

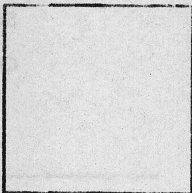
# DREKKAR

NEWSLETTER OF THE  
BARONY OF STORVIK



OCTOBER  
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## UNTO THE POPULACE OF STORVIK DO CORUN AND BRENNA SEND GREETINGS.

We hope you have all been enjoying the cool weather as much as we, and that those of you with children are also enjoying the respite the new school season has brought you. Things have been rather quiet in the Barony, but as fall approaches, there are many things in the offing.

Coming up at the end of September is the Tournament of Roses event in Ponte Alto, and many well known Storviki will be involved in the merriment. We hope that the rest of you will come down and have fun with us.

Following that, in October is Pointless War in the East Kingdom, and the Challenge of the Seven Deadly Sins, in Nottingham Coill. The former is destined to become an annual event between Atlantia and the East. We hope all Storviki fighters will attend. The latter is, in our opinion, going to be the event of the year. The Pas d'Armes tournaments have grown in popularity over the past few years, and throughout the Known World. This type of tournament embodies the heart of pageantry, and allows one and all, fighter and spectator alike, to show off their finery. Many notables from around Atlantia, and many from its northern environs, will be participating in this event, as will King Cuan himself. We are going to be making a Baronial presence there, and we hope that as many of the populace as can go will do so. Please get your reservations in as soon as possible, the feast hall is filling rapidly.

In November and December are the Brewing Exhibition and the Storvik Yule Revel. These events will allow the brewers and vintners as well as the bakers and chefs of the Barony and its neighbors to show off their stuff. Don't forget that December will also see the University of Atlantia winter session in Kapellenberg. Your Baron is acting once again as the Dean of the College of Performing Arts. Anyone wishing to teach any class that falls in this area, please contact him at once. Also, if there are any classes you would like to see taught, please let him know. He can contact the Lord Chancellor of the University and the other Deans.

Lastly, the Baroness has secured from His Majesty the first week in February for an event. She has something special planned.

That's about all for now. We wish you joy and peace, and hope to see you, our people, soon at the many upcoming events.

In service,  
**CORUN AND BRENNA**

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## NEWCOMERS

to the area and to the SCA are cordially invited to the  
**SUMPOSITION OF KOMENIKON**  
(or as the Greeks say, y'all come to the Party!)

Newcomer meetings are held monthly starting at 7:30 p.m. and lasting to approximately 10 p.m. They provide Newcomers to the Society and Newcomers to the area with an opportunity to meet established members, to learn more about the Society, the kingdom and the local area.

Beginning in October, Newcomer Meetings in Storvik (Washington D.C. and Prince Georges County) will be held the fourth Tuesday of each month and be held at the home of the Baronial Chatelaine Caitilin Cheannlaidir (Risa Sheridan-Peters) 7002 Sycamore Ave., Takoma Park, MD (301) 270-1207 (NLT 9 p.m.) **DIRECTIONS:** from 495 N take exit 28 to New Hampshire Avenue South. Make a right onto Ethan Allen. Make a left onto Sycamore. 7002 is the yellow house on the right. **By metro:** take the redline to Takoma Park. When you leave the station walk straight up Carroll. Turn left at Park Pharmacy. Follow Carroll to Columbia and make a right on Sycamore at the top of the hill. **ALLERGY ALERT:** This is a pet-free environment.

Newcomer Meetings in Ponte Alto (Northern Virginia) are held the second Friday of each month at 7:30, on the same topics as the Storvik meetings. Ponte Alto Newcomer Meetings are held at various locations throughout the Barony. Contact their Chatelaine, Lady Annys Reynard (Pat Sheets) (703) 391-5681 for more information.

