

Newsletter of the Barony of Politarchopolis

# GRIFFINTAYLE



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### Other Upcoming Events:

31<sup>st</sup> July – Inaugural Ulrich von Liechtenstein Heraldic Pas de Arms  
Tournament and Winter Feast, Stormhold (Melbourne)  
31<sup>st</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August – Great Northern War (Chuwar, Qld)  
11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> September – St Aldhelm’s College Hunt  
18<sup>th</sup> September – Monthly Tourney

18<sup>th</sup> September – Highland Games and Feast with Royal Visit  
October – Mooted Pirate Feast – no details yet confirmed  
22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October – Benevolence Crusade (Albury-Wodonga)  
12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> November – Casual War

## Politarchopolis Regnum

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**Please see elsewhere on this website for Regnum details**

### Regular Meetings

- Baronial Meetings:** the last Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. Check with the Seneschal for location.
- Baronial heavy fighter practice:**
- Sunday: from 2:00 pm at Haig Park, O'Connor near scout hall, Fencers and heavies welcome.
  - Wednesday evenings: from 6:30 pm, at Mawson Oval.
- Rapier practice:** Sundays, starting at 1.30 pm at Haig Park O'Connor.
- Archery practice:** Sundays, 10:00 till 12:00 at Tuggeranong Archery Club, Western end of Soward Way, Tuggeranong. Cost 5 gold to non TAC members Range fees to TAC members
- Arts and Sciences:** Sundays - after fighter practice, same location.  
Wednesday - between 12:30 and 3:00pm at the Mummery. Contact the Seneschal for location details and to confirm the session is on.
- Guild Sunday** – every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Details vary – contact A&S Minister for details.

- Choir Practice:** 1st Sunday of each month, 1pm, Haig Park. Contact Crispin Sexi for details [jaysen@au1.ibm.com](mailto:jaysen@au1.ibm.com) or Ph: 6241 0919.
- Stitch and Bitch:** on hold until further notice
- College A&S:** Thursdays, 6pm, Room G30 in the Copeland building, ANU.
- Baronial Dance Classes:** 2-4 pm Sundays at the Scout Hall, Haig Park, Turner
- Scriptoria:** Held by the College of Scribes every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. Call Jon on 6259 5842 for more details.
- Mid week Boffer and A&S meeting:** Every Wednesday 3.30 - 5.00pm. Room 3 of the Tuggeranong Community Centre Cowlshaw Street, Greenway. Please check the notice board on entry as meeting may have been moved to a different room - will be under House Anaticula (SCA)

Please check all details are correct and contact the Chronicler to correct any errors. "Griffintayle" is published monthly, editions are printed the weekend following the Baronial Meeting. It is distributed in print and electronic forms. All submissions need to be received by the Chronicler by the last Monday of the month for general and event notices, Officers Reports by the Thursday evening of the Baronial Meeting. This is the July edition for 2004.

## Upcoming Events

### Breaking the Siege Feast and Tourney

When: 31<sup>st</sup> July  
Where: Haig Park Hall.

Come and enjoy a day of fighting, flinging and feasting. Winter is upon us and now is the time to break the siege. Fighters are to hone their skills at a tournament. The siege engineers are to develop machines of destruction, and the cook is to prepare what food is left for a victory feast. Have fun sieving the day!

Tournament lists open at 11:00, close at Midday, start 12:15pm

Table top competition begins at 3:30pm

Hall opens 5:30pm first remove 6:30pm

Cost: \$15 members \$18 non-members.

**Numbers limited to 50, no booking no feast!**

Bookings to Rodri (Rob Howard) [rob.h@emailme.com.au](mailto:rob.h@emailme.com.au) or call after 6pm on 62785716

Table top siege competition guide lines from Baron Edmund Ale-conner or via Polit home page.

### College Cheesy Tavern Feast

When: 14<sup>th</sup> August  
Where: Haig Park Hall

6pm for a 6:30pm start

Cost: \$5 members/students, \$9 otherwise

A cheese themed feast (there are dishes with no cheese!), with some competitions for most cheesy line, and most cheesy story (and we don't mean the history and development of Edam). The removes will all be buffet style food which you can eat with your fingers, so bring a plate or two, but not the whole chest. We will have drinking games, and as such the feast is BYO alcohol and Designated Driver. Kids are welcome only with parental supervision.

To book contact Claire at [astarith\\_22@hotmail.com](mailto:astarith_22@hotmail.com), or on the mobile, 0402 512 967 (but don't leave a voice message--she can't check them!). RSVPs by the 7th would be appreciated, but we are flexible to a point.

### First Muster of Equestrians

When: 15<sup>th</sup> August, 11am start  
Where: 17 Thorpe Avenue, Queanbeyan

There will be opportunity for those interested to mount up and get a feel for riding if you haven't before, and we will set up several mounted activities, including Saracen Head chopping, mounted archery, spear throwing and even some mounted combat. For non-riders, we will be having some informal collegia on all the other elements of equine recreation in the SCA, including caparisoning and riding habit, horse armour and cavalry manoeuvres, period blacksmithing,

veterinary practices and cart making/driving. We will have some practical A&S as well, most likely leatherwork, and any projects you are keen on.

