

The Brotherhood of the Silver Apple at Pennsic



Lord Ulrich fighting Khalek Khan



Snaebjorn and Kalli examine a strange artifact



The Brotherhood's new kitchen and shower



A close up of the new kitchen



Lord Og the Red with Grimolfr and Hrefna



Grimolfr with his new friend, Master Charles

Tales of This Year's Great Pennsic War!

By Lady Marija Kotok

This year brought us an unusual Pennsic ...the King of the East, Konrad, ceded the War before it started. This brought consternation amongst warriors and gentle folk alike. Mumbling could be heard in all corners of the site through out the event. His stated reasons were that he wanted us to fight as friends and that the whole negotiation process for allies had become to much of a production. Many felt there was some sense to his decision. Still others wanted to have those points to fight for ! All in all it made for an odd war. Fighters went into battle without the motivation of the points. This really did not end up affecting the folk of The Silver Apple all that much... we still had a good time.

Oddly enough all of the young folk in the camp this year took home awards. Ulrich, his AOA and a Golden Alce! Matthias a Keystone! And much to a terrified Zaphie's surprise she was the first one called in Court and received a Silver Sycamore!

In addition Steve finally received his long deserved AOA and his Sycamore! Vivats! You've deserved it for so very long.

The camping itself was a bit different also; we had a lush carpet of grass under our feet for one thing. Seems they have been getting all the rain as well. The temperatures were down a bit as well. The camp numbered about eighteen total with some coming and going during the war.

One fabulous addition was a small camper which Bera and Snaebjorn's daughter Christine and her friend Patrick turned into a lovely kitchen and shower unit. The shower in camp was appreciated by everyone. Next year we'll dig a proper sump for it... but even so we felt like we were living high on the hog.

The first week we had many folks for dinner including the ever bubbly Princess of Gleann Abhann, Mary Grace. Duffy, of course. We also had The Black Dragon camp over a good bit, and Walbach and his group were around some of the time. And more my weak brain can't remember!

What else did we do you ask? Lord Snaebjorn guarded the Queen a lot! Once in a while Bera took him shopping. Ha-Ha! Lady Bera worked herself to a near frazzle volunteering in the Heraldry tent (she got most of us to go volunteer there one night as well), shopped a little, took a few classes, and worried a lot about running the camp. Gillian and Tom mostly only had time to shop and look around as they had to leave before a lot of things got started. Rachel wandered Pennsic a lot, volunteered in water bearing, and made some good friends. Unfortunately she also got a bit ill. I hope that didn't ruin Pennsic for her! She shopped a little too of course. And looks great in everything! Zaphie attended scribal classes, ran ice

for the Dragons, and got to know Pennsic. Zaphie does what I like to call stealth shopping. She walks with everyone else and never buys (just scopes everything out). Then later she silently slips back to the shops she favors and makes her purchases... which included a lovely middle eastern, glittery, butterfly outfit! Kallie fought a lot, cooked some, attended classes, and made a lot of friends as well (mostly the fighter kind). She also came to the Slavic Interest meeting and had a great discussion with an Archeology professor about dig finds. She made her share of purchases as well and accompanied Margarita on a few walk-about as she traveled entertaining the populace with her wonderful voice. She sang (by request) for Atlanta Royal and "The Hoity Toity Party" (a royals thing). She also cooked lot for the camp. I know she attended at least one class. She was her outgoing self and met a great many bardic people of many Kingdoms. Grimolfr attended classes, helped someone get a car started, and socialized over various meads. He was also invited to drum the Kahn and Khatun into Tuesday's Athelmearc Court after playing at the kingdom party on Monday night. Hrefna meanwhile volunteered a great deal retaining and also at the hospitality table in Royal. She also got up early and cooked a hearty breakfast for the fighters which they greatly appreciated. Mathias accumulated his kit for heavies and volunteered for Youth Marshaling and as a guard for the Aethelmearc Royal camp. He also ran ice for folk occasionally and helped a lot around camp. Petr attended classes, carved horn, worked leather, ran to the store for folks, and cooked a good bit as well. And yes, he shopped as well. Me, I taught classes, attended classes and meetings, shopped, volunteered at Reception and in the Heraldry art tent. Oh, and ate cashew baklava and rose lochom which I wait for all year!

