

The Althing

War approaches, the armies of the Knowne World will soon be gathering on the Plains of Cooper's Lank!

Are you Ready?

Herein are many of the details of the coming month leading up to the Pennsic War, with advice and opportunities for help with garb, gear, martial activities, sewing, and all else necessary for your enjoyment.



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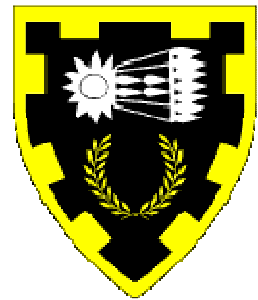
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From the Baron:

You are at an event helping out in the kitchen and someone cuts their hand – do you know how to treat it? You're at the fencing field at War Practice, and a fencer passes out – do you know how to help them? You can learn what to do in these situations and help out at events by becoming a chirurgeon!

What is Required?

To be a Chirurgeon in the SCA, you must be certified in Basic First Aid and CPR either through the American Red Cross or American Heart Association. If you currently have a higher certification in the healthcare field (First Responder, EMT, LPN, Paramedic, RN, Nurse Practitioner, Physician's Assistant, Physician), you can also become a chirurgeon so long as your license and CPR is up to date. You are also required to be a member of the SCA. Once you meet these requirements, you must fill out the paperwork to become a Chirurgeon-in-training which is very easy, and then be observed at a minimum of three events by another Warranted Chirurgeon. You may do two of these observations at First Aid Point at Pennsic and one at any other event. After you receive your warrant, you will need to file quarterly reports, as well as event reports when you are a Chirurgeon in Charge at an event.

You must keep your membership and certifications up to date by sending copies to the Kingdom Chirurgeon yearly.

What is the Reward?

Being a Chirurgeon is a great chance to help others in the society. The reward is seeing people get the chance to do what they love because of the great care you gave to them.

If you are interested in becoming a Chirurgeon you can visit these sites to get more information:

Society Chirurgeon's Handbook:

<http://www.sca.org/officers/chirurgeon/pdf/ChirurgeonsHandbook2007.pdf>

Æthelmearc Chirurgeon Website:

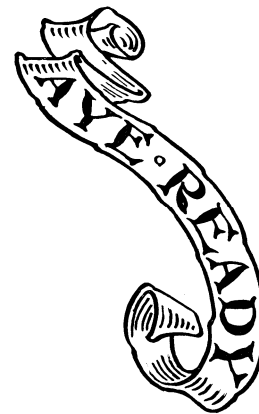
<http://chirurgeon.aethelmearc.org/Index/index.html>

If you would like First Aid and CPR training, you can contact me, and I can refer you to a class, or I will teach a class for five or more people. Note: There is a charge for the First Aid and CPR cards, but I do not charge an additional fee for SCA members.

In Service,
Baron Liam



July Barony Meeting and Pennsic Prep



Please join us for our July Barony Meeting, this Sunday, July 8th, at the Washington Blvd practice site

(http://www.debatablelands.org/fight_directions.html). As usual, in addition to great companionship, our focus will be "Penssic Prep", featuring the 3rd annual "Garb Goodwill" hosted by Their Excellencies Baron Liam and Baroness Constance. The meeting itself is at 1:30pm, but the activities start at 11am.

Here's the schedule:

- ❖ Practices at normal times
(Rapier, Archery, Thrown Weapons at 11am; Heavy and Youth Fighting at 2pm)
- ❖ Garb Goodwill at Noon
- ❖ "Your First Pennsic" class at 12:30pm
- ❖ Officers' Meeting at 1pm (open to the public)
- ❖ Announcements at 1:30pm
- ❖ Garb Triage throughout the afternoon

**Join our own Lady Alays de Rambert at 12:30 pm for her class: "Your First Pennsic". Lady Alays has nearly 2 decades of Pennsic experience under her belt and is wise in the ways of Pennsic-going. If it will be one of your first Pennsics, or you just haven't been in a while, come listen to her pearls of wisdom.

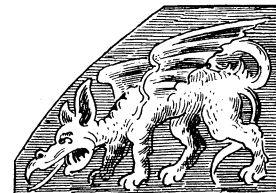
**Garb Triage! The garb you are sewing have some kind of issue you just can't get past? Gussets? Armholes? Gores? Necklines? Our crack team of garb experts, Baroness Constance and Mistress Ts'vee'a, will be available to give tips and tricks. Bring your troubled clothes for an expert diagnosis!

**Every kind of Pennsic schedule will be available to peruse. Bring a pen!

Bring snacks, seats, shade and water if you got it (there will some shade and water there). No garb. Rain date is July 15th, but we're looking good weather-wise so far.

In Levitate et Caritate,
~Hilda, Seneschale

Penssic Camp Note



Attention those camping in the Barony Camp!

We will have our final Barony Camp Meeting on July 8th following the Barony Meeting. I will need the following information from you at that time.

- 1) Tent size and type (modern or medieval)
- 2) Who all is staying in your tent
- 3) Who you prefer to camp next to/with
- 4) Your arrival/departure dates

You can also email the information above to: [liamandconstance \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:liamandconstance@gmail.com)

As a reminder, if you were not at the first camp meeting, you will want to review this info:
<http://bmdlbandb.webs.com/bmdlpenssiccamp.htm>

Thank you, Baron Liam MacanTsaoir

Pennsic Garb Goodwill

With the success of the past several years Garb Goodwill, we have decided to do it once again. We have many new people that have little or nothing to wear to Pennsic, won't you help clothe them?

Here is what is needed:

- ❖ Gently worn garb, or garb that doesn't quite fit anymore
- ❖ Armor – if you have armor that doesn't quite fit or that you don't use
- ❖ Feast gear
- ❖ Cloth (that can be used to make garb)
- ❖ Camp gear

The Garb Goodwill will be open to everyone, however, let new members of the society look through things first.

