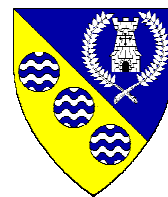




Griffintayle



January 2010, AS XLIV

Upcoming Events

January

23 Cancon Demo 10am -12pm (Jonathon of Lochswan)

February

13 St Valentines Picnic (Alexandra, page 3)
27 Proposed College Newcomers Feast (Adam)
26-1st [Border War XII](#) (Borderscros)

April

1-6 [Rowany Festival](#) (page 4)
2-5 Crossroads presents the 100 Hour War (page

May

7 -9 May Crown, [Rowany](#).
29 Privateers Feast (Adam)

August

17-19 St Vitus' with Proposed Bal D'argent Bid (Joanna)

November

20-21 Proposed Valhalla War (Adam)

Activities

Baronial Council Meeting:

Last Wednesday of each month at 6pm: Haig Park Scout Hall, Turner (before A&S).

St Aldhelm College Meeting:

Monday 5:30 pm G029 Copland Building, ANU

Arts & Sciences

Arts and Sciences Main meeting:

Sundays 3:00 pm, Scout Hall, Haig Park, Turner

Arts and Sciences Meeting:

Wednesday 7:00 pm, Haig Park, Turner

Baronial Dance Classes:

Sundays, 2:00 pm, Haig Park, Turner

Scriptorium:

2nd Sunday of each month, 2:00 pm, Haig Park

Baronial Dance Classes:

Sundays, 2:00 pm, Haig Park, Turner

Choir Practice:

1st Sunday of the month 4:00 pm, Haig Park, Turner

Pot Luck Feast:

1st Sunday of the month 5:30 pm, Haig Park, Turner

Combat Activities

Armoured Combat Practice:

Main Practice: Sundays 3:00 pm, Haig Park, Masson St, Turner

Alternative Practice: Tuesdays 6:30 pm, Park in Edwards St, Higgins.

Rapier Practice:

Sundays 2:00 pm, Haig Park, Masson St, Turner

Archery Practice:

Sundays 10:00 am till 12:00 pm (1st Sunday of the month is an Inter Kingdom Archery Competition)



2010

First council meeting will be January 27 at 6pm (the last Wednesday of January)..

Followed by A&S will recommence at 7pm, still at Haig Park in Turner.

Autocrats & Future Events

Hi Team,

As discussed at Council meetings, I strongly encourage autocrats to plan well in advance. Some lovely people are doing so to such an extent that I would like to advise of a changing of procedure via this list as well. There will be no planning day - events will be assessed at a period put aside each council meeting.

Autocrats need to follow these steps.

- a) PROPOSAL: Please advise of your intention to run an event with a rough outline to the Seneschal so it can be integrated into the proposed event calendar.
- b) CALENDAR: The current calendar will be consulted.
- c) ASSESSMENT: An assessment will be given by the Seneschal (after appropriate consultations)
- d) PROCEED TO PLAN: A decision to continue or not will be made.
- e) PLAN: The autocrat will be asked to create a fully costed plan to be signed off and advertised.
- f) DECISION: Event is authorised or not
- f) EVENT: The event will be run.

These steps can be done in ten minutes and a few phone calls in an emergency, but we like months or a year of notice so people can plan and venues can be booked well in advance.

Notification: Some 2010 events are already proposed. One 2010 autocrat has been advised to proceed to plan for a midyear event next council meeting.

Notification: A Valentines autocrat will have not yet come forward. Requests to run should be made by next council meeting to be assessed then, or it will be run by the Seneschal.

Notification: There has been a proposal to run a war event late November 2010. In order to facilitate a needed long term booking, any party wishing to run this war should also propose ready to present at next council meeting so fair assessment can be made.

Notifications: The Baronial Knight Marshal

standing down. If you are interested in the position, or have any queries, please contact myself: Ysambart Courtin via the email below. I am gathering the proposals at the request of the retiring officer due to mundane work commitments getting in the way of the office and running the process.

