

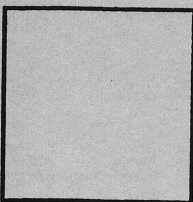
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NEWSLETTER OF THE
BARONY OF STORVIK



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UNTO THE GOOD PEOPLE OF STORVIK DO CORUN AND BRENNA, BARON AND BARONESS, SEND GREETINGS.

October has been a good month for the Storviki. Our warriors fought valiantly on the fields of the Pointless War. Oswulf the Grey won great renown as one of the King's Champions, besting his Eastern opponent. But wait, there's more....

Not only did Oswulf do well on the field, but in the King's Court that evening, he, Sean de la Mare and Aeros were given their Awards of Arms by the Cuan and Brigit, King and Queen of Atlantia. Let the populace know that Oswulf and Sean have shown great skill in arming, armouring and training the fighters of Storvik and the surrounding Baronies, Shires and Cantons, not only of Atlantia, but of the East as well, and this has won them great praise. This praise was brought to the ears of their Baron and Baroness, and they have brought great honour to our Barony. Vivat Lord Oswulf and Lord Sean! Aeros earned his Award of Arms for service rendered to both the East Kingdom and his new home of Atlantia. Vivat Lord Aeros! But not everything at Pointless was good. A gentle lady of Highland Foorde, fighting for Storvik, did take an injury. Lady Elena Prydydd had some ligaments in her sword arm torn during one of the battles. Such was her pain that Iacomo, the surgeon in charge, had to cut her out of her armour before she could be taken to the hospital. Glad were we to see her appear later that evening at the Royal Court. Her injuries, while very painful, were not so serious as to send her home. She is healing nicely now, and Baron Corun has charged that Oswulf and Sean repair or replace her damaged armour. So shall we look after all those who serve Storvik, whether Storviki or no.

After Pointless came the Challenge of the Seven Deadly Sins. If you missed this event, then you missed what we consider to have been the event of the year. The pageantry, the chivalry, all were awe inspiring. This is the kind of event which makes the SCA attractive to its members, the kind of event towards which we strive. The work and research done by all who participated was incredible to see. Master Karl von Nordmark and his Lady, Weslye Erlin, called Kharajin in the Dark Horde Moritu, put on a grand spectacle for all. Gentles from all over the kingdom took part, including our own Mistress Deirdre O'Siodhachain and Mistress Keilyn Fitzwarin, both of whom portrayed two of the seven Virtues for whom the challengers fought. We hope to see more of this kind of event in the coming months, and encourage all to at least attend if not actually participate.

The cold winds are coming now from the North, reminding us that warmth is something we should all think of. And what better warmth can one have than that given by a grand brew. Thus it is, that we encourage everyone in Storvik and the surrounding environs to join us at the upcoming Brewer's Exhibition on November 11. Bring your best beers, wines and cordials, or just come to sample the work of Atlantias brewers and vintners. Bask in the warmth of good company and a good glass.

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Baron Corun, as Dean of the College of Performing Arts for the University of Atlantia, reminds all teachers and students that Winter University is coming up the first weekend in December in Kapellenberg. All those interested in teaching a class in some aspect of the performing arts, please contact His Excellency at your earliest convenience. Anyone who is interested in taking a particular class should do the same, and perhaps your interest will generate the desired class.

While we are on the topic of the Arts and Sciences, let it be known that the first At Home of the month, held at the home of the Baron, and being the second Tuesday of each month, shall be designated as an Arts and Sciences night. No schedule is set at this time, but we would like to hear from you. If you have something to teach, or something you wish to learn, we encourage you to let us know what it is, even if it's only to gather to work on garb. Mistress Fevronia has begun having a Music Night at her home. She will be making an announcement as to which of the Tuesday nights opposite the At Homes will be open for this. We would also like to encourage the formation of Guilds of Artisans and Craftspeople in Storvik. This Barony has always been known for its rich tradition of supporting the Arts and Sciences, and we would like to continue that tradition. It is up to you to help us do that.

