



# The RivenSTAR

*Quarterly*

**MOONWULF WELCOMES YOU TO  
ANOTHER ANNUAL  
PUN PARTY  
MONDAY, OCTOBER  
29TH**



(The party will replace the business meeting that week.)

## Purdue University Students Enjoy a Taste of the Current Middle Ages

By Marian of Rivenstar

Purdue University serves as the central fixture for meeting and activities for the Barony of Rivenstar and gives us (members of the SCA) a unique outlet for exposure. Several Barony members participated in both the Boiler Gold Rush Activities Fair and the PSUB Activities Carnival (see related stories on their adventures)

Ultimately, the evening of the Club Call-out is the chance for members to make the Barony's Rivenstar shine. And that it did on Wednesday, August 29th at the Purdue Armory. The Call-out attracted some 20 or so students who were treated to the best of the Barony. Of course heavy weapons and rapier practices drew the attention of most of the students, several of who were in loaner garb by the end of the evening.

But, the gentler arts had their following as well. The Madrigal Choir performed three pieces, voices swelling in almost-harmonious song. They were joined by several students (who had attended specifically to join the choir) for a fourth piece. (story continued on page 6 - see Call-out)

## Barony Members Attract Attention At Activities Carnival

By Marian of Rivenstar as related by Pieter van Doorn

It was a hot August afternoon in West Lafayette during the Purdue Freshman Activities Carnival when Pieter van Doorn was attracted by the sounds of the Purdue Varsity Glee Club performance. He was there to help man the Purdue Medieval Society's table, which means that he was in mail and garb with sword in scabbard. In other words, very noticeable and pretty impressive. Together with Dancemistriss Elspeth of Rivenstar they handed out interest cards to students attending the fair. Being really interested in the Glee Club he made his way up to the front and stood directly behind the director Brian Breed so as to hear the performance better. Then came the moment of truth. Director Breed turned to the crowd looking for a volunteer and being rather noticeable, Pieter was an obvious choice. He was asked to direct the Glee Club in singing "Hail Purdue." Director Breed did not know whom he chose, nor that Pieter knew anything about directing and of course the Glee Club could have sung that song in their sleep said Pieter but all the same, he gave his best effort and was amply rewarded by Director Breed who said, "You've (story continued on Page 6 see Carnival)

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**Regular Weekly Activities Info**

**Mondays**

7:00 pm - Madrigal Choir Rehearsal  
 8:00 pm - Baronial Business Meetings  
 Held in the Stewart Center, PMU South Tower or PMU 118  
 See Purdue schedule for room location (subject to change)

**Tuesdays**

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Archery Practice  
 Held at the Purdue Practice fields by the Airport  
 Contact Lady Arnora Snorradottir  
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**Wednesdays**

8:00 pm - Heavy and Rapier Fighter Practice  
 Held at the Purdue Armory on Campus  
 Contact Lady Marina da Fiore  
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**More Activities!**

**Equestrian Practices** start in the Spring, weather permitting, and are usually held twice a month on Sunday afternoons from 1-4 pm.

**Drum Practices** will be held on either Tuesday or Thursday evenings at the Morton Community Center. Check the Rivenstar website and email list for updates.  
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**Business Meeting Notes:**

Monday, August 27, 2007

The meeting was held in the South Tower

**Officer Reports:**

Herald—Nothing new

Archery—Practice tomorrow (Tues. 8/28)

Chronicler—Next issue will be out mid-Sept.

Keep sending any news of interest.

Seneschal—Wed. (8/29) is club call-out. Wear your spiffies. Bring A&S projects. Madrigals and Dancers will perform. Setup will be 7:30—7:45 in the Armory.

Next Monday is Labor Day—no meeting but we’ll have a gathering and see who shows up.

Dance and Garb night will be the first Monday after Labor Day (9/9).

Monday, September 10, 2007

The meeting was held in Stewart Rm. 204

**Event Reports:**

**Francoise** reported on the 26th Annual Maryland Renaissance Festival—There were 20 stages, all busy. The site was beautiful. They had a great time.

**Takaya** reported that she, Pieter, Nan and Amy took 3 horses to Havoc in Hastings at Flaming Gryphon and **Rivenstar won the War Chest** while **Pieter** came in **5th in fencing**.

**Rowan** reported that Harvest Days Tournament of Chivalry was lots of fun and the feast was excellent.

**Gallien** reported that many members of the barony attended MKOAD. **Elsbeth** enjoyed Duchess Sabini’s Elizabethan Amusements class.

