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CYNAGUAE

The Newsletter for the Principality of Cynagua,
Kingdom of the West - Winter Investiture AS LX

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Words from the Prince and Princess

Good Greetings Our Beloved Cynagua,

Some say that home is where the heart is, and as for Cynagua,
that could not be more true.

Nothing could have prepared Us for the incredible joy and
splendor of Investiture. Witnessing everyone together, merrily
commemorating the wonderful reign of Their Highnesses that
have come before, brought much joy to our hearts. We are
grateful for the wisdom, leadership, and watchful safekeeping of
the Principality and her people.

As We make our way into this new year, We must admit how
excited we are to continue the celebration of Cynagua's indelible
volunteers, fierce warriors, and inspirational artists. We are
truly honored to contribute to the Principality's magnificent
history, and are deeply humbled to be
entrusted with the responsibility of serving as Prince and
Princess.

*Willium and Bella
Princeps and Principessa*



*A taste of what is to come in and around the
Principality of Cynagua...*

February

- 21 The Unworthies Tournament (Gustine, CA)
- 22 Fettburg Artists Playdate (Manteca, CA)
- 28 Silver Desert Dessert Revel (Sparks, NV)
- 28-Mar. 1 West Kingdom Culinary Symposium (Pt. Reyes, CA)

March

- 7 Whiteshield 40th Anniversary (Tres Pinos, CA)
- 13-15 W.K. Spring Crown Tournament (Tres Pinos, CA)
- 15 W.K. College of Heralds Meeting (virtual)

April

- 4 Wargy (Dublin, CA)
- 10 Kingdom Spring Equestrian (Napa, CA)
- 18 Golden Rivers Championship & Collegium (Sacramento, CA)
- 19 Windy Meads Archery Hunt & Novel Shoot (Davis, CA)
- 25 Baronial War & Civil Unrest (Sacramento, CA)

May

- 1-10 West Kingdom Diamond Beltane (Elk Grove, CA)
- 8-10 Cynagua/Mists War (Elk Grove, CA)
- 22-25 Cynagua Spring Coronet (Quincy, CA)

June

- 5-7 A&S Tournament/Arts Faire (Save the Date)
- 19-21 W.K. June Crown (Save The Date)



Help Wanted

This is a list of Officers who need a deputy or a successor. Please consider volunteering; it's a lot of fun and a great way to keep Our Principality going. Please Contact the Officers directly for more information. Contact information can be found by visiting: <https://cynagua.westkingdom.org/wpp/who-we-are/>

for the most up to date information, or by visiting the next in person event and asking for the officer at gate.)

***Equestrian Minister:** Deputy

***Regalia Officer:** Deputy/Successor

***Regalia Advisory Committee:** Two members needed

***Sable Swan Herald:** Deputy/Successor

The Unworthies Tournament

**Saturday February 21, 2026
10am-6pm**

Heavy fighters and Rapier fighters, come test yourself against the Unworthies in a Pas d'Arms. Each Unworthy of history (Delilah, Vlad Tepes Dracula, Goliath, Vercingetorix, Pedro the Cruel, Guy I de Chabot seigneur de Jarnac and More to come) will challenge your courage and resilience with unique fighting opportunities at the barrier or in the open field. Bring all of your weapons so that you can meet any challenge that these stalwarts might task you with. There will be a potluck feast with the Shire of Canale providing the protein.

Site Fee: Members \$10 (+\$10 for nonmember fee - Shire of Canale will cover Nonmember fee for newcomers and nonunregistered), Youth 17 and under Free.

Event Steward: Mistress Victoria of Durham (Victoria Salisbury) /
thladyvic@westkingdom.org

Site: 745 Linden Ave. Gustine, CA



Exchequers Corner

Greetings, Cynagua!

For those I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting, I am Sibyl the Disobedient (a.k.a. Doctor Disobedient!), and I have had the joy of serving as your Principality Exchequer for the past six months. I am grateful for the trust placed in me, and for the patience and kindness so many of you have shown as I settled into this role.

