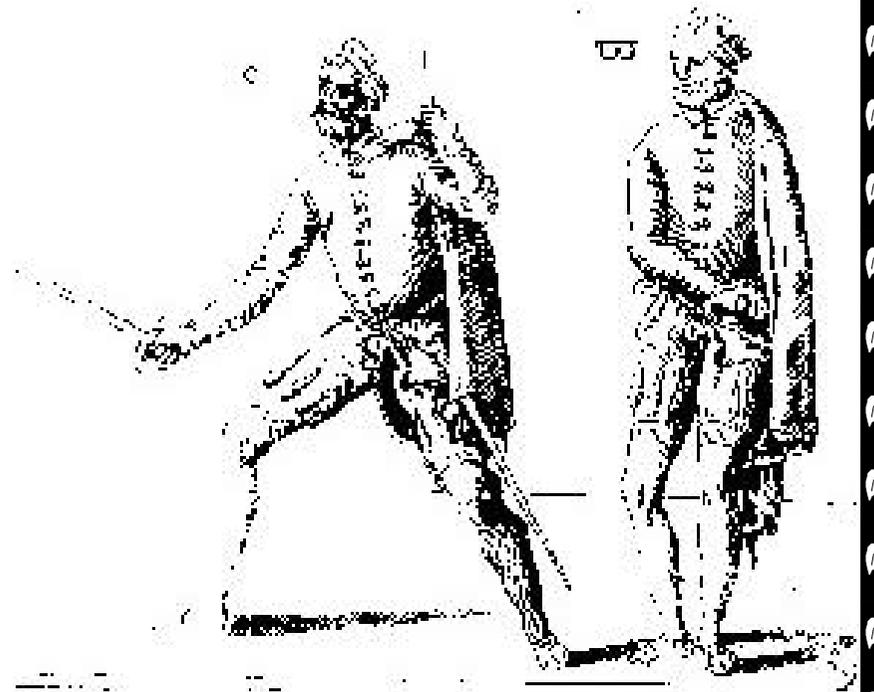


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Newsletter of The Royal Guild of Fence



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From the Editor

Hi everyone,

Firstly, apologies for there being no April issue. Unfortunately Rowany Festival preparation and recovery got the better of me. However, there was much rapier activity at Rowany festival and I've been promised some articles for Punta 'Dritta by various fencers in Lochac *hint hint*

To try and get this publication a bit more on schedule I have set the following due dates for submissions.

All submissions must be in by the 25th of the preceding month (ie. If you want the article in the June issue it has to reach me by May 25th).

Later submissions may make it in, but I can't promise anything. Anything that doesn't make an issue on time will go into the next issue.

Please send submissions otherwise I will have to making things up by myself and who knows what silliness that could lead to.

This issue has some very good information on armouring requirements from Michael of Castle Keep. We also have an article on the History of Fencing in the SCA by Don Tivar Moondragon. An interesting read for those interested in how this whole thing got started and how far we've come.

Till the next issue,
Artemisia da Quietto d'Arzenta

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From the Kingdom Rapier Marshal

Basic Armoring

Many of you have requested some clarification on how to properly secure a mask to your head. To begin, you must secure the mask below the chin of the mask in order to keep the bib down. So it's best if you secure a tie just below the chin on the bib on either side and then tie it in back once you have the mask on. Variations on this that don't allow any play will work too. The most important thing to remember is that if a blade is caught under your bib there needs to be something holding it down.

Under your mask there are two other important bits of armor to concern yourself with. First is the back of the head/neck protection which is best supplied by a hood. The advantages of a penetration resistant hood compared to something which attaches directly to the mask is that the hood moves with your head and won't gap significantly the way many other designs will.