Notification: There is a great need for a Polit Working Bee. This would likely be at the hall on either a Wednesday or a Sunday. This would be to sort the objects the Barony owns, and put them to some order. The Barony does not have a volunteer for Quartermaster. The Quartermaster is an officer who looks after the objects the Barony owns. Currently this job is done by the Baron and Baroness, the relevant autocrats and ad-hoc available volunteers. With this lack, a working bee will be needed to make many hands make light work. This will happen soonish - watch your Griffintayle. Volunteers for, or enquiries about Quartermaster are appreciated.

Request: Please ensure these messages get disseminated to people who may not be on this email list.

Thanks!

Ysambart Courtin; Politarchopolis Seneschal

Rowany Festival

Next price rise is at the end of February, adult member cost is currently \$90, while non-members are \$95. Full details available online: <http://rowany.sca.org.au/festival/>



Novelty Shoot: The Baroness in form



The Wenceslas Carol (above). A shattered Candy Cane (above right). The Gang (below).



Crossroads presents the 100 Hour War,
from 2 - 5 April 2010 (Yes, Easter) [1] on the
Crossroads property, Sheldricks Lane, Yass.

The 100 Hour War is a non-SCA semi-catered medieval camping event, open to both SCA and metal weapons groups to come together and share with each other. There will be wars - both rattan and metal weapons (assuming there are enough combatants), Arts and Sciences classes, archery, fencing - everything you'd want during an Easter medieval event, plus the evening meal thrown in (soup kitchen three nights and Medieval feast one night, all catered by Tosti, late of Politarchopolis, now in Torlyon).

The booking form can be found at <http://www.crossroads.org.au/documents/100hours/bookingform.pdf>

Prices: [Co-op member/ Non-member/ Child Day rate (inc meal)]

Until 31 Jan 2010 \$135/ \$140/ \$60/ \$35.

Until 18 Mar 2010 \$160/ \$165/ \$75/ \$40.

At the Door \$200/ \$210/ \$95/ \$55.

[1] staying before and after can be arranged I'm sure - I just haven't checked with the board.

Rob Bolin, 100 Hour War Steward

The Christmas Novelty Shoot.

Freddie was on the 'phone early calling his mates to the Field of Arrows at Tuggeranong - Freddie the Fly that is. But thousands of flies and thirty degree temperatures did not deter ten or so archers from enjoying the last novelty shoot of this year.

As befitting the season, a Christmas theme was used and included targets such as candy canes, elfish hats, a ring of bells, the Five Golden Rings contraption, a music sheet showing the notes of the Wenceslas Carol depicted in medieval square notes, and standing targets of a partridge in a pear tree and the "Christmas lunch boar." A surprise package contained a number of inflated balloons which burst when pierced by arrows. Probably the most difficult targets to hit were the candy canes, literally bamboo stakes painted in a barber's shop livery of red and white. Target width was about one centimetre and at five metres, tested the archers to the max. Nevertheless, several canes were pierced.

As with most novelty shoots, equipment suffered - broken arrow shafts, shredded fletching and an occasional lost arrow. But, hey, what price good fun?

The shoot was devised by Captain of Archers Ulric of Ambledune (Ian Crawford) who was ably assisted in making the targets by Danni and Holly. David made the candy canes.

After a donated lunch of barbecued sausage sandwiches, the shoot ended about 1 pm after which members retired to Haig Park to continue with Baronial Day activities.



Draw, Aim, and...(above) The Gang of Four (below)(





The Lionheart Company Presents:

The Festival of Birds

St Valentine's Day Tourney and Feast: Saturday 13 February 2010



The English associated lovers with the feast of Valentine because on that day "every bird chooses him a mate." So in honoring the day of St Valentine come one, come all for a day of lounging by the lake watching the Rapier Tournament and seeing who will be the next Baronial Rapier Champion. All to be followed by a delightful Feast in homage to our small, and large, feathered friends.

A&S competition will be a celebration of all things feathered and bird related. Any object with feathers or birds.

Location: Belconnen Sea Scout Hall - Beissel St Belconnen

Times:

Tourney: Lists opens at 2.30pm with Tourney beginning at 3.00pm sharp!

Feast hall opens at 6.00pm with feast starting at 6.30pm. Lights-up at 11.00pm with hall closing at 11.30pm.

Prices:

Tourney/Day Cost: \$3 members, \$5 non-members

Feast (inclusive of Tourney):

Members - \$26

Non-members - \$33

Children under 5 free, children under 16 half price. Contact steward for hardship cases or family rates.