When: Sunday, July 8th, Noon to 1:30 PM

Where: Washington Blvd Practice Site (Washington at Allegheny River Blvd, 15206)

Baron Liam MacanTsaoir

Pennsic Sewing Circle

Carnegie-Mellon University Campus

University Center, Peter/Wright/McKenna Rooms

July 7, 2012 from 10am – 5pm

With ~36 sewing days left until Pennsic, there will be an all-day sewing circle held at the CMU University Center in Oakland. The date is Saturday, July 7 and the time is 10am-5pm. Whether you are trying to prepare an item for the Arts and Sciences exhibit or put enough cloth on your back to walk around the site, here is a place to work on your projects in fun and interesting company.

Attendees should plan to bring any supplies they need to work on projects, including sewing machine, scissors, pins, etc as well as patterns, cloth and notions. An iron and ironing pad will be provided as well as a cutting board. Feel free to bring snacks. We will probably order pizza for lunch.

You can get directions using Google maps from: <http://www.cmu.edu/about/visit/directions-parking.shtml> or review a campus map. Parking will be in the East Campus parking garage on the corner of Forbes and Beeler. Enter through the circle in front of the University Center on Forbes between Morewood and Beeler. The Peter/Wright/McKenna Room is on the 2nd floor of the University Center.

Sewing circle coordinator Ts'vee'a bas Tseepora Levi offers to be available to help with patterning and fitting your Pennsic clothes. She will not be available to provide Pennsic assistance after this date, so if you want help, please plan to attend. Regular sewing circles will resume in September on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information on the July 7 sewing circle or the regularly scheduled sewing circles, please email leftkowitzga@earthlink.net.

Events of Interest at Pennsic

Friday, August 3

5:30 PM – 9:30 PM Atl-Atl Battles, on the North Battlefield

Sunday, August 5

10:00 AM Opening Ceremonies, on the Battlefield

4:00 – 8:00 PM Baronial Reception, Æthelmearc Royal Encampment

There will be light dinner food and drinks, with Baronial Court at 6:30pm.

7:00 PM Duke Moonwulf's Unknown Benefit Concert, in the Performing Arts Tent

Enjoy a Pennsic War tradition, "The Unknown Benefit Concert!" Songs, stories, history and hijinks with Duke Master Moonwulf, Michael Longcor, and special guests. Voluntary donations taken to benefit a worthy person or cause to be announced at the start of the show.

9:00 PM Thrown Weapons Night Tourney

Witness glowing axes spin through the night and...splatter glowstick targets! (Or miss them and advance to the next round.) The tourney will be divided into Novice and Experienced.

Monday, August 6

8 PM The Debatable Choir, in the Performing Arts Tent

The Debatable Choir sings about life, death, love, lust, and most especially, drinking!

9 PM *i* Genesisii, in the Performing Arts Tent

*Tragedy! Despair! Death! The lovely (and very talented) Beatrice has met her end! What has happened, and more importantly, what will happen to the men of Venice? All will be revealed in *The Undead Concubine!**

Tuesday, August 7

5:30 PM – 9:30 PM Atl-Atl Battles, on the North Battlefield

6:00 PM Æthelmearc Court, in the Barn

Thursday, August 9

9:00 AM – 4:00PM Commedia Day on Artisans' Row, in Tent 3

There will be displays and demonstrations, plus a meeting area for students after commedia classes, a support area for rehearsals, and an information and resource area for commedia and for individual troupes.

9:30 am Registration, 10:00 am Competition Estrogen & Axes

Ladies of the Known World, this is a thrown Weapons competition just for you, no men allowed. This is an axes only event.

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Youth Theater Festival, in the Amphitheater

*Come one; come all to the 3rd Annual Youth Theater Performance! Once again, the Pennsic Playwrights, the Pennsic Fairytale Players and *i* Giovani have created a lovely performance for you this day! Please come and support the Youth of our Society and reward their hard work with your attendance.*

Pennsic Art Auction and Fundraiser

It is a pleasure to invite the entire populace of the SCA to a night of art, music, fundraising and fun! The Knowne World A&S Auction and Gala Fundraiser will take place on August 7th 2012 in East Kingdom Royal at Pennsic. Artisans from all Kingdoms are working to produce the finest wares for your bidding pleasure. Half of the final selling price from each artisan's piece will go to their Kingdom and the remainder will go to Corpora to help replenish everyone's coffers after this financially challenging year.

From 6:00 to 8:00 pm the gates will be open to preview the treasures for auction, but wait! If you are expecting a solemn, hushed event you are sure to be disappointed. Musicians and performers such as Mistress Marian of Heather Dale of Ealdomere, The Tulsin Troubadours of Atlantia and Master Efenwealt Whystle of Ansteorra will be playing for your entertainment during the preview and during breaks. Some of our finest brewers and vintners will be donating the fruits of their labor for your refreshment! Cooks and bakers will produce delicacies to tease your palate! Only during the bidding (which starts promptly at 8:00 pm) do we request quiet so the auctioneers can hear and be heard. We do want raise to money after all.

So save that birthday money or break into your piggy bank and take home a piece that will be the envy of all others! Visit our website at <http://knowneworldauction.org/> and view the offerings as they get posted. As the donations get finished they will be added and others will be updated as works in progress so visit frequently. Share the website with any groups, friends or newsletters that might be interested. Come and join the fun and support a cause that is dear to all of us!

Of course we are still looking for more donations whether they be auction pieces, refreshments, or snacks. For donations to the Auction, please go to the website, fill out the registration form, and submit pictures even if they are works in progress. If you own a business, it can be linked through the description. Many have volunteered but we want the populace to be able to view them. For gifts of refreshments or snacks please email us at kerry at maine dot rr dot com.