Second is of course the gorget, or rigid throat protection. This is required to cover the front of the neck so that any shot which lands will have its force distributed to your collar bone. Leather is generally a bad material for this as it naturally flexes (and gets worse when wet with sweat). In the throat area you want to make sure that the hollow of your throat, all the way up past your Adams Apple is covered. I recommend using one as high as is comfortable and thus as close to your jaw bone as possible. Behind this must be some padding or a hood to provide some space and minor cushioning against a blow. While a hood may not intuitively seem like good impact protection it will actually help disperse the force of the blow. On the back of the neck you must also cover the base of your neck and the cervical vertebra. These are easily identified because they form a bump at the base of your neck. It's typically a 3 inch long area that you'll need to cover. The reason for this is simple, if one of these is damaged significantly you'll never fence again... Last, you must be sure that the gorget will not slide forward or backward on your shoulders and expose your throat, or move sideways enough to put any

pressure on your throat. This fit requirement is to protect from a shot that simply slams your gorget into your neck and causes blunt force trauma to you despite it being in the way.

If you have any questions on this please contact your area or group marshal for help in designing or inspecting your armor.

Have fun and be Safe!

Michael

Updated Rules

Greetings,

We will soon have an updated set of rules. Three of the changes that you can expect are:

1. There will no longer be any requirement to train first with fiberglass unless you wish to. All blades will stay equivalent on the field.
2. I am working on adding some form of melee to our program (preferably in experimental form). This is not yet finalized, so please don't get your hopes up!
3. If melee is implemented it will be implemented slowly and with a new melee authorization.

The Earl Marshal and I hope to have these rules published as soon as we can. I'll post a notice to the list as soon as they're official. In the meantime please continue to use our current rules as nothing significant will change besides those items listed above.

Yours in Service,

Michael

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From Michael of Castle Keep, Courtier to the Crown of the West

Hello to everyone I met at Rowany Festival, I want to thank you all for a wonderful experience! I enjoyed meeting you all and had a great time getting to fence with many of you. I had some very challenging opponents as well as some educational ones. Lochac has a great asset in it's rapier community!

To those Provosts who played in my Prize I wish to extend my deepest thanks to you for your participation and assistance in helping not only me, but the whole rapier community to be represented well. Our efforts were noticed by many people and appreciated by everyone I spoke to! Anyone who aspires to become a Provost would be well served by talking to and training with the Provosts I went up against. I can guarantee you that it's not as easy as it looks to play with your food before you eat it! Although they made it look VERY easy to drink quite a bit of wine that evening...

As you will have noticed, we did our best to carry out the drama and seriousness of the Prize while having a bit of fun along the way. This wouldn't have been possible without the forethought and planning of Their Lordships Baron Francois and Dameon Greybeard. They truly made it come alive for me making it a very meaningful event. Thank you.

For those of you interested in reading further, I've written a few snippets from my perspective regarding the Prize and it's highlights.

It all started with me "warming up" with the Provosts...They were all skill-full opponents, but Tariq stood out. In our bouts he kept pushing and playing a sniping game. After the second touch he got on me I decided that this game was over and moved up a notch. It was great to later hear Tariq recounting that experience, saying something to the effect of, "I came on guard, blinked, realized I'd been hit, fell down... and died in the dark." I hope he knows it's the highest compliment I can give someone on the field when I have to move up a level like that!

Once through the Provosts they kindly allowed me a few minutes to rest which I was grateful for. We then moved on with Dameon and Francois testing me....for those of you who may not have seen Dameon going full speed in the first Guild Master round I'm sorry you missed it. Not only did he get things off on the right foot....He Scared Me! I haven't had anyone come at me with that much intensity and intention in a Long time. I just hope his leg is feeling better by now... After that it was fun and educational to be tested in the seven different forms by them both. We all got in some great shots and sometimes caught each other napping. I can honestly say that I can learn a lot from them both when given the opportunity. Specifically, I commend Francois and Dameon on their humbling demonstration of skill with case of rapier and cane respectively. At the end Her Majesty asked us to answer an age old question...That being, "Which is better, width or length?" To determine this I was given a cooking spoon as was Francois and Dameon (I can't remember which one I had...width or length) as well as my trusty dagger. To be honest, I can't remember which one came out on top (although it was mine), but I do remember Francois' look when he was given the pizza board to fight with (I was given both of the small spoons as a handicap). I've never seen such stoicism! The final outcome was of course inevitable....It's not size that counts, it's how you use it. Being able to demonstrate this while using dagger was great fun since it's very clean or Really messy. We were all fortunate that the bouts were clean and fun. Her Majesty seemed pleased by my demonstration as well as by my answers to her questions so she proceeded to re-affirm my station as a Courtier in Her Court (To my great delight!).