There will be opportunity to expand on your own ideas, and learn some new things. If you have an interest in any of the above, whether specifically equestrian related or not, come along and extend your field of interest. There will also be an opportunity to authorise as a rider or groundsman, at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. There is a skill level for everyone who wants some hands-on experience with horses, of almost any age, and you cannot currently be authorised by anyone else in Australia, so if you are thinking of riding or assisting at any event, you'll need to see me sometime!

This is NOT an official SCA event. It is a private gathering at my place, so please RSVP and let me know if you will be coming. I will feed you lunch (if you're still hungry after the St Aldhelms feast on Saturday night!), and you're welcome to stay for dinner.

RSVP to Catulla (Rachael), at [ladycatulla@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ladycatulla@yahoo.co.uk), on the mobile: 0422 418 565, or at home: 02 6299 1000.

Yours in service

Catulla

Lochac Equestrian Marshal

### Company of St James Tournament

When: 21<sup>st</sup> August  
Where: Eddison Park, Woden.

Unto the populace of Politarchopolis, the Noble Company of Saint James send greetings, <http://www.sca.org.au/santiago/>

Finding ourselves restless over the long winter we have resolved to hold a

grand tournament in the Barony of Politarchopolis. This tournament shall be held on the 21st day of August, Anno Societatis 39. Your good self, in fine array and with your entourage are cordially invited to this event at Eddison Park, near the dust pond... ahem, duck pond. The days fighting shall begin Saturday morning at the hour of 11.

In the morning shall be held a ransom melee (tokens will be provided) in the style of the Company of St. George. Following lunch (BYO) the Company of St. James shall hold the field.

In order that our appearance on the field should be pleasing to all that attend the company asks that you bring banners and weapons that best suit men at arms.

Baron Stephen has agreed to have games available to those interested in the gentile arts.

For the glory of the Company and the Kingdom of Lochac.

Edmund Ale-conner, Baron

Captain of the Company of St James

## **S**eptember Rapier and Heavy Tourney

When: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2004  
 Where: Glebe Park, Civic  
 Times: Lists and armour inspections – 11 am to 12 pm  
 Tourney starts – 12 pm.  
 Heavy combat: Single kill, double elimination.  
 Rapier combat: TBA  
 Autocrat: Heinrich Maximillian von Hesse

## **T**he Hunt and Feast

When: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2004  
 Where: Redwood Grove  
 Autocrat: Not known at this point  
 Times: TBA  
 Heavy, rapier and light combat will be held at this event.  
 More details to be provided when available.

## **E**vents Elsewhere

### **G**reat Northern War VI

Who: Barony of River Haven (Brisbane)  
 When: 30<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August  
 Where – Allawah Scout Campsite, Allawah Road, Chuwar

Come and enjoy a weekend of fighting, arts and sciences and merriment with an English and Scottish theme. Once again the sides will be chosen on the day. A&S materials will be supplied for competitions. There will be a tournament held at 8.00pm on Friday night. Archery field course and static shoot from 8.00am Saturday and Sunday. War Saturday morning and afternoon. Rapier token challenge to be held all weekend until lunchtime Sunday. Melee tourney held Sunday morning. Everyone welcome.

Entry cost includes all meals and activities corresponding to that day. The Steward reserves the right to turn away those who have not booked. Book early for bunkhouse accommodation. Please advise Steward of any dietary requirements when booking.

Event starts 5.00pm 30<sup>th</sup> July and runs to 4.00pm 1<sup>st</sup> August

Costs:  
 Full weekend including camping \$35/\$40 M/NM,  
 Sat Only \$22/\$24 M/NM,  
 Sunday only \$10/\$12 M/NM.  
 Children 6-14 years half price, up to 5 years free.  
 Cheques payable to SCA River Haven Inc

Bookings required by 14th July 2004 to booking officer William Castille (Steven Maynard), 57 Brandon St, Marsden 4132, Ph 3200 5500. Payment with booking please.

### **I**naugural Ulrich von Liechtenstein Heraldic Pas De Arms Tournament

Who: Barony of Stormhold (Melbourne)  
 When: 31<sup>st</sup> July  
 Where: Tournament – Darebin Parklands, end of Separation Street, Fairfield, VIC (Melways Map 31 D9)

A series of four competitions, each separated by two melees, will be fought to decide the champion of the day. The winner of each round will be recognised for their valour, as will the overall victor for the day. The most Heraldic display on the day and the best Heraldic Presentation (by a Herald) will each also be acclaimed.

Each competition will be fought as exchanged blows (10 blows each), single elimination. The four competitions to be run on the day will be in the disciplines of Sword & Shield, Great Sword, Mace & Shield and Halberds. Each fighter entering the tournament will have their own Herald (available on the day for a small fee) who will advise the lists of which competition the fighter will enter as well as introducing the fighter to the field and audience before each competition commences.

