

Newman Escrima Symposium 2018

1001 Nights, The Hofsoicher and Wonderwoman & the Guardian of the Forest meet the Reggae Janitors



Well, the 2nd NESY is already history again... The planning was a lot more complex than in 2017 but in my opinion it was more than worth it! All participants and especially me (hahaha) had a lot of fun!!! What a brilliant weekend, Bettina & I are still totally flashed by all the impressions, the experiences, the enthusiasm for training and coffee & cake but above all by the relaxed, friendly and extremely nice atmosphere with all who were present!

It was clear from the start that for 2018 the main theme would again be "excitement, fun and games" and I think it was an absolutely successful attempt!

Unfortunately this year there have been some short term failures, among others Master Sascha got so sick that he couldn't be there.



Instead of many words from me, here are some feedbacks that reached me !anonymously! via email...(hahaha)



Hello Bernd

many thanks to you and your great team - yes I mean Bettina too ;-) for this great weekend! I really can't say which day I liked better - Saturday was really great and in the evening the demos were just great as well! But also Sunday was great - I had a lot of fun adjusting to a new "Vortänzer" every session.

Greetings, Regina Geisler - or also anonymous :-)

Dear Bernd,

thank you so much for the great, fascinating weekend with so much fun. But I didn't just have fun, I also learned a lot. About me, the weapons and techniques. Of course it was also hard. Physically and mentally. At some point my head was full to the brim. Therefore I find a pure training time of five hours per day completely sufficient. To be honest, I was happy that the one hour on Sunday was cancelled. Also with regard to the trip back home. The family at home was glad that I was back again. There is no criticism. Nothing that could have been better. I thank you and everyone who helped to make it such a great experience. And I'm already looking forward to next year, when I will certainly be there again.



Many greetings also to your wife, who fed us so wonderfully during the breaks.

Maureen Herberts

Dear Master Bernd

a whole day of masterly sword teaching - GREAT

an evening event with delicious food, super demos and a fantastic journey through time - GREAT

5 varied topics conveyed with heart, passion and intensity - GREAT



A big „thank you“ goes to your team, everyone was there with great commitment. They gave tips and never got tired of helping out. It only remains for me to express my sincere thanks to you for a very successful weekend. My whole recognition for the work you have done in the last decades. To get such a great troop together, is something you have to manage in first place. Respect!

One criticism comes to mind after all: A varied weekend full of action, wit and competence passes much too quickly - NOT GREAT ;-)

Best regards from the Sauerland (I know, belongs to Cologne as well :-)

and until the next time - Thomas Wollscheid



Good morning Bernd!

Here's my feedback to the past 2nd NE Symposium.

For me the Newman Escrima Symposium is a fixed part of my calendar. The fun, the friendly participants and speakers and the loving care at the coffee bar make this weekend a real experience.

It is nice and demanding to work two days only on one's own abilities, it is fantastic to see how far participants travel to experience this together. It's a bit like coming home and meeting a lot of loved friends.

Many thanks to you Bernd, your wife and your team for making this possible!

A cordial ODIN, Fabian Schwäble



"My Demo Battle" or "For you, Master Bernd, may you be entertained"

Actually I don't like competitions because I've done a lot of tests in my life and don't like the excitement and shakiness in the run-up.

From time to time you have to make exceptions in your life and it was time again to give Master Bernd something back for his patience and indulgence with me and all his work for the symposium, which already inspired me the year before.

On the contrary, Alfred, the former head of the Eppingen school, wanted the same and suggested a cooperation. To cut a long story short, many hours later, it was 5 p.m., my pulse was 180 and I "hated" Master Bernd. My hands trembled, I could hardly put on my clothes and make-up, but I

finally wanted to get out and show what we had thought up and practiced. It helped that the atmosphere was very good throughout the day and the program took my full attention. 5 minutes later everything was over and I came out of the "tunnel".

I accepted the challenge of the 2nd place in my adrenalin and happiness rush. They want to undermine my position, hihi, so "After the show is before the show!" :-)))

My way to the symposium I owe to ODINS will

On Oct. 9th a little student writes to Master Bernd and asks for some details about events in 2019.

As an answer he gets... "First of all, what are you doing on Nov. 24th and 25th this year?" "Nothing, there's the symposium and I didn't get a place" "Last night one person cancelled! You are very welcome to have this place! I would be happy to have you with me and to see you swing the battle sword! HaS"



When Odin's armourer calls there is nothing to think about...

It was a great weekend with great speakers and a program that was fun for everyone.

Lots of new impressions and aha moments that the speakers gave you in their own way.

There was something for everyone from Master Falk's KKK-Drill (Knie-Kopf-Knie) to a hardcore dance and Nav's unique world of games, all wishes were fulfilled. In the evening you sit comfortably with a nice crowd, and bang! Wonder Women stands right before you ... with Escrima everything is possible.