### DATES & SCHEDULE OF TOPICS

#### October

Storvik: Tues. October 23, 1995

Ponte Alto: Fri. October 13, 1995- Heraldry - Designing Your Own Device

#### November

Storvik: Tues. November 27, 1995

Ponte Alto: Fri. November 10, 1995 - Special Topic: Music & Dance

#### December

Storvik: Tues. Dec. 26, 1995

Ponte Alto: Friday Dec. 22, 1995 - History and Geography of the SCA

## LOST AND FOUND POST PENNSIC DESSERT REVEL

- 2 Baking Loaf Pans (1 glass, 1 metal)
- 1 Tablespoon
- 2 Pewter Mugs
- Woman's Underwear (White Flexees, size 4x)
- White Queen's Favor

Please contact the autocrat, Denis de Dijon, (301) 277-9746.

## NOTE \* NOTE \* NOTE \* NOTE \* NOTE \* NOTE

The Baronial Meeting & Baronial White Elephant Sale/Swap Meet at Stephan Haroldson of Red Dragon originally scheduled for October has been changed to November 11 because of the conflict with Pointless War. The October Baronial meeting will instead be held on **Monday, October 9**, at the home of Lady Ayisha at 7:00 p.m.

Baronial Meeting Notes, September 9, 1995, Home of Lady Ayisha

11 people attended: Corun, Brenna, Johanna, Hreodbeorht, Tehair, Malcolm, Catriona, Caitlin, Ayisha, Chabi, Mathaeus.

Meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m., and was run by Baron Corun.

### OFFICER REPORTS

**Chronicler:** 5 new subscriptions, 3 renewals and 1 complimentary. Beginning with the October issue will run William BlackFox's cartoon "Wart Haven." Would like the October issue to be a Pennsic Wrap-up. Solicited stories, artwork, and information about people who received awards from all. Accepting submissions until Sept. 20. Had to leave early, Lady Tehair took meeting notes. **Seneschal:** Attended Coronation. Have an incipient canton: Wratingham, but no representative present at meeting. **Chatelaine:** September Newcomer meeting is at the home of Lady Tehair & Lord Hrodbeorht (Sue and Robe Metzler) on the topic of "Service to the Society and How To Get Involved" on Friday, September 22. Beginning in October, we are moving the site and date of Newcomer Meetings. Newcomer meetings will now be the fourth Tuesday of every month at the home of the Chatelaine, Caitilin Cheannlaidir (Risa Sheridan-Peters), 7002 Sycamore Avenue, Takoma Park. This is a pet free environment. See list of dates, times, topics and directions elsewhere. Have loaned garb for several recent events which still needs to be returned. The previous Chatelaine has still not turned over the loaner garb yet. Has a new deputy in charge of demos: Lady Ayisha. **Herald:** Was involved at Pennsic at Herald's Point helping register people's names and devices. Took part in the Letter of Intent for Laurel King of Arms that was put together on August 26. Recently received one submission to pass onto Herveus. Received the Baronial books and tabard from the previous Baronial Herald. Is officially warranted. **Heavy Weapons Marshal:** Fighting practice continues every Monday and Thursday at Lady Ayisha. Oswald is trying to find an indoor site for winter, has several prospects. Rochiesburie Mills has invited us to join their Thursday night indoor practices for the winter - Malcolm is looking into it and will report back at the next meeting. **Rapier Marshal:** Not present. **Archer Marshal:** Not present. **Acting Minister of Lists:** Not present. **Minister of Arts & Sciences:** Not present. **Acting Exchequer:** Current balance is approximately \$2,534 but does not include several outgoing checks written against the account for Yule revel and Post Pennsic, but even so we have more than \$2,000 in the account. Still awaiting reports from Novice Tourney and Post-Pennsic. We are up to date otherwise on the \$3 non-member surcharge that needs to be sent to Milpitas. New Exchequer was officially warranted at coronation, turning over the books tonight. **Demos:** Malcolm is stepping down and Ayisha is now in charge of demos. See under new business information relating to several upcoming demos. **Baron & Baroness:** Brenna attended coronation. There was a war court at coronation at which Brenna was specifically requested to attend on the topic of fighter management at Pointless War. Brenna made contact with Duke Richard. He and the King were very impressed with Storvik warrior participation at Pennsic. Fighters from other areas have approached

Brenna to fight with Storvik again. Storvik is recruiting warriors for Pointless. Also, Brenna and Johanna, were pleased to note that the spiff Seonaid favors that Storvik made for Pennsic were recognized as coming from Storvik and very appreciated by the recipients.

