



## Gryphon's Keep News Letter

*"The Beak & Talon"*

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We have survived another month, which has turned out to be one of our best months thus far! If you would like to contribute for next months news letter please e-mail me at [armsofvalor@earthlink.net](mailto:armsofvalor@earthlink.net)

Strength in Unity,

Thomas Alfred  
Steward of Gryphon's Keep

### What happened in June?



**Household Event/Party** – We had a fantastic turnout for the event. SCA members from all corners of the Panhandle turned up and it was a day that will be remembered for a long time or at least until the next solid blow to the head. The original plan was for everyone to show up around 9:30 – 10:00, but as you all know many SCA members are on something known as SCA time (today is today sort of attitude....nothing wrong with

that mind you) and our last guests arrived shortly after noon. Nothing was really set in stone anyway, so we adapted by moving the fighting to the afternoon. With such good fighters in attendance and the fresh meat available to try one's skill on, a bear pit seemed to be the best fighting format. The winner of each bout held the field until he was beaten or to tired to stand. This allowed all of us to fight each other multiple times. The fighting lasted for about two hours with plenty of hydration breaks.

Now as a fighter I tend to highlight the combat portion of events, but there were also some Arts and Science activities taking place within the domicile. The women folk were using the time to get some last minute sewing done for Arabian Knights and showing off Period wedding pictures. I felt my testosterone level dropping so had to quickly make an exit.

I would like to personally thank everyone who made it to the event. I feel that we have really started to develop strong ties with the other members of the Shire as well as the folks of Arenal and surrounding areas.

(Thomas)

**Seneschal Vote** - The vote for Seneschal took place Wednesday 28 June. The Shire attendance was as follows:

Nordyck  
Gabiella  
Refr  
Juliana  
Larian  
Roland  
Thomas

Both Candidates (Gabrielle and Juliana) had the opportunity to speak about their experience, their vision/goals for the Shire, and answer questions from the populous. The Kingdom representatives were Lady Odindisa and Lady Regina. They were very helpful and explained how the Kingdom was going to help the Shire with its first steps and help get us thriving again. The analogy was made to the fact that the PG Shire is currently on life support and the Kingdom is working to make us healthy again. No time line was given, but since we are starting from scratch with no officers, Kingdom will allow the new Seneschal time to get the appropriate volunteers for the positions needed to run a shire. This is a very exciting time and I feel that good things are coming our way. I would not be surprised to see the first Shire event run by the end of this year!

**Latest update on the election** - Lady Gabrielle was elected Seneschal and will be working with kingdom for a short time before PG is taken off its probation status. We will give her our full support in rebuilding the shire.

(Thomas)

**Arabian Knights** -

Whew! The fighting was good. The folks of Arenal were excellent hosts and put on a great event.

There were two heavy list tourneys held and Larian and I fought in both of them with Godfrey helping us don and doff our armor as needed. A firelight wheel of death tourney was held Friday night. The weapon choices were sword and buckler, great sword, great axe, shield and axe, shield and sword, and two swords; needless to say that there were many of us fighting with weapons we had never picked up before and the luck of the draw was the deciding factor for many of the bouts. The fighting lasted until almost midnight. After the fighting we drank home brew, mead and smoked our pipes well into the wee hours of the early morning.

The morning came far too early and with throbbing heads Larian and I donned our armor once again. Saturday's Tourney was a standard sword and shield affair for most. There were a few brave souls who tried their luck with Florentine or axe and sword (they did not last long). Larian and I both stuck with our trusty sword and shield. The fighting was fierce with some of the best fighters in the area taking part. Even so, Larian managed to survive many rounds ending up in 5<sup>th</sup> place over all! Huzzah Larian!!

I would like to say a special thanks to Lord Brennan, Rose, and Juliana who graced us with their presence and provided support at the event.

**Hail to our newest full fledged Household member** - Roland De Wahul of Bedfordshire

### **Up and coming events:**

**July 20<sup>th</sup>** – Household Event