We close our letter now, and hope to see you all very soon, either at the Brewers Exhibition, University, or the Yule Revel at the end of the year. Until then we remain,

In service,

CORUN AND BRENNA

STORVIK VOCAL MUSIC NIGHTS

Baroness Fevronia will be hosting Vocal Music Nights at her home, Caer Bear, 2204 Amber Meadows Drive, Bowie, MD 20716. She can be reached for more information at 301-390-4428 (NLT 11pm). The schedule at this time is as follows: Wednesday, November 1; Tuesday, November 21; Tuesday, December 5; and Tuesday, December 19, each beginning at 7:30pm and lasting until approximately 9:30pm.

Minutes from Baronial Meeting on 10/9/95

Members in attendance: Johanna, Corun, Khastagir, Insha, Chabi, Ayisha, Stephan, Caitilin, Malcolm.

New Internet addresses: petorsr@spiegel.becltd.com and brenna@dcez.com.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Deputy Chronicler - Reports three (3) new subscriptions.

Seneschal - Report is being sent out. Happy about things being said about Barony. No money spent since last meeting. Balance - \$2455.45. \$50.00 deposit from Revel is still outstanding.

Chatelaine - Paperwork has been submitted. The date for the December newcomers meeting has been changed to December 18. Garb loan for recent events still needs to be returned. Topics for Newcomers: 10/23 - Garb; 11/27 - Names; 12/18 - Arts and Sciences.

Heavy Weapons Marshal - Practices are going well. Still waiting for more information on apprenticeship program. Roxbury Mill wants to combine practice on Thursday night. Would like feedback from fighters. Monday night practice will remain at Lady Ayisha's.

Demos - Demo on October 28th - Affair of the Heart.

Baron & Baroness - Happy with complements being given about Barony.

Herald, Rapier Marshal, Archery Marshal, Minister of Lists, Minister of A&S, Exchequer - Not present.

EVENT REPORTS:

Ayisha will give her report after she gets more information. Chabi reports that the demo will be on April 27 from 11-4. This will be an indoor demo at the Martin Luther King Library. Possibility of putting up a static display. Still trying to obtain information on legal standing.

Brewers Feast will still be taking place on November 11.

Yule Revel will be held at St. Andrews Episcopal Church. Autocrats are Caitilin and Stephen. Will have staged fencing. All kids gifts will be handmade.

Performers Revel autocrat will be Fevronia.

Never Too Early For Love autocrat will be Brenna. Site to be announced. Date is February 3. Theme: Baron and Baroness are having a party. There will be five bouts concerning love. Persons and reasons to fight (love-related) must be stated at the Yule Revel and the best reasons will be granted the opportunity to prove their case by combat. Food will contain medieval aphrodisiacs. Cook has been imported from Africa.

Baronial Championship site cannot be reserved until January 2.

Spring University autocrat will be either Jaelle or Deidre.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gifts for Kingdom Gift Box - Suggestions are glass or porcelain sea horses, pouches, and candleholders.

Award - Considering a Baronial award for fighters.

Armorial - Herald needs a new armorial. Funds authorized for purchase.

Tentantium Atlantium - Corun wants to make a yellow pages for everyone living in Storvik. If people do not want to be listed, they must notify the Barony. Minister of the Lists would like to draw on this database to issue some A&S forms. Deputy Chronicler would like to use list for mailing and solicitation of subscriptions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

At Pointless War Sean, Oswolf, and Aeros were awarded with AOA's.

Dance Practice has been cancelled.

People are saying good things about Storvik. Our name is becoming well known. Nice things were mentioned about Storvik in court. Apparently, we have a fighting force to be reckoned with.

White Elephant sale has been postponed.

The Barony is seeking interested volunteers for the office of Deputy Minister of A&S. All interested parties, please contact either the Seneschal or the Baron.

Unevent will take place on November 18 in Richmond. The Seneschal is requesting that all officers and/or their deputies be present. Storvik needs to make a strong presence.

GARB FOR SALE

**Lady Therasa and Lord Bjorn are selling
virtually everything in the closet**

Lady sizes 10 to 20

Man sizes 40 to 50

COURT AND FIELD GARB

VARIOUS TIME PERIODS

**all accessories to be sold
(hats, ruffs, corsets, etc.)**

Prices for Garb start at \$10.00

ALSO

**selling all accumulated fabrics and trims
(brocades, velvets, woven patterns, some trims from Europe)**

**Call Terry and/or Richard Bjorklund at 301-262-5142
for further information
between 9:00am and 9:00pm please.**

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BREWING EXHIBITION AND OCTOBERFEST

11 November 1995

The Barony of Storvik will host an opportunity to sample the products of Atlantia's many fine brewers on November 11, 1995, in Silver Spring, MD. There will be cards on which to make comments, but no formal judging. This is not a competition and even if you have just started brewing, we encourage you to bring enough of your product to compare with your fellows and let the populace try your work. All brewers will receive prizes from the barony in appreciation of their participation. We will provide small cups so that attendees may sample a variety of flavors. (Brewing includes mead and cordials.)

