

The Tuppence

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PROGRAM CHANGES

In what may be a convention first, there are no announced changes for Sunday!

MASQUERADE REPORT

After several years of shrinking entries, the turnout for this year's masquerade was a wonderful surprise. The overall excellent quality of costumes was quite a pleasure. Presentation skills also seem to be on the upswing, something the audience greatly enjoyed.

We strongly encourage anyone who is interested in costuming to join in the fun. There are many talented costumers among the Phoenix fen and most are eager to help both newcomers and experienced alike. Don't be shy—everyone has to start SOMEwhere! The applause and attention are addicting.

Congratulations to this year's contestants, and thanks for one of the most outstanding masquerades in recent memory. We are looking forward to seeing all of you (and others) at the next con!

MASQUERADE WINNERS

Youth

Miranda and Friends – Belly Dancer Shows the Way – Most Talented

Justin Mowbry – The Knight Sir Luke – Most Likely to Take on Darth Vader

Tyler (and Kristal) – The Littlest Scotsman – The Once and Future Celtic King

Keridwen (modeled by The Pink) – Baton Girl – Miss Firecracker

Morgan and Danielle Vampires Best Vampirellas

Emilio Ruis and David Lucero Crewman Kid – Most Likely to be Crew on the Next Enterprise

Jenny Aronsen – Sorceress – Future World Con Winner

Novice

Christian Dube' – Lost in Time – Best Novice

Brian Duncan, Quinn Duncan, Darrian

Duncan, DeeDee Peacock – After School Snack – Best Presentation

Tina – Cherry Fairy with an Attitude – Judges' Choice

Patrick Pramov – TIE fighter Pilot – Judges' Choice

Klaue (Royal Guard), **Tom** (Darth Vader),

Lancer (Stormtrooper), **Mike**

(Stormtrooper), **Jason** (Stormtrooper),

Kevin (Sandtrooper), **Chad** (Sandtrooper),

Angela (Imperial Officer), **Gabrielle** (Mara Jade) – Forces of the Galactic Empire – Best in Show

Experienced

Joanne Leevée – Red Revisited – Best Experienced

Classic

John Autore – A Figment of Your Imagination – Best Classic

Other Entries Seen on the Masquerade Stage Were:

Kathrine Chambers – Novice -- Good Lookin' Maiden

Jerry Duncan – Novice – Tapestry Transformed

Melissa Tribble and Dane Chastant – Novice – Little Black Riding Hood

Kim Martin and Tasha Cady – Experienced – Valkyrie

Lori Herrin – Display – Species

BODY COUNT!

As of Saturday night, there were 492 registered fen in attendance at CopperCon 21.

PARTY REPORT

We sent some roving reporters out to survey the parties last night. This was obviously a difficult assignment, as it took them several hours to report back and they didn't even manage a full circuit. In spite of the delays, and the somewhat incoherent condition in which they returned, we managed to wrangle some information out of them.

Room 225 was the Confusion "Chill" party. With a mellow, soothing ambience provided by easy-going tunes playing on the computer and low lighting allowing the cool glow a lava lamp and glow sticks to illuminate the room, this was easily the most relaxing place to hang out. The chili wasn't too bad, either! The Confusion crew will be hosting the dance at next spring's LepreCon.

The WesterCon in 2004 Bid Party was in room 105. Eager to sell pre-supporting memberships to raise money to pursue bringing another WesterCon to Arizona (the last one here was WesterCon 45, nine years ago), they were gleefully bribing guests with hot taco fixings and an awesome array of home-brewed cordials. Cranberry, raspberry, chocolate mint and root beer were only a few of the flavors available to taste, and some of those innocent little portions carried quite a kick. Definitely a party well worth attending!

Room 107 was home to the WesterCon 2002, a.k.a. WesterCon 55: Conagerie party. Having trekked all the way across the desert from the urban jungles of Los Angeles, they had a wide assortment of cookies that offered something for every palate. A fun little word puzzle tested people's ability to identify various animal tracks, with those who correctly answered all the questions eligible for prizes at a midnight drawing.

The Pirate Party had run up a flag in room 115. We're not sure what they were promoting, but there were several lecherous pirates making offers of beer, wine, and a few other things not appropriate for public comment.

The LosCon 28 party was in room 119. For people with a sweet tooth, this was the place to go. The home-baked cookies were delicious and the brownies were sufficient to satisfy even the most extreme chocolate craving. The "Name the School Mascot" contest had prompted an eclectic list of suggestions from visitors.

There were other parties, but our reporting team never quite made it to the rest of them. Overall, attendance seemed to be good and increasing as the

night progressed. Spirits among wandering partygoers was high. Or maybe it was the spirits at the WesterCon Bid Party and the Pirate Party that made the partygoers high.



Captain Crackers is now available in a magazine size format for \$2.95. A smaller format is available for \$1.50. You can find them on Mr. Reade's web site: www.riproarcomics.com --Thanks! James Reade

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