In Service, Mistress Carolyne and Master Julien de LaPointe

Important Dates Coming Up!

July Barony Meeting – July 8, 2012

Sunday, July 8, 2012 at the Washington Boulevard practice site, come early for archery and thrown weapons, and stay for fighting and the Barony meeting for Pennsic Prep and the fabulous Garb (and Fabric) Exchange! Officers' Meeting at 1pm

Baronial Reception at Pennsic – August 5, 2012

Sunday, August 5, 2012, from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Debatable Lands Baronial Reception, in the Æthelmearc Royal Encampment; there will be light dinner food and drinks, with Baronial Court at 6:30 PM.

August Officers' Meeting – August 15, 2012

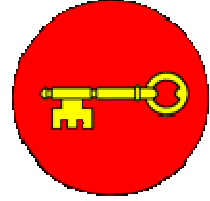
Wednesday, August 15, 2012, 8 PM at CMU, Porter Hall, specific room to be announced.

October Officers' Meeting – October 3, 2012

Wednesday, October 3, 2012, 8 PM at CMU, Porter Hall, specific room to be announced.

From the Seneschale

Greetings all on this fine June morning! I hope that your summer plans or war preparations are going well, and that the fates are treating you kindly.



But wait? Pennsic is only weeks away? Oh no! There's so much to do and see at the Pennsic War – how will you ever prepare? Not to worry! Join the Barony for July Barony Meeting on Sunday, July 8th, for it has the extremely useful and timely theme of “Pensic Prep”. We'll have schedules of every kind to look at, a crack team of garb experts for troubleshooting your last-minute sewing problems, and of course, Their Excellencies are hosting their ever-popular July Swap Meet. You won't want to miss this one! Come at 11am for the morning practices, stay for announcements at 1:30 PM, and then afternoon heavy/youth practices. The extra activities will start at noon and run through the afternoon. No garb, rain date is July 15th. There will be a short Officers' meeting at 1pm, all gentles welcome.

We have a Baronial policy change proposal. Full current policies can be found here (http://www.debatablelands.org/policy/bmdl_policies_2012-02.pdf), or let me know if you need a hard copy. The proposed changes are indicated by *red italic font*. Please have comments to me on the following proposal by August 13th:

[current] II.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, the Chirurgeon Liaison, and the Webminister. These officers constitute the financial committee of the Barony for the purpose of setting financial policy and approving financial activities.

[proposed] "... These officers, *excluding the office of the Baron/ess*, constitute the financial committee of the Barony for the purpose of setting financial policy and approving financial activities. *No present or proxied individual may have more than one vote on the financial committee.*"

Additionally, the Kingdom has a financial policy change proposal out for comment. It's long, so please contact me if you'd like me to email it to you. Comments on that are due to the Kingdom Exchequer by July 5th. Speaking of finances, I know you'll all join me in welcoming our new Exchequer, Lady Hara of the Debatable Lands, as we bid a very fond adieu to Baron Tofi, who has left to seek adventure in Ansteorra.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to seek me out in person, by phone, by email, or by social media (I'm on Facebook, G+, and Twitter).

In Levitate et Caritate,

~Hilda, Seneschale

Youth Fighting Schedule:

To all BMDL youth fighters and their parents, greetings!

Thanks to Lady Caniodricca for running practice last weekend in my absence, and to THLady Zoe for running it the previous weekend.

We have just three more practices between now and Pennsic! This weekend is also the bi-monthly Barony meeting, which will feature a garb swap aimed at newcomers attending Pennsic, and a camp meeting for those camping with the Barony at Pennsic. I'm bringing not only some garb to give away, but also a bunch of extra tools – screwdrivers, hammers, saws, wrenches, etc. – so those of you who need to make or repair armor can pick up some free tools with which to accomplish that.

And in honor of the predicted ongoing heat wave, I will have FREEZER POPS!

ALSO, if you are going to Pennsic, I suggest you review the information on Youth Combat Activities on the Pennsic website:

<http://www.pennsicwar.org/penn41/DEPTS/MARTIAL/youthcombat.html> Pay particular attention to the armor and weapons standards as they differ slightly from Æthelmearc rules! For instance:

- D1 fighters may NOT use rattan weapons for Pennsic, only golf tubes or short PVC handles inside pool noodles. I have golf tubes if anyone needs to make more D1 weapons.
- D1s will not fight from their knees or with the off hand.
- For D2s, all thrusts are touch only, not just face thrusts. Any unimpeded thrusting blow must be accepted.

Make sure all weapons have a "window" in their tape so inspecting marshals can tell if they are made of PVC, rattan, etc.

Some other items to note:

- ❖ BRING YOUR AUTHORIZATION CARD TO PENNSIC! Without it, you cannot fight unless you re-authorize!
- ❖ PENNSIC DOES NOT PROVIDE LOANER GEAR. If you need armor for Pennsic, let me know ASAP so I can arrange for you to have some of the baronial loaner gear. Better yet, you should try to complete your own kit before Pennsic.
- ❖ PVC weapons will still be legal through the END of Pennsic, but NOT afterward. If you need youth rattan, you can buy it from me at \$11 per 9 ft. stave, or you can buy it at Pennsic from merchants like Munitions Grade Arms.
- ❖ Youth combat is held on the main battlefield twice daily from Friday, August 3 through Friday, August 10. Sessions are scheduled from 8 – 10:30 am and 3 – 5 pm daily. Some sessions will include tourneys or melees sponsored by various Kingdoms.
- ❖ Æthelmearc's Tag Team Youth/Adult Tourney is being held again this year from 11-3 on Wednesday, August 8 in the red list on the main battlefield. NOW is the time to line up your adult partner for this tourney!
- ❖ There will be a Youth Castle Battle. The date and time have not been posted yet, so check the battlefield schedule. Traditionally it's been on Friday of War week.
- ❖ Youth combatants are expected to provide service at Pennsic. At a minimum, this will take the form of field sweeps for trash and water bottles in our own lists as well as the surrounding area.
- ❖ I will have more of the experimental javelins for Pennsic, possibly sooner.