The event will also feature a multi-dish feast of hearty Teutonic food for the fall season, such as Sauerbraten, mushrooms, red cabbage, and sausage, with a keg of beer and tea. The feast will be served buffet style to keep the evening informal and allow for leisurely eating and tasting. It will be cooked by Thomas Navigator, who cooked the Board of Directors feast, at our Oriental feast, and last year's event. Dietary constraints should be communicated to him at 301-552-8784.

There will be dancing during the evening to work off the calories. Musicians can contact Felicia at 301-587-3711 before 10pm.

During the afternoon, there will be classes on brewing. The main hall is open 4 until 12, with the food coming out at 7 and appetizers earlier.

Price: \$12, ages 6-12 half price, under 6 free. Per corporate directive, \$3 surcharge for nonmembers. Due to hall constraints, seating is limited to 80. Reservations will be taken until the day before the event so we can have an accurate head count for the food and avoid any disappointments at the door.

Contact autocrat, Stefan of Cambion - 301-731-0673 (h) (NLT 11:30pm), 301-577-9390 (w), 9704 Beachwood Ave., Lanham, MD 20706.

Directions: Washington Beltway (I-495) to Exit 30 South (Colesville Road/Route 29). Christ Congregational Church is two blocks ahead on left. Entrance to Social Hall is on Northeast corner of building.

Parking: (**IMPORTANT**) Due to neighborhood zoning restrictions, parking is only allowed at the spaces on church property, not parking on the street in front of the houses. There will be signs.

UNEVENT/CURIA

Caer Mear

18-19 November 1995

Unevent will be held on Saturday, 18 November in the Barony of Caer Mear on the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) campus. The site opens at 8:30am. There is no event fee. Please remember that this event is in garb and that all business questions should be directed to the Kingdom Seneschal. Please also keep in mind that this is a university campus and that any "LIVE STEEL" is a bad thing and to be left at home.

Session I (0900-1045): Seneschal, Herald, Golden Dolphin, Laurel, Marshal

Session II (1100-1245): Exchequer, MoAS, Chatelaine, Laurel Round Table, Chivalry

Lunch: 1245-1400

Session III (1400-1545): MOL, Pearl, Rapier Marshal, Pelican

Session IV (1600-1745): Chronicler, Chirurgeon, Archer Marshal, Sea Stag, Crowns meeting with Landed Barons and Baronesses

Curia will be held on the same site on Sunday, 19 November. The site will be open at 9am for Curia.

The Autocrat for this event is Lord Aedan Aylwyn (Michael Lonski, 2 South 25th Street, #100, Richmond, VA 23223, 804-644-5508, e-mail: mlonski@aol.com).

DIRECTIONS: Take your best route on I-95 to Richmond, VA, to Belvidere Street South (exit 76). After about 7 blocks, you will see Monroe Park and VCU campus on your right. On the far side of the park is Main Street. Turn right on Main Street. The parking garage will be on your left in 2 blocks.

STORVIK ANNUAL YULE REVEL

30 December 1995

As the year comes to a close, the thoughts of the Baron and Baroness of Storvik turn to visions of sugar plums and sweet fantasies. By baronial decree the vast sugar vaults of Storvik are open so that a Yule Revel may occur. The Barony of Storvik invites all gentles to join them in a dessert revel on Saturday, 30 December at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Hall at 4512 College Avenue, College Park, Maryland. The hall will open at 5pm and close at 11pm. The site is slightly wet, only wine is allowed and all gentles who look under Maryland legal age of 21 will be checked for ID.

The Baron and Baroness invite challenge declarations to be issued at their Court, to be fought upon the Field of Honor for the honor of Love on 3 February, 1996 at "Never Too Early For Love."

