

The Althing

Which includes this month a joyous announcement of new Baronial loaner equipment for the thrown weapons community, explaining the divers new spears now available, plus the addition of a marvelous new type of weapon, known by the strange name of Atl-Atl, that comes from the wild people of the Americas, and has been see by true men to be deadly to those that oppose it.

Also herein are the Reports by the Comet Pursuivant on the doings of the illustrious and revered assemblage of Officers that guide and lead and decide on the events and activities conducted here in the lands of the Glorious Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands and the Report of the Court of Their Excellencies, Byron and Ariella.



This showeth the taking of a Cart to allure Beasts

Being written and printed by the printer Elss of Augsburg, who has the honor of serving the great Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands and wishes to record and proclaim the events and activities relating to the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, both past and to come, in this Month of September, in the northern reaches above the Three Rivers.

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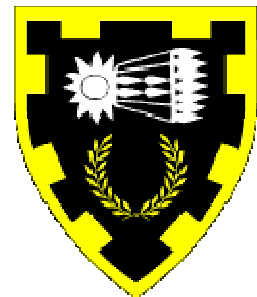
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Greetings from the Baron and Baroness!

Unto all Good Gentles of this Glorious Barony Marche of Debatable Lands do Byron and Ariella send Greetings!

We hope you all have recovered from the Pennsic War and are ready to experience new delights, work with diligence at your chosen pursuits, and enjoy more good company from all in this wonderful Society. We will hope to see you at Harvest Raid, Archers to the Wald in Steltonwald, Crown Tournament, and Agincourt in this busy coming month.

We see and hear of many great developments within this Barony, thanks to those who invest their time to make them happen. The growth of Thrown Weapons at Washington Blvd and the youth fighting program have been marked. More newcomer involvement, especially notable at Barony meetings, Washington Blvd Sundays, and the Post-Pennsic Picnic event, is something to celebrate. Mistress Ts'vee'a is hosting a sewing circle October 30th. More future events are being planned, and some focus on the Arts. All these endeavors make our Barony richer and reinvigorated.

Thanks to all those from our Barony who recently supported Their Graces, Malcolm and Tessa, in their reign. As Their Sylvan Majesties Duncan and Ilish lead our Kingdom in the next half year, please offer your support to them and Aethelmarc. Let them know of activities in our Barony well in advance so Their family may come enjoy our hospitality.

Finally, we look to you for recommendations for awards. At Archers to the Wald and Agincourt, we will have a box in which to write recommendations and leave them for collection at the end of the event. We hope this will be easier and quicker and encourage more recommendations, so please take advantage of this to let us know who is doing good works!

Yours in Service,
Byron and Ariella
Baron and Baroness



i - From Froissart's Chronicles

Notes from the Thrown Weapons Field from Elss, who is also the Chronicler:

There has been much excitement on the Thrown Weapons field at the Sunday afternoon practices!

First, welcome and celebrate all those who attended the Thrown Weapons Marshal classes at Pennsic, and who are now Marshals: Elsa Taliard and Cathian (Kane) Duggan, and Marshals-in-Training: Violante de Luna and Andros Duran.

Over the Labor Day weekend, a crew of throwers got together at Alaric MacConnal's house to build some MORE targets for thrown weapons! He has a new design (version 3.0), that makes the targets collapsible so that they fit into a small car, but sturdier when set up. Five new targets were made and several old ones were refurbished and upgraded, with the new targets being distributed among the throwers of the Barony. As the holders of these targets bring them to the Sunday practices, that means more targets to throw at!

Also, those attending practice on September 12th were the first to try out the Barony's new loaner spears! There are a dozen in all, a few which are six feet in length, a few which are four feet in length, with the most being five feet in length. We made the spears with this variety in size specifically to be able to accommodate throwers of all sizes and physical condition. Spears are not used with the regular hard wooden targets, but thanks to Alaric MacConnal, our chief target maker, we have two specially constructed "soft" targets made of cardboard, which are used both for spears and atl-atl darts.

Finally, throwers on the field at the September 19th practice were treated to a class on the throwing of darts using an atl-atl by the very gracious Anlaith ingen Trena, who came from Misty Highlands and stayed for several hours, sharing her equipment and giving to us all of her knowledge and expertise. Many thanks to her for her generosity.

