

2015 Renaissance Festival Report



Our Renaissance Festival chess booth has been in business for 22 years now. The festival itself runs for seven weekends. It always starts Labor Day weekend. Most often it stops Columbus Day weekend, but this year since Labor Day was late, it stopped the weekend after Columbus Day weekend. Weather was ideal this year with only the first weekend being excessively hot and rain of significance only on Labor Day.

Our booth is our major fund raiser for the Kansas Chess Association. Membership fees are the only other source of funds. Because of the Renaissance Festival Booth we haven't had to raise KCA membership fees for over 10 years. The money raised helps support chess tourneys, such as the Kansas Open, and support our scholastic candidates to the US Open national tourney.

This year we (KCA) raised \$1389. This is after our fixed expenses of liability insurance (\$190), a Bonner Spring tax (\$55), and booth maintenance in the form of extra mulch and plants are subtracted. This total is after the Renaissance Festival gets its 15% of receipts excluding donations.

Helping this year as volunteers were Joe Conklin, Joey Kelly, Jake and Brian Janus, Thomas and CJ Armenta, Ray Birt, Bob Spies, Manohar Kyathsandra, Shakti Shimpi, Kyle Camarda, Diane Camarda, Kogan Camarda, Tom Moloney, Neil Andrews, Cael Province, Carter Cline, Duane Johnson, Rick Hodges, Bill Quinlan, Marshall Lusk, Terry Weller, Ben Gradsky, Hyung Ju Nam, Gabriel Maurer, and me (Laurence Coker). I was in charge of organizing volunteers and

handling finances. I worked every day except the 10th and 11th of October. Bob Spies worked 5 days. Joe Conklin worked three days. Working two weekends was Ray Birt. The Camarda family, Ben Gradsky, Neil Andrews, Tom Moloney, Duane Johnson all worked a whole weekend and earned a full year of KCA membership. Ray Birt and Bob Spies earned KCA membership extensions. Others worked single days. I hope I did not leave anyone's name off.

PICTURES



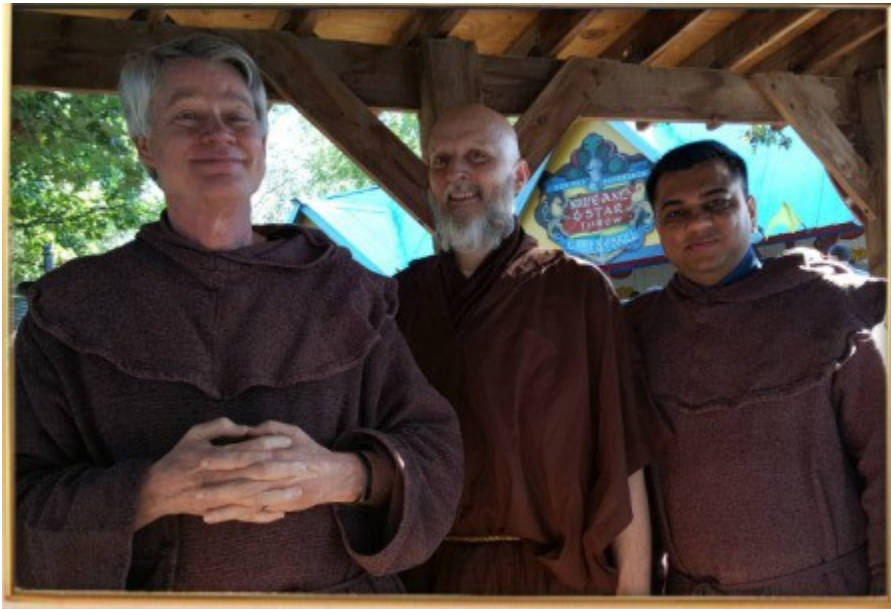
Carter Cline and Cael Province



Tom Moloney with customer



Neil Andrews playing a customer



Me (Laurence Coker), Ray Birt, and Shakti Shimpi



Ray Birt and Bob Spies



Me (Laurence Coker), Hyung Ju Nam, and Ben Gradsky



Kyle Camarda, Diane Camarda, with Logan Camarda in background with hood covering head



Manohar Kyathsandra and me (Laurence Coker)



Our "Knight Moves" chess booth (Located not far from front entrance in the Games area and ideally located near the Royal Privies and not far from the Jousting area)

THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE OUR RENAISSANCE CHESS BOOTH
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