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# Griffintayle October AS XXVII

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat	Sun
O C T O B E R	12	13 A&S	14 Dance	15	16	17 Combat Archer	18 Archer Fencing
	19	20	21 Enterta inment Guild	22	23	24	25 Archer Fencing
	26	27 A&S	28 Dance	29	30	31 Sheperd Feast	1 Archer Fencing
N O V E M B E R	2	3	4 Shire Meet.	5	6	7 Combat Archer	8 Archer Fencing
	9	10 A&S	11 Dance	12	13	14	15 Town Archer Fencing
	16	17	18 Entertain ment Guild Audiences	19	20	21 Combat Archer	22 Archer Fencing
	23	24 A&S	25 Dance	26	27	28	29 Hobby Horse Crusade Archer Fencing

- **Shire Meeting**, Contact Seneschal or Chronicler, at John Dedman Building, ANU, Lower Ground Room 1, 7.30pm.

- **Dancing**, Contact Arts and Sciences, at John Dedman, 7.30pm

- **Entertainment Guild**, Contact Helen Whitchurch, at John Dedman, 6.30pm.

A&S - **Arts and Sciences**, Contact The Winter Palace, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 7.30pm.

- **Archery**, Contact Captain of Archers, ANU oval, 10.00am Sundays.  
Town Archery Tournament at same site and time but costumed.  
Combat Archery, 1st and 3rd Sat's, Soutwell Park, 1.00pm.

- **Armouring**, every Sunday, Must ring House Hippocampus first, ask for Darren

- **Fighter training**, Contact shire marshal

- **Fencing**, Contact "CherChez!", Sundays at Archery.

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## The Editorial

As the mailing list has grown the expense of distributing Griffintayle has also grown. In order to reduce this expense the issue date is changing to the shire meeting day (the first Wednesday in the month) when it will be distributed at the shire meeting. The closing date for items to be printed is now the third Wednesday in the month.

Also a reminder to send the Lochac opinion poll back as quickly as possible. The forms have been included in Griffintayle for those who are not members as all members were sent a form in the mail. Mail them in late if you have not already sent them in as there must be as many responses as possible.

### *Shire meeting notes: October 7*

Place: John Dedman Building ANU  
Date: 7/10/92  
Time: 7.33pm

**Present:** Louise, David, Penny, John, Karen, Michael, Helen, Simon, Bethany, Steve, Robert, Jocelyn, Elizabeth, Norman, Dean, Libby, Doug, Miranda, Darren, Sandra

**Apologies:** Megan, Doug, Russ, Jacinta, Sharen.

**Late:** Duncan, David, Shayne.

**Deputy Seneschal Report:** Officer swops; Promises to Louise, Lists to Karen, Reeve to Norman, Capt of Fencing to Kerri. Read out a letter from the Prince and Princess thanking the shire for the work that went into September Coronation. It did name names. Second letter from Prince and Princess asking that people think about Lochac becoming a kingdom and requesting that we hold an event each year that will donate any profits to the become a kingdom fund. This letter was dated the 19 September. Some discussion then occurred about the recent events concerning the changes to archery rules and about us becoming a kingdom a bit sooner. Messages from the Prince dated 28, 29 September and 6 of October were passed around. All members should have received a Lochac opinion poll about this issue by now. Think carefully about the issues involved and please answer quickly. A copy of the Poll and a membership form is included in this issue of Griffintayle.

The September coronet report is available for perusal.

**Promises:** There is to be a meeting for all those interested in Promises at 7.30pm 19 October at Dancetty. It is planned to come out quarterly with more regular columns.

**Chiergeon report:** There were two minor hand injuries at September coronet. First aid kit has been stocked to Principality standard level. Some more first aid gear is needed and if you would like to help out by donating some please see me. The new Chirurgeon handbook is available. There is a draft version of a infectious disease policy printed in Griffintayle. If you are interested in making comments please see myself or the Marshal. Would all warranted chirurgeons please contact me.

