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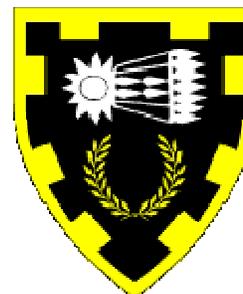
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Any gentle wishing to submit articles, artwork, poetry, etc, to the Althing is invited to do so. Please send your work to the chronicler. All material in the Althing is copyrighted to the individual contributors. The chronicler reserves the right to edit, refuse, or reprint any submissions. The submission deadline for the Althing is the first Wednesday of the month.

Baronial Discussion E-List

Need more info on an upcoming baronial event? Just want to chat? To subscribe to the barony emailing list, go to <http://lists.andrew.cmu.edu/mailman/listinfo/sca-bmdl>, and follow the instructions on the page.

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The Althing's submissions deadline is the first Friday of the month – send your contributions to Elss at chronicler@debatablelands.org.

Greetings from the Baron and Baroness!

U nto all Good Gentles of this fine Barony Marche of Debatable Lands do Byron and Ariella send Greetings!

First, Vivant to Their Royal Highnesses, Duncan and Ilish! We are proud of the Crown Tournament held here in this Barony and congratulate Their Highnesses on their victory. Please look for ways to assist them and contribute to their coming reign.

As Spring comes upon our lands, so do we endeavour to make great use of this fine weather. Please let us know if you would like us to play a role in any activities or upcoming events you may plan. We delight in being invited to witness the frivolity and hard work put forth by so many in our Barony. As we said previously, we encourage those planning events to plan some emphasizing the Arts and Sciences as our Barony is enjoying a wealth of martial-centered events but fewer Arts events in the last year or two.

This month saw us compete in Crown Tournament with Sir Maghnus as the potential Vicar. It appears he will not serve the Barony in such a role, but we thank him for his planning. We look forward to attending War Practice and then the A&S Wars Barony meeting on May 30th. Should any children of the Barony wish to contribute goods to Leah's Children's Guild Wars team, please contact us.

Looking ahead to June, we hope to attend the Tournament of Chivalry in Sunderoak, Northern Oaken War Maneuvers in the Cleftlands, and Tournament through the Ages in Stormsport, before taking a family vacation spanning two weekends.

Ariella is trying to wrap up the two projects for Baroness Tatyana, the quilt and the banners. If you have a small quilt frame and can assist in construction of the quilt, please contact her.

As always, we want your letters of recommendations for deserving gentles. We are humbled by our inability to see all the good works here, as there are so many. Please point out those with increasing skill, courtesy, aid to others, and other laudable qualities.

Yours in Service,
Byron and Ariella



From the Seneschale:

Unto the people of the Debatable Lands do I send warmest greetings. Though the May air be damp and chill, I wish warmth and happiness to all who read these words. This month, I have some calls to service for a few of you:

First, we are looking for a gentle or group to run the Baronial Reception at Pennsic. The reception has become a very popular, wonderful tradition - a time when all Debatable Landers can come from diverse camps and gather in one another's companies for one beautiful evening. We love to eat, though, and we are looking for a gentle, a group of gentles, or even an entire camp that would be willing to coordinate the reception food and drinks. The coordination has fallen to many different people and camps over the past seven years, and it is my hope that we will continue to rotate the fun through the different groups here. There are Baronial funds set aside for the Pennsic reception in our budget. Please contact me if you are interested.

Secondly, our Baronial Gold Key of five years, THL Roana Devreux, has expressed a desire to divest herself of the Gold Key Responsibility. We are looking for someone to take her place. That someone should have room for about seven Rubbermaid tubs in their home, and should be able to make sure requested loaner garb makes it to local events. You can read about our Gold Key policies on the website at www.debatablelands.org/goldkey.html. Please feel free to contact Roana with questions.