### EVENT REPORTS

*Post-Pennsic* August 26. Autocrat not present. However, acting Exchequer reported that we had approximately 150 people attend and that we made money. Exact figures will be available once the Autocrat turns in his report. *Brewers* Nov. 11, 1995, Steffan of Cambion Autocrat, not present but phoned in report. Have a site (same as last year), the announcement has been sent to Kingdom and local chroniclers. Needs volunteers for the positions of troll, and clean-up. *Yule Revel* Dec. 30, 1995 Autocrat Denis de Dijon and Caitilin Cheannlaidir

Not present. *Performers Revel* Jan. or Feb. 1996- Autocrat not present. No date secured yet. Feb. 4, 1996 *Unnamed event* - Autocrat Brenna of Storvik. Date is secured. Was some discussion as to whether to do an event on this date with Wratingham or Rochiesburie. Was some discussion as to the type of event: i.e. fighting (if can find an appropriate indoor site), tavern, revel. Discussion tabled till next meeting. *Storvik Baronial Championship* May 12-14, 1996 Autocrat Caitilin Cheannlaidir. Date already secured. Site not available for registration until January.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Attempts are still being pursued for finding a non-residential site for holding Baronial Meetings.

2. The Baronial Meeting & Baronial White Elephant Sale/Swap Meet at Steffan Haroldson of Red Dragon originally scheduled for October has been changed to the November 11 meeting because of the conflict with Pointless War. The October Baronial meeting will instead be held on Monday, October 9, at the home of Lady Ayisha at 7:00 p.m.

3. Brenna obtained the Feb. 4, 1996, date to have a Storvik event. See more discussion under events.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Lady Ayisha is trying to arrange a demo called "Affairs of the Heart" on October 28, 1995 to benefit a local charity and to raise funds for the Kingdom. She will be cooking a medieval dinner for 50-75 people and charging \$50-\$75 per plate. She will need entertainers, servers, those with pavilions and others to help. Will contact Felicia. Since there are several local events going on opposite this date, she will be contact other local groups for demo support. She will report more specifics at the next meeting.

2. Chabi is trying to arrange a demo in conjunction with the "Many realms of King Arthur" exhibit that will be at the Martin Luther King Library downtown from April 26-June 6, 1996, at the request of the Library's program director. Other places in the U.S. have already hosted this exhibit and done demos in conjunction therewith and she will be asking them to share ideas. Will be looking into the legal aspects of doing a weapons demo in D.C. Want this demo to be as authentic and spiff as possible. Will be coordinating with Ayisha and other local group demo officers. Those assembled agreed to provide a demo on at least one day. She will report at next meeting with more specifics, date, time, type demo activities, etc.

3. Brenna reported that Queen Brigit has asked artisans of Atlantia to provide gifts for the Kingdom to give visiting dignitaries, to children, as tourney prizes, and as largess. "Anything that

is given from the heart will be gratefully accepted," says Brigit. Items donated will have an accompanying tag saying the artisans name and the local group. People can bring such items to Queen Brigit at any time. There was some discussion of Storvik trying as a group to present a box o' gifts at Pointless, Crown Tourney and again at 12th Night. More on this ideas later.

4. Brenna is recruiting warriors again. This time for Pointless War. All fighters, duelists, archers, and artisans should approach her for details.

5. A suggestion was made that it would be good to have another Northern Regional Seneschal's meeting soon to informally discuss event date conflicts. Also suggested to coordinate with the Shire of Sylvan Glen, who although East Kingdom, plays mostly with Atlantia. Johanna will look into this and discuss this with the Deputy Kingdom Seneschal for the North.