**Hospitaller Report:** Nothing much to report other than allocating people to places to stay. The information pamphlet has been finished and one is inserted in this publication.

**Deputy List report:** There have not been any fighting events. The next one is Spring coronet which has been organised.

**Reeve Report:** I have just received the paper work.

**Marshal report:** The Ribbon tourney was good at Addison Park. Sir Garath of Greymarsh won. The Coronet had 27 fighters.

**Lists:** John of Skye is to be the next prince.

**Hospitaller Report:** No problems with coronet. We loaned out stuff and it all came back. If you need the table cloths or the other gear please contact me at least a week before the event.

**Herald:** No devices over the last month. 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursdays are consulting nights with the herald. Please ring Dancetty first before coming over. I am looking for a deputy.

**Chronicler Report:** Griffintayle was sent out.

**Archery report:** It is happening. There is now fencing training happening at the same time as Target archery on Sundays.

**Arts and Sciences Report:** The next A&S meeting (13 Oct) will be about Hairstyles for men and women. There will be a Sewing day at the Cloisters on the 7 and 8 of November after 10am.

**College report:** Offices have been organised. A&S meetings are in abeyance. The Collegium went very well even though there were not many people.

### General Business:

**Helen:** Calontir did have a city state with a mayor for some three years. There may be a problem with the whole

concept of voting and the politics that it creates with some people.

**Jacinta:** Profits from the Shepherds feast are going to the Become a Kingdom Fund.

**Bethany:** There will be a second collegium on the 1st and 2nd weekends of March with a feast.

**Darren:** Point 1. Clove Lemon joke.  
Point 2. Marshal and Herald during a tourney. Who gets to call 'Lay on'.  
Point 3. Urgently need help to make shire armour. Please contact House Hippocampus if you can help.  
Point 4. 31 October a tourney on the lake side of the National Library. 12.00pm lists open and close at 1.00pm. Have a PICNIC and go to the feast afterwards.  
Point 5. Planning to have a Twilight tourney. Further details later.

**David and David:** The Hobby Horse Crusade Pic Nic is on 29th November with several divisions for all who wish to enter the boffer tourneys. From 11.00am till 3.00pm.

**Darren:** Point 6. Closed celled foam may be obtained from a shop in Dundas Court for \$24 for a sheet 3 feet by 4 feet.

**Shayne:** We can still do fencing training here even after the recent controversy.

Close: 8.45pm

#### Entertainers Guild

Just a quick reminder to all that the third and fifth Wednesdays of every month is now the entertainers guild night and not just music practice. It is for the learning of new skills and the enjoyment of all. Nights will cover all aspects of entertainment. Planned activities include belly dancing, audiences and how to keep them, singing, dance band practice, juggling and jesting skills and storytelling. Please check the calendar for whats happening.

21 October; The Entertainers Guild.

18 November; Audiences.

16 December; Christmass break.

Contact myself:

Lady Morag Freyser (Helen Whitchurch) 21 Wade St, Watson, 2602, (h) 241 2201, (w) 289 6565.

#### Arts and Sciences Competitions

##### Twelfth Night Coronet Investiture and Tourney, Stormhold

Tourney garb- two categories: pre 1453 and post 1453.

Period Lighting- with an emphasis on showing ingenuity in safety

A principality Coin- the winning die will go to the office of Regalia, so that the coin can be given by Their Highnesses at whim.

##### May Coronet Investiture and Tourney, ?

High court garb- two categories: pre 1453 and post 1453.

An arrow- two classes; a)Decorative b)Functional.

A herbal or fruit liqueur.

#### West Kingdom Arts and Sciences Competitions

##### Twelfth Night

Costume- pre 15th century heraldic garb.

#### The Annual Shepherd Feast

The second annual shepherd feast will be held on the Saturday evening of 31 October AS XXVII at the Weston Creek Community Centre. It will be a fully catered feast and food will be served from 7.00pm.