Fighters will score points for entering each competition, placing in the top 3 of each competition, winning a melee, heraldic display (including retainers, judged for each of the four competitions) and introduction by their Herald (also judged for each competition).

Each fighter on the day will also nominate a group, household or unit that they will be fighting for.

Costs (for Tourney only – see ‘Stormhold Winter Feast’ below):

members – Adults \$7, Children under 13 \$3  
 non members- Adults \$10, Children under 13 \$5.

Steward – Hannibal Reis al Barbary (Simon Hoed)  
[hanbal\\_reis@yahoo.com](mailto:hanbal_reis@yahoo.com) For more details, go to  
[www.ypotryll.tk](http://www.ypotryll.tk)

### **S**tormhold Winter Feast

Who: Barony of Stormhold (Melbourne)  
 When: 31<sup>st</sup> July

Where: Brunswick Town Hall, Car Sydney Rd & Dawson St, Brunswick, VIC (Melways Map 29 G8)

A high night of court, dancing, fun and frivolity with soups and two removes served in a buffet style. In honour of Ulrich von Liechtenstein (a real medieval person) the event will have a Germanic theme. Stormhold A&S competitions will be judged at the feast as well as the best Fake Lance Blunt (all entries to be safely edible).

Costs:  
 booked before 25<sup>th</sup> July –  
 members Adults \$25, Children \$19  
 non-members Adults \$30, Children \$24  
 after 25<sup>th</sup> July –  
 members Adults \$30, children \$24  
 non-members Adults \$35, Children \$29  
 Children under five admitted free.

Steward and further details as for the Tournament.

### **G**uild Ascension Day Collegia, Feast and Ball.

Who: Barony of Rowany (Sydney)  
 When: 4<sup>th</sup> September  
 Where: St Andrews Church Hall, Henson St, Summer Hill, NSW

With the coming of Spring it is time for the Guilds to come together and celebrate. The event shall include collegia held by the various guilds of Lochac, followed by a Tavern Feast and Ball.

Costs:

Before 28/8 - members \$15, non-members \$20

After that date – members \$20, non-members \$25, if places still available.

Please make cheques payable to SCA Rowany.

Steward and bookings – ibn Jelal (Richard Cull), 5/22-24 Drydent St, Campsie NSW 2194, ph: 0407 917 497, email [rcull@ozemail.com.au](mailto:rcull@ozemail.com.au)

For more information, check the website – [www.ozemail.com.au/~rcull/guild\\_day.htm](http://www.ozemail.com.au/~rcull/guild_day.htm)

## **K**nown World Costume Symposium IV

Who: Sponsored by the Marche of Alderford (Ohio, USA)

When: 24<sup>th</sup> –26<sup>th</sup> September

Where: 4 Points Sheraton

4375 Metro Cr. N.W.

North Canton, OH 44720

330-494-6494

888-565-7654

Fax 330-494-7129

[www.fourpointscanton.com](http://www.fourpointscanton.com)

Event Website:

<http://sca.4th.com/alderford/events/kwcs2004>

Registrations accepted until August 31, 2004.

For more information, contact autocrats:

Lady Genovefa de Terranova [lordnlady@neo.rr.com](mailto:lordnlady@neo.rr.com)

THL Francesca de Onorati [tempest5@mail.cannet.com](mailto:tempest5@mail.cannet.com)

## **M**ountains Newcomers Feast

Who: The Shire of Dismal Fogs (Blue Mountains)

When: 25<sup>th</sup> September

Where: Warrimoo Citizens Hall, Warrimoo NSW

The hall is only one hour from Sydney and one hour and fifteen minutes on the train from central station. We may be able to organise a place to sleep for the night but we must be told well in advance.

Tournament lists open at 1pm. There will be prizes for the winner and the most theatrical fighter on the day.

There will also be prizes at the feast for best Newcomer's Costume and best Entertainer. Please notify us of any dietary requirements when booking.

Cost \$15/20 (member/non-member) booked

\$20/25 (member/non-member) unbooked

Please remember we are a small shire and we need to have a solid idea of numbers so please have your bookings in by the 18<sup>th</sup> of September.

For bookings or further information contact:

[fergusandyriam@bigpond.com](mailto:fergusandyriam@bigpond.com) or 02 4751 2254

## **S**pring War X

Who: Barony of Mordenvale (Newcastle)

When: 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> October

Where: Staden Drive, Lower Belford NSW

Mordenvale once again invites the citizens of the Kingdom of Lochac and the Known World to participate in the annual fighting, feasting and general good fun that is Spring War.

Come along and enjoy the fun of mixed combat war scenarios. Delicious food, with the kitchen once again being run by Baron Bran Torc Dubh Mac Brude. See old friends and meet new ones.

Event website:

[http://www.sca.org.au/mordenvale/event\\_spring\\_war\\_2004.html](http://www.sca.org.au/mordenvale/event_spring_war_2004.html)

If there is anything urgent that you need to know about Spring War, please direct your enquiries to the Mordenvale Seneschal - Gabrielle de Taillevent ([radford@networksmm.com.au](mailto:radford@networksmm.com.au))

Event Steward,

Ysabella de Montrose (Fiona Cook)

## Officers Reports

### **B**aron and Baroness

Greetings unto the populace of Politarchopolis.