One of my primary goals in accepting this office was to help foster transparency and shared understanding around our financial resources — not simply how funds are accounted for, but how they support the events, activities, and experiences that make our Principality thrive. Our treasury is not an abstract ledger; it is a tool we use collectively, in service of the community.

To that end, the following page presents a one-page summary of event profitability over the past four years. Financial outcomes are only one measure of success. However, understanding long-term trends can help us make informed decisions, ask better questions, and plan more effectively for the future.

My hope is that this information empowers event stewards, staff, and the populace alike — whether that means identifying practices that have served us well, recognizing where costs have shifted over time, or simply demystifying how event finances tend to balance out across a calendar year.

I welcome thoughtful questions and conversation, and I am always happy to help interpret the numbers or explain the processes behind them. Thank you for the work you do, seen and unseen, to make our events possible, and for allowing me to serve in this capacity. In service, Sibyl the Disobedient, OL - Principality Exchequer

Principality of Cynagua

Financial Review Fact Sheet

Total Paying Adults	2022	2023	2024	2025
01 Winter Investiture		180	141	118
05 Cynagua/Mists War	192	161	178	151
05 Spring Coronet	214	126	155	153
07 Summer Investiture	143	205	178	129
10 Fall Coronet	140	160	204	213
11 Archery Championship	29	60	32	29
Total Annual Attendance	718	892	888	793

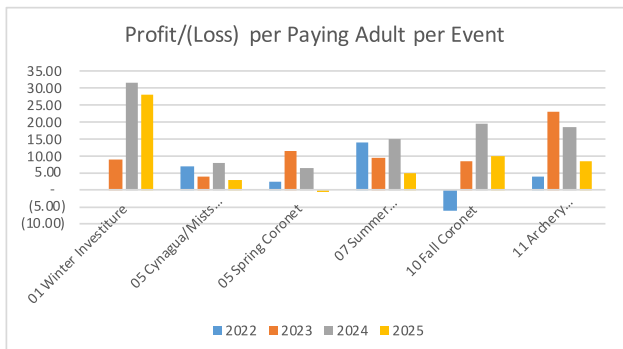
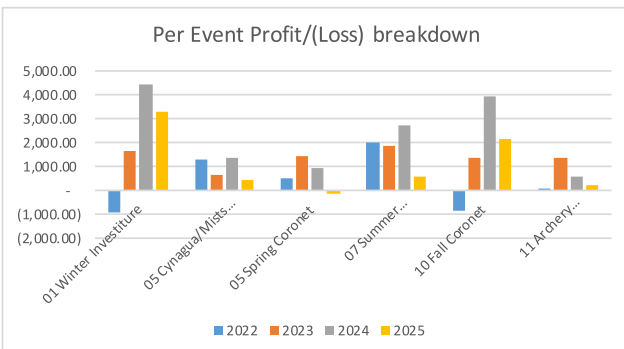
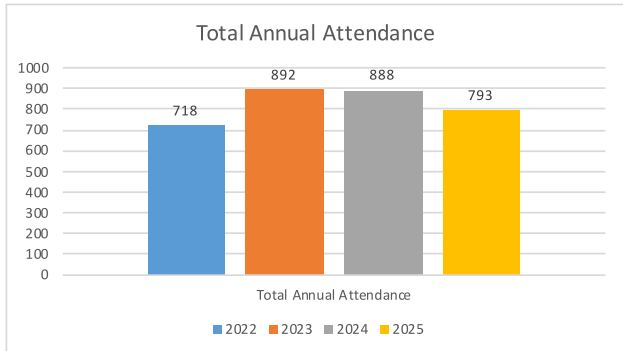
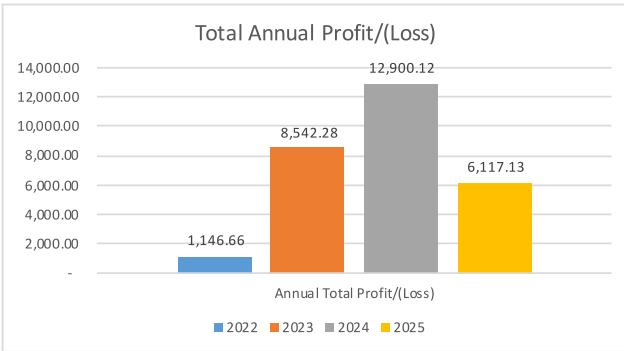
Net Profit/(Loss)	2022	2023	2024	2025
01 Winter Investiture	(950.69)	1,622.64	4,464.73	3,289.04
05 Cynagua/Mists War	1,277.63	615.00	1,362.98	424.49
05 Spring Coronet	523.35	1,458.58	955.94	(118.78)
07 Summer Investiture	2,000.23	1,882.65	2,701.03	611.35
10 Fall Coronet	(864.70)	1,346.79	3,923.03	2,154.70
11 Archery Championship	110.00	1,385.00	590.00	245.00
Annual Event Profit/(Loss)	2,095.82	8,310.66	13,997.71	6,605.80