The BMDL Youth Combat practice schedule for the next two months is as follows:

July 8 – Practice in the park at Washington Blvd.

July 15 – Practice in the park at Washington Blvd.

July 22 – LAST PRACTICE BEFORE PENNSIC! at Washington Blvd.

July 28, August 5, and August 12 – Pennsic, NO practices!

August 19 – the first practice after Pennsic at Washington Blvd.

August 26 – Practice in the park at Washington Blvd.

See you on Sunday!

Arianna

Greetings from the Rapier Marshal

I am seeking a substitute marshal to run practice on July 8th and 22nd. I am attending Pax and the likelihood of getting back in time for practice is slim to nonexistent. If you are a marshal and able to run practice on either of these days, please contact me.

Practice will occur as regularly scheduled on the 15th.

On the 29th I will be at Coopers Lake setting up my Pennsic home. Again, if a marshal wishes to run practice on this day, please contact me.

In more concise form:

July 8th Seeking a marshal to run practice

July 15th Practice as usual

July 22nd Seeking a marshal to run practice

July 29th Pennsic starts- if a marshal wants to run practice on this date, please contact me, otherwise practice is cancelled for the duration of Pennsic.

Irene von Schmetterling, Rapier Marshal, BMDL

From the Archery Marshal

Greetings All!

There will be two more Sunday archery practices before Pennsic. Next week, July 8th, will be run by Urho as I will be out of town for the weekend. The final practice will be July 15th. There will be no practice on July 22nd as it is the weekend before land grab. Our neighbor, the Barony of St. Swithin's Bog, will have archery at their Three Day event (<http://stswithinsbog.org/events.html>) that weekend.

This year at Pennsic there will be five days where you may shoot for the Archery War Points. Every point counts, so come on out and make our Barony and Kingdom proud by being part of the 300! If you haven't already, please take the time to fill out our Baron's survey regarding participation in Pennsic martial activities. The link is here: http://kwiksurveys.com?s=MLDKLM_a31f9d36

In Service, Alaric, Interim Captain of Archers

From the Chronicler, Greetings:

It has been my very great honor and pleasure to create and produce the Althing for the benefit of the people of the Barony for these last three and a half years. At the end of this year, in December, I will relinquish this responsibility to the next Chronicler.



That person will have an eye for detail, know how to spell (or use spell-checker!), and be comfortable producing documents on their computer. If you spell out all the words in text messages, and use punctuation, then this is a position that will fit you like a glove!

Contact me by email at chronicler@debatablelands.org or drop by the thrown weapons range so we can talk. If you are looking to serve the Barony, this is a perfect way to get started.

In service to the Barony, Elss

On Thrown Weapons



With Pennsic fast approaching, I want to remind everyone of the schedule for throwing:

Sunday, July 8	Practice in the park at Washington Blvd.
Thursday, July 12	Practice in Sunderoak (http://sunderoak.aethelmearc.org/Officers/TW.html)
Sunday, July 15	Practice in the park at Washington Blvd.
Sunday, July 22	LAST PRACTICE BEFORE PENNSIC at Washington Blvd.
Thursday, July 26	LAST PRACTICE BEFORE PENNSIC in Sunderoak (http://sunderoak.aethelmearc.org/Officers/TW.html)

Practices resume at Washington Blvd and in Sunderoak AFTER Pennsic.

In service to the Barony, Elss

War Practice Thank You's!

From Master Alaric, Archery Marshal-In-Charge, Æthelmearc War Practice XXIII

Thank you to everyone who assisted me on the archery range at War Practice! It was a fabulous time with many participants and helpers. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. We had a youth range, an adult range, a youth clout shoot, an adult clout shoot, a zombie novelty shoot, the Kingdom archery championship, an introduction to archery class, and more. While I will attempt to list the names of all who helped, if I did omit your name it is due to my forgetfulness.

Range Setup:	Urho, Jorundr, Jacopo
Marshals:	Jacopo, Urho, Bataar, Juan Miguel, Faelan, Fintan, Brad, Rouland, Merlin, Cadan, Auld, Derek, Milhim
Zombie Shoot:	Elizabeth, Vigo
Clout Targets:	Luceta
Prizes:	Elsbeth
Range Teardown:	Jacopo, Urho, Rachel
Mentors:	Urho, Jacopo



In Service, Alaric

Greetings unto the whole of Æthelmearc,

Please allow me the moment to thank the hardest working and most giving Kingdom in the Known World for all the amazing services provided by the populace. War Practice simply couldn't happen without each and every one of you. I am privileged to live among you and always humbled by your efforts.

I would like to personally thank the volunteers at the Troll tent that came and gave of their time to make things run smoothly and efficiently for me:

Lord Bóvi Farmaðr, Autocrat; Maestro Jacopo di Niccolo, deputy trollner; Mistress Alessandra D'Avignon, Merchant Liaison; THL Ysabell Graver, deputy Autocrat; Lord Halldórr Bildr, Lady Draighean, Lisa Kelleher, Mistress Bonita of Steltonwald, Melodia Beapel, Markus Stalkr Grimmson, Sumayya al Ghaziyyan, Colitta da Linari, Nate Snyder, Lord Jorundr hinn Rottin, Lord Roland of Foxes Glenn, Lord Daniel O'Rian the Fletcher, Kathleen Granchick, Lady Cionaodh Gunn, Lord Aiden Gunn, Lady Marian of Blackwood, Countess Aidan ni Leir, Lauren Kardasz, Mistress Hildarun Huglemann, Elizabeth Wilbur, Ingunn Halldorsdottir, and Lady Nivah Catherine Rose of Bannockburn.