The Baron is still bouncing with delight at the display of siege weaponry and he did declare that the target table (indirect fire category) was thoroughly covered into submission, although the cheeky French target for the direct fire weapons seemingly lead a charmed life until the .. halberd incident. The rest of the Breaking the Siege was entertaining and delicious, with much fighting and feasting being enjoyed by all.

Earlier in July We journeyed to the Barony of Mordenvale for their Tocal Heraldic Token Tourney & Feast (with the warm onsite rooms :) where the Baron enjoyed many bouts of combat and the Baroness enjoyed many hours of conversation.

Unfortunately We have yet to find a way to be in two places at the same time and hence were unable to attend the St Vitas dance evening, which by all accounts was a rousing good time.

Currently We are encouraging the members of the Barony to discuss the topics of Demos and Rowany Festival '05. Baroness Leta has called for comments about Demos, and has listed some issues elsewhere in this Griffintayle. The Steward of Festival '05 has requested some assistance from Politarchopolis, and We encourage all to assist with the Site Preps whenever they are able.

It seems that We shall all be busy in August as We have the next installment of the College's Pub Feast, the

Company of St James comes to Politarchopolis to host a tournament - more banners! - and the equestrians are mustering enthusiasm.

Yours in Service,  
Edmund, Baron Leta, Baroness.

## Seneschal

Unto the populace does Stephen send greetings.

This month I would like to remind all event stewards there are requirements for running an event. These include providing event information for approval and advertising your event. In general every event run in the Barony should be advertised in Griffintayle and Pegasus. If there is a limit on numbers say so and call for advance bookings. As a rule of thumb events will not be approved on less than 3 months notice, this is to ensure they are advertised and have a chance to build the interest to be successful. In any case 3 months is a decent amount of time in which to organise an event.

I am currently reviewing the event information we have and give to stewards to help them with their preparations. I have a draft document which runs to 4 pages, so it isn't published here. If you would like a copy to have some input into the new document e-mail me (hunts@homemail.com.au) and I will send you the current draft.

You may or may not have heard the Lochac Seneschal and the SCAA registrar are considering creating a regional registrar function to manage and handle memberships. I will keep you posted of any developments as they occur.

Cheers  
Stephen

## Marshal

Greetings to you all good gentles,

Due to ailment and absence I have been remiss in my duties to this fair Barony recently and again ask that if there is someone willing to act as my Deputy to fill in for me during such times I would love to hear from them.

For July there was one event held, that being the Tabletop Siege Engine Feast and Tourney.

### Call For Armour

Could all fighters, whether active or resting, please contact me if you have spare armour 'bits' that I can put together suits with for newbie fighters. You many have an old gorget, baskethilt, a set of legs, etc, that is just collecting dust. Please let me put this armour to use and help our newest and very eager fighters get in to the game.

### Authorisation Cards

The Lochac List Mistress has been experiencing some misfortunes recently but these problems have since been fixed and any outstanding cards for fighters should be available for you soon.

A reminder also that trainee cards are available for all new, unauthorised but training fighters. The Trainee cards are not an 'only if you want them' option but a requirement for all training unauthorised fighters.

### Held Events

#### Tabletop Siege Engine Feast & Tourney - Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2004

Autocrat : Lord Rodri Ysoglaig (Rob Howard)  
Location : Haig Park Scout Hall and Park, Turner

"On the breaking of the siege feast day a tournament was held. During this 7 fighters did enter the list. One fighter had to withdraw due to a previous ailment. There were two styles of tournament fought, a double kill single elimination, and teams over the barrier. Lord Wolf did win the first part and with the help of Taliesin of Entangled Marsh these two lords formed a team called "The Puppies" and mightily smote all at the barrier. On a side note as marshal I did ask Wolf to face 5 fighters across the barrier. Wolf was almost victorious but was dispatched by the last standing fighter Lord Adair.

YiS  
Baron Edmund Ale-connor"

### Upcoming Events

#### Casual War : Friday - Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> November 2004.

Autocrat : Not known at this point.  
Location : TBA  
Heavy, rapier and light combat will be held at this event.

#### Other Tourney Information

December - No tourney planned at this stage.

YiS

Heinrich Maximillian von Hesse  
Politarchopolis Knight Marshal

## Captain of Fence

Fencing training continues at Haig Park on Sundays from 1:30pm weather permitting. With the venue being unavailable on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August, training that day will be held at Eddison Park.

The College of St Aldhelms invited fencers to talk to its members about rapier combat in Lochac - that to Alessandro and Carlos for joining me.

Re-authorisations were approved for two fencers: Alessandro di Falco and Fulko.