Other Income/Expenses	2022	2023	2024	2025
Fundraiser / Donation	400.00	1,573.00	-	342.00
Overhead	(1,349.16)	(1,341.38)	(1,097.59)	(830.67)
Annual Total Profit/(Loss)	1,146.66	8,542.28	12,900.12	6,117.13

Site Fee (not including NMR)	2022	2023	2024	2025
01 Winter Investiture		25.00	25.00	25.00
05 Cynagua/Mists War	20.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
05 Spring Coronet	20.00	20.00	25.00	25.00
07 Summer Investiture	15.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
10 Fall Coronet	20.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
11 Archery Championship	15.00	25.00	20.00	15.00

Profit/(Loss) per Paying Adult	2022	2023	2024	2025
01 Winter Investiture	N/A	9.01	31.66	27.87
05 Cynagua/Mists War	6.65	3.82	7.66	2.81
05 Spring Coronet	2.45	11.58	6.17	(0.78)
07 Summer Investiture	13.99	9.18	15.17	4.74
10 Fall Coronet	(6.18)	8.42	19.23	10.12
11 Archery Championship	3.79	23.08	18.44	8.45

*Porta-priv rentals spiked costs for 2022 Fall Coronet
 *No feast costs recorded for 2024 Winter Investiture
 *Dumpster rental spiked costs for 2024 Spring Coronet
 *Site costs refunded due to plumbing issues for 2025 Winter Investiture





Arts & Sciences

Cynagua Coronet

May 22-25

Courtly Love

"As bright sunshine of Spring melts the frigid heart of winter, so comes the renewal of Courtly and Chivalric Love."

Art

Fans, handkerchiefs and jewelry were a few things used in the art of conveying interest in someone. Create an object to be given to your person of "special interest" during pre 16th century court.

Science

Several cultures had talisman, songs, or specific deeds that were relevant to finding that "special someone" Create and document your best interpretation of one of these and define why it was believed to successful.

Summer Investiture

July 11

Beastly Bugs

Summertime often brings out wanted and unwanted crawling, flying and buzzing creatures. From the beautiful to the stuff of nightmares we take a look at the little, and sometimes not so little things we share summer months with.

Art

Create a wearable piece depicting one or several bugs. Some examples are jewelry, head coverings, trim.

Science

Don't bite me! Create something that warded off bug bites and or was used as a mobile barrier to keep bugs away.

Fall Coronet

Oct 30-Nov 1

The Wild Hunt

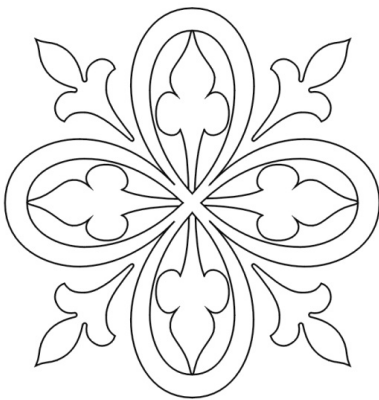
"Some mythology tells us The Wild Hunt rode eternal chasing elusive prey as atonement for wrong doings in life. For competition we will look at what monsters may have lurked and how it was believed one could be protected from such thing"

Art

Using period techniques create something that represents a folklore monster documentable pre 16th century. Example: needle felted snakes on a hat, (Medusa) three distinct but unmatched dog collars (Cerberus) .