Attention Musicians and Dancers! The Greater Storvik Ad Hoc Orchestra needs and wants your assistance. Musicians who like to play for dancers, please contact Lady Felicia at Apt. 924, 1001 Spring Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, or call 301-587-3711 (NLT 10pm). If you think you would like to play for the Yule Revel, please call so music sheets will be available for all. Dancers of Storvik and northern Atlantia, where else can you dance to live music but at the Annual Yule Revel? Come enjoy, work off some of the sugar from the desserts by dancing. The Autocrat, to keep his stress level down, would like to see lots of dancing. Please note that there will be NO child care provided by the event.

COST: \$6 SCA members (\$1 discount with dessert). \$9 nonmembers (\$1 discount with dessert). Children age 6-12 half price. Children age 6 and under free.

Mail reservations will be accepted. Send reservations to David S. Mallinak, 4301 29th Street, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712, Attn. Lord Stephen Heraldson. Make checks payable to "Barony of Storvik/SCA Inc." Any questions can be directed to Autocrat Stephen Heraldson (mka David Mallinak) at 301-779-9486 or dsmalli@missi.ncsc.mil.

DIRECTIONS: Take your best route to the Washington Beltway (I-495/I-95). Follow the Washington Beltway to exit 25, Route 1. Take Route 1 South to College Park. Continue to follow Route 1 past the University of Maryland. At the Maryland Book Exchange, turn Left onto College Avenue. Follow College Avenue for two stop signs. At the second stop sign, turn Left, St. Andrews is now on your left and the entrance to the parking lot is the first left. Overflow parking is on the street.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

FIGHTING PRACTICE: Every Sunday afternoon at the Pimmit Library, Falls Church, VA. Contact Sir Strykar, (703) 241-1682 or Lord Malcolm, (301) 656-6050 for heavy weapons; contact Niall McKennet at (703) 560-8825 for rapier.

FIGHTING PRACTICE: Lochmere holds fighter practice at FSK Auditorium at St. John's. Contact Earnwynn, (410) 263-0658, or Sir Christian, (410) 987-0904.

FIGHTING PRACTICE: Dun Carraig holds fighting practice at 1 pm at the home of Master Philip and Mistress Kiri. Call (410) 535-2152

ARCHERY PRACTICE: Ponte Alto holds archery practice at 10 am at Fort Belvoir. Contact Archer Marshall Hrodbeorth at 301-474-3344 for directions and details.

ARCHERY PRACTICE: Storvik holds archery practice at the home of Archer Marshal Galen Woodwalker, Sundays noon-3pm (if no rain and if the temperature is between 45 and 90 degrees). Contact Archer Marshal Galen Woodwalker at 301-731-9155 for directions.

COOKS GUILD: Stierbach - 7:30 pm at the home of Baroness Annejke, (703) 369-5192

STORVIK BARONY MEETING: 2nd Sunday of the month at 7 pm at Lady Ayisha's

WRATTINGHAM CANTON MEETING: 3rd Sunday of the month at 4 pm. Call Lann, (301) 459-7209 for location and directions.

PONTE ALTO BARONY MEETING: Last Sunday of the month at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Falls Church, VA. Contact Lady Aialynn at 703-204-2661.

MONDAY

FIGHTING PRACTICE: Storvik holds fighter practice at the home of Lady Ayisha in Washington, DC. Contact Marshal Malcolm MacMalcolm at 301-656-6050.

ARTS NIGHT: Woodworking and needle arts at the home of Sir Stanford and Mistress Elen in Laurel, MD, from 8-10 pm. For more information and directions, call (301) 725-5371.

~~STORVIK holds a dance practice the second and fourth Mondays of the month at the Langley Park Community Center from 7:30 to 9:30pm. Contact Countess Alyson of Isley for more information, (301) 589-4735. (Cancelled)~~

PONTE ALTO holds fighting practice evenings at the George Mason Univ. in the gym from 7 to 10pm. Contact Sir Strykar, (703) 241-1682.

ARCHERY PRACTICE: Ponte Alto holds archery practice each week at the Manassas Shooting Range, 7:30-9:30pm. Contact Lord Hrodbeorth at 301-474-3344 for details.