There is a competition for the best tale of abject poverty told within the hearing of Lady Issadora de Este.

		Members	Non-Members
Cost:	till 1/9/XXVII	12GP	15GP
	2/9/XXVII to 29/10	15GP	17GP
	on night 31/10	17GP	20GP

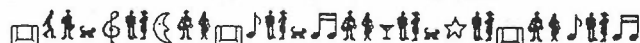
Please make cheques payable to Politarchopolis SCA.

Autocrat: Lady Isadora de Este,  
(Jacinta Miller)  
The Yew,  
97 Henry Melville Drive,  
Gilmore 2905.  
ph 291 6802.

## Rowany Festival News

Rowany site preparations are underway with the first one occurring on the weenend of 26/27 of September. The next two site preps are on the weekends of 14/15th of November and the 12/13th of December. People working at the site prep camp overnight on the Saturday night and a Pot luck dinner happens. The site prep steward is Edric de Forte (Tim Abbott) who may be contacted on (02) 894 5117 or write to PO Box S58, Homebush South, 2140.

The event listed below is NOT an SCA event.



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE HOUSE COOLING -

OF CHARLES, MICHELLE, JOHN AND SHAREN

AT:

13 SAMPSON CLOSE  
MELBA ACT 2615

(258 3868 for those intending to get lost!)

ON:

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER 1992

FROM:

8.00PM

BRING:



YOUR OWN CHAIR/CUSHION

(We will have cleared the house of furniture by then - sorry!)



STUFF FOR THE BBQ (if you want to!)



DRINKS TO DRINK



DANCING FEET!



SMOKING is okay - OUTSIDE



# The Hobby Horse Crusade

## A Pot Luck Picnic and Boffer Tourney

Children of All Ages Welcome

29 November 1992

11.00am to 3.00pm

⌘ Boffer and List shield making

⌘ Boffer Tourney

⌘ Child and Adult Tilt

⌘ Hobby Horse Races

⌘ Apple Bobbing and Bob Apple

⌘ Games

Competitions: Best Childs Tabard  
Best Hobby Horse

Autocrat: Dafydd ap Donal ap Gwilym  
(David Osbourne)  
24 O'Sullivan ST  
Higgins ACT 2615

Venue Corroboree Park  
Paterson St  
Ainslie

Phone: (06) 254 1358

Cost Child 2 gold  
Adult 3 gold  
Family 8 gold

RSVP 22nd November 1992

⌘ Light Refreshments will be supplied

⌘ A change of clothes and a towel is considered essential

Society for Creative Anachronism  
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**THE COMPLEAT ANACHRONIST:** \$12.50/year surface or \$45 air. Pamphlets introducing single Society topics, 6 issues a year.

**PLEASE NOTIFY US OF ADDRESS CHANGES** eight weeks in advance. Your membership card is your receipt. Please allow up to eight weeks for processing memberships and subscriptions. (For all payments received by 15th January, memberships will be effective from 1st March, etc.)

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP WAIVER AND  
INFORMED CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print full legal name),  
having read and understood this document, freely consent to its provisions.

I am fully aware of the nature and purpose of the activities of the SCA. I acknowledge that these activities are potentially dangerous, and I voluntarily accept any risks involved. In consideration of my being permitted to take part in these activities, I agree to be bound by the rules of the SCA, and to obey the directions of the governing officials. Should any disputes arise from my participation in these activities, I agree to submit such disputes to a board of arbitration and to abide by the decisions reached by such board. I agree to release, hold harmless, and keep indemnified the SCA and all its representatives from and against all claims, actions, expenses and demands in respect to death, injury, loss or damage to my person or property, howsoever caused, arising in connection with my participation even if the same may have been contributed to or occasioned by the negligence of the said body or any of its representatives. This waiver is to be binding on myself, my heirs, executors and assigns.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (if applicant is of legal age)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian (if applicant is a minor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

You must sign and date this waiver to receive your membership card, which will be your identification and proof of waiver. Sign your card as soon as you get it, and take it with you to all SCA events.