Science

Define and describe why and how certain charms, rituals and behaviors were believed to ward off monsters and evils spirits.



Help Shape the Future of Cynagua!

Are you looking for ways to serve our Great Principality and bring our events to life? We are looking for volunteers, sites, and artisans to help make our upcoming season a success!

Do you have a site you would like to host an event at?

Do you have a feast that you would like to cook?

Do you like to make site or award tokens?

If the answer is yes, the Cynagua Bids website is your primary resource for getting involved. This site is designed to connect event organizers with the talent and locations needed to host spectacular gatherings.

Visit the site today to:

Review Event Specifications for upcoming bid cycles.

List yourself as a Feast Steward or Token Maker so organizers can find you.

Find the contact information needed to submit your proposals.

Get started here: **<https://sites.google.com/westkingdom.org/cynagua-bids/home>**

For specific questions regarding the bidding process, please contact the Principality Seneschal at **cynagua-seneschal@westkingdom.org**



Black Swan Rising

(Siobhán ní hEodhusa - Leigh Ann Hussey, 1992)

We came, strangers to this land, with nothing but
our will;
Our hands were open and deeds were put therein.
Stone surrendered to our skill,
Sweat made barrens yield our fill,
We wrought in ice and fire, a home to win.

Now the Black Swan rises and she spreads her
wings
O'er the hearths of heroes and the halls of kings.
By the valley's richness, by the mountain's snow,
This is our Cynagua - we have made it so!

Blood and spirit bind us to the hills & to the soil -
Our hands were open to do and not just try.
Faint heart never won the spoil -
Boldness makes the cauldron boil.
We'll feast with Fate, and dare her to reply!

Now the Black Swan rises ...

Welcome, stranger, to our home, the feasting board
is laid.
Our hands are open to all who come as friends.
Share our pride in what we've made
But come not with a foeman's blade
For what the Swan has built, the Swan defends.

Now the Black Swan rises ...



Fettburg Artists Playdate

**Sunday February 22, 2026
11:00am-6:00pm**

Bring your WIPs, UFOs, or new projects out to the artists playdate!

There will be plenty of tables, floor space, and even a kitchen to play in.

There will not be formal classes. There will be a potluck charcuterie.

Bring your favorite snack meat, cheese, or veggie. If you require dedicated space, please let the event steward know.

Event Steward: Anna of Fettburg (Anna Hibbert) /
Anna@westkingdom.org

Event Site: Manteca Senior Center / 295 Cherry Ln,
Manteca, CA

Site Fee: DONATION ONLY

Silver Desert Dessert Revel

**Saturday February 28, 2026
4pm-8pm**

Join in on an evening of socializing and celebrating desserts. Bring a dessert of any kind to share with friends at this potluck dessert party.

Please bring a card listing the dessert ingredients. Although this evening focuses on desserts, we encourage all to pack a picnic style dinner for themselves. Fancy table decorations will be much admired! (no open flames allowed)

Event Steward: Rhiceneth ferch Rosamund
Delwyddelyn (Cyndee Joncas) /
rhiceneth@aol.com

Event Site: Home of Vlad and Margerie /
(Address available via facebook event group or event steward)

Site Fee: DONATION ONLY

Whiteshield

**Saturday March 7, 2026
9:00am-10:00pm**

You are warmly invited to join the Barony of Darkwood at the 2026 White Shield Tournament. Currently, there is planned to be both heavy and rapier tournaments with the victors receiving prizes and the possibility of becoming one of the Baronial Champions of Darkwood. In the evening, there will be a grand feast. More information on menu and ticket sales coming soon!