TUESDAY

STORVIK BARONIAL AT HOME: Baron Corun and Baroness Brenna are at home at the Baron's house the 2nd, and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 7:00-9:00 pm. Newcomers are encouraged to attend. Directions: From the Beltway take 193 East (inside the Beltway). Go four traffic lights to Carroll and turn right. On your left is a Texaco gas station, followed by a Seven Eleven. On your right is the Adventist Health Food and Bookstore, followed by the Takoma Academy. After cresting the top of the hill, turn left onto Wildwood. The next street is Aane, turn right. Cross one (and only one) speed hump, and turn left onto Cole Ave. The house is near the top of the hill on the right. Pet Allergy Alert, there is a large cat. For more information, call Baron Corun at (301) 445-5442 (no calls after 9:30pm please).

FIGHTING PRACTICE: Lochmere holds practice at 7 pm at Arundel High School (south side of Rt 175, west of Rt 3). Contact Lord Harold, (410) 760-9534.

STIERBACH SHIRE MEETING: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at Manassas NOVEC, 7:30pm.

MUSIC: Ponte Alto holds Harp and Drum at the home of Lady Allasondrea in Springfield, VA from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Call Allasondrea at (703) 658-0348 for more information.

November 1995

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		Storvik Vocal Music Night Fighting Practice Lochmere Music Highland Foorde Music Sewing Circles Middle Eastern Dance 1	Fighting Practice Madrigals Lunchtime Collegium Alle Psalite Ponte Alto Baronial At Home 2	Fighting Practice 3		Fighting Practice Archery Practice Cooks Guild 4
Fighting Practice Arts Night Archery Practice 6	Fighting Practice Harp and Drum Stierbach Meeting 7	Fighting Practice Sewing Circles Middle Eastern Dance 8	Fighting Practice Madrigals Ponte Alto Baronial At Home Scriptorium 9	Fighting Practice 10	Brewing Exhibition and Octoberfest 11	Fighting Practice Archery Practice Cooks Guild Storvik Barony Meeting 12
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LOCAL ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

WEDNESDAY

FIGHTING PRACTICE: The Barony of Ponte Alto holds fighter practice at George Mason University. Contact Lord Ranulf of Waterford (Heavy Weapons) at 703-250-3347, or Baron Niall McKennett (Rapier) at 703-560-8825 for more information.

MUSIC: Lochmere music group meets on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7 pm. Contact Lady Dealla, (410) 766-1928.

MUSIC: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at the home of Master James of Rutland in Highland Foorde, (301) 834-6515.

LADIES' SEWING CIRCLE AND TERRORIST SOCIETY assembles on Wednesdays for fittings, fashions, fraternizing and fun at the home of Baroness Amanda from 7pm until she throws people out. Meetings are not restricted to ladies only. Contact Amanda at 703-799-2557.

LADIES' ANARCHIST GUILD AND SEWING CIRCLE: Stierbach - 2nd and 4th Wednesday at the home of Lady Beonne of Mercia, (703) 497-2430.

MIDDLE EASTERN DANCE classes will be taught by Jaka at the Fairfax County Government Center in Fairfax. Please contact Jaka at (703) 502-9845 for more information.

THURSDAY

FIGHTING PRACTICE: The Barony of Storvik hosts fighter practice for heavy and rapier at the home of Lady Aisha (Donna Randall, 202-723-2208).

MADRIGALS: Stierbach - Contact Lady Rivka, (703) 680-1808.

LUNCHTIME COLLEGIUM: Meet for lunch in Ponte Alto at Shakey's Pizza in Tysons Corners. First Thursday of the month. Time approximately 11:45 or so.

MUSIC: Ponte Alto hosts "Alle Psalite" (vocal music) every other Thursday 7:30 -9:00pm at the home of Lady Anne of Carthew in Reston, VA, 703-437-6271.

OPEN SCRIPTORIUM: Every other Thursday, alternating with "Alle Psalite," 7:30-9:00pm at the home of Lady Allasondrea in Springfield, VA, 703-658-0348.

COOKS AND AUTOCRATS GUILD: Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month starting at 7:30pm. Contact Lady Winifred at 703-978-4255.

PONTE ALTO BARONIAL AT-HOME: Held at the home of Their Excellencies, Baron Niall and Baroness Teleri, 7:30-11:00pm. Contact either at 703-560-8825.

