

The Shire of the Great Oak

October 9, 1976 AS XI Living War Game

Held in Bidwell Park, Chico, California. The autocrat was Darthnar, the acting Seneschal. A battle from Tolkien's "The Lord of the Rings" was recreated.

October 23-24, 1976 AS XI Damsel in Distress Tourney and Viking Harvest Festival

Held in Bidwell Park, Chico, California. Saturday saw melees, lists, a living chess game, a contest to design a fortress and defenses (you are a medieval monster who has captured the girl of your dreams- defend her from rescue), a cooking contest (lure the monster from the maiden- he likes spiced sweets, pepper, and exotic nuts), Best Dressed and Most Authentic Monsters, Best Damsel in Distress Outfit, Best Fool's Livery, Best Damsel in Distress Scene, and in the evening there was a Viking Banquet. There were contests for the Best Tale involving Thor's adventures, Best Valkyrie Song or Poem for those slain in battle, and Best Toast. Sunday saw a pilgrimage to the Great Oak, where Errol Flynn's "Robin Hood" was filmed, and a living war game of Robin Hood. Darthnar was the autocrat.