There were no injuries reported. One weapon failure was reported by Carlos Corvacho - the tang of his Triplette T03 blade snapped off at the ricasso while he was training at home. This was probably a result of a flawed weld and Carlos reports Triplette will replace the blade. This incident has been reported to the Kingdom Rapier Marshal.

Owain Cantor ap Hugh  
Captain of Fence

## Herald

This is my first Cordon Rouge report after taking over the reigns from Baron Karl Faustus von Aachen (Fruitbat - for those who didn't realise he had another name). I am sure that I am not alone in appreciating all the hard work Fruitbat has done as Cordon Rouge and I wish him well with his new responsibilities as Canon Herald.

## Events

Only one event in July, the Breaking the Siege Feast and Tourney was held on 31 July 2004. Three awards were handed out by Their Excellencies; Lorccan Ruadh – a Burly Griffin for arts; Morag Freyser – a Burly Griffin for the arts, and; William de Perham – a Burly Griffin for service. Congratulations!

## Device and Name Submissions

I am currently (with the assistance of Thomasine Lestrangle) helping Alun of Jedburgh to develop a device. Wolff Hebenstreit's device and name submission is ready for submission to Crux.

I am happy to assist anyone else who is keen to register a name or device (hint, hint) and remember, ANYONE can register a name or device - you don't have to have an award first!

Fruitbat and I will be getting together to hand over the rest of the Cordon Rouge paperwork and get a login and password to Red Tape so that I can continue to put up monthly reports and submissions on the web.

## Stepping Up

Thanks again to Fruitbat for his work as Cordon Rouge and I look forward to taking up where he left off (I think) and I'm sure we'll continue to hear/see Fruitbat at events.

I am looking forward to the work involved as Cordon Rouge – it will definitely be a challenge so please be gentle with me as I get everything organised and under control.

I have had quite a few people express their interest in voice heraldry but who would like to have a secret practice before making their debut at an event. I'm very keen for these people to become heralds and help share the shouting, so I will be running a learning/practice session on a Sunday at Haig Park in the near future. Keep your eyes on the website and the Politarchopolis list for details!

I will not be having a permanent Tuesday night open house as Fruitbat has had in the past. I would rather folks that wished to discuss heraldry e-mailed me to arrange a time and day - I will be very flexible, but would prefer to make a time, rather than have an open house. Please feel free to e-mail me at the link on the Politarchopolis website or call my mobile 0417 225 292 and I will get back to you.

YiS

Lady Amelot de Akeney  
Cordon Rouge Herald

## onstables Report

Greetings,

One event for this month, St Vitas Dance weekend. It was well attended and everyone had fun. I'm sure there are some sore feet.

We had 32 attendee's, altogether, sign the indemnities. However there was some confusion as to whether indemnities were to be collected or not so this may not be

an accurate tally. For exact numbers the Autocrat should be contacted.

There was some lost property found at St Vitas. A child pirates hat, two children's bangles, a pewter goblet embossed with grape leaves and a brown dragon mug. However it is believed there are possible owners for these items, it's just a matter of trying to get in contact with them.

There is an amendment as to last months report in regards to the La Craupaud Tourney. I stated there was 1 minor and there were actually nine. My fault, I missed some forms at the back of the folder.

Sunday attendance is proceeding well.

YiS

Lady Könusch von Eltz  
Polit Constable.

## ist Report

Greetings good gentles of Politarchopolis,

I salute the efforts of our outgoing lists officers and hope that I may server you with the same flair and diligence. As yet no tourneys have been fought this month, however I have been contacted to be at the Siege Feast which will be going ahead on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July (this Saturday). I have contacted the Kingdom List Keeper and informed her of the change over and she kindly welcomed me into the ranks.

For the populus, fighters in particular, I have begun scheming with my fellow officer of the web to devise pages where your statistics and fighting prioreess will be displayed for all to see. Called the Scrolls of honour, it is being based on similar pages seen on the Anaean web pages. The first page will show an overall ranking of all authorised fighters who have fought in a tourney within the barony. A click on each fighters name will lead you to a list of that fighters results by tourney – stating how many bouts he/she fought, how many he/she won and finally their resulting standing (eg – finalist, eliminated, victor, bow out due to injury). Also a click on the tourney will lead to a page which lists the results from each tourney.

If this is all too confusing check out the Aneala website and how they have done theirs:

<http://aneala.sca.org.au/Lists/>

Fighters, we – meaning Lists and Webwright – ask that you supply a digital image of yourself or your device for inclusion in this site (if you don't have one, we will be running around with digital cameras for awhile).

Yours in Service,  
Darby de Askote

## ebwright

This month saw very little activity on the website due to my absence from Polit. Late in the month I have started to build a new section for the site at the request of the Lists Officer. The new section called “The

Scroll of Honour" will be a record of the honourable feats of those who participate in tourneys within Politarhropolis and will be online shortly after the Siege Tourney.

Late in June I sent a message out to the list asking for more information from people planning events in the second half of this year. I need these details to accurately advertise your events on the website. This is now becoming more important now that the Baronial Calendar is available online. You already send this information to the Chronicler; All I am asking for is that you also send a copy to me. This will ensure that your event is advertised to the widest audience as soon as possible. The alternative is that I have to cut and paste details out of the Griffintayle if and when I find the time to do so.

