

# Ann propofal for hosting of the tauern att the XV<sup>th</sup> Reenactors Conferention

*sum ad Castrum Mons* by

that Monstrous Regiment,

## The Routiers.

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an lunche caffè and barr fnakks.



*In Taberna **N**ovo **M**agdebergenfis  
fed ad ludum properamus,  
cui femper infudamus.  
Sed immoderate bibunt omnes  
fed metae.*

To be held att the Sign of the New Magdeburg Tauern, Eafter 2009

## **Executive Summary**

The Pike and Musket Society begs the indulgence of the organising committee and is pleased to present its application for hosting the tavern at the 15<sup>th</sup> Conferention, to be held at Castle Mountain over Easter 2009. The tavern proposal focuses on creating an entertainment precinct that meets our customers' beverage, food and gaming needs, without undue environmental impact on the rest of the Conferention.

Located in the roundhouse, the tavern proposal aims to provide the atmosphere that has been missing at the past few Conferentions, to this end, we have engaged the services of a number of consultants that were involved in creating the New Magdeburg Tavern Experience at the Glenfield Conferention in 1993.

This proposal details the plans for the tavern and environs, and in addition introduces early plans for a lunch café run on three of the four days of the Conferention. Some time is spent discussing plans to limit the impact of bottles and cans on the ambiance (and possibly, Ambulance) of the rest of the Conferention site.

## **About the Society**

The Pike and Musket Society is an historical re-enactment and Living History organisation whose main focus is re-enacting the Green Band of the Trayned Bandes of London at the beginning of the English Civil War in 1642.

Even though our main area of re-enactment is military, this doesn't stop us from re-enacting the finer parts of Stuart culture.

The Pike and Musket Society also travel under the name "The Routiers". The word "Routier" means "Road-man" in Old French and the name came about in early Pike and Musket days when we were re-enacting the European 30 Years War. In the 17th Century, these "road-men" were bands of vagabond soldiers who plied their mercenary trade along the highways and byways of the strife-torn Europe of the 17th Century, selling their martial expertise to the highest bidder. This fitted our re-enactment perfectly. As time has worn on, those soldiers have aged, and are now the Veterans who form the mainstay of the London Trained Band's ranks. Those young, drunken mercenaries have now turned into the gout-ridden middle-aged respectable (well, nearly respectable) people, some with families to support. They keep the nickname Routiers to remind them of more youthful days.

## **About the New Magdeburg Tavern**

Established in 1987 for the Fourth Medieval Convention, conveniently also held at Castle Mountain, The New Magdeburg Tavern has become legendary in the Australian Re-enactment scene. Present at such outstanding events as the Conferentions at Cataract, Glenfield and Sokil, more Oktoberfests than you could poke a pike at, and in disguise once as the Cross and Ball Tavern at Wintercampe, the Tavern could be considered a mighty edifice of the Australian Re-enactment scene, particularly if you are prepared to squint a bit through beer-coloured spectacles.

*The Tavern*

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## **The Tavern**

The roundhouse will be dressed for the part, flags and drapes used to conceal the green plastic “curtains” and other things that are out of place. A bar area will be created as the focus of the tavern, with tables set up for patrons to use for drinking, gaming and general socialising. Candles and other approximately accurate lighting will be set up for use during the evenings.

All legislative requirements under state law such as service of alcohol permits, RSA and food handling certification will be met.

A “Children’s Window” will be set up, selling soft drinks, juice and snacks so minors don’t have to come to the bar for service. Troublesome children will be sent to the Blacksmith for counselling.

### ***Opening Times***

Within the terms of the permit, the tavern aims to be open as long as there is custom, we expect this to be from some time just after regimental breakfast small beer ration is issued, (gish) til late. Outside of these hours a night watch will be provided to ensure security of the supplies. The Tavern will be closed momentarily during Musters, the Archery and Drille Competitions, Religious Observations and other random times at our whim.

### ***Drinks***

The range of drinks is still being finalised and will depend on input from previous Conferention committees and from the enrolment survey but a provisional list is given below:

Beer – depending on bulk availability, kegs of favourite commercial type or two (Old &/or VB or similar), along with kegs of a couple of good boutique brews based on historical types and tasting of specials bespoke brewed for the Conferention – see the Events section below

- ☞ Wine – nice clean skin, one each of red and white
- ☞ Mead – Suttons or better (Dear God, please not Merrydowne or Maxwell!)
- ☞ Cider – Mercury or similar in preference to Strongbow if possible
- ☞ Soft drinks – Juice boxes for kids, Coke, strong green and red cordial, etc

### **Keeping cans and bottles out of site**

One of the stated aims of this Tavern is to avoid spreading modern containers beyond the bar area. Drinks will be served by standard measure from either bulk containers or decanted from the modern packaging by our bar staff. Empties will be removed from the site at the end of the event and recycled.

All attendees will be advised to bring jugs and drinking vessels for use at the tavern, provision will be made to sell containers to those caught short or otherwise disorganised. Negotiations have started with The Reverend’s Emporium for the supply of more accurate drinking horns, horn cups and leather vessels, if the Reverend ever rises up from his fundament.

The basic options will be: cheap glass carafe (barely more accurate than cans or bottles, choice of 1l and 500ml); internally glazed terracotta pottery jug or cup; cheap bad tankards from 2<sup>nd</sup> hand stores and op shops.