**PLEASE CIRCLE THE CORRECT AMOUNTS**

Membership Type	1 year	2 years
Patron (please show the newsletters you want to receive)	\$200	\$400
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Enter membership amount: \$ _____		

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<input type="checkbox"/> East	12.50	45	25	90
<input type="checkbox"/> Meridies	12.50	45	25	90
<input type="checkbox"/> Middle	12.50	45	25	90
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*form revised 11/88.gs*



**LOCHAC OPINION POLL**

**KINGDOM STATUS**

**NAME:**

**MEMBERSHIP NO:**

**GROUP:**

**Tick option you favour:**

**Go to Kingdom status**

☐

**Accept law changes**

☐

**Negotiate Further**

☐

**Seneschal/Baron/ess**  
**Signature if required:**

**Further Comments:**

**Please return to:**

**Angie Eves-Welsh**  
**38 Armstrong Street**  
**Ashfield, NSW, 2131**

**by 17/10/92**

**Non financial members**  
**may send a response**  
**with name and address.**  
**Local Seneschal or**  
**Baron/ess should sign**  
**the form to say that the**  
**respondent is a regular**  
**SCA attendee.**

### Communicable Diseases Policy Draft 6/10/92

- All fighters must be encouraged to have their own bottles and water bearers.
- The shire may be able to provide each fighter with an assigned water bottle and a water bearer at a tourney if the fighter is unattended.
- In this case all bottles must be soaked in a solution of Milton or bleach for one hour at the conclusion of the tourney.
- All open cuts and abrasions must be reported immediately and treated by the duty surgeon as per first aid dressing techniques.
- Body fluid spills must be washed down by a solution of Milton or bleach.
- All fighters with open cuts, abrasions, nose bleeds, or with clothes and/or equipment marked by another player's blood should be prevented from further playing until:
  1. bleeding is controlled
  2. any wounds are covered securely
  3. all contaminated clothing and equipment is replaced or cleaned down.

Milton tablets are the most easily mixed- three tablets per 500mls for badly soiled areas, one tablet to 500mls for general disinfecting (eg: drinking bottles).

If you have any questions or comments concerning the draft policy please contact either the surgeon or the marshal.

### Crossroads News

The news just to hand is that Crossroads Medieval Village Co-operative Ltd is now an official legal entity.

### SCA wide News

As of June the society had over 22,000 paid up members. Source is from the BOD minutes.

38 Armstrong St  
Ashfield, NSW, 2131  
30th September, 1992

UNTO THE MEMBERS OF THE POPULACE OF LOCHAC  
FROM AYLWIN AND INGERITH, PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF LOCHAC  
AND ISABEAU OF THE WYLDE WOODE, SENESCHAL OF LOCHAC.

We send greetings and best wishes to the members of the populace of Lochac.

This letter is to bring you up to date with the Markland v's Riverhaven Blunt situation. At this stage the King and Queen, Seneschal of the West and Ombudsman (the West Kingdom and Corporate representatives we felt it appropriate to deal through) are doing everything they can to restore the situation in Lochac. We are now hopeful, not certain, that the new laws will not apply to this Principality.

However as part of the whole process the West Kingdom and the Ombudsman have asked that we send them copies of the enclosed polls after they have been completed and returned to the Seneschal. The key players in the West feel that they do not have enough documentation to ascertain the reaction of the entire populace in Lochac with regards to recent law changes or to understand the unique conditions in this Principality.

We also have had numerous phone calls and discussions with members of Lochac and the very great majority of people who have communicated with us have expressed a desire to immediately commence moves to Kingdom status. We would like to give everyone in Lochac the opportunity to voice their own opinion through these polls - not just those with the familiarity or confidence to approach us personally. We need to know how everyone feels before we make a decision.