In short, thrown weapons in the Barony is BIG!! We look forward to seeing you every Sunday at the Washington Boulevard Practice site -- we now have something for everyone!

In service --

Elss of Augsburg

Thrown Weapons Marshal and Aethelmarc Region 2 Thrown Weapons Marshal

Thrown Weapons Practices

Here is the schedule for thrown weapons:

September 26 th	Regular practice with Axes, Knives, Spears and Atl-atl
October 3 rd	No practice (Archers to the Wald with Thrown Weapons!)
October 10 th	Regular practice with Axes, Knives, Spears and Atl-atl
October 17 th	Regular practice with Axes, Knives, Spears and Atl-atl

Practices usually start around 11 AM (SCA time, of course) and continue until they are done or the marshals have to leave, but never any earlier than 1 PM.

Please note that these practices are 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 and the fighting.



Greetings from your Comet Pursuivant!

It is my great pleasure to announce, while wearing my second hat as keeper of the Order of Precedence, that the Baronial Precedence will soon be online and searchable. This means that you no longer have to wait for a yearly precedence printing to find out who has what award.

I would ask that everyone go through and check their own name to check that the awards and their associated dates match what you believe you have received, as any reorganization of information can introduce errors. Please also feel free to send me any suggestions for additional features you would like to see.

Yours in service,
Lord Pavel Dudoladov

From the Captain of Archers:

Good gentles, my term of office as Captain of Archers expires in October. It is my wish, however, to ask for a renewal for another term.

If anyone wishes to apply for the position, please send a letter requesting such to myself at archerymarshal@debatablelands.org and to the seneschale at seneschal@debatablelands.org outlining your wishes with your qualifications and they will be given a fair review.

On other subjects, I'm running a short on cardboard as backing for the target faces. If you have any just lying around that could form a square approximately 26-28 inches along each edge, the archers could use it.

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Per valde mustache adveho valde officium

ii - Border taken from the
Sacrementary of Aethelgar

Court Report of the Barony -Marche of the Debatable Lands, August 8th, A.S. 45

Here begins the record of the court of their Excellencies Byron and Ariella, Baron and Baroness of these Debatable Lands, on August 8th, Anno Societatis 45, at the Great Pennsic War, Lord Pavel Dudoladov, reporting herald.

Their Excellencies called forward Michelina Cenomani de Trento and spoke of her great commitment to the barony through her support of the cooks' guild and her prodigious cooking and baking, and thus they inducted her into the order of the Comet d'Or, and presented her with a scroll by Aidan ni Leir.

The presence of Giovanni di Lupo was then requested, the difficulty of tracking him down was remarked upon, and he was presented with a scroll marking his induction into the order of the Golden Alce, awarded him by Their Majesties Christopher and Morgen at Agincourt A.S. 43, by Laurente de Nimes.

Master Huon was then called forth and he gave his thanks to the people of the Barony for their assistance over the previous months.

Finally Lady Zianna Beguy Urdina de Truylos was summoned, and Their Excellencies thanked her for her efforts in preparing the marvelous feast at the baronial reception.

There being no further business the court of Their Excellencies was closed

The Directors Are Coming to da 'Burgh

The Directors and Corporate Staff would like to extend a cordial invitation for all to attend the Fourth Quarter Meeting of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. to be held in the Kingdom of Æthelmarc.

Saturday, October 16, 2010,
9:00 a.m.
Embassy Suites
Pittsburgh International Airport,
500 Cherrington Parkway
Coraopolis, PA 15108.
(412) 269-9070.

The Society is growing everyday. The Directors and the Corporate Staff would love to meet you and get your ideas and input on what direction the SCA should take. We hope to see you there!

Please note: this meeting is a modern business meeting, and modern clothing is appropriate.

Questions? Contact ea @ sca.org

Event Note:

October 16, 2010 Fall Crown Tournament, Shire of Blackwater (Allegany, NY)

Important Dates Coming Up!

Archers to the Wald (Steltonwald)

October 1-3, 2010 at the Beaver Valley Archery Club, including Kingdom Archery Champs!

October BMDL Officers Meeting

Wednesday, October 6, 2010 from 8 PM - 10 PM, CMU Campus, Porter Hall, Room A18C, open to the populace, as always.

SCA Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, October 16, 2010 in Coraopolis.