As you can see, I had a great time! I hope everyone who was there did too. I look forward to seeing you all again next year at Rowany!

Your humble servant to the Dream,
Michael

rapier, rapier and baton, and rapier and parrying gauntlet, against Provost Angus the Barbarian, Provost Caleb Adolphus, Provost Silfren the Singer, Provost Alessandro di Fiorenzi and The Crown's Courtier Michael of Castle Keep. This Prize was played at Rowany Festival on the afternoon of Saturday the 14th of April.

Michael of Castle Keep, under the invitation of Their Majesties Connor and Isa, Crown of the West, and in the presence of Her Majesty, did successfully play His Courtier's prize and was confirmed to that rank. His Prize was played using rapier, rapier and dagger, case of rapier, rapier and cloak, rapier and baton, rapier and parrying gauntlet, and rapier and buckler, against Baron Francois Guyon Lord Guildmaster and Ancient Guild Master Dameon Greybeard. This Prize was played at Rowany Festival on the afternoon of Sunday the 15th of April.

All Prizes were Played in a manner which brought honour to the Guild.
In service to our Royal Guild
Provost ibn Jelal
Long Live the Crown.

Upcoming Prizes

None listed.

Recent Prizes

Greetings to all,

Be it known that the following free scholars have successfully played their prize for journeyman:

Journeyman Miguel de la Corazon Sagrado

Journeyman Sylvia Hanora O'Conner

Journeyman Gregor the Quiet

Journeyman Rory MacNyall

They played their prizes in the most adverse of conditions howling wind and downpouring rain the night they arrived cold and blustery the day of the event,(Fendrake Marsh War)

As their instructing Provost I very proud of them all.

Lord Fergus MacTighearnain
Provost Royal Guild of Fence

Be it known to all who profess skill at arms that:

Aeddan ap Andraes, whom was sponsored by Provost ibn Jelal, did successfully play his Free Scholars Prize and was admitted to that rank. His Prize was played using single sword, against Free Scholar Basil of Politarchopolis, Free Scholar Alfred the Lef and Provost Angus the Barbarian. This Prize was played at Rowany Festival on the afternoon of Saturday the 14th of April.

Alfred the Lef, whom was sponsored by Provost Caleb Adolphus, did successfully play his Journeyman's prize and was admitted to that rank. His Prize was played using rapier and dagger, case of rapier, and rapier and baton, against Journeyman Henry the Fox, Journeyman Ragau of St Augustine and Provost Alessandro di Fiorenzi. This Prize was played at Rowany Festival on the afternoon of Saturday the 14th of April.

Henry the Fox, whom was sponsored by Ancient Guildmaster Edmund the Lame, did successfully play his Provost's Prize and was admitted to that rank. His Prize was played using rapier, rapier and dagger, case of

Dueling stories of the 16th Century From the French of Brantome

by George H Powell (AH Bullen 1904)

These stories are my paraphrasing of his paraphrasing of Brantome. They are various strange true tales of duels that were fought in the 16thC, showing the rules and customs.

- Silfren the Singer

A duel with strange weapons

Two men of Corsica fought a duel in the late autumn. For armour they had sleeveless jackets of mail over an ordinary shirt with no coat or jack, and fought with a sword apiece. They had morions on their heads, and fastened to each helmet a short sharp dagger!

This was a fancy of the smaller man, who thought himself the weaker and feared the other man's skill at wrestling if they closed.

They entered the lists with all due ceremony and fell to, exchanging many blows with no result. The stronger man closed with his enemy and brought him to the ground. The smaller man fell undermost, but his opponent couldn't gain much advantage as he broke his arm when he fell.

So they lay on the ground, pecking at each other's arms and necks and faces with the blades mounted on their morions, until they were both bleeding from many ghastly wounds and could move no more.