Thirdly, our Baronial Chatelaine, Asceline, has resigned from office. Thank you to her for being willing to step up when we needed someone. In her absence, I am calling for letters from anyone who wishes to take up the Office of Baronial Chatelaine. Duties include being the newcomer contact, ensuring newcomers have a positive first interaction with the Barony, pointing newcomers in the direction of their interests, facilitating demos, actively participating as an Officer of the Debatable Lands, and reporting quarterly to the Regional Chatelaine. You need to be a member of the SCA, Inc. If you are interested, please submit a letter of interest to me (email is fine) by June 1st.

Now I would like to thank all those who have already done service to the Barony - Thank You! And thanks especially to the Officers, including Lady Elss, our Chronicler, who puts much work into making the Althing such a fine publication. Also to Don Clewin and Freifrau Fredeburg, autocrats of Crown Tourney, and their very fine staff, especially Master Creador. Loaves and fishes!

May Barony Meeting will be on Sunday, May 30th at 1pm at the Washington Blvd Martial site, and will feature a fun A&S Wars activity and also a kids garb and stuff swap. Read more about it elsewhere in this newsletter. July Barony Meeting will be on Sunday, July 18th, at 1pm at the Washington Blvd Martial site. The theme will be Pennsic prep, and it will feature a super-duper surprise gift! June Officers' Meeting will be on June 2nd at 8pm in Porter Hall A18A on CMU's campus, and is open to the populace. Agenda will include officers' reports, event bids, voting on the policy change proposals (comments due to me by May 30th), and voting on the Chatelaine.

As always, I encourage each one of you to come to me with any feedback you have about the Barony.

In Levitate et Caritate,

~Hilda, Seneschale

Greetings to all in the Barony from Elss of Augsburg, Chronicler:

This edition of the Althing feature information about two very different Wars -- the A&S Wars at the May Barony meeting at Washington Boulevard, and War Practice, held in preparation for the upcoming Pennsic Wars.

In tribute to these upcoming conflicts, please note that all the art used in this edition of the Althing is related to Warriors or those who make the implements or accoutrements for War.

Yours in service,

Elss of Augsburg

A Letter from the Chirurgeon:

Greetings,

As the years have past I find that the end of my term as the Baronial Chirurgeon Liason has come to an end, and I must ask for letters from the populace who may be interested in becoming the new Chirurgeon Liason.

The requirements are as follows:

- Current AHA or Red Cross CPR certification
- Basic First Aid or Higher medical certification
- A Current Warrant from the Kingdom Chirurgeon

My term of office will expire the first day of June. My intent is to seek another term, however I welcome letters of interest in the position and I am always willing to help anyone gain their warrant.

In Service,

Lord Liam MacanTsoir

chirurgeon@debatablelands.org



Greetings from your Rapier Marshal,

Rapier practice has moved back to its summer location at Washington Blvd. on Sundays from 1-5 pm. Practice may be canceled for inclement weather, which usually means steady rain or thunderstorms. Updates will be posted to the BMDL fencing email list.

If you are interested in trying out fencing, please come join us. Loaner gear and weapons are available for those who need it. Not all of the gear is brought to practice every week, so if you want to use it, please email me regarding what I should bring.

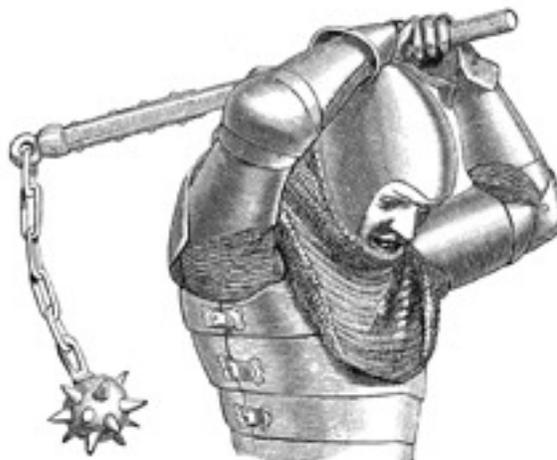
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A&S WARS SWAP

Spring time is here... And so is spring cleaning. Help your fellow SCAdians, newbies, and your closets by joining our "SPRING SWAP!" Bring anything that you realize that you can not use, or no longer want. Whatever is left over will get donated to the gold/armor keys.