Those Events that I am still waiting on details are:

College Pub Feast  
College Hunt  
Highland Games and Feast  
Pirate Feast  
Casual War II

If the Stewards of these events could contact me (email [rob.h@emailme.com.au](mailto:rob.h@emailme.com.au) or ph: 6278 5716) I would greatly appreciate it.

YiS  
Rodri Ysgolaig

## **C**hronicler Greetings and Salutations!

Not too much for me to say really, particularly as this is my first issue. I just want to thank Blod for all her efforts in producing GT, I hope I can stumble through these first few issues with only a few mistakes and learning a lot along the way.

I would like to hear from anybody who has requests for articles, wants to write an article or any feedback on what you'd like to see in GT's future issues. Otherwise you may learn a lot about more archery, siege weapons and ferrets than you ever wished to know. If someone would like to continue supplying monthly recipes I will happily keep printing them here.

I would like to also start up a regular websites/links of the "month" section so if you find any really cool sites (preferably SCA related!) please send me the links.

E-mail: [the\\_menagerie@optusnet.com.au](mailto:the_menagerie@optusnet.com.au)

Yours in Service  
Alexandra

## News and Notices of the Realm

**G**reetings All from the Merchants Guild, with Spring War approaching The Merchants Guild would like your help.

What would you, the populous, like to see more of for sale this year?

If we can get an idea of what people want to see more of, or ways we can do what we do better then we want to hear it.

We want to make merchanting, not just about fun ways to take your money, we want to be able to provide a real experience and better cater to the needs of the populous.

Anyone with ideas, suggestions or orders (hey we are merchants after all) please contact me either on the Lochac list or privately at [masterwolf@optusnet.com.au](mailto:masterwolf@optusnet.com.au)

Thanks  
Luan an Fael

**I**t is with pride and pleasure that Creag and Morwenna, Baron and Baroness of Aneala, announce the safe arrival of their daughter, Rose Elizabeth, at King Edward Memorial Hospital, on Thursday 1st July.

For those wishing to send messages, Craig and Becky can be reached at:  
[ghilandr@inet.net.au](mailto:ghilandr@inet.net.au)

YiS  
Liduina de Kasteelen van Valkenburg  
Hospitaller

**W**armest greetings to you all,  
The new Crux mailing address is:

PO Box 91  
Sandy Bay TAS 7006

Submissions can be sent to the new address now as Lady Sabine will not be holding another meeting before handing on the office. My first meeting will be held in the first week of August. If you have a submission ready to be processed now would be a good time to send it in.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lady Sabine for her outstanding work since February. Sabine and her team have worked extremely hard and the office is now in good shape. We will be well served if some day we can convince Sabine to take on the job under more normal circumstances.

Your servant,  
Wakeline de Foxley  
Crux Australis Principal Herald designate

**J**ust a reminder of the upcoming A&S Kingdom comps to be held in Ildhafn: November Crown XXXIX (2004)

Lighting: candles or lanterns  
Costuming: underwear  
Martial: arming doublet  
Everyday item: Smelling Sweet: Perfumes, waters or oils for personal use (will also accept scented alcohols).

Email submissions will be allowed for the following comps in the following circumstances:  
Lighting & Smelling Sweet: where the item is too big to be posted by conventional mail or the materials cannot be



posted to NZ and returned to Aust due to customs and quarantine laws. (Please remember to contact KMAoS before you email any submissions. Written documentation should accompany the entry. If an email submission steward cannot be found, submissions cannot be accepted for the competitions.)

Please if you have any questions about email submissions, let me know asap. This will \*only\* occur if the entrant has first ran it through me to be OK'd and \*if\* I can organise a local Advisory judge in their area. Also any email submissions \*must\* be to the Email Steward a minimum of 2 weeks beforehand.

Let us all celebrate the effort all of our artisans make!

YIS  
Lady Katerina da Brescia  
Innilgard.  
Lochac Arts & Sciences Minister

### Guild Ascension Day Website

The website should now be up and running. Thank you to those who emailed to tell me it couldn't be found.

For those of you interested in the details for Guild Ascension Day, please go to:  
[http://www.ozemail.com.au/~rcull/guild\\_day.htm](http://www.ozemail.com.au/~rcull/guild_day.htm)

Richard Cullinan  
(Guildmaster ibn Jelal, OWL)

The SCA, Inc. encourages you to go to [www.iGive.com/Anachronism](http://www.iGive.com/Anachronism) for your online shopping. Every purchase made through this website generates a donation to the SCA, Inc. These contributions help fund Kingdom newsletter stipends, insurance and operations. To give you an example, I made a small purchase from Plow and Hearth for Father's Day. It generated a \$4.31 direct donation to the SCA. I was going to make that purchase anyway. It cost me nothing to do it through iGive.com. Now, if even 20% of our membership made a purchase of this nature through [www.iGive.com/Anachronism](http://www.iGive.com/Anachronism) it could mean over \$22,000.00 for our beloved organization!

