

Report of the Calontir Marshal's Quarter Court

Third Quarter, 2005

Introduction:

The Quarter Court met on Saturday, November 5th, at Crown Tournament. The purpose of the Court is to review any incidents or injuries reported during the quarter and offer any recommendations or conduct additional investigations as needed. The Court also serves as an appeal process for sanctions issued by the Earl Marshal.

Members of the Court:

The Earl Marshal, Syr Tarl Wintersson, KSCA.
The Representative of the Crown, Sir Alexandr, KSCA
The Representative of the Chivalry, Sir Toen Fitzwilliam, KSCA.

Summary of the Court:

Case Reviewed: Argon from Oakheart

As noted in previous QC reports: The Earl Marshal has received several complaints over the last year in regard to an individual named Argon. This person resides in the Oakheart area but is described as a "fringe" SCA participant who does not regularly attend events. The complaints include: Winning a tournament by not accepting blows, and not fighting enough to keep his authorizations current, but still claiming to be authorized. There seems to be some history involved between this person, a household they are a member of, and the local SCA group.

The Earl Marshal assigned his Deputy, Sir Dirk to look into the matter and to try to meet with Argon personally. The Court agreed this was a good idea and will wait for an update from Sir Dirk.

Case Reviewed: Lilies Sword Incident

At the War of the Lilies, there was an incident involving an illegal sword made of polypropylene being found laying on the field (No one was seen actually using it). Avraham, the MIC, and other members of the marshallate were made aware of the situation and the sword was temporarily put into the keeping of the Earl Marshal while the owner was searched for. The owner of the sword was eventually discovered and determined to be a fighter named Ton the Traveler, from the Outlands. At His Majesty of the Outlands request, Avraham retrieved the sword from the KEM and gave the sword to His Majesty of the Outlands so that the incident could be handled through the Outlands marshallate structure.

The Calontir Earl Marshal reported the incident to the Society Marshal immediately after the war and later followed up with him to hear the outcome of the investigation. The Society Marshal contacted the Outlands marshal reported: "Mavrikii did an investigation and it's taken care of. Nobody believes Ton used the sword and they've destroyed it."

The Court felt no further investigation or action was needed.

Case Reviewed: Duncan's thumb injured

At a fighter practice in Three Rivers, Baron Duncan Fearmac MacLeod had his thumb broken. He reported: "I was fighting sword and axe, I blocked a shot with axe hand, and the shot hit my thumb straight back. It was a clean break along the first metacarpal, 2 pins, and I am almost fully recovered. The shot was not overly hard, and the gauntlets are of a good design (Waldryk) and were in good repair at the time of the accident. I think it was just a freak accident."

The local marshal Stanislaus, also reported the incident and stated that he thought the gauntlet in question was legal.

The Court felt no further investigation or action was needed.

Case Reviewed: Incident report on Alcyoneus

The Earl Marshal received an incident report from the Vatavian marshal, Kagemoto concerning a local fighter named Alcyoneus.

Kagemoto reported: "Aamir is in grievance about Alcyoneus not buying a body shot. I personally witnessed the shot in question. I agree with Aamir that Alcyoneus "hid up." He declared that the upper midsection shot Aamir threw at him with a great sword deflected off his elbow. Again, I saw the blow as clean, nothing but upper hip. Secondly, and most importantly, Alcyoneus physically injured Uldin by striking him on the side of his helm with the basket hilt of his single sword with excessive force. This action caused a strain to Uldin's neck and left shoulder. Uldin couldn't fight for the rest of the weekend."

Action taken by the marshallate: "Held a marshal's court after the incident. Everyone involved seemed to agree that Alcyoneus is not playing our game. Everyone, of course, except Alcyoneus. I told Alcyoneus that I didn't think he was safe, and would not allow him back on the list field for the rest of the demo.

Alcyoneus was trying to explain his actions, but what everyone involved saw contradicted what he was saying.

Recommended action: "Suspension of Alcyoneus Authorization Card for no less than 6 months. At the end of that time, I recommend he reauthorize."

Further comments: "This is the second marshal's court involving an incident against Alcyoneus. In Oct. of '04, at the same demo, he was accused of not buying any shots. Since then, I have personally fought against him. He has been inconsistent about blows to his body (and some to the head), and still swings at the top end (too hard).

As a collective, we have tried to tell him about our concerns and issues, with no avail. Now he has physically hurt someone. I think the time for talking is done, and action must be taken. I personally have nothing against him.

Yet what scares me is that he has no remorse for what he did. At the marshal's court he gave no apologies to either party with grievances. In my perspective, he gives no thought or care to the courts or complaints.

My recommendations may seem extreme to some, yet I don't know of another way to get through to him.

There are some in this barony that refuse to fight him because they know he doesn't buy many shots, and are concerned about their personal safety. I hope, that if my recommendations go through, he'll come back with a more positive attitude about what we do and the game we all love."

The Earl Marshal confirms that he did receive the prior incident report as well but did not feel it was necessary to take action at that time. However, in light of the current incident, the KEM wishes to investigate the matter further. The KEM has been in contact with Alcyoneus and has requested a statement from him in regard to the incident. The KEM has also contacted Kagemoto to request statements from the other marshals involved in the marshal's court as well as the injured fighter and any other witnesses. Once these additional statements are received, the KEM will decide what further action to take, if any.

The Court will review this incident at the next Quarter Court..

General discussion:

After the actions above, the members of the Court and the other individuals present then engaged in open discussion of various subjects involving the Marshallate. One of the subjects brought up was the often asked question regarding whether or not Siloflex-rattan-cored swords were still legal. The Earl Marshal confirmed that to the best of his knowledge the were still legal to use at this time.

Reviewed and approved:

Syr Tarl Wintersson, Earl Marshal of Calontir

Sir Alexandr, The Representative of the Crown.

Sir Toen Fitzwilliam, The Representative of the Chivalry.

Revised – 11-11-05 – Syr Tarl Wintersson.