Agincourt V

Saturday, October 23, 2010 at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills (2359 W Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh, PA, 15237-1625), including Barony Youth Combat Champs!

November Barony Meeting

Sunday, November 7, 2010 (tentative... and no, there is no Steelers game that day)

BMDL 12th Night

Saturday, January 15, 2011 at the Lodge in North Park, Pearce Mill Road, Allison Park, PA 15101. The site will open at 10 AM and close at 10 PM.

The calendar on our website has been updated: <http://www.debatablelands.org/calendar.html>. Please let the seneschale or webminister know of any changes, additions or deletions.

Regarding the BMDL Twelfth Night Celebration:

To the populace of the Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands does Odriana vander Brugghe bid greetings.

I wanted to give plenty of notice about the A&S Display at BMDL Twelfth Night that will be held on 15 January 2011 so that everyone had time to prepare.

There are two opportunities for the artisans and scientists of the Barony to participate in the display:

- ❖ All gentles are invited to display their most recent work and their first or, if that's not available, the earliest work that they have. This is similar to the display that has been done at Ice Dragon. This type of display has served as inspiration for a great many people as it's so easy to forget that the intensely skilled artisans and scientists whose work you see now started somewhere.
- ❖ There will also be display space for people to show off what they are currently working on. This can be anything from a newly completed item to the next project in your queue.

If you have any questions about the A&S Display, please feel free to contact me either via email at jenn.strobel@gmail.com or via phone at 412.486.0566 (calls between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. only, please).

Written this tenth day of September in the year two-thousand and ten at the convergence of the Three Rivers, in the centre of the most remarkable Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands, in the third year of the reign of the Boy Mayor, Luke.

English Land Tenure: A Virgate of Land

This is the fourth in a series of short articles on land tenure, written by Master Dani of the Seven Wells. The first three articles appeared in the August 2010 Althing.

The canonical peasant holding in south-eastern England was a virgate – about thirty acres¹. This was the holding of a better-off serf. We tend to think of serfs as impoverished semi-slaves, and many were, but it is useful to think of a virgate holder as a substantial farmer. (Serfs were not necessarily worse off than freeholders, and they tended to have larger holdings than freeholders, but this is a topic for another article.) A virgate might reasonably include:

About thirty acres of arable land. They would typically be split into thirty one-acre strips, scattered around the village, with each holder getting a share of better and worse farmland.

A messuage. This was the house and the outbuildings – perhaps a barn, a storage shed, and a small stable – and probably a garden. The house would have been about fifteen feet by forty-five feet, and would have had a door that locked. The buildings legally belonged to the lord, and the tenant was held responsible for keeping them in good repair.

Oxen, typically two or three, for plowing². A virgate-holder could not afford to keep a plow. A plow was needed for every hundred or so acres, and was pulled by a team of eight oxen. The two or three oxen were the virgate holder's contribution to the team that plowed his land and that of three other virgate holders (or six half-virgate holders, or...)

Other animals might reasonably be expected to include two or three dozen sheep, and a small number of cows. The size of the flock or herd was limited by the number of animals a holder was allowed to graze on common land.

Limited pasture rights and limited rights to use managed woodlands – e.g., the right to gather a certain amount of firewood each year. In parts of England there might be corresponding rights to cut peat or to gather plants in the marsh.

In exchange for this holding, the peasant had to pay a substantial annual rent. The peasant's rights traditionally included the right to pass the holding on to an heir, though the heir was expected to pay a large fee upon inheriting. (The lord could, and typically did, prevent the peasant from breaking up the holding, or dividing it among multiple heirs. This was one of the limitations of serfdom.)

The phrase “substantial farmer” seems appropriate. It takes two men's work to farm a virgate, even though a third or a half of the land is kept fallow (in rotation) every year, so the virgate holder probably employed one or two hired hands (not necessarily full time). The household might also include one or two servants – typically teenagers from other families. The village's ‘establishment’ – those who served on juries or as officials, or who could act as pledges – was drawn primarily from these substantial farmers.

Reference: Christopher Dyer's “Making a Living in the Middle Ages”, Yale University Press, 2002.

¹ A virgate – sometimes called a yardland – might be twenty acres in one community and forty in another, with thirty being a reasonable average. Further north, the standard measure was the oxgang – about half a virgate. General articles needs must abound in simplifications.

² After the thirteenth century, the oxen were increasingly likely to be replaced by horses.