**Amalie** learned to needle lace. All reported that the event was well attended right through closing on Sunday.

**Officer Reports:**

A&S—War report is late, send your info in to Dani ASAP

Herald— Report due at end of month. Send info to Janusz

Marshal—practice as usual

Archery—held Tues 5:30 to too dark

Equestrian—nothing to announce. Horses just shod so no general riding until Spring

Exchequer—no change

Chatelain—if you need garb see Rocky. Cary Camp

Demo is Fri. 9/21 & Sat 9/22

Chronicler—newsletter ready to go as soon as we have dates for Christmas Court and Pun Party

Madrigals—are trying something ambitious for Christmas Court. Next week rehearsal is for sopranos and altos only.

Dance—This Sunday (9/16) from 2-4 Pm in South Tower. Further schedule is forthcoming, check web-site. Dancing right after meeting tonight.

Chirurgion — Best “injury limited” war in 17 years.

Beestings were the biggest issue in the Rivenstar Camp

Sceneschal—Gallien would like to step down. If anyone is interested, please contact him.

Youth—Caitrina of Dark Horse volunteered to be our new Rivenstar Youth Minister. Yeah, we now have a Youth Minister!

**Discussion:**

**Rowan** (Purdue Medieval Society President) brought up several topics. There is a policy of Student use of University vehicles. Some discussion of possible uses, pros and cons. She’ll look into it further. There is \$440 in the student account. She would like us to think about a Fall or more likely, Spring event such as a Renaissance Faire or Madrigal Dinner.

**Amalie** (Vice Pres.) went to a student assembly and brought back resource information for T-shirts, magnets etc. Would like to see at least the students have Rivenstar T-shirts or water bottles.

**Ivan** is the Treasurer of the student organization

**Christmas Court**—Lady Angelina Tracy will look into renting the usual location. We are trying for December 8th. Keep the date open.

At-a-boys go out to the Rivenstar Five man Melee Team. Leo, Janusz, Adam, Aendrue and Pieter made it to the Quarter Finals at Pennsic. Way to go!

## Constellation Regional Champion is from Rivenstar

By Marian of Rivenstar

Bravo Adam MacAoidh. In April he won the Constellation Regional Champion Tourney at Melee in the Woods, and the right of wear the Champion's Sash. The tourney was first introduced by Baron Warder Adam Comyn whom Adam MacAoidh had to best in the semi-finals. Adam had to go best out of three with Lord Aendru in the final round to claim the title. He is the fourth person from Rivenstar to wear the sash. This honor allowed him to fight in the Champion's Tourney at Pennsic XXXVI where he won his bout. He fought so impressively and behaved so honorably that his opponent, a Baroness of the East Kingdom, was suitably impressed and bestowed upon him a ring taken from her own finger.



## WORD SEARCH

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- MADRIGAL
- RAPIER
- SCIENCE
- SENE SCHAL
- SIEGE
- TREBUCHET
- WEBMINISTER

## Upcoming Boy Scout Demo at Cary Camp, Fri. & Sat. September 21 & 22

Rivenstar Chatelaine Lady Marilynde of the Rocks (Rocky) invites all available Barony members to participate in a Boy Scout demo at Franklin L. Cary Camp located at 2686 State Rd. 26 East, Lafayette. On Friday evening they are planning a feast (snack) and would like entertainment. Madrigal singers and Purdue jugglers were asked to attend. On Saturday, people are needed for everything from providing appropriate local color to giving classes. Anyone interested in helping with craft work such as calligraphy or in participating in combat is welcome. The theme for the boys aged 12 to 18 years is "learning to be a good Page." The idea being that there is much more to knighthood than fighting. They would like to have a trebuchet if possible. Class sessions will be approximately 45 min. round robin style. If interested please contact Rocky.



## An Unlooked For Bounty—Generosity Abounds

By Elspeth of Rivenstar

On one of the few cool mornings at Pennsic War, I was walking back up from the lake when a lady called out to me.

"Milady, are you one of the singers?" I thought she was asking if I sang in some official capacity, so I replied that I was not.

"I do sing on occasion and I know people who sing, is there any way I can help you?" I inquired as she seemed disappointed.

"I have a book, "Songs of the Lady Troubadours", which I would like to give to someone who can appreciate it."

"That sounds quite fascinating. I would love such a book," I said astounded. She began looking through her tent. First, she found another book. She apologized for making me wait. "Milady, I am more than willing to wait for anyone who would bring a library to war."

And that is how Judith of the Dark Horde gave me a book.



## Summer in Aethelmarc

By Briana of Rivenstar

I spent my summer as a Girl Scout camp counselor/assistant riding director in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Two of the other people at the camp were in the SCA, the assistant camp director and the riding director. One week we had a program called "Princess and Pony". We had much fun dressing in garb and teaching Brownies about medieval life and horses. Rhiannon the Banshee (the riding director) took me to a Barony of the Endless Hills fighter practice. I was surprised to find out that they use epees and I had to borrow one because schlager is a different authorization and none of the people there were authorized for schlager. I had lots of fun.