They fought like brave men, but finally their seconds separated them, with neither having gained any honour or advantage over the other.

One of them died a month later, and the other nearly died of sheer grief as they were close friends before their quarrel and had been reconciled afterwards and forgiven one another.

A History of Rapier Combat in the SCA

By Don Tivar Aloondragon

A caveat: this is from my perspective; based on my memory and material in the Society Rapier Marshallate files. As such, I'm sure there are things that I've either forgotten, or was never aware of in the first place.

The Birthplace of Rapier Combat

That depends on how you define it. There were bouts fought at the First Tournament, using foils and modern fencing rules. Rapier combat in some form persisted on the fringes of the SCA as the organization grew. At my first tournament, in November of AS X (1975), there was a "swashbuckling list"; it was one of the things that attracted me to the SCA. Arguably, I was the one who pushed hardest for rapier combat in Ansteorra, although there were also groups in the East, the Outlands and Atenveldt (possibly other places, but those I know for sure).

In September of AS XIV (1979), the Board officially recognized rapier fighting as an ancillary activity of the SCA, so that date could also be used.

Chronology

Several kingdoms never officially recognized rapier combat, it just grew. I guess you could define "official recognition" as when their first set of rules was approved, but I know there was fighting in Atenveldt (when Ansteorra and the Outlands were still principalities) for years before there were any "official" rules. The same is true for the East.

Also, some groups had rules and organized tournaments well before the BoD approval in 1979. Another factor is that in some areas (like Atlantia and Trimaris) rapier combat started, died out, and started again.

College War College of St. Malachy

29th June—3rd July 2001

Glenfield Scout Camp, Cambridge Ave, Glenfield NSW Australia

Rapier Information

Rapier Tourney—1:00pm Saturday.

Tourney style TBA

Novelty Rapier Tourney—2:00pm Monday

This will be held on Monday afternoon for a bit of entertainment. The requirement to enter this tourney is a hand puppet which you will wear in your offhand. The object of the tourney is to kill your opponents hand puppet. You may defend with the hand puppet, but it will be killed if you do anything that would ordinarily lose you your hand. Your hand puppet may taunt your opponents hand puppet, in fact, this is encouraged. Points will be awarded as follows: 2 points for defeating a hand puppet, 1 point for killing your opponent. There will be a prize for the best hand puppet, as chosen by the spectators (based on its appearance and taunting). Hand puppets must be made from non-rigid materials (ie. No metal gauntlets. Fabric or light leather is fine). The puppet must still cover your hand in accordance to the fencing rules.

Price list

Whole event: \$85 before 1st June, \$95 at the door.

Weekend only: \$65 before 1st June, \$75 at the door.

Feast only: \$20 Ball only: \$10. Day rate (inc. lunch): \$10.

Non-members \$5 extra.

Bookings only accepted with payment or deposit of \$20 (refundable up to 1st June). Make cheques/money orders payable to "UOW Medieval Society". See website for more info:

<http://web.one.net.au/~blaeney/collegewar/cw8.html>

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and prizes for Honor, Chivalry, and Style/Beauty will be presented in the shade.

Date/time: 9:00 a.m. Saturday, July 7, 2001 and site fee will be two dollars, under 14 free.

Directions to Carmichael Park: From the North, take I-5 South to Sacramento and merge onto US-50 East. From the South, take either I-5 or Hwy 99 North to Sacramento and merge onto US-50. From the East, take US-50 West to Sacramento. From the West (the Mists), take I-80 East to Sacramento and merge onto US-50. Take the Watt Avenue North exit and continue on Watt over the river to Fair Oaks Boulevard. Turn Right onto Fair Oaks Boulevard and continue on past "the curve" as it takes you all the way to Carmichael Park on your left at the corner of Fair Oaks Boulevard and Grand Avenue. If you hit Manzanita where Fair Oaks makes a sharp right you're just a couple blocks too far. If you are coming to Sacramento via I-80 from the Northeast, take I-80 West toward Sacramento and exit at Madison Avenue to the left, in the a northeast direction. Continue on Madison until you take a right on Manzanita. Continue on Manzanita until it turns into Fair Oaks Boulevard. The Park will be on your right at the corner Fair Oaks and Grant Avenue.