If I have omitted anyone, it is by failure of memory and not intent. I would mention that several of these good and kind gentles are youth and several more attending their first event. We are blessed to have such charity of spirit and good will. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your dedication to and stewardship of the Kingdom.

Gratefully,

Muirgheal inghean Dubhghaill, Steltonwald Seneschale & Head Trollner of War Practice

Cuimnig ar do geallamnaca

From Mistress Arianna of Wynthrope, Youth Combat Marshall in Charge at War Practice, greetings!

Thank you so much to all those who made Youth Combat at this year's War Practice a joy:

- Their Majesties, Andreas and Kallista, for giving the youth fighters Their undivided attention during a very long Champion's Tourney. Your presence and encouragement were an inspiration.
- THLady Zoe Akropolitina, Regional Youth Combat Marshal, who ran the Champion's Tourney, provided loaner gear, and procured a table and chairs for our MOLs.
- Lady Asta and Baroness Rynea, MOLs, who cheerfully adapted to our ever-changing list strategies and handled paperwork for the many authorizations we did.
- Sir Sextus Plinius Callidus, Society Youth Combat Marshall, for jumping in to marshal when I was short-handed, and for his gift of experimental list-legal throwing javelins, which the kids loved.
- Mistress Jenna MacPherson, Æthelmearc Kingdom Youth Combat Marshal, for assisting with youth authorizations and marshaling even though she wasn't originally even planning to attend the event.
- Lord Robert Pour Maintenant, for assistance in working with new youth fighters and wrangling gear.

- Lord Bovi Farmadr, who took time out from his duties as WP Autocrat to provide us with a canopy for shade.
- Eïden Abdul Salam, outgoing Kingdom Champion, for designing a fun and interesting Champion's Tourney format.
- My sons, Lord Robert MacEwin of Thornhill and Kenneth of the Debatable Lands, for their assistance in hauling gear.
- All of the youth fighters and their parents, who handled the hot weather and long bouts of fighting with patience, good humor, and enthusiasm.

We had 14 youth fighters entered in the Champion's Tourney, and 3 new youth fighters who put on armor and did some sparring for the first time.

Congratulations to the three new Kingdom Youth Champions, Lord Aaron the Swift, Lord Robert MacEwin of Thornhill, and El Tigre! Additional congratulations go to Lord Aaron, whose team won the Warlord Tournament!

In service to Æthelmearc ,

Arianna

Court Report – War Practice

Report of the court of Their Excellencies Uilliam and Constance, Baron and Baroness of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, held on the eighteenth day of May, AS 47 at War Practice in the Canton of Steltonwald. Jorundr hinn Rotinn, reporting herald.

Their Excellencies called THLord Deryk Archer to come before Them. Her Excellency told of Deryk's promise to enter Their first brewing championship, and remarked on the lack of any entry from the good gentle in question. Deryk replied that he had been detained by ravening hordes upon his arrival at his camp, and during his attempts to placate their rage he was unable to get to the championship; however, Deryk did bring a bottle of his finest for Her Excellency in lieu of his earlier participation. Her Excellency accepted gratefully and then began to talk of the many works She had seen Deryk working much for the glorification of Æthelmearc both inside the borders of the barony and without. For this Their Excellencies were pleased to induct Deryk into the Order of the Green Comet. Scroll by Baroness Alexandra di Campagnella.

Their Excellencies then called Hrökr, Aiobhell, Erlander, and Brandubh to attend them. Their Excellencies spoke of how pleased they were that there were so many entrants in Their first brewing championship. The choice was a difficult one to make; however, They chose a champion.

They then announced that the first baronial champion was to be Hrökr for his traditional mead. Scroll illuminated by Master Alaric MacConall and calligraphy by THLord Kieran MacRae.

They further announced that the populace choice champion came down to a difference of three beans, however a winner was determined, that winner was also Hrökr.

His Excellency then spoke of the challenge that Syr Bear had made to the Barony regarding its ownership, and He urged the populace to come out in support of the Barony the very next day as they met this nefarious figure in armored combat on the field.

There being no further business, the Court of Their Excellencies Liam and Constance, Baron and Baroness of the Debatable Lands, was closed.

Report of the Meetings 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 the meetings held recently.

April Officers' Meeting Minutes, April 4, 2012

- ❖ Officers in attendance: Baron Liam; Seneschale (Hilda); MoAS (Langdon); Exchequer (Tofi); Chronicler (Elss); Knight Marshal (Shiro); Chirurgeon (Liam); Marshal of Fence (Irene); Webminister (Cai); Chatelaine (Anna Leigh); Capt of Archers (Urho).
 - ❖ Officers proxied: Steltonwald Seneschale (Elss for Muirgheal).
 - ❖ Officers not in attendance: MoL (Katherine) [Note from Hilda – I did not adequately explain the proxy process to Katherine ahead of time – apologies to Lady Katherine]
 - ❖ Populace/Positions present: Sumayya (Iron Key)
- [Minutes recorded by Hilda]