IDEAS:

- Armor
- Fabric
- Inks/old pens
- Garb
- Children's garb
- Belts
- Pouches
- Books



Anything SCA related will work. Someone's junk is another treasure.

I will have a table or two set up for this at the A&S Wars barony meeting. Any questions or concerns contact me.

Lady Aibell ingen Chernacháin

youth at debatablelands.org

A Message from the Guest Editor for the A&S Edition of the Althing ~

A call to great minds is in order.

I, Katherine of the Debatable Lands, am grateful and honored to be the guest editor for the BMDL Althing A&S issue. It is I who call out to all the great minds available, to send me their artwork, articles, musings, book reviews, poems, songs, limericks, and any additional. All entries are welcome. If you are under serious debate over if your subject matter is suitable for the A&S issue, or if you have any other questions, please do send me or Elss of Augsburg an E-mail.

Yours in Service ~

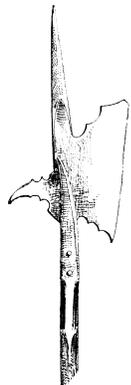
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Signed Katherine

Spring Means Outdoor Practices

Starting with the first weekend in May, all practices will be officially held outside at the park on Washington Boulevard, if they were not already. Times for the various disciplines:

	Thrown Weapons	11 AM -- 1 PM or as demand requires
	Archery	11 AM -- 1 PM
	Heavy Weapons	1 PM -- 5 PM
	Fencing	1 PM -- 5 PM

Please note that these practices can be social gatherings as much as martial activities. All are invited to bring a chair, sit and relax, chat, work on a Pennsic project, or just enjoy the fine weather we have been having.



Proposed Changes to the POLICIES of the BARONY-MARCHE OF THE DEBATABLE LANDS

The complete set of policies for the Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands was published in the September 2008 Althing, and can be found at <http://www.debatablelands.org/althing/>. If you require a paper copy, please contact the Chronicler to have one mailed to you. Comments on the proposed changes are due to the Seneschale (seneschale@debatablelands.org, 412-606-6258) by May 30th, 2010.

PROPOSED CHANGES MARCH 2010, AMENDED APRIL 2010: additions are in *red italic*, deletions are in ~~red with strikethrough~~.

I. The Barony's policies must be published in the Althing in full at least once every two years and published online at least once a year. When published in the Althing, they supersede all former Baronial policies. Changes or additions to these policies become official upon their publication in the Althing. Baronial policy is subordinate to Kingdom Law & Policy, Corpora, and civil law. It may not contradict them and need not duplicate them.

II. Officers

A) The Officers of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands are those required by Kingdom Law, the office of the Baron/ess, the Seneschals of the Barony's *non-dormant* subsidiary groups, the Captain of Archers, the Marshal of Fence, ~~and~~ the Chirurgion Liaison, *and the Webminister*. These officers constitute the financial committee of the Barony for the purpose of setting financial policy and approving financial activities.

B) Unless otherwise stated, decisions of the officers are by consensus of the people attending a scheduled officers meeting at which a majority of the Officers are present. Officers may be represented by proxy. ~~However, o~~ Only the members of the Financial Committee may vote on financial decisions. Any Officer may call for an Officer Only vote, in which case each Office gets one vote, with a simple majority of the votes cast deciding the issue.

C) Officers serve for a term of twenty-four months from the officers' meeting at which their appointment was approved. Notification of an Officer's intent to renew or resign must be published in the Althing at least two months before the end of the Officer's term. This notification must solicit letters of intent for a successor. Letters of intent must be sent to the Officer in question, as well as the baronial seneschal; if the office is the seneschalate, a letter must also be sent to the Baron/ess. Whether an officer decides to serve another term or a successor takes the office, either choice must be ratified by the officers. If no acceptable candidates are set forward, the Office shall remain vacant if allowed by Kingdom Law.