May 1966

First SCA tournament. Some bouts fought using modern fencing rules and equipment.

AS III or IV (1969)

Poul Anderson mentions "some people are experimenting with rapier and dagger" in a fanzine article about the SCA. ("Richard the Lionhearted is Alive and Well in California")

November AS X (1975)

My first event, in Bjornsborg (San Antonio TX). I fought in a "swashbuckling list"--modern fencing rules, *no* armor requirements beyond a fencing mask, about 7 fighters. In the car on the way home, I said to myself "This could be fun, if it was done right". I started researching period sources and fighting styles.

November AS XI (1976)

Tournament of the Queen's Grace in Bjornsborg. Things were still in their infancy. Due to the cold weather, the rapier list was canceled, but we fought a couple of demo bouts for the King and Queen of Atenveldt.

March AS XI (1977)

The Society Marshal, Andrew of Seldom Rest issues a ban on all "kendo, wrestling, fencing and archery at human targets." I start a letter-writing campaign to get the ban lifted.

June AS XII (1977)

Duke Andrew issues the first (as far as I know) set of SCA rapier fighting rules. They are about ¾ of a page long, and extremely primitive.

September AS XII (1977)

I become deputy marshal for rapier combat for the Barony of the Stargate (Houston TX). At this point, there are maybe two or three dozen rapier fighters in the Texas area; there's also a group in Colorado and one in Phoenix.

November AS XII (1977)

Ansteorra becomes a Principality, I am named Principality rapier marshal.

December AS XIII (1978)

Investiture of Simonn and Tessa as Prince and Princess of Ansteorra. They ask me to put together a proposal for an award to recognize rapier fighters.

March AS XIII (1979)

First White Scarf made.

May AS XIV (1979)

First Ansteorran Crown Tourney. During a rapier list on Sunday, a fighter's epee breaks. It looks like his opponent was hit in the armpit, but closer examination shows it's just a bruise, the skin was not broken. Nevertheless, I am asked by the Earl Marshal to develop better armor standards--something that will stop a broken blade. (With Ansteorra's elevation to kingdom, I'm now the Kingdom Rapier Marshal.)

June AS XIV (1979)

Experimentation shows that 4-oz leather will stop broken blades. I rewrite the rules accordingly.

August AS XIV (1979)

As a result of rumors about the broken blade and "serious injury" in May, Atenveldt bans rapier combat. The Society Marshal, Earl Kevin Perigryne, decides to bring the matter up to the Board.

September AS XIV (1979)

I attend the Board meeting, and persuade them that rapier combat can be done safely in the SCA. the Board makes a Governing and Policy Decision to allow rapier fighting as an ancillary activity of the SCA.

October AS XIV (1979)

Earl Kevin publishes a set of SCA-wide rapier rules, based on the existing Ansteorran rules. These rules are the basis for all subsequent SCA rules. Although the wording has changed several times, the basic elements are almost the same to this day.

March AS XIV (1980)

First Ansteorran Queen's Champion Tournament, beginning of a tradition. Thirty or forty fighters compete.

August AS XV (1980)

I attend my first Pennsic (#9). I met about a dozen rapier fighters from the East, their fighting style was quite different from what we were doing in Ansteorra: sort of saber-fencing using epee blades.

February AS XVI (1982)

Alaric Greythorne introduces the first Trigger-cloth armor.

January AS XVII (1983)

First Academy of the Rapier held in Ansteorra.

January AS XVII (1983)

An Tir publishes their first set of rapier rules, using fiberglass buggy whips instead of steel fencing blades.

January AS XX (1986)

First Trimarian rapier rules. Don Robin and Baroness Adelia had moved to Trimaris sometime in 1985. They organized a rapier group

Mont d Or Rapier Championship

Yes...it's that time of year again...time for the Mont'd Or Rapier Championship. The date will be Saturday May 19th. It will be held in Auburn, CA (the directions are in the May Page .. or you can e-mail me for them). Yours Truly will again be the RMIC. Come and try to stop Provost Fergus as he tries to win the Champion's Sash That GMoF Justin won last year. This is a fun tourney folks and the people of Mont'd Or really like and support the rapier fighters of the West. Hope to see you all there.