Steward (inc bookings): Alexandra Hartshorne (Alex Rapp) 0423 658 386 or by email to 'the_menagerie@optusnet.com.au'

Your Chronicler's Musings...

Hello and welcome to 2010!

This first issue is just to make some quick reminders about activities coming up (please look for Valentines! See page 3).

Please also note that A&S and Baronial meetings start up again this month (last Wednesday of January). I know that Tuesday night training is happening, so it seems like we're all enthusiastic about the new year!

Festival is getting closer and has some competition at Crossroads (please see event information on pages 3 & 4).

And once again thanks to Will for a great story and photos to match!

Yours, *Zanobia*



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Politarchopolis

Politarchopolis is the branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism based on the Australian Capital Territory and surrounds

Baron and Baroness: Alessandro von Florenz and Isobel le Bretoun (Simon and Kate Price)
The Baron and Baroness oversee the general activities and operations of the Barony and act as the regional representatives of the Crown.
Email: politarchopolis@sca.org.au



Seneschal: Ysambart Courtin (Bart Beswick)

The Seneschal is the representative for the Barony in the outside world and acts as the chief administrator, similar to a group president.
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Deputy Seneschal: Honore de Corbeau (Georgia Winter)



Reeve: Aeeveril of Ambledune (Danni Crawford)

The Reeve is responsible for the financial affairs of the Barony. Email: danianha@hotmail.com



Arts and Sciences Minister: Caera

Sionnach (Brooke Perkins)

The Arts and Sciences Minister coordinates the study and practice of the medieval arts and sciences within the Barony.



Herald: Catherine of Glastonbury

The Herald is responsible for all forms of announcement within the Barony and is assumed to be speaking on behalf of the Crown. Heralds are also responsible for assisting the populace with submissions, such as when devising names or heraldic devices such as coats - of - arms.



Marshal: Cornelius von Becke (Cornelius Weber)

The Marshal maintains the safety of the populace during Society combat activities, both those who are actively involved in addition to those who are spectators. The marshal is also responsible for ensuring that each combatant is authorized to participate and will adhere to the Society conventions of combat.



Rapier Marshal: Gabrielle of the Marshes (Jenni McInnes)

The Rapier Marshal coordinates the group's fencing activities and maintains their safety standards. Email: jennifer.mcinnnes@gmail.com



Captain of Archers: Ulric of Ambledune (Ian Crawford)

In conjunction with the Marshal, the Captain of Archers coordinates the group's archery activities and maintains their safety standards.

Email: danianha@hotmail.com



Keeper of the Lists: Elizabeth de Foxel

The Keeper of the Lists records all the authorised combatants within the Barony as well as those who enter fighting events and the outcomes of martial contests.



Chirurgeon: Catherine de Boniface (Gina Casey)

The Chirurgeon is the Baronial first aid officer. Email: gkcasey@ginacasey.com.au

**Hospitaller:** Jonathon of Loch Swan

The Hospitaller is the initial point of contact for most newcomers and helps them feel welcome in the Society. The Hospitallery also coordinates requests for public displays.

**Chandler:** Vacant

The Chandler loans out garb and feasting utensils to newcomers. She also stores the Barony's banners, tablecloths, cooking and serving equipment for the Barony to use at our events.

**Constable:** Valentine der Spieler

The Constable is responsible for the maintenance of Society law. The constabulary is also responsible for lost property.

**Chronicler:** Zanobia Adimari (Clare Rix)

The Chronicler is responsible for the publication of Griffintayle, the Baronial newsletter. To subscribe, please see the endnote.

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The Hierophant is responsible for the Barony's internet publications, the electronic copy of the Griffintayle newsletter and the baronial email list.

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**Saint Aldhelm**

The College of St Aldhelm is the branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism based at the Australian National University.

College Seneschal: Alice verch Owain (Fiona)

Club president equivalent. Official contact.

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**<http://www.facebook.com>**

Polit can now be found on the popular social network site. Search "Barony of Politarchopolis" and join the group or type in <http://www.new.facebook.com/group.php?gid=20169734823>

<http://the.lochac.net>

The Lochac Network is a new independent initiative to take the work out of networking in Lochac.

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