### Kingdom A&S competition results.

There were 4 competitions scheduled for Midwinter. Only one had enough entries to run.

Fans - no entries

Triptych - one entry

Swete Pouch - two entries

Performance, storytelling - three entries:

The winner was Lady Genevieve the Wanderer from River Haven (story and mime of Persephone). Second was Master Stefano d'Urbino of St Florian (Arabian nights story). Lord Giles Leabrook told the Chronicles of the Rulers of Lochac (style of epic Norse poem) and has been commanded by the Queen to compose and perform this at their first court.

Unfortunately there were 2 unfinished triptyches that were not entered into the competition. Though it is preferable to have finished items entered, this does not mean you cannot enter an unfinished item. Though an unfinished item will

obviously not score as well, in some areas, this is at least an opportunity to get feedback from judges.

The new award of 'Event Champion' was unanimously given to Lady Hunydd verch Maddyn Duy for an embroidered Elizabethan swete pouch.

Competitions are scheduled to mid next year already. Details of upcoming competitions can be found on the A&S website [www.sca.org.au/artsandsciences](http://www.sca.org.au/artsandsciences). This should allow enough lead time, for artisans to complete projects. Many groups also have workshops based on upcoming Kingdom competitions. Competitions are also regularly posted in Pegasus.

YIS  
Lady Katerina da Brescia  
Innilgard.  
Lochac Arts & Sciences Minister

### Crossbow Exemption.

SCA members have been included in those exempted from the Victorian weapons legislation regarding crossbows.

Please be advised this applies to people carrying SCA-legal crossbows only, who can prove themselves to be a member of the SCA by holding either a current SCA membership card, SCA combat authorisation card, or SCA fighter training card.

Rudolf von der Drau

Kelley Johnston  
SCA Australia Committee

## News and Notices From Polifarchopolis

### Demos

I have called for comments from the members of the Barony so that we as a group can consider why we do Demos, and what forms of display we are enthusiastic about.

In order to assist me in collating views, opinions and ideas about this topic, I request the comments be in writing, either handed to me, emailed or posted.

Several of the issues raised so far (but comments need not be limited to just these) are:

- ❖ Why do we do demos? Some reasons given are for education, for recruitment or to entertain. How do you feel about these reasons, and do you feel that we adequately meet them? Are these valid reasons to donate our time and efforts?
- ❖ What do we charge for doing a demo? Should we charge for them? Under what circumstances?
- ❖ What is the minimum notice that the Barony needs beforehand? Please remember to account for

organisational time, and that if it is a mid-week demo, most people need to arrange time off work.

- ❖ What displays or activities should we do at demos? Do we need to have different programs for different types of demos? Should we have a set of standard demo plans?
- ❖ Who is available to do the demos and when are you available?

When I first called for comments in the July Griffintayle no deadline was set, but all comments are to be to me by the last Wednesday in August (Wed 25th) so that I will be able to present a report to the Barony at the August Baronial Meeting.

Yours in Service

Leta, Baroness

### From the Baron:

On the 8th of August the hall at Haig Park will not be available for use, as the scouts require the hall for scouty things.

Full Harness fighting will be held at Eddison Park in Woden. I dare say fencers this will apply to you as well, but I am sure the fencing marshal will say more on this.

Dancers, I am hoping that other arrangements can be made.

Sorry for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

Yours in service  
Edmund

### New Officers are needed!

Both Hospitaller and Arts and Sciences Minister positions need filling. Please contact the appropriate officer if you are interested in the position.

### Collegium Request

If anyone would like to run a collegium for me on Equine Filking and Filleting for the First Muster of Equestrians in mid August, please contact me. If anyone would like to run some more conventional collegia on any aspect of the Horse in the medieval world, including blacksmithing, carriage making, or period veterinary practices for example, you are more than welcome. The First Muster is for anyone with an interest in equestrian combat, arts and sciences, and will be held at my property in Queanbeyan (just outside the ACT) over the weekend of August 14 and 15. Free accommodation is available.

I can be contacted at [ladycatulla@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ladycatulla@yahoo.co.uk), on the mobile: 0422 418 565, or at home: 02 6299 1000.

Ever in Service,  
Catulla

### Birdsalls Leather

The following is the Birdsalls online homepage which is in the final stages of completion.

<http://www.birdsall-leather.com.au/>

Very soon you will be able to order your supplies online. Now won't that be nice.

### Archery Blunts

I am pleased to announce that Politarchopolis has Purchased the archery blunt mould and is expecting to be producing blunts any day now. The price will remain at \$1.10 for the current time and we will be selling them in packets of 50 to start. Blunts can be ordered by sending to the email address [polit.blunt@actewagl.net.au](mailto:polit.blunt@actewagl.net.au) Please feel free to contact the Barony through regular channels to confirm this address if you wish.