6. A suggestion was made to poll those attending the meetings to determine who is attending what events for the purpose of planning a Baronial Presence at such event. More discussion on this at next meeting.

7. A suggestion was made and agreed to that Storvik make a bid to host the April 1996 University Atlantia. Deirdre will look into it.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pointless War Oct. 6-9, 1995: Brenna is recruiting warriors.

Seven Deadly Sins: approximately half the on-board seats have already been sold so get your reservations in now if you are thinking of attending. It looks to be one of the best events of the year.

Crown Tourney will be held in South Carolina on November 4-5. This is a camping event.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

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The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

## POINTLESS WAR III

Lochmere  
6-9 October 1995

Here at the Four Quarters Farm, Atlantia and the East will gather on the field of honor once again, not as adversaries, but as friends. Their Majesties of Atlantia and the East invite all warriors, artisans and gentles to join Them amongst the oaks and pines in a more than pointless effort. So come and enjoy the light-hearted competition to hone our skills, both martial and artistic.

The site will open Friday, 6 October, at 3pm. There are wonderful camping areas along the Sidling Hill Creek. There will be both heavy and light weapons melee combat on Saturday from 10am to 5pm, and there will also be an area devoted to archery (free of bio-hazards). Campers are encouraged to bring solar showers, but keep in mind, the creek which surrounds the camping area on three sides, forms many wonderful ponds providing for excellent bathing (proper swimming attire required). The site closes Monday, 9 October, at 1pm.

Site fees:	Three Days	Two Days	Day Trip
In Advance	\$18.00	\$13.00	\$8.00
At-the-door	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00

Children under 12 are half price.

Merchant Site Fee: There is an additional fee for each merchant of \$10.00 for a table-sized space and \$20.00 for a pavilion sized space (no tarps please).

Note: A feast is not being provided.

The site is primitive, but porta-johns will be available. Trash bags will be provided at Troll so that each camper can remove his/her own trash. Littering, especially cigarette butts, will not be tolerated and can result in removal from the site of the guilty parties. The site is discreetly wet and no pets are allowed. Four Quarters Farm is a beautiful site and the autocrats and the owners would like to keep it that way, so please be considerate.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to come to the Pre-Pointless Prep Party at the site, please feel free to contact either of us. Send reservations to Tara.

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Directions: Take the best route to I-68 West of Hancock, MD. Take exit #68 North. Turn right onto Rt. 40, then immediately left onto North Orleans Rd. Follow the road for two miles passing over two bridges (after the first bridge, the road curves right). After the second bridge, make a left onto the Four Quarters Farm Road.

NOTE: The autocrats are seeking assistance. Please contact them if you would like to help out with this event.

## THE GLAISTAG'S DANCE: TRANSYLVANIAN TRAVESTY XI

Barony of Bright Hills  
27-29 October 1995

On October 27-29 the Barony of the Bright Hills invites one and all to The Glaistag's Dance. On this All Hallows Eve, when the walls between worlds are down, we invite you to come dance and feast at Rocks 4-H Camp in Street, MD. Dress as your favorite beastie or ghoulie and join the celebration. Beware your partner's true identity for the Glaistag is clever and dangerous.

We will have a Costume Contest, Best Mask Contest, Heavy and Light Weapons Tourneys (with a prize for the best Death in both). We hope to have an Enchanted Quest with surprises and prizes. There will be a non-period Halloween party for the kids. Barracks style dorms (with hot showers and flush toilets) as well as camping space is available. Dorms are not heated so bring plenty of blankets.

The feast is limited to 120 people, so please get your reservations in soon. Please let us know of allergies, etc. with your reservation.

Merchants are welcome, but they MUST reserve space. Call Tristan. Site closes at noon on Sunday, anyone still on site after 12:15 will be considered clean-up crew.

Site: \$5 Feast: \$8 Total: \$13 Day Trip: \$5

Children are half price, under 5 is free. Non-members please add \$3. Make checks payable to: Barony of the Bright Hills, SCA, Inc. Send all reservations to Lord Tristan Alexander.