Greetings, Marco "Bulldozer" Hofmann

„Germany’s Next Top Ritterle“ – The Demo Battle

WOOOW what a bunch of battles...! Wonderwoman & the Guardian of the Forest - The Hofsoicher („the backyard tinklers“) - Aladdin and his Janine, were the 3 demo teams that battled each other to a degree and on a level that I never imagined in my wildest dreams! In the end there was a demo by some of the Newman-Knights (non-competitive). Master Steffen Schneider had delivered a Reggae Janitor performance with his students Navigator and Spartacus, which made us laugh hard. All demos from the first to the last second were fascinating, exciting and above all hilarious!

The demoteams of this year’s battle (in order of registration):

- „Wonderwoman & the Guardian of the Forest“ – Dr. Tilla Filli and Alfred „wrecking ball“ Nickels
- „The Hofsoicher“ – Fabian Schwäble and Marc Moser
- „1001 Nights featuring Aladdin und his Janine“ – Janine Aschwanden and Andy Steinemann

Represents of the Newman Knights were „The Reggae Janitors“ on site – Master Steffen „M3“ Schneider, Christian „Navigator“ Karpp and Thomas „Spartacus“ Jossa.

I am still totally enthusiastic about all 4 demos!

I was really happy that I decided in advance not to participate in the rating for the battle teams, because the result had confirmed my opinion, it was sooo close that I should have awarded 3 cups. But true to the motto of the Escrima demo battle - "There can only be one" and this one team became the first GNTR - "Germany's Next Top Ritterle".



I'm really looking forward to the demos.



The winner’s cup and medals





Wonderwoman & the Guardian of the Forest



The Hofsoicher



1001 Nights



Thee Reggae Janitors



Congratulations to the winning team of the first „Germany’s Next Top Ritterle“



Wonderwoman and the Guardian of the Forest



I'd like to quickly say „thank you very much“:

...to all participants, some of whom have travelled hundreds of kilometres from the far north of Germany, from Switzerland and from France. It was again a huge celebration for me to spend the 2 days with you, to sweat together and above all to laugh together!

... to **Dr. Michael Hosch**, who let his camera rattle as if he had an MP in his hands. The first pictures already show the high skills of "Doc Hosch".

... to **Fabian Schwäble**, thanks to his support we had a sound system that didn't have to hide itself, which emphasised the atmosphere and drama of the demos even better.

... to **Bastian "The Maniac" Unkauf**, his beamer has given us the opportunity to enjoy a lot of great pictures and videos also from past days hugely up on the gym's walls.

... to **Alfred "wrecking ball" Nickels**, the improvisational genius in human form. Thanks to him, we could all sit on the benches and enjoy the evening comfortably with the super delicious food and the ingenious demos.

... to **Master Falk "Conan" Welker** - the official emissary of the KKK (Knie-Kopf-Knie) has shown us again in his humorous way that not only a medal, but also a blade has two sides - namely the back of the blade! And as it turned out, the back of the blade is no less effective and powerful than its counterpart "The Blade".

... to **Master Steffen "M3" Schneider** - who showed us how fascinating, effective and dangerous the combination of a stick and a knife is in capable hands.

... to **Christian "Navigator" Karpp** - or from now on also called "Mr. World-of-Games"...? He divided the hall into 7 stations in which Escrima was trained "playfully". The individual stations each had their own degree of difficulty, which was not noticeable at first glance, but which immediately caught the eye at the beginning of the exercises. Among other things, flying balls, partly just the size of a table tennis ball, had to be hit with the Escrima short stick in the air. Stabs had to be made through rings (target spoons), which had a diameter of approx. 5 cm, etc., right out of a full punch exercise. But in all faces you could see very clearly "Yeeeeeeee Haaaaaawwww this is fun!!!".

...to **Bastian "The Maniac" Unkauf** - the first of two debutants has heated us all up with his "Hard Core Dance" right at the beginning of his session. Which was finally a great exercise in foot work.

...to **Frank "The Tank" Wilser** - the second debutant showed us again how important it is to keep the optimal distance (physically and psychologically!) depending on the actual conditions like your own and your enemy's "weapon".

... to my dear Escrima teacher **Sifu Tihomir Kolar** and his wife **Andrea** that they have shown me the honour to spend the Saturday evening with us all together.

Finally, I would like to thank **my beloved wife Bettina Hoyer from the bottom of my heart for her permanent support!** This year Bettina has not only planned the extremely tasty buffet for Saturday evening, but also coffee, cake and muffins for Saturday and Sunday! The never-ending applause Bettina received for all of this also clearly spoke for the satisfaction and enthusiasm of all participants!! Bettina stood in our kitchen for hours and baked cakes and muffins and I had to test all the cakes and muffins in advance (it was so awful, you have no idea how awful that was)... But a true son of Odin is not deterred by such extreme tests... hahahahaha...

Thank you all very much!!!

NESY2018 is now one week over and I'm already in the first steps of planning NESY2019 and I'm looking forward to it! The date is 23.+24.11.2019 again in the gym in Maulbronn.

All information can be found at www.newman-escrima.academy, as usual.

Until then I wish you all the best, happy holidays and a healthy year 2019!

Bernd Hoyer



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