D) If an Office becomes vacant, the ~~Drop-Dead Emergency~~ Deputy will take over the duties of the office, and solicit letters of intent for a successor. Subsidiary groups are not required to follow this policy in choosing their seneschals and officers. A two-thirds majority of Baronial Officers may petition his/her Kingdom Superior to remove any Officer, or person in a Baronial position, though a proposal to do so must appear on the officers' meeting agenda and in the previous Althing. In this circumstance, the agenda ~~should~~ *shall* be published *via print or electronic media* for the populace at least 48 hours before the meeting (~~electronic media are acceptable~~). ~~Should~~ *If* an Officer ~~is~~ *be* absent and not represented at three consecutive Officers meetings, his/her Kingdom Superior may be petitioned by the Officers to have him/her removed.

E) Whenever an Office or baronial position changes hands, the outgoing Officer is responsible for transferring all files and baronial property related to the office to his or her successor in a timely fashion. An inventory report must be filed with the Chamberlain or Exchequer at this time so the change of property can be verified. In the event of a vacant office, the Officers shall determine which Barony member shall temporarily take possession of the files and property of the vacant Office.

III. Baronial policies may be created or changed by the officers. Proposed additions or changes to Baronial policies must appear on the agenda of the officers' meeting at which they are ratified, and in the previous Althing. In this circumstance, the agenda ~~should~~ *shall* be published *via print or electronic media* for the populace at least 48 hours before the meeting ~~(electronic media are acceptable)~~.

IV. Financial

A) Expenditures greater than \$75 must be approved by a simple majority of the Financial Committee. Expenditures of \$75 or under may be authorized jointly by the Baronial Seneschal and Exchequer. Such expenditures must be reported at the following officers meeting. The Seneschal and Exchequer must be represented at any meeting of the financial committee.

B) Officers will not approve expenditures for proposed events unless they are presented with a written event bid which contains, at a minimum, the names of the autocrat and the head cook, a site, a date, a break-even analysis, and a budget (if baronial funds are to be used). The event budget shall include estimates for income and for expenses by category based upon expected attendance, rates charged and any free admissions. After-budget expenditures are to be approved or disapproved at the Financial Committee's discretion. If an event bid is declined at the Kingdom or Society level, the event bid is void.

C) Event refunds requested before the event report is completed will be considered but not guaranteed. Refunds requested after the event report is completed will not be issued.

V. Baronial Succession

A. Requirements of office: The *territorial* Baron and/or Baroness (hereafter referred to as Baron/ess) must meet the requirements stated in Corpora and Kingdom Law: ~~He or she must be a paid member of the SCA, be~~ 18 years of age or older *as of the day the votes are to be tallied*, ~~may not hold the office of Baronial Seneschal~~, and must be a resident in the territory of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands. The ~~position of Territorial Office of~~ Baron/ess of the Debatable Lands is not subject to a term limit.

B. When Selection of a New Baron/ess Will Occur: Selection will take place when a Baron/ess is removed, expresses a desire to retire, or wishes to take a consort.

C. Removal of a Baron/ess: A majority of the Barony's Officers may call for the removal of the Baron or Baroness. The motion must appear on the officers' meeting agenda (*via print or electronic media*) and in the previous issue of the Althing. If the motion passes, the result will be announced at the next Barony meeting and in the next issue of the Althing. At the Barony meeting after that, those attending the meeting will decide, by majority vote, whether to petition the Crown for the removal of the Baron or Baroness.

D. The Vicar: If a Vicar is appointed, the Vicar may not give Baronial Awards but may

otherwise preside over Baronial Courts and functions.

E. The Selection Committee: The Selection Committee is responsible for overseeing the election process. The selection committee consists of the Baron/ess (if there is one), the Vicar (if there is one), and enough officers in *officer* precedence order to bring the total to 5 with the Baron and/or Baroness together counting as one seat. If a member of the committee accepts a baronial nomination, *or if his term is over and he is not planning to renew before the election process is over*, he *or she* is replaced by the next officer in *officer* precedence order. Notification of the *upcoming* election and these policies will be printed in the first Althing following the appointment of the selection committee. The Committee members will elect a Chairman from among their members by simple majority vote.