1. Open meeting
2. February Officers' Meeting Minutes will be approved at a later time.
3. Officers' Reports:
 - Baron: Looking at having 1st camp meeting at May Barony meeting. Some minor changes to Barony camp and implementing some rules. Attend the meeting for more detail. Plans for Seven Pearls are going well. Still need donation for gift baskets.
 - Seneschale:
 - Thank you for a different and interesting March Barony Meeting. It seemed to be well-received.
 - The Æstel (Kingdom newsletter) is now online available for viewing by members.
 - We are still looking for a Gold Key.
 - Hilda will need a drop-dead deputy as of War Practice and is looking for people interested in being Seneschale in 2014.
 - THL Rufina is currently planning on running another Zoo Demo June 16th and 17th.
 - Asked if anyone had objections to adding functional deputies and positions to the Officers' email list. No strong objections.
 - Commend Tofi for very good financial management over the past few years.
 - Barony (and all Æ groups) were requested by Corporate in February to send a donation of 18% of our funds to help offset a lawsuit settlement for the SCA, Inc. After a special vote, the Barony Financial committee authorized a payment of \$1890.06 to be sent to Kingdom. This was done. The Barony also received very generous donations (totaling over 10% of the obligation)

to help offset this expense. The Officers and Barony would like to formally thank the donors for their generous contributions: anonymous and Remus. After the donation was sent, Kingdom said they could cover half of the requested amount, and local groups may request a refund if they'd sent the full 18%. Hilda conducted an informal poll of the financial committee in March, and it seemed that the feeling was to let the Kingdom keep the full amount, with the understanding that the extra be used to help other groups in need if necessary. A vote was called to formalize this: That no request for a refund would be made. Discussion. Tabled to after the budget portion of the meeting. Any questions about this matter can be directed to Hilda.

- Herald: no report
- Knight Marshal: We have gone from the indoor season to outdoor season. We have an excellent new Iron Key. She had a gear party, and we were able to repair and pare down. One box was donated to regalia. Baron Liam would like to thank all who attended, and especially Cloven Shield, for their participation in the extravaganza. Heavy fighting is currently under negotiations for a Wednesday night practice in Millvale.
- MoAS: no report
- Chronicler: Had a time schedule problem, but we're all caught up. Requests submissions for the next Althing. Now has a proofreader: Broom.
- Exchequer: 2011 had a loss of \$800.95, which includes depreciation. We are pleased with this. Actively looking for a drop-dead deputy. Remand rest of report (budget) to end of meeting.
- Chirurgion: Still working on a deputy. Term is up in June.
- Chatelaine: Term is up in June and is looking for deputies. Has one request for folks to come in to talk to some students – any time period, any subject, open to various dates. Four new people contacted her in the past month. Still has Gold Key. If anyone knows anyone who might be interested in taking the position, please let her know.
- MoL: no report
- Webminister: All submissions are now up.
- Marshal of Fence: Activity at practice is up. We have an issue of not having large enough loaner armor, or enough heavy rapiers. The tournament on April 1st went very well. The Officers would like to commend Irene for a job well done.
- Captain of Archers: We are now outside. I am now interim Archer General for the Kingdom. Will likely be stepping up as Archer General, at which time would be stepping down as Baronial Marshal. Has someone interested. Practice on April 15th will be at the Castle, with Youth Fighting and TW.
- Steltonwald Seneschal: Canton has a bid for Archers to the Wald on Oct 6th.

4. Next Meetings/Gatherings

- May Barony Meeting: May 6th in conjunction with Martial Practices. Theme will Games! Baron Liam to run a potluck.
- June Officers' Meeting will be June 6th.
- July Barony Meeting: July 8th. Theme is Pennsic Prep with possible garb giveaway.
- August Officers' Meeting? Tentatively the Wed after Pennsic.

5. Past/Upcoming Event Updates:

1. Barony Birthday and QRC (5/26/12): Event site fee changed from \$250 plus \$100 deposit to \$500 plus \$100 deposit. As the original bid included the deposit in the break even, the cost of the site has increased by \$150. Increasing the break even from 75 to 100 would cover this. No need to change event fees. Vote on this proposal. Passed unanimously.
2. Event bid: Agincourt, Oct 27th, 2012. Some personnel changes from written bid. Half price age changed to 6-17. Bid passed.

6. Vote on Marshal of Fence:

- Officer only vote requested. Irene von Schmetterling confirmed. Term to end April 2014. Short recess to check policies. Vote to confirm Irene as Marshal of Fence unless any letters are received by the end of April. In that case, the Officers will revisit at next Officers' Meeting. Passed. If none are received, the term remaining starts in April through 2014.

7. Budget. Some discussion. The following budget was approved by the financial committee unanimously, except where noted UPDATE:

Exchequer:	\$25 for stamps/envelopes/printing
Seneschale:	\$50 for postage/printing/USB drive
Chronicler:	\$200 for stamps and printing
Webminister:	\$66 for name registration and web hosting
Pennsic:	\$120 for trailer storage; \$400 for Baronial reception
Steward:	\$478 for replacement pots and supplies
Archers:	\$100 for archery supplies
Thrown Weapons:	\$200 for maintenance and supplies (incl. ax handles, etc)
Rapier:	\$325 for equipment; \$300 for fighter enrichment programs (one abstention)
Heavy Fighting:	\$440 for fighter enrichment and Beau Geste (one abstention)
Iron Key:	\$1575 for equipment/supplies (one abstention)
Knight Marshal:	\$500 for indoor practice site rental (one abstention)
Youth Fighting:	\$150 for equipment
Chatelaine:	\$100 for printing, business cards, etc. (one abstention)
Chirurgion:	\$150 for supplies (replace expired; gloves; masks with eye protection; etc)

8. Motion to close the meeting was premature.
9. Shiro requests that we continue to consider storage options (renting a storage unit). Will be discussed at June Officers' Meeting.
10. Motion to refuse 18% obligation partial rebate from Kingdom. Some discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
11. Meeting closed. Beer ensued.

June Officers' Meeting Minutes, June 6, 2012

- ❖ Officers in attendance: Baron Liam; Seneschale (Hilda); MoAS (Langdon); Exchequer (Hara); Chronicler (Elss); MoL (Katherine); Marshal of Fence (Irene); Capt of Archers (Alaric); Knight Marshal (Shiro); Chirurgeon (Liam); Chatelaine (Anna Leigh); Webminister (Cai).
- ❖ Officers proxied: Steltonwald Seneschale (Alaric for Muirgheal); Herald (Elss for Pavel).
- ❖ Officers not in attendance: NA
- ❖ Populace/Positions present: (no votes on financial matters): Zoe, Margaret, Rufina.