## Your Story Here

Please help your local Chronicler

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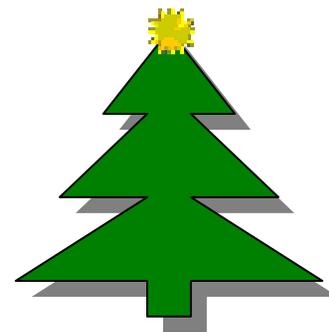
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Or better yet, catch me at meeting or fighter practice!

Come One, Come All!

## Rivenstar's Annual Christmas Court

Check the website for date & location



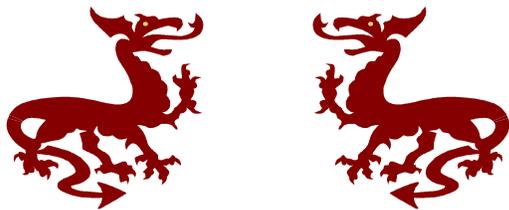
Calling all Baronial members near and far. It is time to gather together to celebrate! Bring your favorite covered dish and/or beverage to share with the Barony. Court and entertainment will follow the feast. Dancing and revelry will follow Court.

## Madrigal Singers On A Reunion Tour

By Marian of Rivenstar

After a lengthy hiatus, the new and improved Rivenstar Madrigal Singers are BACK. With one mere one-hour rehearsal the members made a triumphant debut at the Club Call-out on Wednesday, August 29. Before an admiring crowd of several, they gave it their all. Pieter van Doorn directed and was ably assisted by Eirinn nan Eillean, whose main role is keeping the director in line and keeping the members on key (plus singing a beautiful soprano).

The Madrigal Singers are looking for new members to make a joyful noise unto the Barony. If interested, contact Pieter at sirpieter@juno.com. Rehearsals are at 7:00 PM on Monday evenings, just prior to the weekly Baronial Business Meetings in whichever room the meeting is scheduled. Check the meeting schedule on the website.



### Carnival continued from Page 1

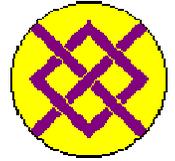
done this before!” When it came to the end, he assisted Pieter in the timing and holding of the notes so that Pieter as Director and the Glee Club actually ended at the same time!

Earlier during the performance, members of the Glee Club came out into the audience to serenade some of the female viewers. Each singer chose a lady to whom he would sing an endearing love song. Of course being a true Lady in every sense of the word. Elspeth attracted no less than five of these young gentlemen, who surrounded her on bended knee to render their song. She bestowed her admiration upon them with smiles all around as any proper lady would.

Later that day, Pieter was again singled out by the director of the Purdue Bell Choir who tapped him to play the high C bell during one performance. He held up admirably under the strain, missed the first note which did not occur until the 38th measure, but managed to hit all, or at least most of the rest of them, to again finish on time with the choir to rousing applause!

## Kudos to John Skinner of Rivenstar

By Marian of Rivenstar

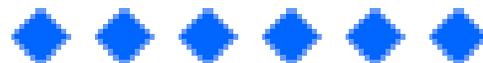


Congratulations go to John Skinner of Rivenstar on being granted the Award of the Purple Fret by TRM Bardolph and Brigh of the Middle Kingdom. He also was given The King’s Award of Excellence by HRM Gryffith FitzWilliam of the East. John Skinner kept busy over the entire two weeks he was at War, helping with coffee service, trash pickup and even monitoring the East Kingdom gate for a time. He also served as a volunteer sponsor for some impromptu AA meetings at 4:00 PM daily in Dennis the Decadent’s camp. Service is a reward in itself, but it sure is nice when someone notices. Well done John.



### Call-out continued from Page 1)

Dancemistress Elspeth of Rivenstar was on hand to lead experienced and new dancers through the steps of the Maltese Brawl and the Horse Brawl. Overcoming initial reluctance and shyness the students seemed to have a great time as all were laughing and smiling at the close of the demonstration. Many thanks to Warder Gallien Le Cavalier de l’Ile who called for the Maltese and Emil Allzuwissender who played the recorder to keep them all in time. Lady Giuliana Forniciari demonstrated one of her many talents, weaving silver wire into rope for jewelry. Arnora Snorradottir was on hand to speak to the students about archery and making chain mail. The Arts and Sciences displays represented drummers and bellydancers, calligraphers, embroidery, Ukrainian pysanky, bead making, weaponry and chain mail fabrication among others. It was an all out effort by the populace. Many thanks go to those who helped set up and plan the event.



Rivenstar welcomes Moira O’Doran for the Shire of the Great Gargoyles (Chicago area) who joined the Barony in July.