We would also like to thank members of the populace who have provided us with technical information and support during this short but particularly hectic time. We also hope that those of you who have since thought of better ways for us to deal with the situation will understand that we have dealt with this matter to the best of our ability and in the manner that we thought was best at the time.

We are trying to keep as many people as possible informed of the ongoing situation. This means that the information will change as there are further developments. We know how disconcerting this can be but we think it is better than not letting you know what's happening and leaving the matter in the hands of gossip and rumour.

We look forward to your co-operation and personal honesty when you complete these polls.

AYLWIN

INGERITH  
(IN ABSENCE)

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## CHIVALRY AND COURTESY.

It has been said that we should be Chivalrous and Courteous. But what are Chivalry and Courtesy?

Very briefly, these are all the ideals of a noble Knight. It includes bravery, honour, courtesy to all, respect for women and older people, protection of the weak, generosity and magnanimity to our foes or enemies. Courtesy is to extend to others kindness and help in all ways treating them with respect.

This is quite a tall order so let's look at them one at a time.

Bravery. I doubt there is one person in the S.C.A. who is not brave. Bravery is the ability to master our fears and doubts and to stand up to what we believe in.

Honour. The most obvious thing about honour is not lying. It is also creating your own set of high ideals (or standards) and living up to them at all times as well as keeping your word. Mostly we do not tell lies and we all have our standards/ideals. We are taught by our parents throughout childhood. Keeping your word is a little more difficult. It is NOT just keeping a promise or pledge, but keeping your word. If you say you will do something, then you are honour-bound to do this, irrespective of whether or not you promised to do it.

Courtesy. Courtesy is many things. Ideally it is treating others as you would like to be treated by them. It is also putting yourself in the other person's shoes to see how they would feel about something. For example, while you may not object to swearing, there are some older people who do. If someone else is speaking, it is not interrupting them, unless the matter is urgent. And then, you should apologise for the interruption. Courtesy also means looking around at others. You cannot perform the courteous action, if you do not see the need for it.

Respect for Women and Older People. I know that in today's (mundane) society, there are a lot of people who do not inspire respect. However the truly chivalrous or courteous person will always respect others, regardless of how others act. In our modern society, we are inclined to no longer respect age. In olden days, if you managed to live long enough to be called old, you had earned respect. (Remember that this was in a time when it was very easy to die at a very young age.) Also you had learned a lot during your lifetime, and it was the duty of the Old Folk to teach the young ones. Listen when others speak, and do not dismiss their comments because of their age or experience (or lack thereof).

Protection of the Weak. I think all of us have what has been called a "maternal" or "paternal" instinct. It usually manifests itself when we see

animals or children mistreated. But it is more than this. It means coming to the aid of another who is physically weaker than we are. This includes children, women (it is true that physically women are weaker than men, although modern experimentation has shown that women have a far stronger endurance), and old (and older) folk.

Generosity. Generosity means giving freely, both of your resources and of your time. Sometimes, being generous with your time will be worth more than being generous with your money.

Magnanimity to your Foes and Enemies. This is defined in most dictionaries as being noble in soul or mind, generous and forgiving and free from mean or petty feelings or acts. It does not mean that you should give up a hard won advantage in combat. Nor does it mean you should surrender to another's ideals. Rather, having defeated (or horrors, having been defeated by) your foe, you should extend your hand to assist them and congratulate them on their effort. Forgiving others is also difficult. So many of us, having been wronged, will wish to "get even" or have our revenge. This is being small and petty. It does not mean that you should clasp your enemy to your bosom, but do not deride them or their actions in public. It hurts no-one if you are civil and courteous, and this sort of action can only enhance your own standing.

All in all, this is a pretty tall list for all of us to acquire. Rather than try and practice it only when we are out at an S.C.A. function, it would be better if we could acquire and use it in our everyday lives. Then we would not have to try and remember to do it. It will come naturally.

ANONYMOUS.