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## ***Bar Snacks***

To assist with the balancing of humours and digestion of all the booze we plan to sell, bar snacks will be available for a token charge to cover the cost of supplies. Current plans are to provide a mix from the list below, for example, a slice of bread, chunk of cheese and a few pickles in your own bowl or onna slab of pine provided by us:

- ☞ Pickled onions, garlic, gherkins, olives, preserved chilli
- ☞ Hard Cheese – cut from big blocks and rounds to order.
- ☞ Black (rye) and/or wholemeal bread
- ☞ Boil't or pickled eggs
- ☞ Sauce or relish

In addition, we'll be offering **The Reverend's Nuts** – a mix of European nuts such as almonds, pine nuts and walnuts inna small bow(e)l.

## ***Other Items***

- ☞ Small cheap nasty cigars .
- ☞ Hang-over cures – Aspirin, Berocca, Black Panadol™, etc.
- ☞ Dr D'Amage's Patented Gout Ungent.
- ☞ Pornographic woodcuts (night service only), Routier and Puritan literature

## ***Daily Events***

### **Brew of the Daye**

In the mid-late afternoon each day, there will be a happy-hour offering small tastings of period-style beers or ales to edjumacate the palettes of jaded re-enactors. Types depend on the availability of recipes for the master brewers, but will keep generally in line with the days' theme and are likely to include Viking mead ale and an Elizabethan style beer. These will be on a strictly first served basis and will continue until run out.

### **Brewing Competition**

The Routiers will work with the conference organisers to select a judging panel and host this competition.

Entries will be accepted at the tavern for the Brewing Competition until 2pm on Saturday. Entries submitted after 2pm will be understood to be a libation to the Tavern-keepers and will be gratefully consumed. Judging of the competition will be in as open and theatric a manner as possible for the amusement and elucidation of all attendees. Those in the front rows may be advised to bring raincoats. Leftovers will be returned or shared, according to the entrants' wishes and judges' whim. Empties will be returned or recycled with the rest.

An impromptu brewing discussion may follow. Or may not if there have been too many libations.

### **Bardic Competition**

Adding to the evening ambiance, the Bardic Competition will be held one night *in Taberna*. The Brew of the Daye will be held a little later on this evening so entrants who like may lubricate the vocal chords (or those still with the shakes from the night before, the strumming fingers) with an Reasonably Accurate Ale™. *Games*

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## Games

No doubt *Spike's Elementary Money Loss Clinic* will run the normal dice and domino classes along with cards or other table games. This is a force of nature that we couldn't stop, even if we wanted to. Practitioners are advised to check the yet-to-be-published *Routier Games Manual (Second Edition)* for rules, instructions and health warnings. No ATMs will be located in the Tavern or environs.

Other game boards for Chess, Checkers, Shovvgoat, Glükshaus and Backgammon will be left casually strewn around, as will copies of different (and contradictory rules) for those wanting to have a go on their own.

**Pell Mell** – a cross between croquet and armed insurrection will be held in a hazardous manner around the green and camps. Passers-by are advised to **RUN TO HIGH GROUND!**

**Bowls/9 pins** – we have plans to gerry-build an abomination of a nine-pins alley in the area of the roundhouse furthest from the door. Boules will be played on the green outside the roundhouse. Shin and ankle protection is recommended for those within a 30m radius.

**Divers Olympick Sports** – Drawn from the massive pool of sports and pastimes celebrated at the *Cotswolds Olympicks* in 1612 and the yeres followynge. Only those sports not posing a risk to life and limb will be considered, and after the damage at Wintercampe, hammer hurling and bar spurning are right out. No prizes, sport will be the winner on the day.

## Workshops

The Tavern will be available as a venue to those wanting to host workshops, lectures, impromptu ramblings or invent new historical religions. The tavern organisers reserve the right to throw stickes, shoes, rocks or cricket-stools at practitioners of the latter if it involves in any way the introduction of a new book on *How To Do Religion Properly* (probably <sup>TM</sup>).



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## Double Entendre Lunch Café

On three days of the Conferention, the **St Giles VV** without **Cripplegate Ladies' Auxiliary** and **Fish-wives Guild** will run a lunch café providing prepared lunches and also a small incentive to those willing to pre-book.

The lunch café will not be open on the day of the drill competition. We'll all be at the Perki celebrating or commiserating.

Food will generally be cold cuts, pickles, preserves, cheeses and breads, with different themes each day. As required by Popish Superstition, fish will be available on Friday. Menus and prices will be available well before the Conferention for the perusal and edification of interested parties.

## Site Requirements

In pandering to modern tastes for cold beer and ales, access to power for a dodgy cooling apparatus is needed.

Trestle tables and benches.

Storage space for kegs, bottles and cases.

Storage space for empties (we'll provide hessian sacks to keep them out of view).

Site access from Thursday night to Tuesday morning for set up and cleaning with vehicular access to the roundhouse so we don't have to carry stuff too far. We're not as young as we once were. Come to think of it, some of us were never as young as we once were.

The organisers' patience and indulgence. It will be alright on the day. Honest!

## Reviews of Previous Tavernae

"... I'll be down there with my friends, having wine and dice and good times..."

*An out-of-context Paul the Grof*

"Cataract Conference: I got drunk on cider at the Magdeburg Tavern

"Glenfield Conference: I got drunk on beer at the Magdeburg Tavern

"Brisbane Conference: I didn't get drunk at the Magdeburg Tavern  
'cause there wasn't one

"The freezing cold Conference in Melbourne: I got so drunk at the Magdeburg Tavern that I passed out while gambling and some female friend of Spike lost all my money. F#\$k it was cold."

*An Anonymous Toyota Light Truck.*