Report of the Meeting of the Officers of the BMDL

The Officers Meetings are held to discuss and decide upon the business matters of the Barony, and these are the minutes of that meeting held recently.

Officers' Meeting Minutes, June 2, 2010

- ❖ Officers present: Seneschale (Hilda), Herald (Pavel), Knight Marshal (Shiro), Chronicler (Elss), Exchequer (Tofi), MOL (Aileen), Capt of Archers (Urho), Acting Chatelaine (Annaleigh), Webminister (Cai)
- ❖ Officers proxied: Their Excellencies (Hilda for Byron & Ariella), Minister of A&S (Hilda for Pavla), Chirurgeon (Shiro for Liam), Marshal of Fence (Tofi for Fredeburg), Steltonwald Seneschal (Hilda for Madeleine)
- ❖ Officers absent: Chatelaine (Asceline)
- ❖ Positions/Populace present: College Liaison (Rosalia), Caellin (Lynette) acting as Recording Secretary, Jorundr, Coletta

1. Open Meeting

2. Events:

- ❖ Bid for Agincourt for October 23rd. Addition of teen fee (13-17), adjusted kids 6-12 fees (half site fee plus discounted lunch for offboard, no discount for feast). Bid Approved.
- ❖ Bid for Iron Comet Challenge for October 9th. Does not conflict with Crown Tourney (October 16th). Some discussion about money allocated for supplies maybe not being enough. No changes. Bid approved.
- ❖ Discussion of Zoo Demo.

3. Officers/Positions Reports:

- ❖ Seneschale: The Kingdom is running a deficit and a discussion happened at Curia regarding how to raise some money. The NMS is now \$5. SCA, Inc membership fees are raised by \$2.
- ❖ Knight Marshal: Found another gorget. There were some questionable things happening at practice with regards to waivers. Shiro to approach the individuals with a warning if it continues. If it should continue after that, the individuals will be asked to leave practice. Suggested moving Youth Fighting Marshal to a Position instead of a Deputy to the KM. Also suggested that the program should have funds allocated for it specifically. General Consensus: such a request from the Youth Marshals would be welcome.
- ❖ A&S: Nothing specific, but lots of good things are happening in the Barony.
- ❖ Chronicler: Looking to get printed copies of the OP and Policies when finalized. Discussion as to logistics. No decisions made at this time.
- ❖ Exchequer: Running slight deficit, but confident the account will recover. Still have about 40 T-shirts to be sold at very low prices, and will bring to July Meeting. Looking to move the account from PNC to a more reliable bank, as PNC has lost the signature cards multiple times (3-4). May have a large expense for a storage shed of some kind in the near future, possibly. Youth Minister's budget request remanded to later in the meeting.

- ❖ MOL: Slight issue with Youth Fighting involving waivers during May's Barony meeting, but it was quickly resolved.
- ❖ Archery, Webminister, Steltonwald: Nothing new
- ❖ Chatelaine: Hilda said that Ascline has resigned as Chatelaine. One letter received from Annaleigh. Annaleigh confirmed as Chatelaine unanimously. Rosalia will be her Deputy.
- ❖ Gold Key: Roana to step down. Baroness Alexandra dei Campagnella is interested.

4. Policies: No further comments from the populace or officers on the Policy Revisions. Revisions passed with a unanimous vote. Cai to publish online. Elss to publish in Althing.

5. Next Meetings:

- ❖ July Barony Meeting: July 18th, Sunday, 1pm, Washington Blvd. Discussion of possible themes.
- ❖ July Officers' Meeting: Just a short one before July Barony Meeting at 12:30pm.
- ❖ August Officers' Meeting: 3rd Wed of August at 8pm. Should talk about Cour d'Or.
- ❖ September Barony Meeting: 2nd or 3rd Thursday in conjunction with Dance Practice as a Newcomers Meeting.

6. Youth Minister requested \$485.84 for Youth Supplies, including perishable items, class supplies, kits, etc. Discussion followed regarding what kinds of supplies are reimbursable according to SCA policy, and also the role of youth activities at Baronial functions. Motion to approve \$100. Motion passed with one nay. Suggestions to supplement: ask for donations of supplies from the populace, budget in children's supplies into event bids, establish youth loaner supplies ("wooden key"), charge a "class fee" at the activity.