In addition to all things above our camp had sewing, armor making, and beading as on going activities. And beyond that it seems that Snaebjorn attracted the mysterious attention of an admirer who placed a series of anonymous ads in the Pennsic Independent which had the whole camp in a quandary. They were to him at The Brotherhood of The Silver Apple and referred to a an unknown someone who was trying to find him and our camp. Everyone was surprised when eventually the someone was brought to our camp (by unidentified children I was told). Snaebjorn was not in at the time so when he returned he was told he had something under his hat on the table and was delighted when he uncovered a small snow bear complete with garb and a letter which requested he be allowed to join Snaebjorns Clan. (A letter which when Bera reads it is extremely endearing!) And so the mysterious visitor arrived but left us still not knowing where (or whom) he had come from!

This was our first time camping with the Brotherhood and I can truly say I enjoyed it! I had my cranky moments, but then everyone does... it's a part of Pennsic! It was nice getting to know everyone better by camping together instead of camping with strangers as we had been doing in the disability camping! It felt more like home...

Merriment and Games

I am a newer member to the SCA, and enjoy participating in a lot of the activities involved in it. I consider myself a jack of all trades, master of none. I enjoy trying new things especially arts things. I enjoy sewing, painting, scribal, calligraphy and have most recently started making necklaces. I enjoy helping others, when I can, including giving some assistance with the up and coming Siege event. Most Sundays you will see me at fighter practice even though I have only been in heavy armor once. Fencing is more my thing. I enjoy being near my friends and family, even though one of them can be very negative some times.

Who is this Mystery Member?

The Aethelmearc Royal Camp hosted a Torchlight Bocce Tournament this year. Grimolfr took his lighted Bocce balls along and they were a great hit! Several members of the Roayl camp including Their Majesties, Khalek Khan and Branwyn Khatun, and the Princess Royale, Talia, took turns playing a few rounds.

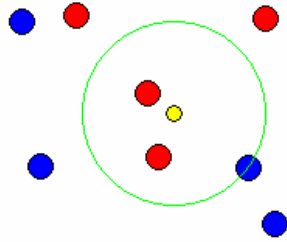
Bocce

Bocce (or **Bocci**, or **Boccie**), is a precision sport belonging to the boules sport family, closely related to bowls and pétanque with a common ancestry from ancient games played in the Roman Empire. Developed into its present form in Italy (where it is called *Bocce*, the plural of the Italian word *boccia* which means "bowl"), it is played around Europe and also in overseas countries that have received Italian migrants, including Australia, North America and South America (where it is known as *bochas*; "bolas criollas" in Venezuela), initially amongst the migrants themselves but slowly becoming more popular with their descendants and the wider community. The game is also well-known in Serbia as *boćanje* (боћање) and in Croatia as *boćanje*, *bućanje*, or *balote*, depending on the region.

Rules and play

Bocce is traditionally played on an oyster shell Court, but has also been played on decomposed granite, soil, or asphalt Courts approximately 20 to 27 meters in length and 2.5 to 4 meters wide, sometimes with wooden boards of approximately 15 centimeters in height surrounding the Court. Bocce balls can be made of metal, wood, or various kinds of plastic.

See Laird Grimolfr Ormolfsson if you would like to learn more about Bocce. He will hold a Bocce game at o'dark thirty on Saturday at Siege of Glengary.



The balls in the circle scores 2 points



Bocce players scoring their game.

A game can be contested between two players, or two teams of two, three, or four. A Court match is started by a randomly chosen side being given the opportunity to throw a smaller ball, the jack (called a pallino, a pill, a bolus, a bleem, or a boccino in some areas), from one end of the Court into a zone about 5 metres in length, ending 2 metres from the far end of the Court. If they miss twice, the other team is awarded the opportunity to place the jack anywhere they choose within the prescribed zone. At this time the team that attempted to put the jack into play first gets to roll the first ball.