F. The Selection Process

1. Eligible Voters: Any person residing in the zip codes of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands who is 17 years of age or older (*as of the day the votes are to be tallied*) and is on the corporate membership list may vote. Under exceptional circumstances, the Selection Committee may consider a written request for a ballot from a person who would not otherwise receive one. *Such a request must be received by the Chair of the Selection Committee by the date of the Nominating Meeting.*

2. Timing of the Selection Process:

- a) Announcement of upcoming election
- b) Approximately one month later, nominations*
- c) Approximately one month later, acceptance of nominations
- d) Two months later, ballots counted

*Note: Additional general Barony meetings may be called to facilitate the timing of this process.

3. The Nominating Meeting: A Nominating meeting will be held as part of a general Barony meeting one month after the announcement of the election appears in the Althing and is *given made* at a general Barony meeting. ~~The announcement is given at a general Barony meeting.~~ Candidates will be nominated by petition of the populace, either in writing or by voice at the nominating meeting. Written nominations must be received by the Chair of the Selection Committee at or before the nomination meeting. The *Chair of the Selection* committee must notify candidates within one week of the nominations. To be considered, candidates must accept nominations in writing to the Chair of the Selection ~~e~~Committee within one month of the nominating meeting. Individuals or couples may be nominated, but no individual can occur on the ballot more than once.

4. The Voting: A written ballot with the list *of all candidates (a candidate pair is considered to be "a candidate" in this document)* ~~of nominees~~ will be distributed by mail to all eligible voters. Each ballot shall be numbered and a record kept of the total number of ballots mailed, but no record shall be kept of which numbers were mailed to which voters. Voting will be as follows:

- a. *A group status poll will appear on the election ballots; voters will mark their preferred option.* Voters will mark those candidates they consider ~~not~~ unacceptable as "UA" ~~NA~~. All other candidates are to be ranked in order of

preference, with “1” being the voter's first choice, “2” the second choice, and so on. *Any candidate may be left blank (unranked). A group status poll will appear on the election ballots; voters will mark their preferred option.*

b. Voters will have until the beginning of the next general barony meeting at least one month after the ballots were mailed to vote. Voters may return their ballots by mail or in person to the *Chair of the Selection* Committee ~~Chairman~~. Voters shall not be required to write their names on the ballots. The *Chair of the Selection Committee* ~~Chairman~~ will hold the ballots unopened until the Committee meets to count the ballots.

c. Tallying the ballots: The Selection Committee will meet during the general barony meeting of the voting deadline to open and count the ballots. *Only ballots that remain unopened until tallying begins will be valid.* Ballots will be tallied in the following sequence:

i. Ballot numbers will be checked off on the master list. If any duplicate ballot numbers or numbers which are not on the list of those mailed are found, those ballots will be discarded. The group status poll will be counted first. If a majority of the voters choose not to remain a Barony, then the Baronial election process will be terminated and the election ballots will not be tallied.

ii. *A valid ballot will include an unambiguous and legible ranking of listed candidates as directed in section V.F.4.a., including UA or blank responses. Invalid ballots will not be counted.*

iii. *Any candidate receiving “unacceptable” (UA) votes from more than 33% of the valid ballots shall be eliminated from consideration. Any candidate receiving votes of NA on 33% or more of the ballots received shall be eliminated from consideration. The remaining candidates on each ballot will be re-ranked accordingly*

iv. *The Selection committee shall tally each ballot as a single vote for the highest-ranked active candidate on the ballot. If any candidate has a majority (more than 50%) of the received ballots, that candidate shall be declared the winner. Otherwise, the candidate with the fewest votes will be eliminated from consideration, and the votes for that candidate will be redistributed to the highest-ranked active candidate on each ballot. (Any ballot that does not include a numeric rank for any active candidate will not be considered a “received ballot” for the purpose of calculating the number of votes needed for majority.) Repeat this sequence until a majority candidate is found. The majority candidate will be declared the winner.*