[Minutes recorded by Hilda]

1. Open meeting
2. February and April Officers' Meeting Minutes approved unanimously.
3. Officers' Reports
 - Baron: Everything is going well. We have lots of award recommendations. Court at Pennsic may be a bit long.
 - Seneschale:
 - Have a new Non-Traditional Media Deputy: Lady Elizabeth Parker. Have a new drop-dead deputy: Sir Maghnus.
 - Have a steward for the Pennsic Reception – Lady Summaya, with help from Lord Markus
 - A metal strut on one of the Baronial pop-ups was damaged last fall. We thought we'd have to scrap it, but Langdon said he could fix it. Thank you, Langdon!
 - The Kingdom is updating their Financial Policies and is encouraging public comment. Comments due to the Kingdom Exchequer by July 5th.
 - Hilda would like to commend Dame Margaret Makafee for her long and very reliable service as room coordinator for CMU.
 - We received a request from King's Crossing for a loan of \$500. The request comes in the wake of the society-wide February funds request. They are having an event in late October, and their funds are low enough that they're worried about liquidity. The BMDL would receive the funds back in November. The event is not yet on the Kingdom calendar, and Hilda has requested a courtesy copy of the event's financials. Some discussion. The

Officers would like a written agreement that includes terms of reimbursement.

- We'll have an Officers' Meeting right before July Barony Meeting to discuss the King's Crossing loan, and we should have an event bid for 12th Night.
- Herald: no report
- Knight Marshal:
 - Practices are occurring. Every other month we're going to Sunderoak. Investigating possible Wednesday night practices. Looking to visit Ballachlagan. There is a Wednesday night practice for the purpose of preparing for War at 707 Hemlock in Avalon, starts at 6pm.
 - ANY private practice within the confines of the Barony's land is a private practice and not to be considered an official, covered practice.
 - Hilda mentioned that a Baronial fighter posted on the Barony's Facebook page that he felt we were holding too many practices outside the Barony, and he also felt they were unreliable. His concerns were addressed via Facebook and he was invited to share more details of his concern – no further contact received; Hilda asked for Shiro's comment. Shiro says we've been trading off going to Sunderoak every other month for War prep and camaraderie. Also, it is traditional to not have practice after a large or local event due to historical low attendance. Shiro is very happy to accept volunteers for stand-in marshals.
 - Beau Geste tourney was held at May Barony Meeting – Vlad Mechnik was the victor. Isenwulf, Koredono and Ariella won the 3 man tourney for Ts'vee'a at Barony Birthday.
 - Sunderoak is holding a Thrown Weapons practice twice a month, and the Barony is invited.
- MoAS: Held an A&S competition at Barony Birthday, with 10 entries, 2 of which were youth. Q1 report was sent to Kingdom.
- Chronicler: no report
- Exchequer (via Hilda): Q1 report was sent to Kingdom. Tofi and Hilda approved comp-ing 5 dishwashers' site and lunch fees for Barony Birthday/QRC, for a total of \$40. Tofi has had to "drop dead" due to moving to Texas, and Lady Hara has agreed to take the Office. Hilda would like to commend Tofi for his excellent service during his 3 years as Exchequer, and also welcome Hara to the Office.
 - Exchequer changeover: Hara approved unanimously to finish Tofi's term, until June 2013.
- Chirurgeon: We need Chirurgeons kingdom-wide. Liam asks if anyone knows people with certification or who are willing to get certified, please let him or Constance know. Liam is teaching a class at Æcademy on June 16th. One injury at Barony Birthday, but an ambulance was not needed.
- Chatelaine: We continue to have people inquiring via email, and we had 10 Gold Key requests. Anna Leigh has Gold Key. If anyone knows anyone who might be

interested in taking the position, please let her know. Anna Leigh went to the Kingdom Chatelaine meeting at War Practice.

- MoL: There was fighting at War Practice and two tourneys at Barony Birthday: QRC and a 3 man tourney. It went well, and the Kingdom MoL has the reports. Zoe mentioned that MoLs are needed for the Æthelmearc Kingdom Youth/Adult Tourney at Pennsic.
- Webminister: nothing to report
- Marshal of Fence: Practices continue. June 3rd practice (Irene's birthday) boasted 12 fencers who fenced for 5 hours. Will be making larger loaner gear. The Barony doesn't have a unit for Pennsic, but we're working on it. Shiro commends Irene for an excellent job, and the officers agreed. Fencing at War Practice and Baronial Birthday. Irene asked for a copy of the report of fencing at BB.
- Captain of Archers: Alaric commends Urho for his service at the previous Captain. The Officers confirmed Alaric unanimously to finish Urho's term, ending in October 2012. The practices are transitioning over the next few months. We had over 50 archers at War Practice. At the June 3rd practice, we had 16 or 17 people.
- Steltonwald Seneschal: War Practice happened.

4. Next Meetings/Gatherings

- July Barony Meeting: July 8th, 1:30pm. We will have an Officers' Meeting as well, 1pm.
- Baronial Reception at Pennsic: August 5th.
- August Officers' Meeting: August 15th.
- October Officers' Meeting: October 3rd.

5. Past/Upcoming Event/Activities Updates:

- Zoo Demo: Rufina encourages people to sign up to come. Rufina requests Baronial funds to buy water and snacks, and also tokens, in the amount of \$40. Approved unanimously. Zoo does not allow sharps or food for the public. Elss and the Officers commended Rufina for running this popular demo for four years. Her organizational skills are commendable.
- Agincourt: We expect over 100 people.

