



## BLOODLUST SET

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Captain Tpar has set a date for the Pirates next Bloodlust!

Saturday, March 8, 2008, at 8:00 PM Central Time will be the date for our next gathering. For those who are less aware of the tradition of Bloodlust, its especially important that you read on.

Bloodlust is a semi-regular event where the members of the Pirates meet, hear a short talk from the Captain or a designated senior officer, and then will see the promotion of additional officers. Following the promotion of new officers, the members of the kinship have the opportu-

nity to ask questions of the Captain and his officers.

After the question and answer period, dueling is held. The duels can be very lengthy, such as when two minstrels go at it, or very short.

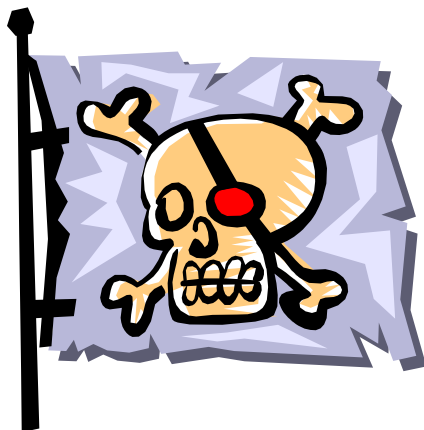
This is a MANDATORY guild event. What this means is that if you are online, you MUST be present for this event. The event is held in the Kinship house, and everyone has the ability to port directly to the kinship house. If you are online and do not attend, an officer will contact you and ask you to come. If you still refuse, you may be hanged from a

yardarm, and then removed from the crew.

Bloodlust is always a lot of fun. Most Pirates look forward to this time of camaraderie with their fellow Pirates, the opportunity to see their mates promoted, and the chance to interact and even duel their Captain and officers.

We hope all are able to come and enjoy the festivities.

Remember: Saturday, March 8, 2008 at 8:00 PM Central Time!



## Awards of Valor to Be Announced

The Officer's Council has recently completed work on the Awards of Valor. The Awards of Valor are awards which will be granted to Pirates who have distinguished them-

selves by contributions to the guild in areas of crafting, exploration, leadership, and other things which contribute to the kinship.

Recipients of an Award of Valor are allowed a title

on the website, and will also be awarded a medal which will be displayed next to their name in the roster! More details will be announced in the next issue as available!

## The Golden Age of Piracy

The Golden Age of Piracy lasted in the Carribean and East Indies from approximately 1680 through the middle of the 1720's. It was largely gone by the time of the American Revolution, due to the activity of the British and French navies in actively hunting and apprehending pirates.

During the late 17th century, many merchant sailors found themselves out of work. As a result, they turned to whatever work they could find, and whatever wealth they could lay upon.

In many cases this involved the transfer of wealth from those having it to those without, usually meaning the pirate crew themselves!

A number of the most famous pirates of all time



captured relatively few ships in their brief careers.

Both men and women ended up as pirates. While some regarded women on ships to be a sign of bad luck, some of the most famous pirates of the era were Anne Boney and Mary Read, who were associates of Calico Jack. (look for more information on all these pirates in subsequent issues)

By the late 1720's, most pirates had been captured and hanged, thus drawing the age to a close.

**Unspeakable evil permeates The Rift**

In recent days, a number of our members have had a chance to participate in raids on the Rift of Nurz-Gaah. These end-game style encounters take a minimum of 12 people, well organized, in a coordinated group effort.

The chance for high ad-

### Raids on The Rift

venture begins the minute you enter the Rift. The creatures which inhabit this place of unspeakable evil will cause even the most seasoned adventurer to take pause. Many of the trolls and other inhabitants have more than 40,000 morale!

The pirates will eventually be able to do this as a kinship. See more detailed information in the next issue, The Captain's Mast.

## Member Spotlight: Pirate Commander Darerradan

Darerradan first began his career with the Blackheart Pirates in the game Dark Ages of Camelot. There, he distinguished himself as a brilliant raid leader who led the pirates to victory time after time.

After a short hiatus from the Pirates on Gaheris, Darerradan accepted an offer to come to Landroval and assist

in forming the Blackheart Pirates. He was appointed an officer of the pirates at that time.

Since then he has brought his hunter to level 50, and has achieved the rank of Grand Master Tailor and Grand Master Woodworker. He is on many times during the day, and often plays all evening, well into the night.