The side that places the jack is given the opportunity to bowl first. Once the first bowl has taken place, the other side has the opportunity to bowl. From then on, the side which does not have the ball closest to the jack has a chance to bowl, up until one side or the other has used their four balls. At that point, the other side bowls its remaining bocce balls. The team with the closest bocce ball to the jack is the only team that can score points in any frame. The scoring team receives one point for each of their balls that is closer to the jack than the closest ball of the other team. The length of a game varies by region, but is typically played to 11, 12, or 13 points.

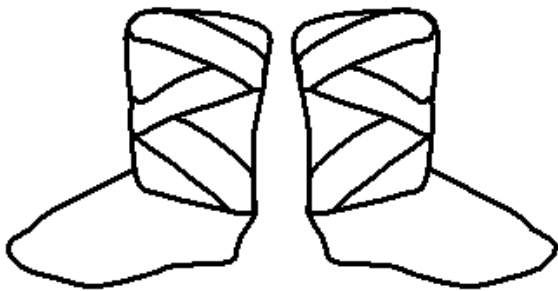
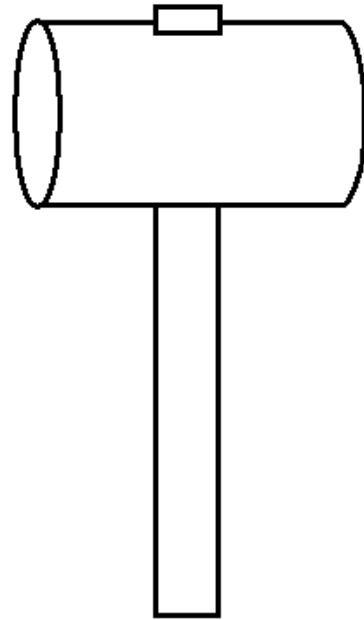
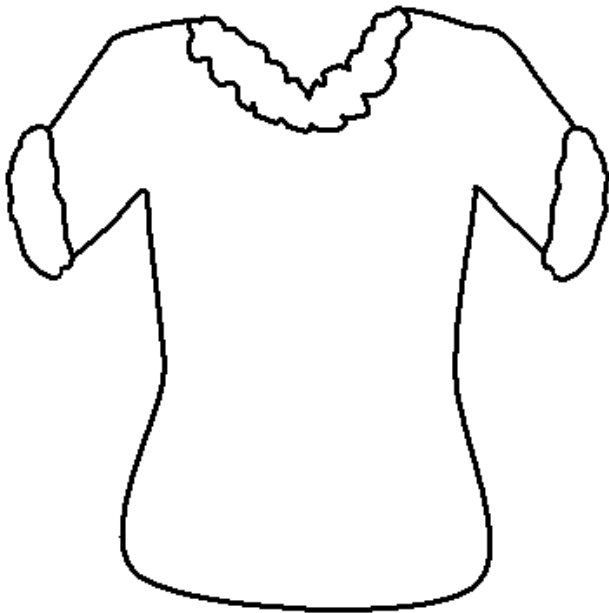
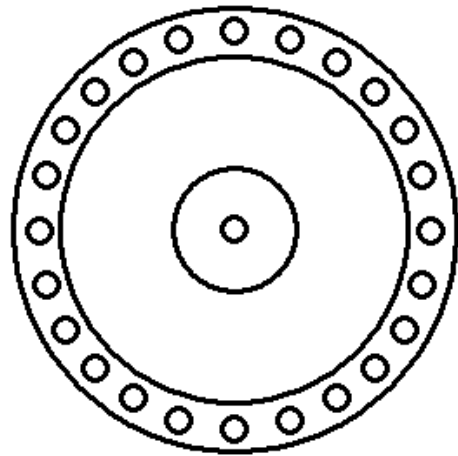
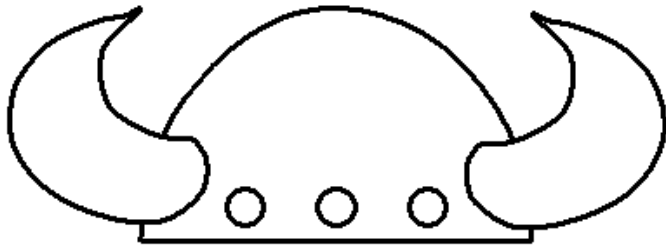
Players are permitted to throw the ball in the air using an underarm action. This is generally used to knock either the jack or another ball away to attain a more favourable position. Tactics can get quite complex when players have sufficient control over the bocce ball to throw or roll it accurately.