7. Motion to close the meeting, passed unanimously.

Officers' Meeting Minutes, July 18, 2010

Officers present: His Excellency Byron, Seneschale (Hilda), Herald (Pavel), Knight Marshal (Shiro), Chronicler (Elss), Chirurgion (Liam), MOL (Aileen), Capt of Archers (Urho), Chatelaine (Annaleigh), Webminister (Cai)

Populace present: Jorundr (ICC autocrat)

1. Open Meeting

2. Iron Comet Challenge Event to move from October 9, 2010, to April 30, 2011. Reasons: Their Highnesses Duncan and Ilish requested it be moved to remove conflict with Queen's Rapier, and also due to proximity to similar events near local.

3. September Barony Meeting confirmed to be on Thursday, September 2nd at CMU at 7pm, before and in conjunction with Dance Practice.

4. Hilda: Lord Thomas LeStrange from the Shire of Gryffyn's Keep requested permission to use a site within the Barony's Borders (in Plum). Officers approved unanimously.

5. The Barony to sponsor a Thrown Weapons tourney at Pennsic. Seneschale and Exchequer had approved up to \$50 for supplies for this.

6. Baroness Alexandra dei Campagnella confirmed as new Gold Key, unanimously.

7. Meeting closed.

Officers' Meeting Minutes, August 18, 2010

- ❖ Officers present: His Excellency Byron, Seneschale (Hilda), Herald (Pavel), Knight Marshal (Shiro), Chronicler (Elss), Exchequer (Tofi), Chirurgeon (Liam), MOL (Aileen), Captain of Archers (Urho), Chatelaine (Annaleigh), Webminister (Cai)
- ❖ Officers proxied: Minister of A&S (Hilda for Pavla), Steltonwald Seneschal (Hilda for Madeleine)
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1. Meeting opened.

2. Officers Reports:

- ❖ Baron/ess: Thanks to all for a wonderful Pennsic. Youth fighting championship will be at Agincourt.
- ❖ Seneschale:

Reminder that the NMS is now \$5.

Baronial reception was a success; however, despite the Barony providing water, our guests drank up the water in the hospitality pavilion and some in the scribes' tent, and also soiled the good Kingdom tablecloths. Countess Ali kindly took home and washed the tablecloths, a donor replenished the scribes' water, and the Exchequer and Seneschale approved a \$50 donation to the Kingdom Camp Fund as an apology for drinking the Hospitality water.

SCA, Inc's Board Meeting will be held within Baronial borders on October 19th (same day as Crown Tourney in NY). We were not informed directly.

Briefing on SCA Subsidiaries. Does not generally affect us yet.

- ❖ Herald: no report.
- ❖ Chronicler: Call for letters and things to put in Althings.
- ❖ A&S: No report
- ❖ Chirurgeon: We have three new chirurgeons in the Barony. Yay!
- ❖ MOL: Unable to attend the Post Pennsic Picnic.
- ❖ Captain of Archers: People should be careful not to refer to "Youth Archery". It is simply archery. Or family-friendly archery. Currently, ranges are not differentiated by age at all. Hilda to look up further rules on Youth policies. Request for \$72 for Youth arrows. Motion passed.
- ❖ Chatelaine: Five new people have joined, but are in Northern Cross only. September report to Kingdom is in. Newcomers are expected to be coming in due to University activities fairs, hopefully, among other things. Need to make business cards.
- ❖ College Liaison/Deputy Chatelaine: SCA is registered for the Pitt Activities Fair (August 29), and will be shortly for CMU Activities Fair (September 1). Discussion about staffing those tables followed.
- ❖ Webminister: no report
- ❖ Knight Marshal: Shiro: Gear was bought at Pennsic (pre-budgeted). Battle of Hastings at Pennsic was well-received. Elss: Thrown Weapons Marshals also bought gear, and the Barony-sponsored throw was well-received. Tokens were provided by the Baron/ess, and an article was written about it in the Pennsic Independent.

❖ Exchequer:

\$50 was approved by Exchequer and Seneshale for more TW supplies at Pennsic.

Also at Pennsic, \$50 was approved by Exchequer and Seneshale to donate to the Kingdom Camp fund.