iii. ~~If any remaining candidate receives a majority (greater than 50%) of first place votes, that candidate will immediately be declared the winner.~~

v. *If there is a tie between two (or more) active candidates for the*

fewest votes in a round, all tied candidates will be eliminated from consideration. If there is a tie between the final two (or more) active candidates, the candidate with the fewest number of unacceptable (UA) votes on ALL valid ballots (not just those that have ranked an active candidate) will be declared the winner. If there is still a tie, all tied candidates will be presented to the Crown as acceptable, and the Crown of Aethelmearc shall be asked to choose between them.

vi. General Summary of Tallying. The voters rank candidates from most favorite to least favorite. Take the ballots and you make a pile for each candidate, based on just the first-place votes (ignoring all the other rankings on the ballots). Then eliminate the candidate with the fewest votes and re-distribute those ballots to the other piles, using the second-place votes. Keep eliminating the candidate with the fewest votes until one candidate is left. This is a summary only; actual tallying process will follow steps i - v.

~~iv. If no remaining candidate receives a majority of first place votes, all remaining candidates shall receive a score based on the numerical placement table below: 1st place = 5 points 2nd place = 4 points 3rd place = 3 points 4th place = 2 points 5th place = 1 point 6th place or lower = 0 points No vote = 0 points NA = 1 points v. The candidate with the highest aggregate score shall be declared the winner. If there is a tie for first, a runoff election will be held starting from V.F.4. with only the tied candidates on the ballot.~~

5. The Petition: The *Chair of the* Selection Committee ~~Chairman~~ will produce a petition in accordance with ~~k~~Kingdom law.

6. Special ~~Se~~ Elections

a. If an existing solo Baron/ess desires to take a consort, a vote on the Baron/ess's chosen consort will be held at the general Barony meeting *scheduled for approximately* one month after an announcement of the vote appears in the Althing and is ~~given~~ *made* at a general Barony meeting. Should the consort be accepted by the populace, a petition will be prepared as in V.F.5. above.

b. If one member of a couple serving jointly as Baron and Baroness resigns, is removed or is unable to serve, the remaining Baron/ess may continue in the position alone if s/he desires, providing s/he passes a vote of confidence from the Barony. This vote will take place at the general Barony meeting *scheduled to occur* at least one month after an announcement of the vote appears in the Althing and is given at a general Barony meeting, and not more than 6 months after the vacancy occurs.

c. In either case, written ballots will be distributed, collected and counted by the Selection Committee at the Barony meeting, with the results to be announced that night. The proposal will be decided by majority vote of those attending the meeting, plus proxies. Written proxy ballots will be permitted.

VI. The autocrat of an event may require any person behaving disruptively to leave the event. If a minor is behaving disruptively at an event, the autocrat may require the adult(s) responsible for that minor to leave the event as well. It is the responsibility of the autocrat of any event for which the Nonmember Surcharge must be collected to determine the means of collection.

VII. The Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands does not serve alcoholic beverages.

VIII. Anyone that holds, stores, or maintains Baronial property, not to include files, must inventory it at least once per calendar year. The report should be given to the Chamberlain or Exchequer during the first two weeks of November. The report shall contain at the minimum: the name of the item(s), quantity on hand, a statement about the condition of the item(s) and location of where the item(s) are stored.

IX. The Barony reserves the right to accept or refuse any donation. Non-monetary donations (e.g.: equipment, supplies, items for resale) with a value over \$100 require the approval of the Exchequer, who will issue the receipt. The donor is solely responsible for setting the value of the donation. No non-monetary item should be accepted prior to seeing the item.

Event Bid Policy Event bids may be submitted by any member of the BMDL who wishes to autocrat an event. Event bids must also be submitted by members of other local groups who want the BMDL to sponsor their event. Event bids must be presented at a Baronial Officers' meeting (or, in special cases, at a regular Barony meeting, by pre-arrangement with the Seneschal) in order to be approved. Ideally, all event bids should be submitted six to twelve months in advance. All event bids must include the following:

Completed Event Bid form (available to download from Baronial website) or equivalent.