Bocce in the United States

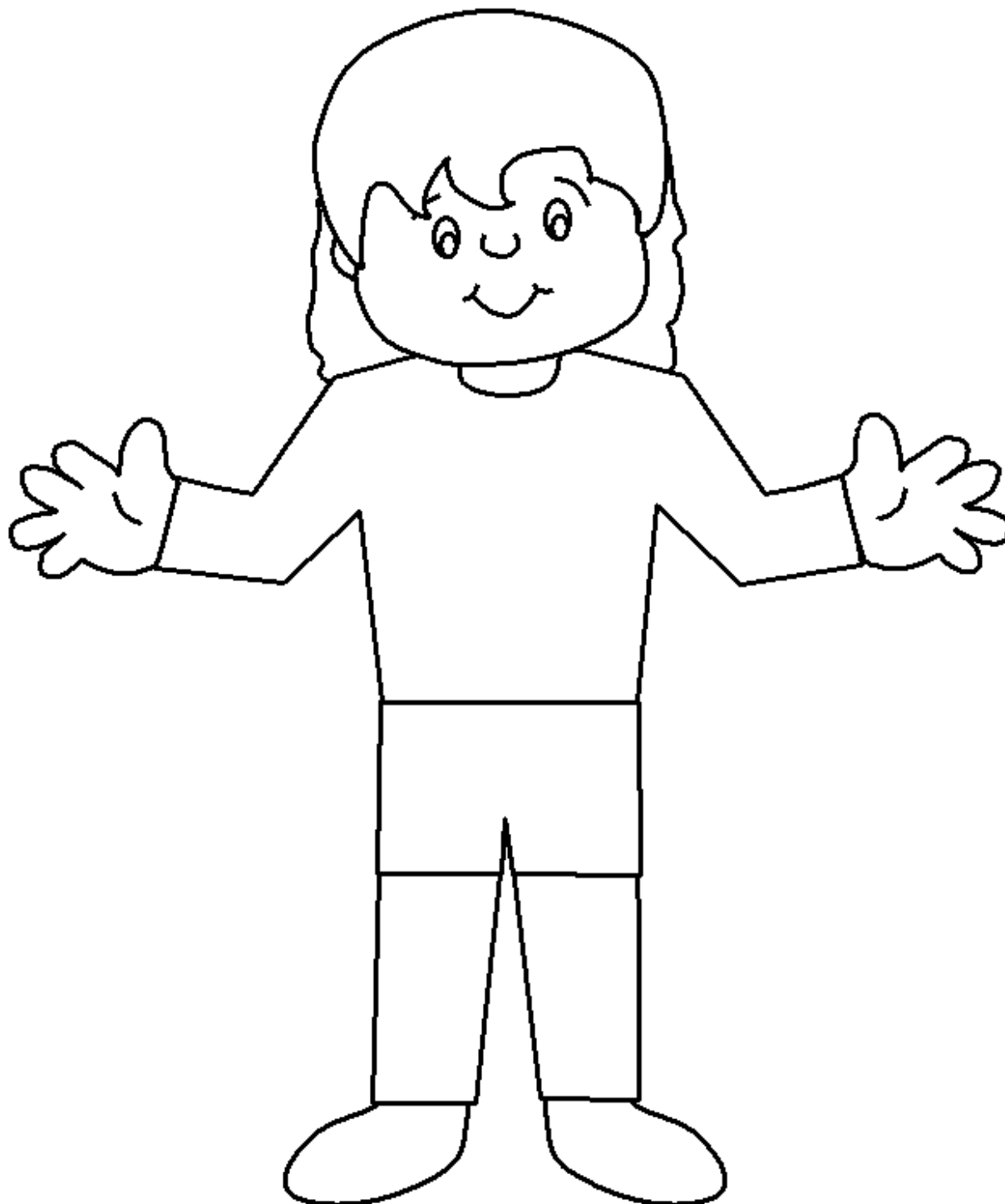
Bocce is not a widely played sport in the United States, though there is a United States Bocce Federation, which conducts annual national championships. These have been held at the "Palazzo di Bocce" in Lake Orion, Michigan. The Palazzo is the largest Bocce facility in the United States, containing 10 Courts, all legally sanctioned. The sport was originally introduced to the United States by English settlers, and George Washington had a Court built on his property.. However, the sport did not gain much popularity until the Italian-American community became established in the late 19th century.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Kids' Page



