

Barony of Seagirt

Rapier Report

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Practices

- Average attendance 3 per practice.
- Practices are at Craigflower Elementary School, noon Sundays. Thursday rapier practices are cancelled indefinitely. I am willing to reopen Thursday night practices for a single night upon specific request, or on a regular basis if I get sufficient and consistent interest to do so.
- Collected \$0

Events

- SeaLion War: We didn't host this year so it should be covered in Lion's Gate's report. I don't believe anyone got hurt (Seagirtian pride notwithstanding)

Equipment Issues

- Iron Key currently consists of 5 masks, 4 gorgets, 6 fibreglass rapiers, 3 fibreglass daggers, 1 pretty blue suit of armour, 1 hood, 1 armour drop tester, 1 buckler, one metal rapier simulator, 1 12kg mask tester, 1 pair of gloves, and two 500W worklights, four instructional rapier DVDs, and 17.2 m of denim.

Experiments

- Current Experiment: Using a silicone bonding agent in place of hot glue for construction of fiberglass swords. Construction of daggers and four swords complete. So far, daggers and swords have performed exceptionally well for over three years. The repetitive stress testing is complete. Report has been passed to the KRM with a positive recommendation... like a year and a half ago... still waiting...
 - One sword has now been manufactured and thoroughly tested in controlled conditions.

Marshallate Issues

- N/A

Upcoming

- Sergeants, Yeomans, and Gallants: I'm not sure as yet whether or not there will be a rapier component this year. If there is it will be a newcomer's introduction to the art.

Sub-Group reports

- N/A - subgroups do not have own fencing activities, but are included at Baronial level.

Other Notable Incidents

- Vincent the Chased has this day (June 25) had his Triplette R-8 blade break clean at the union of the tang and the blade during a non-stressful motion of the sword (I'm not sure it was even in contact with mine when it broke). Nobody was hurt as a result. The blade has been in consistent use for the past five years or so.