Take care,

AGMoF Coronado

Golden Rivers Rapier Championship Tournament and Revel!

Hear Ye all that the Province of Golden Rivers shall host a Championship Rapier Tournament upon the 7th Day of July. On this day, there shall be crossing of steel, honor upon the field, reveling galore and the naming of the first Golden Rivers Rapier Champion!

Armor inspection will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. List entry will close and the double elimination tournament will commence at 10:30 a.m. (Aye, the times are stiff to keep fighting away from the heat of the day - so be early). Bouts will be decided by first kill or concession; however, bouts may be decided at the drawing of first blood upon agreement of both rapier fighters.

After the finals, we encourage you to picnic in the shade and a barbecue will be fired up for you to grill whatever you wish to bring for your midday reveling pleasure. Pick up fights will be had for those undaunted by the sun. It will be hot, so please be aware of the heat and keep well hydrated throughout the day. Cool water and Gatorade will be provided by the province.

In the latter afternoon, the Golden Rivers Champion will be recognized

I step down as Deputy Society Marshal for Rapier Combat. Don Giovanni di Fiamma from Trimaris is my replacement.

November AS XXXIII (1998)

An Tir hosts the fifth Known World Academy of the Rapier.

March 10, AS XXXIII (1999)

Twentieth anniversary of the Order of the White Scarf.

July AS XXXIV (1999)

Ansteorra begins a Youth Rapier Program, allowing kids of 12 and older to compete against other kids.

November AS XXXIV (1999)

Atlantia hosts the sixth Known World Academy of the Rapier

Spring, AS XXXIV (2000)

The reigning King of Trimaris, King and Queen of Caid, Queen of the Outlands and Queen of Ansteorra *all* happen to be members of their respective kingdoms' Orders of the White Scarf. Although there have been White Scarves sitting the throne before, this is the largest number at any one time.

Awards

As of this writing, there are White Scarves in Ansteorra, the Outlands, Trimaris, An Tir, Atenveldt, Atlantia, Caid, Aethelmearc and Artemisia. I believe all of these carry a Grant of Arms.

The East has the Order of the Golden Rapier, which was briefly allied with the White Scarves, but the treaty was abrogated by their Crown in October of 1996. They also have the "Gold Cords" which are unofficial awards, more like guild rankings than anything else.

The Middle Kingdom has the Order of the Cavendish Knot and the Order of the Bronze Ring.

Ansteorra has the Award of the Queen's Rapier.

Caid has the Order of the Duelist.

Drachenwald has the Order of the Dragon's Steel.

I *think* that's everybody.

Tivar Moondragon

Premier Member of the Order of the White Scarf

Champion to HRM Tessa of the Gardens

etc.

there, but it died out after they moved back to Ansteorra.

April-May AS XX-XXI (1986)

SCA Twentieth Year Celebration. A Rapier Academy is held as part of the event.

March AS XXI (1987)

Dons Iolo and Dupre demonstrate The Machine at Ansteorra's third Academy of the Rapier.

August AS XXII (1987)

Pennsic 16, The East Kingdom gives out the first of their Gold Cords.

Earliest set of Eastern rules in the files.

September AS XXII (1987)

Oldest set of Outlands rapier rules in the files. I *know* they were fighting rapier for quite a while before this, however, as they helped in the letter-writing campaign to Duke Andrew.

October AS XXII (1987)

Ansteorra and the Outlands sign the first White Scarf treaty.

July-August AS XXIII (1988)

Beginning of rapier fighting in the East Kingdom's Principality of Drachenwald.

December AS XXIII (1988)

Rapier group becoming organized in Atlantia.

January AS XXIII (1989)

Oldest set of Atenveldt rules in the files. As with the Outlands, I know there were rapier fighters there well before this date.