Yours in service  
Alessandro di Falco

### Guild A&S Sunday

On 15th August at 4pm (after Dancing) the Guild A&S will be sponsored by the Royal Fibre Guild of Lochac. Lady Morag Freyser will share research, resources and ideas on making knitted and nalbinded gloves and mittens. Come along and get ideas for the Kingdom A&S competitions at Twelfth Night Coronation at Arrowreach, or so you can get started on having something keep warm at night next Festival.

### Scriptoria

The Royal College and Confraternity of Scribes and Illuminators welcome all interested in calligraphy and illumination to the monthly scriptoria in Politarchopolis. The August Scriptoria will be at Raven's Nest, hosted by the Warden, Lady Morag Freyser on Saturday 14th from 1pm. Introductory kits are available for purchase. Our resident master calligrapher, Giovanni Basilio diCastroNovo is offering tuition in many hands and scripts and he may be contacted at Magpie Hacienda.

### Scottish Heraldry Book Order

I am participating in a group order for one of the key books on Scottish heraldry Scotland's Heraldic Heritage. The lion rejoicing, by Charles Burnett (Ross Herald) illustrated by Mark Dennis. One reviewer has said "is a very good intro to Scottish heraldry and is well worth having".

At this stage the cost is GBP9.99 plus shipping, but we are looking around for the best price on that too.

Anyone want to join into the order?  
Morag Freyser

Contact: [the\\_brinsmeads@netspeed.com.au](mailto:the_brinsmeads@netspeed.com.au)

# Beginning Archery in the S.C.A.

by THL Robin Arthur Kyrke, Forester

## Part One.

*You step up to the line, standing shoulder-to-shoulder with your fellows. Carefully you select an arrow and bring it to rest across the bow, fitting the nock to the string. Looking up, you focus on the target. Keeping your eyes on the mark, you raise your bow and start drawing back the bowstring. As the arrow is pulled back, you feel the brush of a fletch against your cheek. Ignoring the soft feather, you concentrate intently on the target as your bow hand moves into position. A half-breath of air into your lungs and your fingers relax. The arrow takes flight, beginning its long arc towards the distant target. Then time itself seems to slow to a crawl as your missile moves gracefully through the air, straight and true. As it nears its destination you have a feeling, a feeling that this is "IT"... and then it hits! It strikes the target squarely with a clear "thud". Not just any thud, but the very special sound an arrow makes when it strikes the gold. A perfect shot! The others, your comrades of the bow, hear it and know what it means. Then there is much backslapping and congratulations. Well done!*

Sounds exciting, doesn't it? But you've never even picked up a bow before?! Hopefully this article will help get you started in the style of archery that we practice in the Society and have a great time doing it!

First of all, do NOT rush out and buy just any bow and arrows! Your future enjoyment of this sport is going to be dictated in part by your first experiences. If you buy equipment not suited for you, or just equipment in bad repair, you will lose interest REAL fast.

You should first seek out some help and ask questions. Talk to the archery marshal or other archers in your group. Write a letter or an email to your regional archery marshal. Or read this article. In these ways you should be able to get enough advice to help you choose what equipment to purchase and how to maintain it and the basic rules of SCA archery.

## Archery in the SCA

The spirit of medieval archery is what archery in the SCA is all about, to try to get a feel for what archery MIGHT have been like in the Middle Ages. Any equipment that we use must remain true to this spirit. We use wooden arrow shafts with real feathered fletches, shot from recurve or longbows and medieval-styled crossbows. We do NOT use sights, stabilizers, kissers buttons, trigger releases, or bows with compound pulleys. These items convey an unfair modern technological advantage. They did not have

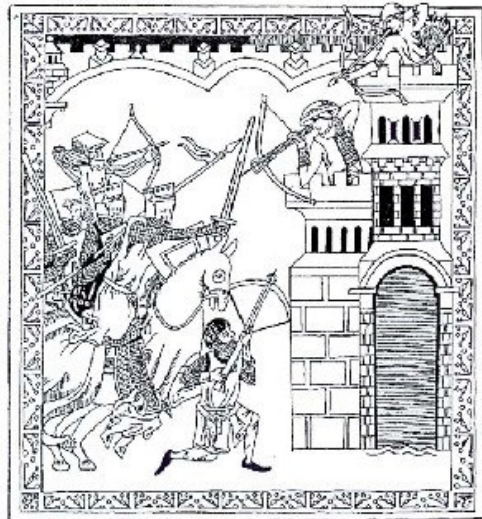
such devices in period, so we do not use them. Bows constructed with modern materials, however, are allowed because their performance is still very much the same.

Forbidding the use of these bows, and only allowing handmade bows of period materials and techniques, would make shooting archery expensive and labour-intensive, doing little to foster our art.

The types of targets and tourneys in the SCA are as varied as the imagination! There is something for everyone, from woods walk ranges with varied distance targets to moving targets with ropes and pulleys. There are several competitions that are run Society-wide with fixed sets of rules, enabling anyone anywhere to shoot and send in their scores for comparison. Hopefully you will find many that YOU enjoy!

Contact:

Captain of Archers, Alessandro di Falco



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