Event Steward: Þóra Rauðbjarnardóttir (Denee Krzyzanski) / thora@westkingdom.org

Site: Bolado Park/San Benito County
Fairgrounds / 9000 Airline Hwy, Tres Pinos, CA

Site Fee: Non-member \$30 / Member \$20 /
Minors 17 years and younger FREE

The War of the Baronies/Civil Unrest

**Saturday April 25, 2026
9:00am-5:00pm**

The Barony of Fettburg and the Barony of Rivenoak invite all members of the Populace of the Kingdom of the West and beyond to attend a friendly "war." Choose sides to help settle a minor dispute between these two Cynaguan Baronies. There will be activities (meaning war points) for both Heavy and Rapier/Steel Fighting, Artisans, and Impartial Observers.

For planning purposes, this is a 1 day event; no camping will be allowed.

Event Steward: Áfastr Dreki Reginsson (Brandon Tucker) / Dreki@westkingdom.org

Event Site: Hamilton Park / 4855 Hamilton St,
Sacramento, CA

Site Fee: DONATION ONLY

Windy Meads Archery Hunt & Novelty Shoot

**April 19, 2026
9:00am-4:00pm**

Fair weather is returning! Grab your bow and join us under the trees of Yolo County's medieval forest for our annual Hunt and Novelty Shoot!

This event gets better every year! Life-size 3-D foam animals sheltering under the trees, magical creatures and angry ducks await your arrows.

Defend your comrades from the enemy fighters popping up from behind the barricade or the giant red dragon. Save us from pestilential plague rats!

Targets suitable for beginners to champions will be in the mix. Youth and novice archers are encouraged to join in the fun, but beginner lessons won't be available.

Loaner gear can be available by prior arrangement only.

No compound bows (SCA rules) or crossbows (Club rules). Not interested in shooting? Join us anyway and work on your project under the trees.

Gate opens at 9:00 AM and the shoot starts at 10:30 AM. Soup and bread for lunch, but you are welcome to bring something to share. Shooting is expected to be complete about 4:00 PM

Site information: Yolo Bowmen Archery Club at Yolo Grasslands Regional Park.

Event Registration: Adult Archer \$20; Adult Member Discount

Event Registration \$15. Non-archer \$5. Children (under 17): free.

Event Steward: Julie Ivarskona (Julie Skaug)

Kingdom Spring Equestrian

**Saturday, April 11th, 2026
10:00am-4:00pm**

Sharpen your blades and steady your steeds! Whether you are a seasoned cavalier or a rider just beginning your equestrian journey in the SCA, this event is designed to immerse you in the art of the medieval hunt. Join us for a day of skill-building, camaraderie, and tradition. What's on the docket?

Cross-country riding (get out of the arena!)

Mobile & stationary target practice (Swords, Javelins, Arrows, & Lances)

Mock-game packing skills

Potluck Picnic and evening revelry!

Location & Camping Want to wake up on-site?

Reserve your horse camping directly through Skyline Wilderness Park.

Sites 01-03: Include pipe corrals.

Sites 06 and up: Include space to set up your own pens or highlines.

All sites: Include trailer parking and water.

Check the Skyline Wilderness Park website for specifics and reservations.

Who: All skill levels welcome!

Site location: Skyline Wilderness Park in Napa, CA

Event Registration:

Full Price: \$40

Discounted Adult Member Price: \$30

Children 17 and under: Free

Event Steward: Else Hunrvogt (Nancy Reimers)
else.hunrvogt@westkingdom.org

<https://sites.google.com/westkingdom.org/2026-spring-eq/home>

Site Fee: Non-member \$30 / Member \$20 / Minors 17 years and younger FREE

*"Everyone who goes on the road eventually stops for a rest.
But my road never ends, and I never get to stop.
I endure a perpetual journey which the years cannot stop,
Nations and kings cannot prevent my journey."
Who am I?*

Look for the answer on the last page of the next edition
of the Vox Cynaguae!

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