Kids, here's a Viking warrior for you to color and cut out.



Color his outfit then glue the Viking together in the following order:

- 1) boots
- 2) coat

- 3) belt
- 4) helmet

- 5) hammer
- 6) shield

Source: <http://www.dltk-kids.com/fantasy/mpaperviking.htm>

What is Court?

By Lady Hrefna Ulfvarinnsdottir

In the Society for Creative Anachronism, we have nineteen kingdoms around the world. Each of these kingdoms has a King and Queen, a Prince and Princess, and several landed Barons and Baronesses (these are barons and baronesses who sit on the throne of a barony and represent the Royals). Their Majesties and Their Highnesses travel to events throughout Their lands during Their reigns, and Barons and Baronesses are usually present when Their local group puts on an event. When you have Royals or Their representatives at an event, Court usually becomes one of the activities at that event.

What is Court? In the context of the Society for Creative Anachronism, this is the venue through which official business is conducted (even when that business veers to the silly as it sometimes does). Some of the things handled during a Court are proclamation of law, warranting of kingdom officers, important announcements about upcoming events or activities, landed barons and baronesses and officers swear fealty to a new King and Queen, presentations by the populace, announcing the formation of new groups, and the presentation of awards to deserving gentles.

So what does this mean to someone who attends Court? Court is an official activity where much of the business of a kingdom or barony is conducted. As an attendee, you are considered to be a witness to the proceedings even if all you do is watch. It also provides you with an excellent opportunity to be there for your friends and family to cheer them on as they may be recognized for their efforts. Who knows, you might even be called into Court yourself!

There are two kinds of Court in the SCA, a formal Court and a field Court. A formal Court is usually held at a designated place and time. The Royals process in with Their full entourage including a herald to announce Their arrival and the beginning of Court, and there is much fanfare and pageantry on display. The audience stands up and bows as the Royals approach and remains standing until invited to sit again. Once Court is closed, everyone will stand and bow again as the Royals leave. A field Court is usually a little less formal but no less official in nature. They can be arranged for a certain time or place to address a specific article of business or they can happen quite spontaneously when a Royal sees an act of service that deeply impresses him/her.

As a member of the audience, remember that you are there to witness official business. As such, it is appropriate to conduct yourself as you would in any formal situation. If you must talk to someone, aside from a short, whispered comment, please leave the Court area so that others may hear what is being said. If you must leave the Court, leave quietly enough so that you don't disrupt the proceedings. Courtesy and respect for the Royals are integral parts of the SCA and Court is one of the times we should be most conscience of displaying these attributes.

If you get called into Court, there are a few things you should know. First, a gentleman will approach the thrones alone while in many kingdoms, it is traditional for a lady to be escorted by a gentleman although it's not required. Remove all weapons from your person before stepping into the Royal presence (which is an area about 10 feet in any direction from a Royal). Bow or Courtesy once you reach the Royal Presence then kneel on the cushion provided. If you can't kneel, that's okay. Just let Them know. Stage fright can set in about this time so remember to breathe! Once your business is concluded, get up and walk backward to the edge of the Royal presence and bow again. At this point, face forward and resume your seat. The audience will then be asked to recognize your accomplishment by shouting "Vivat" or "Huzzah" or whatever is traditional for that kingdom.