6. Vote on Chatelaine: no letters received. Anna Leigh re-up for another term. Term to end June 2014. Passed unanimously.

7. Vote on Chirurgeon: no letters received. Baron Liam re-up for another term. Term to end June 2014. Passed unanimously.

8. Policy Proposal Vote:

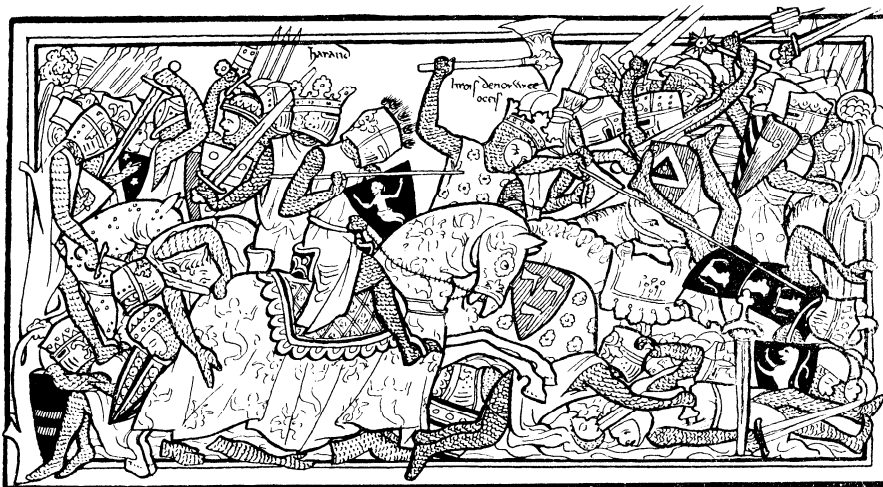
- Hilda heard from Kingdom that we should not have one person have two votes on our Financial Committee. Additionally, they'd prefer that we have an odd number of votes on the Financial Committee. Hilda spoke to Baron Liam and Baroness Constance, as well as the Kingdom Seneschale, and we believe the best solution for now is to remove the Office of Baron/ess from the Financial Committee. Proposal:

[current] II.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, 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.

[proposal] "... These officers, *excluding the office of the Baron/ess*, constitute the financial committee of the Barony for the purpose of setting financial policy and approving financial activities. *No present or proxied individual may have more than one vote on the financial committee.*"

- Some discussion. Policy proposal approved with one abstention, will be printed in the June Althing for comment from public.
- Baron Liam officially resigned himself as Baron, as well as Baroness Constance, from the Financial Committee, effective tonight, so that we may be in compliance immediately.

9. Meeting closed. Beer ensued.

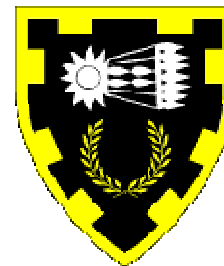


Barony Birthday & ORC Recipes

Sumptuous Scottish food was prepared by THL Zoe Akropolitina for the Barony Birthday feast. The food on the sideboard and for dinner was delicious, and THL Zoe kindly shares these recipes:

Honey Cake

3 eggs
 3 ounces blanched ground almonds
 1 cup of honey
 1 Tablespoon grated hand of buddah, kumquat or orange
 2 teaspoon orange flower water
 1/4 cup melted butter
 2 1/4 cup semolina flour
 1/2 teaspoon salt



Beat eggs, and then blend in honey. Add the remaining ingredients one at a time, and then add the flour one cup at a time.

Pour into a buttered 8-9 inch round cake pan. Bake at 325° F until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, but not so long that the top turns brown – approximately 35 minutes.

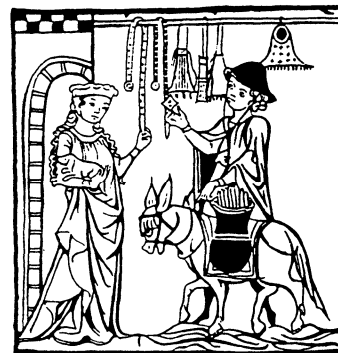
Oven Oat Farls

2 cups oats
 2 cups buttermilk
 2 cups barley or wheat flour
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon baking soda

Add the buttermilk to the oats in a bowl, then let rest, covered, at room temperature overnight. Add barley, salt, and baking soda. Scoop onto buttered baking sheet and bake at 375° F until lightly brown – approximately 20 minutes.

Rustic Herb Bread

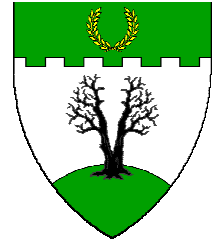
1/2 cup buttermilk
 1 1/2 teaspoon sugar
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 Tablespoon butter
 1 Tablespoon yeast
 1/2 cup warm water
 2 1/4 cup flour
 1 teaspoon dill weed
 1 teaspoon basil



Heat buttermilk to 145° F, then dissolve in sugar, salt and butter in it, then cool mixture to lukewarm. In a large bowl, dissolve the yeast in the cooled buttermilk mixture. Add flour and herbs, and stir well. Cover and let rise for approximately 45 minutes. Stir down, then drop dough on to buttered pan, and let rise again for 15 minutes. Bake at 350° F for 45 minutes.

THE CANTON OF STELTONWALD OFFICERS AND MEETINGS

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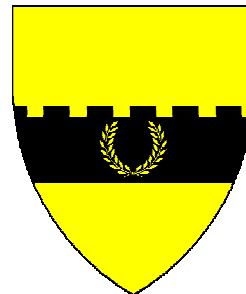
Archery

Wednesdays, 6 PM – 9 PM,
except the third Wednesday of any month
Beaver Valley Archery Club
Muirgheal inghean Dubhghaill
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Fight practice

Every Tuesday, 5 pm, at the Hopewell
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