We find ourselves with a surplus, so we can look for ways to spend some of it – wisely. Storage shed mentioned again. Suggestion to pre-pay for previously-used sites in advance (this suggestion was received well by the officers). Other proposals include donating to the Kingdom for Heir's thrones, new loaner gauntlets, etc. No action taken. To be discussed in October.

Additional Budget Items : Pennsic Camp Expenses: Request for \$270 for on-demand water heater and hardware – motion passed; Request for \$201 for storage, shelves, and coolers – motion passed; Request for \$75 for water jugs to stay in the storage trailer at Coopers. Discussion regarding the “jugs of contention” followed. Motion passed 7 yea, 3 nay; \$117.09 out of the pre-budgeted expenses was spent as well.

Hilda requested that the Youth Minister's budget be increased from \$100 to \$300 - motion passed unanimously.

3. Event Bids: Bid for BMDL 12th Night on January 15, 2011 was accepted unanimously.

4. Coming Meetings:

- ❖ September Barony Meeting: September 2nd 7pm, CMU, UC, Peter/Wright/McKenna room. Newcomer meeting. Discussion followed as to how to make the meeting effective and not boring. Not too much talking. Fliers, pamphlets, newcomer packets with info, etc.
- ❖ October Officers meeting: October 6th, 8pm, Porter Hall A18C
- ❖ November Barony Meeting: November 7th at Their Excellencies' castle. Theme is Harvest Revel, with Pie.

5. Discussion on recruitment: There is negative radio buzz on 105.9 (The X) about the Washington Blvd Practices, but they think we're LARPer. Hilda to contact Kingdom media liaison for guidance. Commendation to Lady Aibhell for making handy signs to put up on Sundays. Discussion on possible demos in parks and near campuses. Shiro and Liam formed a Heavy Fighting “flash mob” committee. Discussion on recruiting non-students. Convention demo committee formed (Annaleigh, Elss, Liam, Byron, Lynette).

6. Meeting closed.



Archers to the Wald, October 1-3, 2010

Beaver Valley Archery Club

The Canton of Steltonwald invites one and all to come and fling your arrows and other sharp pointy objects at this year's Archers to the Wald! Many of the well-known marshals of our Kingdom including many Scarlet Guard members will be running various ranges throughout the day, including several roving, novelty and long distance ranges. There will even be some archery classes offered. Many of the Scarlet Guard members have also agreed to make themselves available for one-on-one coaching, tips and techniques throughout the day. Their Majesties will be in attendance for the Kingdom Archery Championship. Their Excellencies of BMDL will also hold the Baronial Archery Champions for adult and youth. A full weekend planned for archers to shoot things.

In addition to all things archery, there is plenty of space for a thrown weapons range, heavy weapons and fencing as well. We welcome merchants, but please contact the Autocrat as inside/table space is limited. The site is open to primitive tent camping (no shower facilities) this year for all to set up Friday night and get in a full day of event fun.

The day will end with a fabulous feast created by none other than Countess Aidan ni Leir. Feast is limited to 48. Please consider pre-registering for this event as the numbers for feast will be based on our preregistration numbers. If you have any special dietary concerns, please contact Aidan at 724-203-4014 (Please no calls after 10 pm) or helen.pinto@comcast.net.

This event will be held at the Beaver Valley Archery (BVA) Club, 277 Rothart Dr, New Brighton, PA 15066. The BVA Club is a mundane archery club featuring over 53 acres available for shooting. The site opens at October 1, 2010 at 6pm and closes at October 3, 2010 at 1pm and is discretely damp. Site Fees for this event are \$9.00 for adults, \$4 for children 6-17 and free for babes in arms (5 and under). Site fee includes a light lunch. Feast fee is \$9 for adults, \$5 for children under 17. The customary Non Member Fee (NMS) of \$5 will be added if you are not a member or do not have proof of membership.

The autocrat for this event is THL Fintan na Coilled (Mark Smoot), 2259 Todd Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001, 724-857-0994 (Please no calls after 10 pm), fintannacoilled@comcast.net Please send reservations to Lady Muirgheal inghen Dubhghaill (Heather Hupp) 509 Hillcrest Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA 15010, 724-622-7240, katlyne_macroth@hotmail.com. Reservations need to be received by September 29, 2010. Please make checks payable to SCA Inc. - Canton of Steltonwald.