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Directions: Take your best route to I-95 north of Baltimore and I-695. Go north on I-95 to MD Rt. 24 (third set of exits north of I-695). Take Rt. 24 north (west) about 15 miles to Cherry Hill Road. Turn right, then make a left into the camp after crossing the bridge.

## LOCAL ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY

**FIGHTING PRACTICE:** Every Sunday afternoon at the Pinmit 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 Aisha's. **NOTE:** This month's Barony Meeting will be held on **MONDAY, Oct. 9** to avoid conflict with Pointless War.

**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 Aislynn at 703-204-2661.

### MONDAY

**FIGHTING PRACTICE:** Storvik holds fighter practice at the home of Lady Aisha 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 Elien 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 Islay for more information, (301) 589-4735.

**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 Anne, 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.

Even in a Kingdom that is dominated by powerful men, where the symbol of authority is the sword and the measure of respect is the skill to use it, there are women who would seek authority and their own measure of respect by the sword...

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## LOCAL ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

**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.

### 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.

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**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.

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**COOKS AND AUTOCRAT'S 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

**SUMPOSION 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.

## NOTES OF MEDIEVAL INTEREST

The National Museum of Women in the Arts will present a dramatic dialogue, "Kristin Lavransdatter (Portrait of a Medieval Woman)" on Thursday, November 9th at 7:30pm. This performance will be a one-woman show starring Juni Dahr. The dialogue is drawn from the epic novels of Sigrid Undset. The cost is \$8 for members of the museum, and \$12 for non-members. For more information, call (202) 783-5000.

## THE PLAYFUL ANACHRONIST

Gentle Readers:

In period, games and amusements were not just for children, they were an important social activity for all ages. In the Current Middle Ages, there are often quiet moments during feasts and events where it would be both fun and appropriate to play a game.

In the classes on period games I have taught and attended, when I have asked why more people are not out there recreating this period activity, many people have responded with "But I don't know how to choose games which are both period and fun!" and "Aren't period games difficult to play and/or teach at the spur of the moment?" My response to them and to those of you with these same concerns is you ALREADY know the rules to many period games, you just do not realize that they are period.

My purpose with this series of articles is two-fold: (1) to give those of us who are not fighters something to do while we gossip at events, and (2) to foster the use of those pretty Atlantian coins that we all have collected and currently allow to sit in a drawer getting tarnished. Each month, I intend to highlight one game. I will give a short history of the game, discuss the equipment needed, if any, and set forth the rules of play. I intend to cover the spectrum of games: board, card and dice games (both those games specifically set-up for gambling and those which are not) as well as activity games. Please understand that there are many variations on rules of games. I will try to list a few variants and sources for more information. Guest writers will be welcomed, as will your comments and input.

Hope to see you out practicing these (mostly) gentle amusements.

TEHAIR



# ALQUERQUES

BY: TEHAIR MACDIARMADA

Alquerque is one of the oldest known board games. An unfinished board and incorrectly marked board was found carved into a stone roofing slab of a temple in ancient Egypt (approx. 1400 B.C.E.). This game is the grandparent of Checkers and the parent of Draughts. The game was brought to Europe by the Arabs as they swept across North Africa and into Spain during the eighth century. It spread into Northern Europe with the returning Crusaders. By the beginning of the twelfth century, Alquerque had evolved into the game of Draughts. This was the result of trying to adapt Alquerque to the chess board, by moving the piece in play along the vertical and horizontal lines in the board. This game evolved into Checkers when the pieces in play were moved in the spaces between lines on the board. Alquerque was mostly played by members of the nobility.

Alquerque, is a game for two players. It and its progeny is part of a group of games in the strategy or war game family. It is a capture game in which the players endeavor to capture or immobilize all of their opponent's pieces. An Alquerque board is made of four sets of four squares each with an X in each set connecting the squares on the diagonal. Alquerque boards have been made of cloth, wood, ceramic, and stone. They have been drawn, painted, carved and burned into surfaces. The game was also played by drawing the board in the dirt or on sand tablets. There are twelve pieces per player. The pieces for the game have been made of stones, shell, wood, pottery, and bone.