FRIDAY

SUMPOSITION OIKOMENIKON NORTH AND SOUTH: Lady Tehair MacDiarmada invites all newcomers (and any interested "old-timers") to an informal discussion of various aspects of life in the Society ~~on the 2nd Friday of the month south of the river, and the 4th Friday of the month north of the river.~~ See the announcement elsewhere in the Drekkar for further information.

FIGHTING PRACTICE: Stierbach - 7:30 at Costello Park Center, Manassas Park. Contact Charles of the Red Oaks, (703) 369-5192.

BARDIC CIRCLE: Last Friday of the month at the home of Michael the Ecclectic in Sterling. Call 703-430-4792 for directions.

NEVER TOO EARLY FOR LOVE

3 February 1996

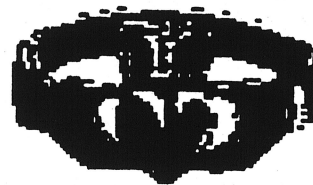
As the blessed days of summer lapse into the long nights of winter, the thoughts of the Lord and Lady of Storvik turn to the many hours of idleness ahead, and in their wisdom they recall the oft told tales of the Court of Aquataine, and of Queen Eleanor who in her confinement, devised divers plans to fill the waiting hours.

Wherefore, in Her noble memory, it is decreed that on the Feast of Saint Blase, being the third day of February, Anno Societatus thirty, Corun and Brenna, by right and title Baron and Baroness of Storvik, will summon their Court for a day of dancing, merriment, song and divers proof that Love doth reign in Storvik. And should reason present itself, there shall be summoned a Court of Love, for the consideration of true love.

And it shall be know as a special display of grace to bear the favor of one's Love about one's person, and to speak gently and with praise of that Love. Such displays of grace shall find great favor with the Court.

The Lord and Lady Storvik do also invite select challenges, no more than five, upon the Field of Honor for the honor of Love, to be issued publicly at Storvik's Yule Court and fought before the Court on the Feast of Saint Blase.

Finally, the Lord and Lady of Storvik bid all and sundry folk to watch herein for further proclamations of this Court. And if any questions doth arise, to contact their master of ceremony, Lord Beornheard of Wearmouth (Jeff Tyeryar, 3603 Oliver Street, Hyattsville, MD 20782; 301-559-7852; tyeryar@netcom.com).



THE PLAYFUL ANACHRONIST

Gentle Readers:

I inadvertently failed to give a few sources for last month's article on Alquerque. Here they are now: Jeffrey A. Delucas/k/a Salaamallah the Corpulent, Medieval Games (3d ed. 1995) (good book for various kind of games played in period: board, dice and activity games as well as sports); R.C. Bell, Board and Table Games From Many Civilizations (Rev. Ed. 1979, Dover Publications); The World of Games (1989 Facts on File); Patrick J. Smith, a.k.a. Master Brusten de Bearsul, Compleat Anachronist #71 "Period Pastimes."

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HOODMAN'S BLIND

by : Tehair MacDiarmada

This month's article will focus on an activity game suitable for both children and adults. Many of you are already familiar with this game, but you perhaps know it by another name -- "Blindman's Bluff," or by its variant called "Bells & Pillows." Hoodman's Blind and its variants, were played in the Middle Ages throughout Europe. This game was also played by the American Indians. Tradition has it that this game was called Hoodman's Blind because the blindfold used in the game was simply a reversed cape with the hood covering the face, thus creating the "blind man." The "bluff" in Blindman's Bluff, comes from the taunts of the other players. For the simple game, the only equipment needed is a scarf or hood to tie or place over the eyes of the "blind man." I prefer a scarf, as there is less problem with obstructing breathing. Hoodman's Blind and its progeny are part of a group of activity games in the capture/tag family. It is an active game in which the person who is "it" endeavors to capture or tag some or all of his or her opponents.

TYPE OF GAME: Activity games - tag/capture family.

NUMBER OF PLAYERS: 3+

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT: "Traditional Game": one blindfold, or hood (variations: several pillows, several blindfolds). "Hit the Kettle": one blindfold, one pillow, a kettle (or pot) and an assortment of long handled wooden spoons. "Bells & Pillows": 2 pillows, 2 blindfolds and an assortment of small "jingle" bells and string on which to tie them.

OBJECT: For the blindfolded person to capture one of the other players by holding them for a count of three (or tagging them, or hitting them with a pillow - agree on rules before play).

