

As The Sword Turns



The Official Castle Wall Productions Newsletter

Current Clack

Here we are the start of my fourth year as President/owner of CWP, and I am looking forward to it as we have many changes in place to help the effective running of CWP. We will attempt to make this the best year possible but we need your help and cooperation to do so.

Castle Wall Productions now has an indoor spot which we can practice at during bad weather, thanks to Deb. Essentially that eliminates a huge hurdle CWP had, winter weather. It is official in **Jan. 2008 CWP will be moving to and holding practice in Washington Park in Denver** and all of this will be updated on our web site. Our reasons for this are three fold, we want to be more centralized in the Denver metro area, we want to be in a place with more exposure and that we can be seen, and it is a much more picturesque park (photo ops). Look for the official CWP Manual of Arms to be out in January.

We are declaring Dec. CWP Recruitment Month, go out and get new members to join the best live steel entertainment group in the U.S.
-----Eric Medved

Calls from the Turret

Wow! What an amazing start to what should be an amazing season. I would like to start by thanking each and everyone in Castle Wall for stepping up, and working so hard this last month. We have grown quite a bit as a group. I would

especially like to thank the trainers for the dedication and hard work they have put in thus far this season. Kerry, Ken, Judy, Bepi, Julie, Luke, James, Jessica, and Badger, you are a large part of what is making this season such a success. Keep it up, all of you.

The thing that we need and look to the members of Castle Wall to provide, is the background to our shows – our teams. Unfortunately, we have had a low rate of volunteerism, resulting in much smaller teams. I understand that people's schedules are quite busy, but the team leads are generally quite flexible and will do their best to work with you. The other thing is that is vitally important is, for those of you on teams, to communicate with your team leads if you are unable to make it to a meeting. They are depending on each and every one of you to be there; in fact, more then likely, they look forward to it. Please try to communicate your schedule needs with the team lead; as it makes scheduling easier. That is all from me; again, you all have been amazing thus far this season. Keep at it!
-----Deb Colao

From the Field

Kudos to everyone that is currently active in CWP. I have noticed so much positive energy this first month and I personally love it. Everyone is really working hard and getting all the forms down. We will

be starting the testing out next week. When I started back with the group in the summer I remember working on basics with Eric. He came at me with the long sword form at full pace and I was unarmed (the dummy exercise) When he did this to me I didn't flinch because I trusted that I would not be hit. It amazed me how much of the trust we had built up years ago that still existed. This is the kind of trust we should have with each other. To this end we will be doing some trust, control, advanced forms and then speed exercises over the next month. Now that we all know the basic forms, it comes down to building the control and trust to make the fights look crisp and non rehearsed. I expect that we all will have built some of this trust by the time we start pairing up for our fight choreography. By the time of our season opener, we all should have complete trust in our fighting abilities and our partners. If there are ways I can help you in gaining this trust please let the trainers as well as myself know, we are all their to help. Let's keep the positive energy going on through the whole entire season.
-----Jerry King

Reports from the Lists

As the season starts up again, so to do our forms. For those who've been in the group for a while, you're probably bored of them by now, but it's something that needs to be done.

No one, myself included, is so good with any weapon that a little fundamental training wouldn't help them, and while our fights this past year weren't bad, a lot of them could use improvement. For the time being, the forms training may seem boring and menial, but if you approach it with an open mind and really focus on safety, showmanship, and your targets, I think you'll notice an immediate difference in your upcoming fights.

-----Kerry Major

Tales of the Anvil

The Weapons Team met this past month and went over all that needs to be done before our first show. I would like to stress the importance of keeping the weapons dry, especially during the coming wet winter and spring months. We did a really good job of keeping water off of the weapons; there is hardly any rust on them at all, so let's keep that up. I am truly excited about this next year; we have added axes, spears and heavy weapons to give our audiences something more to be entertained by. Castle Wall just keeps getting bigger and better and I'm proud to be a part of it. I have made the acquisition of more axes a priority so we can give the ones we have back to Women on the Edge, who deserve thanks from us for loaning us their axes to train with. The Weapons Team is going to do everything we can to make Castle Wall's weapons look great. See the calendar for the next Weapons Team meeting, anyone who would like to attend please contact me, you are more than welcome.

-----Luke Carr

Tailors Bench

Once more it is time to return any Castle Wall costumes and accessories. Please return them to us by Dec 16 2007, laundered is nice

but not required. If you made your own garb but have used a Castle Wall tabard or accessories turn them in to them in also. Think of possible costume changes for January.

-----Gerry Daubert

Ring Time

We will be working to repair the armor we already have chain and leather. We also will be working on three new sets of chain mail and the leather sheaths along with frogs, belts and pouches. If you want to participate on the armor team please contact me and let me know if you will be at our next meeting (see calendar).

-----Ken Daubert

Castle Custodian's Closet

Hey guys, happy new season, and I have to say, everybody is doing great! Now to move on to what I am here to say, PROPS! We need more volunteers! We are in the process of constructing the unfinished sword boxes.

Calendar for December 2007

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	

- 2, *Sunday*; Mission Viejo, **CWP Practice** 11:00-3:00
- Stunts Forms Dummy exercise
- 7, *Friday*; Medved House, **Armor Team** 7:00-?
- 8 *Saturday*; Medved House 1:00-5:00
- 9, *Sunday*; Mission Viejo **CWP Practice** 11:00-3:00
- 2 hours full train, volunteers to test first then all CWP to test
- 13, *Thursday*; Medved House, **Props Team** 7:00-10:00
- 16, *Sunday*; Mission Viejo, **CWP Practice** 11:00-3:00
- Advanced training forms, stunt work additional testing
- 16, *Sunday*; Mission Viejo, **Costume Team** 3:00-3:30
- 21, *Friday*; Medved House, **Armor Team** 7:00 -?
- 23, *Sunday*; Mission Viejo, **CWP Optional Practice** 11:00-3:00 TBA

And I also have plans to make barrels for the water jugs. If anyone has any other ideas for any props, or wants on the team, then please contact me.

-----Bethany Medved

Wagons Wheel

It is official as all of you know we, CWP, now has a truck, it is a Ford 350 Econoline diesel, box truck with heat and lights in the back. We need volunteers' to help deck it out, as we need to put shelves, racks, power and work benches in it.

-----Eric Medved

Leeches Ledger

Nothing new to report...

-----Jordan Rogell

From the Heralds Horn

We have big news for January. Watch this space!

-----Eric Medved

Merchants Booth

Merchandise Team is under new management, news TBA.

-----Angela Massinelli-Yoder