Proof of SCA membership for the Autocrat. This must prove membership at the time of the event; if the proposed Autocrat's membership expires prior to the event, he or she must renew promptly and show proof of renewal to the Seneschal as soon as feasible.

Ideal event bids should also include the following:

- Resumes for the Autocrat and Head Cook
- List of facilities available at the site (classrooms, fighting areas, extra rooms, etc.)
- Proposed event announcement including directions that conform to the guidelines set forth by the Kingdom Chronicler.
- Full list of sub-autocrats and their assistants.

Please note:

The Officers of the Barony are very interested in your comments on the proposed changes as shown above. If you have any questions at all about the proposed changes, please contact the Seneschale at seneschale@debatalelands.org, or at 412-606-6258 in the evening or weekends. A Word document is also available for those who would like to do a mark-up; please email the Seneschale to request it.

A&S Wars at the May Barony Meeting

The May Barony Meeting has been moved to Sunday, May 30th. It is still at Washington Blvd at 1pm. "Official" business will be kept to a minimum (less than ten minutes) to allow for socializing and activities (and oh boy, what an activity!). We're also having a children's' garb and stuff swap led by Lady Aibhell, our Youth Minister.

The theme for May Barony Meeting: A&S Wars! Crack teams of martial specialists will gather upon the field of honor to compete for the GLORY of their sponsors! Also, BOOTY!

The Details:

1. Any Arts & Sciences group of two or more people (the Sponsor) finds four other people to represent them in the four martial fields: Heavy Fighting, Fencing, Archery, and Thrown Weapons. These four people constitute the Team. The Sponsor does not have to be "official" or a guild, just any group that wants to join the fun. The members of the Team do not have to come from the Sponsoring group's ranks, but they could.
2. The Sponsors will provide the booty. It doesn't matter what you decide to bring - cookies, candy, comestibles, trinkets, tokens, favors, twelve 1:24 exact replicas of the siege engines used at the battle of Crecy made from popsicle sticks - whatever - as long as it can be shared.
3. In recognition of the fact that the People of the Debatable Lands are amazingly multi-talented, an individual can compete in up to two of the four martial events, and there is no limit on who can be part of the A&S Sponsors. (For example, Lady Sally could both fight and shoot, and can also be part of any or all of the Sponsoring A&S groups, but could not fence or throw. She could also not fight for two different Sponsors.)
4. There will be a winner in each of the four martial events. They win GLORY for their A&S Sponsors. There will also be an Overall winner (found using some sort of point system not yet devised) who will win GREAT GLORY for their A&S Sponsors, and also the right for them and their Sponsors to distribute the booty as they see fit. Yay stuff!
5. Each A&S Sponsor should let me know ahead of time when their team is formed, either by email or in person. If a Sponsor is having difficulty finding martial specialists, or a martial specialist wants to participate and needs a Sponsor, contact me and I'll match you up!

Note: While this should be a fun, amusing activity, you do not have to participate to come to the Barony Meeting and share your company during the afternoon. Also, the regular martial practices will still occur, archery and TW at their normal time, fencing and fighting probably a bit later than their normal time. We'll be there into the afternoon, so even if you have another engagement during the morning, come on by afterwards and enjoy the company!

~Hilda, Seneschale

Event Teaser!

Mark your calendars now for the Post Pennsic Picnic to be held on August 28, 2010.

Coming Event:

Aethelmearc War Practice May 20 - May 23, 2010 Cooper's Lake Campground

It is time once again to prepare for the prospect of War, and to properly prepare, the Canton of Steltonwald would like to invite all to join us for War Practice XXI. We will be mustering once again at Cooper's Lake Campground, 205 Currie Road, Slippery Rock, PA 16057. The event will run from noon on Thursday May 20, 2010 through Sunday May 23, 2010 at 3:00 PM.