DESCRIPTION OF PLAY: Hoodman's Blind is a game for three or more players. In the traditional game, one person is "it," i.e. the blindfolded person, and stands in the center of a circle of players. The blindperson needs to capture one of the other players for a count of three (or simply tag the other players, or use a pillow and hit the other player -- agree on the method ahead of time). The other players must stay within the boundaries of the playing area (if you have many players they must stay within a circle of players although people can dash from one side of the circle to another, or exchanges places with their neighbors.) The other players will taunt or buffet (gently) the blindperson (you can consider arming them with pillows also) as they dodge about trying to confuse the blindperson and get the blindperson to try to get them. When the blindperson captures (or tags) another player, then the captured/tagged person becomes the blindperson in the middle of the circle.

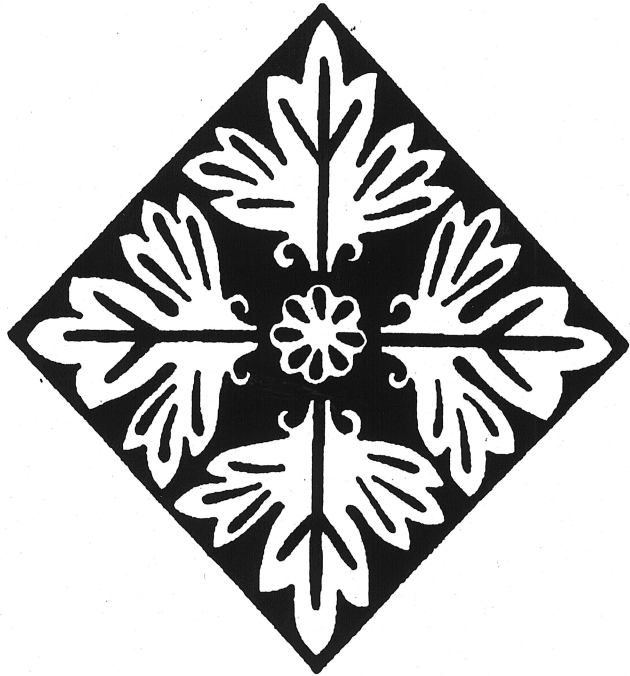
VARIATIONS: (1) The captured/tagged player is out of play until the Blindperson has tagged/captured everyone. (2) The captured/tagged person becomes blindfolded also and joins the blindperson in the center and tries to capture/tag the other players also). Note that some people particularly like being the blindperson in the middle so you might want a rule that three times in the middle and you are out of the game.

RELATED GAMES: A related game that is fun is "Hit the Kettle." In this variation, the blindperson in the center is armed with a pillow and stands guard over a kettle near his or her feet. A long handled wooden spoon is placed on the ground near the kettle. The other players need to take turns trying to sneak in, grab the woodenspoon and strike the kettle and avoid being hit with the pillow before the resume their place in the circle. For added fun when there are a large group of players, you can have several spoons that are handed around the circle in different directions so there is always two or more people trying to hit the kettle and forcing everyone to take a try at the game. Another related game that is fun is "Bells and Pillows." In this variation there are two blindpersons, each wearing several bells around their neck, at wrist, waist and ankles and armed with a pillow. The blindpersons stand within a circle of players. Their object is to listen for their opponent and strike their opponent before the other blindperson strikes him or her. For added fun arm the circle of watching players each with a bell. This variation works well as a double or single elimination tourney at events.

STRATEGY NOTE: When you are the blindperson and using pillows, swing low at people's legs -- you are more likely to connect with them. When you are players in the "Traditional" or "Hit the Kettle" versions come in low and try to reach in keeping your upper body out of range of the pillow.

SAFETY NOTE: As with any type of activity game, one person needs to be the referee to call when someone was really tagged, to call whether a blow with a pillow is a "killing blow," to keep things moving along, and to be sure that people do not get carried away and hurt each other. Be sure to use pillows that do not have zippers as these hurt when they connect with people. Make sure players that are likely to get hit by pillows remove eyeglasses.

SOURCES: Jeffrey A. Deluca s/k/a Salaamallah the Corpulent, Medieval Games (3d ed. 1995); Neva L. Boyd, Handbook of Recreational Games (1973 Dover Publications).



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