**TYPE OF GAME:** Strategy (capture game).

**NUMBER OF PLAYERS:** Two

**TYPE OF EQUIPMENT:** consists of a square game board of 5 x 5 points (or a square board of 4 x 4 internal squares) and twelve pieces per player.

**OBJECT:** To capture all of your opponent's pieces by jumping them.

**DESCRIPTION OF PLAY:** The game begins with each player setting their pieces on the points of intersection of the back two rows nearest them and on the two points on the far sides of the center row, leaving the center point open. (Diagram 1.) The players take turns moving their pieces one space at a time to an unoccupied space in any direction along the same line. (Diagram 2) Pieces are captured as in Checkers, by a short leap over a single occupied space of your opponent to the unoccupied space immediately on the other side. (Diagram 3.) Note that in the first three moves of the game, player will exchange turns jumping each other. (Diagram 4A-D.) Unlike Checkers, a player may move in any direction along the line (i.e backwards, forwards, diagonal). (Diagram 5.) Capturing (called huffing) is mandatory. If a player fails to capture his or her opponent's piece when the opportunity presents itself, your opponent will remove that piece from play (but not replace it with his or her own) and then take his or her normal turn. If several of your pieces could jump a single piece of your opponent, only one of the pieces of your choice must jump. (Diagram 6A.) However, if you could jump your opponent's pieces at two separate locations on the board, you must choose to jump the piece of your opponent that will give you the most jumps. (Diagram 6B.) (Variation: players can agree that you automatically loose the piece you do not jump, even in situations where you could jump in more than one location on the Board.) Successive jumps may be made in the same turn and do not need to be in a straight line. (Diagram 7.) There are no "king" pieces as in Checkers.

**THE GAME IS WON WHEN:** you eliminate all your opponent's pieces.

**STRATEGY NOTE:** Sometimes the player will prefer to sacrifice his or her piece rather than giving the opponent an opportunity to take multiple pieces.

**VARIATIONS:** (1) Allowing a piece that reaches the back row to move like a modern chess rook or bishop, sliding along the unoccupied spaces in the row until it encounters an opponent's piece which it then jumps. (2) Pieces can move only on the diagonal, then upon reaching the back row are "crowned" and able to move in any direction.

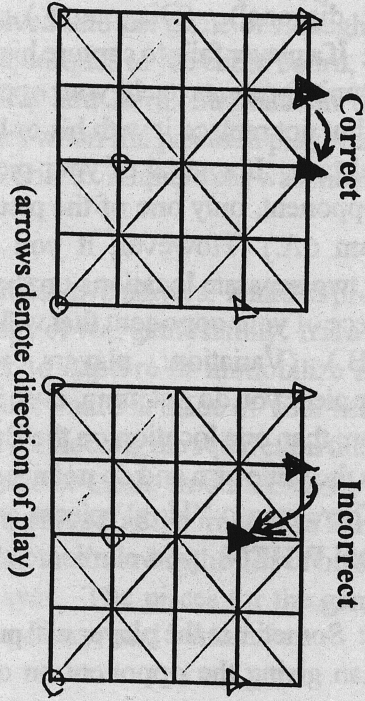


Diagram 2 (Demonstrating Movement)

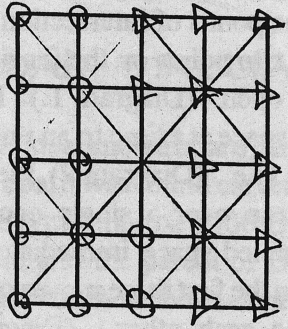
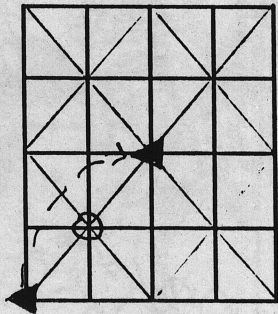