June AS XXIV (1989)

I attend the first Atlantian Academy of the Rapier. I believe this movement wilted, and re-started a couple of years later.

November AS XXIV (1989)

First mention in the files of schlager blades being used in Atenveldt.

January AS XXIV (1990)

The East Kingdom's Principality of Drachenwald inducts the first two rapier fighters into the Silver Guard, their Principality combat order.

August AS XXV (1990)

Pennsic 19, Crown Prince Dag of the Midrealm wanders past the rapier fighting area. He is asked what it would take to get rapier fighting accepted in the Middle Kingdom. He said "Maybe a petition with 200 signatures?"

October AS XXV (1990)

Trimaris re-starts rapier combat.

January AS XXV (1991)

John & Mairi, having recently moved to the Middle from Ansteorra, start a petition for rapier combat in the Middle Kingdom. With the help of Baron Ælfred and others, in a few months they have their 200 signatures and more.

March AS XXV (1991)

SCA Twenty-fifth Year Celebration. The rapier area sees lots of action, with fighters from throughout the Known World participating in classes, informal discussion groups, and kingdom-sponsored tournaments.

July AS XXVI (1991)

Don Robin of Gilwell from Ansteorra travels to the Midrealm to demonstrate rapier fighting. This is the beginning of the Middle's highly successful "rent-a-Don" program, where various experts are brought in from other kingdoms to help teach rapier fighting.

August AS XXVI (1991)

Oldest set of Caidian rules in the files. Strongly based on the Atenveldt rules, using epee and schlager.

November AS XXVI (1991)

Calontir begins discussing rapier combat.

June AS XXVII (1992)

Trimaris signs on to the White Scarf Treaty, at the first Gulf War.

August AS XXVII (1992)

East Kingdom makes the first 14 Companions of the Golden Rapier, an award from the Crown recognizing fencing.

March AS XXVII (1993)

Rapier rules approved for the West Kingdom's Principality of Lochac, using fiberglass blades.

August AS XXVIII (1993)

Meridies writes a set of experimental schlager-based rapier rules. Unfortunately, the following Crown cancels the experiment before it really gets off the ground.

December AS XXVIII (1993)

Calontir holds a kingdom-wide meeting on rapier combat. The proposed weapons are fiberglass blades, and the technique includes slashing. The Crown's decision, published in March of 1994, is that they will not allow rapier combat.

April AS XXVIII (1994)

Middle Kingdom hosts first Known World Academy of the Rapier, in

Chicago. Also, Middle fully allows rapier combat.

June AS XXIX (1994)

Atenveldt and An Tir join the White Scarf Treaty.

April AS XXIX (1995)

Second Known World Academy of the Rapier, in Phoenix.

June AS XXX (1995)

Rapier rules approved for the West Kingdom's Principality of Oertha, using steel blades.

January AS XXX (1996)

Meridies begins a year-long "rapier experiment." It is abruptly canceled in November, after an injury in Trimaris.

January AS XXX (1996)

Atlantia joins the White Scarf Treaty.

August AS XXXI (1996)

West Kingdom bans all rapier combat by Royal Proclamation.

October AS XXXI (1996)

Third Known World Academy of the Rapier, in Dallas.

November AS XXXI (1996)

Caid joins the White Scarf Treaty.

May AS XXXII (1997)

West Kingdom signs the "unified rules" they are promptly suspended for further study by the following Crown. Also, East Kingdom hosts Fourth Known World Academy of the Rapier, in western Massachusetts.

June AS XXXII (1997)

West Kingdom allows rapier fighting using *only* fiberglass blades.

August AS XXXII (1997)

Meridies begins their third rapier experiment, again using schlager only.

October AS XXXII (1997)

The new kingdom of Æthelmearc joins the White Scarf Treaty, and makes their first members.

January AS XXXII (1998)

The new kingdom of Artemisia joins the White Scarf Treaty and makes their first members.

February AS XXXII (1998)

Introduction of the Del Tin "practice rapier" blades.

May AS XXXIII (1998)

West kingdom allows schlager blades in addition to fiberglass blades.

July AS XXXIII (1998)