Darerradan was recently appointed the Executive Officer of the Pirates, and with it, the rank of Pirate Commander. We are glad to have such a fine pirate as a member of the crew!

## Captain Bartholomew Roberts 1682–1722

Bartholomew Roberts, also known as John Roberts and Bart Roberts, was one of the most prolific pirates of the “Golden Age of Piracy”. Originally a Welshman, his first berth was on a slave trader known as the Princess of London. This ship was captured by Capt. Howell Davis in 1719 off the coast of West Africa.

It was the custom at the time to impress members of the captured crew into service, and Roberts apparently impressed Captain Davis due to them both being Welsh,

and Roberts’ ability as a navigator.

Shortly after Roberts’ capture, Captain Davis was killed in an act of treachery at the Port of Princes, now



Wood Print of Roberts, circa 1724

known as Principe. The pirate crew, in the established method of the times, elected Roberts as their new captain.

Shortly thereafter, Roberts led a horrific expedition back to Principe in which he slaughtered most of the male population, and stole virtually everything that was available to be stolen.

After spending a few more days in West Africa, the crew voted to head to Brazil.

More about this remarkable Pirate when the story continues next week!

### Crafting News

The Blackheart Pirates are blessed with a number of excellent crafters. These crafters have spent a great deal of time and money in advancing their craft, and truly, the crew is better off for their efforts.

Before you go spend your

hard won gold on the auction house, we urge you to spend some time on our website and sit down with one of our crafters.

Although the kinship does not regulate crafters except in the case of fraud, many of our crafters will only ask that

you supply the materials that are needed to make your clothing, armor, jewelry or potions. Tipping your crafter in respect of their skill and time is always appreciated, but is not required.

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### Officer Applications Are Due

With Bloodlust fast approaching, those wishing to apply for an officer’s commission are required to submit their application, via email only, prior to February 24, 2008. To apply, see the application on the website and send an email to [bhplotro@gmail.com](mailto:bhplotro@gmail.com) with the requested information contained in the email.

Before applying, ask yourself these questions:

- Do you play consistently 3 to 5 hours per week?
- Are you willing to devote some of your play time to helping the members?
- Will you make a commitment to serve at least 6 months if selected?

- Is there at least one officer who will recommend you?

If you answered yes to these questions, then we encourage you to apply. For more information, ask any officer and they can answer your questions.

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The Blackheart Pirates is the chapter of the Blackheart Pirates on the Landroval Server, in the game Lord of The Rings Online™ We were founded here on July 1, 2007.

The Blackheart Pirates enjoys the company of all. We accept members of any playing ability, level, or race. We have an active membership who believe in enjoying the game together, helping others, and general silliness.

If you are interested in becoming a pirate, ask any of our members to introduce you to an officer!

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## The Captain's Mast

Welcome to the first issue of The Pirates Log! This is a newsletter published for and by the Blackheart Pirates, a kinship on the Landroval Server of the Lord of The Rings Online.™ While the articles in this newsletter are intended for members of the kinship, anyone is welcome to read and enjoy the articles that we post.

We welcome contributing writers! If you have an article to publish about pirates, about the sea, or about the kin or the game in general, we encourage to mail those articles to [bhplotro@gmail.com](mailto:bhplotro@gmail.com). Articles accepted for publishing become the property of the kinship, and may be edited for clarity and brevity.

The kinship has been growing rapidly, and we are pleased with the new

members who have come aboard. We hope everyone remembers to go visit our website at <http://bhp-lotro.guildportal.com>. This website allows the pirates to keep in touch with each other and to keep posted on upcoming events.

It's important that each and every one of us spread the word. When you are in a fellowship with someone, and they are not already in a kinship, why not ask them if they would like to learn more about the pirates? Then, if you feel comfortable, tell them about the pirates, and ask them to join. If you don't feel comfortable, contact an officer. An officer must invite them to membership, and can answer any questions they might have. In the rare cases when no officer is online and available,

either ask the member to go to our website and apply, or you may also ask them to get in touch with an officer by mail. Make sure you send a mail to one of the officers notifying the officer of the contact.

I am proud of each and every one of my pirates! I was blessed with the finest ship of the fleet, and the best crew that I could ever imagine!