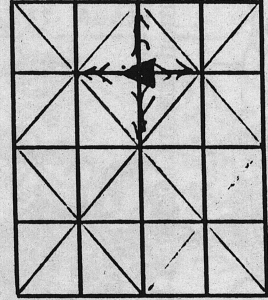
Diagram 1 (Board Set-up)

Diagram 3 (Demonstrating Jumping)

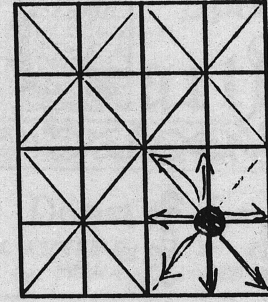
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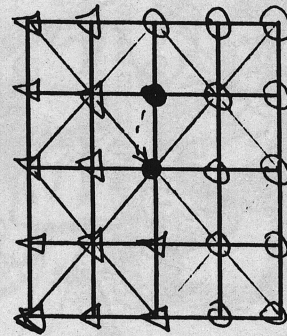
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Diagram 4 (Demonstrating Opening Moves of Game)

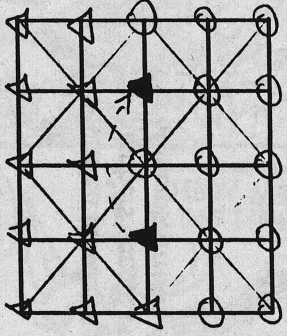
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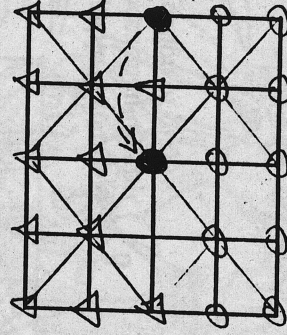
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Second Move



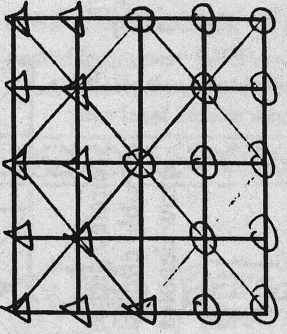
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Third Move



D

Board At End Of Move 3



(dashed arrows denotes direction of play, darkened piece denotes piece in play)



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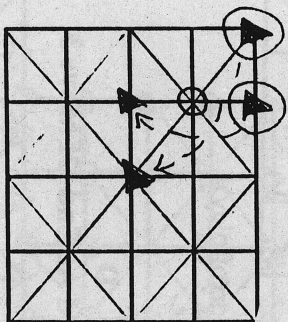
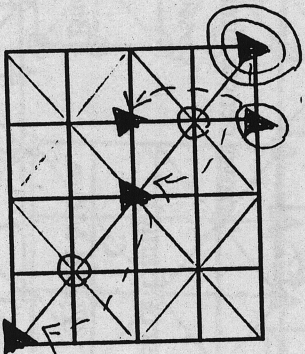


Diagram 6 (Demonstrating Multiple Jumps)  
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B

(circled pieces capable of jumping,  
double circled pieces should jump,  
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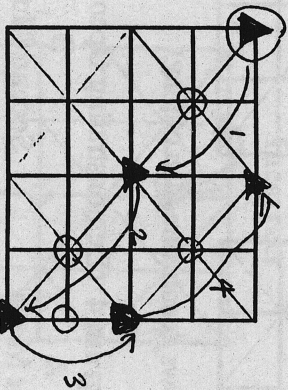


Diagram 7 (Demonstrating Multiple Jumps)

(circled piece denotes start position,  
numbers denote preferred succession  
of jumps, arrows denote direction of play)

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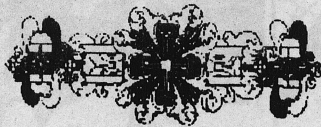
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