Directions:

From the South: Make your best way to I-79 N. Take exit 87 for PA-68 toward Zelienople. Turn left at end of exit ramp onto at Evans City Rd/PA- 68. Continue to follow PA-68. You will make a left turn onto N Main St/PA-68 (approx 1 mile). Turn right at W Beaver St/PA-68 (approx 1/4 mile). (Please note there is a 7Eleven on the far right corner of this intersection.) Continue to follow PA-68 for about 6 miles. You will make a right onto Rothart Road. There is a large metal sign for the Archery Club above eye level on the corner. Follow Rothart Road for about 1 mile. Turn left into the Archery Club.

From the North: Make your best way to I-79 S. Take exit 88 Zelienople. At end of ramp turn right onto Little Creek Road, continue for about ½ mile and turn left onto Perry Hwy/US 19. In approx 1.5 miles, turn right at W Beaver St/PA-68. (Please note there is a 7Eleven on the far right corner of this intersection.) Continue to follow PA-68 for about 6 miles. You will make a right onto Rothart Road. There is a large metal sign for the Archery Club above eye level on the corner. Follow Rothart Road for about 1 mile. Turn left into the Archery Club.

Agincourt, October 23, 2010, Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands

“For now sits expectation in the air
and hides a sword from hilts unto the point
with crowns imperial, crowns and coronets” -Henry V, 2. Prologue

Noble populace take heed of an impending battle upon the Debatable Lands. Heroes shall be made and honor shall rule the field! We welcome one and all to the Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills (2359 W Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh, PA, 15237-1625) for a day of fighting, feasting and revelry. The day's events will include a combat archery challenge, melee fighting, fencing, an arts and sciences display and a grand feast to finish the evening.

Your Autocrats for the event Lord Liam MacanTsaoir (medimacintyre1521 9 {at} yahoo.com) and THL Constance Glyn Dwr guarantee a day not to be missed. Lady Elss of Augsburg will prepare a superb lunch for all who attend. A special Children's Lunch will also be prepared. Lady Odrianna vander Brugghe has plans for a grand feast. Reservations may be mailed to THL Hildarun Hugelman (Krista Cogan 3815 Baytree Street, Pittsburgh PA 15214).

Fees as follows:

Adults Off Board: \$11, On Board: \$19
Teens aged 13-17 Off Board: \$10, On Board: \$18
Kids aged 6-12 Off Board: \$6, On Board: \$14
Babes ages 0-5 \$0, \$0

BMDL Twelfth Night, January 15, 2011 Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands

Rejoice in the Holiday Season at the celebration of Twelfth Night in the Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands!

All are Welcome for this day of Fun, Frivolity and Food! There will be music and song, gift giving and getting, accompanied by the good food of a potluck dinner and the company of good friends!

The Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands is pleased to announce that Twelfth Night Festivities will be held on Saturday, January 15, 2011 at the Lodge in North Park, (no street number) Pearce Mill Road, Allison Park, PA 15101. The site will open at 10 AM and close at 10 PM, so that all may have enough time to enjoy the day.

The populace will be happy to note that this is a FREE event -- there is no charge at the door and no non-member surcharge! No reservations are required. Because it is also a potluck dinner, each person is requested to bring a dish to share.

The autocrat for this event is Lady Elss of Augsburg (Rocky Hayeslip); all inquiries may be directed to the autocrat at elss_of_augsburg@yahoo.com or to Rocky Hayeslip, 221 Pine Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 or by cell at 724.759.3333.

Please note that many, many activities are being planned for adults and children. More information and directions will be available in the October, November and December Althings. Mark your calendars now for the BMDL Twelfth Night Celebration on Saturday, January 15, 2011 at the Lodge at North Park.

THE CANTON OF STELTONWALD OFFICERS AND MEETINGS

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Canton Meeting

Third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.
Beaver County Courthouse
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A&S - Every Thursday

Bonita of Steltonwald
novakbonnie at hotmail.com

Archery

Wednesdays, 6 PM - 9 PM,
except the third Wednesday of any month
Muirgheal inghean Dubhghaill
Beaver Valley Archery Club
captainofarchers at steltonwald.org

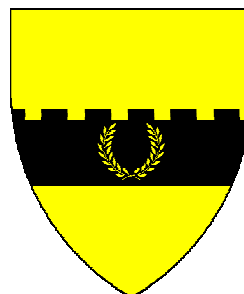
Fight practice

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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