

Master of Blades Report, January 2007  
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Practices: Noon Sunday at the Drill shed in the Naden Naval Base in Esquimalt, and recently Wednesday nights with the Heavies. Attendance of four to eight people. This is an upswing in attendance, which is good to see.

Equipment: With the current upswing in attendance there some new equipment issues to be addressed. I am hopefully at the tail end of a metal rapier order which will see seven new blades plus an undisclosed number of daggers into Seagirtian hands. I have gifted an Iron Key fiberglass rapier to Alina (someone new, not my girlfriend) in exchange for her crafting loaner armour out of the denim that has for too long sat in Iron Key (being my closet). I have future plans to get an influx of gorgets and to put in an order for some more masks as soon as wallets have recovered.

Experiments: N/A

Events: N/A

Upcoming Events: Daffodil - I will be MiC'ing our flagship tourney this year. The theme will be a late/post period french tournament style. More on that later.

Noatable Incidents: In the course of attempting to order new rapier blades for the group an issue has arisen which could have significant mundane financial or even legal implications. It can be summed up in three issues:

- 1) The Kingdom Rapier Marshal for An Tir drafts new rapier rules which ban the use of fiberglass blades, requiring steel blades for all fighters regardless of skill or commitment level.
- 2) The Kingdom Rapier Marshal operates one of the very few stores on the continent which sell aforementioned metal rapier blades.
- 3) The price of an Angus Trim rapier blade (which is one of the more reliable blades on the market) had its listed price rise from \$200 US to "contact Justin Greywolf." being the KRM. Upon inquiry, the new price is now \$350 US or a 75% increase.

I have had a rather extensive conversation on the subject with the gentleman in question during my initial attempt to order some metal blades. A discussion of the matter has also begun on the AnTir Rapier Fighters List. I include some relevant snippets for your perusal.