapons checks at all the Consular Visits I attend. Please be sure to note the changes in weapon construction rules in 7th ed.

Note from the GMR:

Weaponmaster will be held August 27 at Tanglewood Park and August 28 at Finders Keep. Also the PM/Treasurer elections will be that weekend at your local park. No one has declared for PM yet. Reine Von Doom has declared for Treasurer.



CIRCLE OF MONARCHS RULES CHANGES

There was a meeting of the COM at Clan to discuss rules clarifications and changes to the Rulebook. We are waiting on final wordings to be presented to and approved by the COM. These items are NOT in effect yet and will not be until such a time as an errata sheet is distributed to the Kingdoms. Here are the clarifications and changes that passed:

Clarify Swords To Plowshares: all parts of the spell must function for any part to function.

Clarify you MAY fire multiple arrows at once.

Clarify COP is broken when anybody exits the circle.

Clarify bows/arrows to 'Arrows fired from x length bows do x points of damage' rather than the bows doing damage.

Clarify that Kingdom Corporas may add additional requirements for being a voting or active member of the populace.

Clarify Dead players are always considered Willing for the purposes of magic.

Clarify you MAY NOT wear the sash of a class you are not currently playing.

(No rainbow sashes)

Stoneskin was changed to Cost:1 Max:2 Sectional invulnerabilities(non mendable)

Anti Palidan had the level 5 and 6 abilities shuffled around and added Reanimate 1/game as a choice at 6th level.

Assassin Trap was changed to have the same effect as scout entangle.

Simplify Assassin poison to 'weapon' rather than 'edged weapon'

Bow length will be measured by AMO (the number on the side of the bow) rather than physically measuring the bow. (AMO 60+ for longbow)

Regeneration(druid enchantment) ONLY requires you to count to 50 out loud to heal a wound.

(There are no other restrictions, you can run, you can fight, you can do the hokey pokey.)

Javelins must be between 3ft-6ft

Change Madus from Spears to Polearms

Allow firing two handed crossbows within 20ft, as the poundage for crossbows is specifically safe at any distance, add addendum about arrow safety being extremely important.

Set minimum size for Paladin/Anti-Paladin devices to 5"x5"

There was one item tabled that may still pass:

Define "Weilding" in the Glossary as "using to strike or block"



TANGLEWOOD FOREST UPDATES

There is now running water at feast area and by the road in front of Campsite 0.

Tanglewood Forest is now home to a small Horse Ranch. This will lower the property taxes (and the EH rent) by a considerable amount. However, these horses are wild animals so please treat them with respect. These horses will bite; kick; stomp; and in general make you have a bad day if they are provoked or spooked. As a precaution do not approach the horse corral without Three Jugs or Mcfadden. And of course, along with horses comes manure, so watch where you step.

There are now two RV/camper parking areas, one with 4 hookups with water and power by the Kingdom shed, and one with 10 hookups with water and power just off the road between gate and Campsite 0. The area near the Kingdom shed is exclusively for EH resident use, and the large RV parking area will be rented out on a first come first served basis. To those that had heard differently the RGK recently strung a second power line to the RV area so all 10 sites will have ample electricity. Big thanks to Shamus the Green and Mcfadden for returning several weekends in a row to fix all the issues.

The Bardic Stage is the next construction project that will be undertaken. I appreciate all the donations of material so far, but we are requesting monetary donations to cover the final construction supplies for the stage. The materials we need to finish are too specific to hope to be able to have them donated; we just need to buy them. I will be carrying a donation jar around with me and in addition you should be able to make a donation to any high officer for this project. There will be an additional RGK work weekend during Dragonmaster to start construction on the Bardic Stage hopefully with a high turnout.

I will also be setting up portable hot and cold running water showers at the land by Banner Wars. As permanent showers are quite a ways off the RGK and I decided to stop waiting and at least bring some form of showers to the land. Details are still being worked out, but hopefully we will have a solid plan by Midreign. Material and/or monetary donations will most likely be requested for this project as well.

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TANGLEWOOD FOREST BANNER WARS PREPARATION

We're starting to get requests about what work can be done in preparation for Banner Wars. Here is what is on the list so far:

- 1) There are still remnants of the fallen tower on the battlefield. This needs to be cleaned up well before Banner Wars, in order for us to have time to take it to the dump. Alternatively, it can be dragged to Phules Fire Pit and burned. There are parts of it in the newly cleared area at the Southwest corner of the Battlefield as well.
- 2) Stumps to Grind. There are still a number of annoying stumps all over the place. We now have a stump grinder, one that takes significantly less effort than the old ones.
- 3) The path going from Feast Prep to Feast needs to be widened to a two way road.
- 4) We are very low on firewood. Bring out your chainsaw and chop up some deadfall.
- 5) The usual clearing of Tanglewood vines from the GP campsites.
- 6) Removing any vegetation that has grown such that it brushes against traffic on the road.
- 7) Mow the Battle Field
- 8) Set up portable showers (Coordinate with High muckety muck Elder)

Please contact the RGK at rgk@tanglewoodforest.org for more information.

McFadden



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CALENDAR FOR THE REPUBLIC OF THE EMERALD HILLS XXXV

Please keep in mind that the Calendar might change,
but you will be notified of any changes by an e-mail to the EH list.

August 20 EH Dragonmaster Tanglewood Forest
August 19-21 CK MidReign XXX
August 27 EH Weaponmaster TW/EH PM Elections
August 28 EH Weaponmaster FK/EH PM Elections
September 2 - 4 WL Midreign Celebration/Labor Day weekend.
September 8 RGK meeting 7:30 at flying J at I20 and I45
September 10 Consular visit to Cuiviedor Amarth
September 10-11 RGK work weekend Tanglewood Forest
September 16 - 18 > Emerald Hills' Mid Reign Tanglewood Forest
September 24 Althing MS
September 25 Althing MWG
September 29 RGK meeting 7:30 at flying J at I20 and I45
October 1 - 2 RGK work weekend Tanglewood Forest
October 6 - 9 World Banner Wars Tanglewood Forest
October 15-16
October 21-23 Knoblander Rising Winds
October 29 Consular visit to MS/ MS Monster Bash
October 30
November 3 RGK meeting 7:30 at flying J at I20 and I45
November 5-6 RGK work weekend Tanglewood Forest
November 6 Consular visit Finders Keep
November 11-13 CK Coronation XXXI
November 19 EH Crown Quals/Althing MS
November 20 EH Crown Quals/Althing ES
November 26-27 Thanksgiving weekend
December 2 -4 WL End reign/ EH Crown Elections at your local park
December 8 RGK meeting 7:30 at flying J at I20 and I45
December 10-11 RGK work weekend Tanglewood Forest
December 16-18 EH End Reign (Coronation XXXVI) Tanglewood Forest.

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