Troll will close on Saturday at 3:00 PM; all participants must be registered before that time or access to the site will not be granted. The weekend will include many types of marshal activities, including Heavy Weapons, Combat Archery, Fencing Thrown Weapons, Archery and Youth fighting. Among the peaceful pursuits we will include Classes, Meetings, Shopping and More.

The Autocrat for this event is THLady Ysabell Graver (Jane Cummins) 120 Kyle Rd. New Castle, PA 16102 ([ysabell_graver AT yahoo.com](mailto:ysabell_graver@yahoo.com)), 727-667-9727. There is no pre-reservation for this event. Waivers and more information will be on the website at <http://warpractice.steltonwald.org/> and here. Please watch for updates.

Cost:

	3 nights	2 nights	1 night	Day Fee
Adult	\$23.00	\$18.00	\$13.00	\$12.00
Children 6 – 17	\$ 9.00	\$7.00	\$5.00	\$4.00
Children under 5	free	free	free	free
<i>There will be a \$3.00 non member surcharge.</i>				

Very important: Troll will close at 3 pm on Saturday, May 22nd, NO ONE will be admitted to the site without a receipt after this time.

DIRECTIONS:

From the North: **Take Interstate 79 South to Exit 99, New Castle/Butler. Make a left at the end of the ramp onto 422 West towards New Castle. Travel about ¼ mile and turn right onto Currie Road (between the signs for 422 Auto Auction/McClymonds Transport). Follow Currie Road for one mile.

From the east or west via Interstate 80: Take your best route to Interstate 79 South and follow from **above.

From the West: Take your best route to 422 East. When you go under the Route 19 underpass, you are getting very close. Make the left onto Currie Road (between the signs for 422 Auto Sales/McClymonds Transport). Follow Currie Road for one mile.

From the East: Take your best route to 422 West. When you pass the Moraine State Park South Shore exit, you are getting very close. Go under the Interstate 79 overpass, travel approximately ¼ mile and turn onto Currie Road (between the signs for 422 Auto Sales/McClymonds Transport). Follow Currie Road for one mile.

Kingdom Arts and Sciences Championship

Their Majesties invite and encourage all artisans of this fair Sylvan Kingdom of Aethelmearc to attend and participate in a competition to select their Arts and Sciences Champion to be held at War Practice on May 17. Their Highnesses have selected largesse as the theme of this competition.

Artisans are requested to bring an entry item (or items) that will be donated to the Kingdom. These items can be anything ranging from a contribution to a gift basket, scroll blank, award tokens to Kingdom regalia. In addition, this year Aethelmearc will be giving a gift basket to the Kingdom of the Outlands, therefore anything appropriate for this purpose is also welcome.

A brief explanation of the item is requested, but need not be more than a 3x5 card. The competition will be held on Saturday from 11am to 4pm in the barn, along side the artisan's forum. Attendance by the entrant is not required and entries may be sent via proxy. The populace is encouraged to drop by and examine the entries.

YIS,

Fredeburg von Katzenellenbogen

Arts and Sciences Champion

Important Dates Coming Up!

May Barony Meeting and A&S Wars -- DATE CHANGE!
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May 30, 2010 at 1 PM – to be held at the Washington Boulevard practice site.

June BMDL Officers Meeting

June 2, 2010 at 8pm on CMU's campus -- Porter Hall A18A.

July Barony Meeting

July 18, 2010 at 1 PM – to be held at the Washington Boulevard practice site.

August BMDL Officers Meeting

August 18, 2010 at 8pm on CMU's campus -- location TBD.



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Canton Meeting

Third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.
Beaver County Courthouse
madeleinedlest at yahoo.com

A&S - Every Thursday

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Archery

Wednesdays, 6 PM - 9 PM,
except the third Wednesday of any month
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Fight practice

Every Tuesday, 6pm, at the Economy Grange
Contact THL Robert Marston

Sewing

Aoibheil of Dun Holen

<http://www.steltonwald.org/>

THE COLLEGE OF COUR D'OR

The College of Cour d'Or is currently dormant. For information regarding local colleges and Universities, contact the Baronial College Liaison

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