

The Althing

Greetings to All, to both those who are new to the Barony and those who have lived in our Great Lands, Greetings and Well Come!

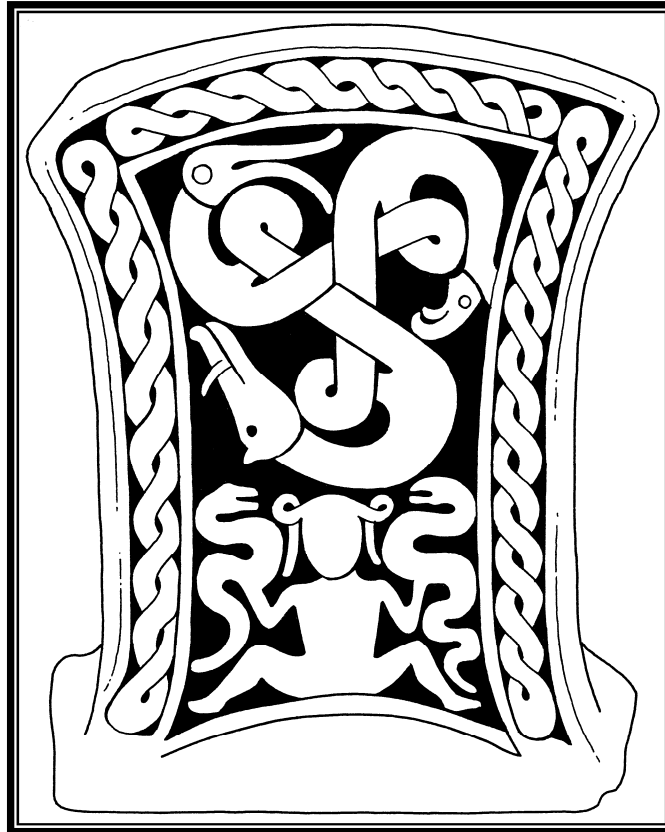
This be the Althing, which missive brings to you all the news of this faire countryside and too that of her neighbors. All manner of tidings are contained each month for your learning and enjoyment. So read It well, that you be knowledgeable about how this Barony is run, about those who work hard so that all may play hard, and about what play is coming!

Do you play at the Arts Martial? Read on for days and times for the various martial practices, all of which eagerly seek new blood, or rather new bodies, um, no, perhaps say instead new people who enjoy the challenge of an exchange of blows or a well-plied weapon. Are you one who enjoys the Arts Scientific or the Creative Arts?

Many who excel in those Fields would teach you all they know would you but speak out.

Should you be one who enjoys the Experience of the Middle Ages, then spend the day at an Event, where ladies faire and handsome lords gather and celebrate the day -- four such Events are detailed in these pages, with information on where to find more.

We are waiting for you; will you not join us here in the modern Middle Ages?



Picture Stone

(Gotland, Sweden)

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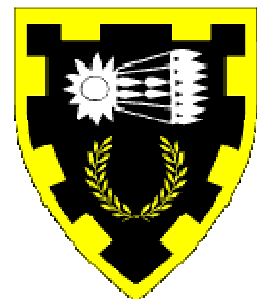
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send your contributions to Elss at chronicler@debatablelands.org for inclusion in the next issue.

*Gilt-bronze
harness mount
(Gotland, Sweden)*



Important Dates Coming Up!

September Barony Meeting – September 18, 2012

September Barony Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 18th, at 7pm in the University Center at CMU, Rangos Ballroom 1. This meeting is our Newcomer Mixer meeting, so garb is encouraged. I hope everyone can come out to socialize! We'll be trying something a little different this September, so if you're interested in being a newcomer "envoy", please contact Hilda at seneschal_at_debatablelands_dot_org.

October Officers' Meeting – October 3, 2012

Wednesday, October 3, 2012, 8 PM at CMU, Porter Hall. Agenda will include a vote on the Policy proposal (in the June/July Althing). This meeting is a business meeting, but it open to all interested gentles.

November Barony Meeting – November 11, 2012

The November Barony Meeting is our annual Harvest Revel at the Castle, and will be on Sunday, November 11th. (No, there is no Steelers game that day!) Break out those pie recipes! More details will be forthcoming closer to November.

Proposed Policy Change

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*.

The commenting period for the following policy change proposal has been extended. Please send comments to the Seneschale (seneschal@debatablelands.org, or 412-606-6258) by October 1st. Voting will be at the Officers' meeting on Wednesday, October 3rd:

[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.*"

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

From Their Excellencies

Unto the Populace do Liam and Constance send greetings! The crisp fall winds blow and as we prepare for the harvest, we welcome our new Khan and Khatun and hope for a peaceful and prosperous reign for Æthelmarc. Their Majesties will grace us with a visit to the Barony Marche at Agincourt. As we were unable to attend Coronation, we will swear our oath to the crown at Agincourt, and we would like to present a grand gift basket to them at Agincourt showing off the talents of our Barony. If you would like to contribute, please let us know.

As Autumn begins, we begin to pick our new champions for the next year. At Archers to the Wald, we will pick our Thrown Weapons, Archery and Youth Archery Champions. Agincourt will host our Fencing, Heavy Fighting and Youth Championship. Twelfth Night will host our Bardic and A&S championship.

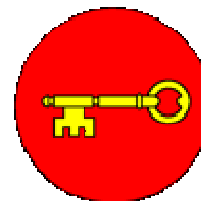
We look forward to seeing all of you at upcoming events.

Baron Uilliam Mac-an-tSaoir
and
Baroness Constance Glyn Dwr

Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands

From the Seneschale:

Greetings to all those who are joining us in this, the Modern Middle Ages! Modernly, I am Krista Cogan, the Local Chapter President of the Society for Creative Anachronism here in the greater Pittsburgh area. Within the Society, I am known as Mistress Hilderun Hugelmann, Seneschale of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, the most glorious of all Baronies in the Knowne World. But you can call me Hilda.



What is a Seneschal, you ask? It's a chapter president for our local branch. I preside over our business meetings; make sure that local, Kingdom, and Society laws and policies are being followed here; ensure that our other local Officers are warranted and are filing reports; monitor local membership levels; act as the legal liaison between our group and the sites we use for events, and also other modern entities; act as a liaison with neighboring SCA groups for non-ceremonial matters. Basically, I help our people facilitate all the wonderful things we do on the nuts-and-bolts side of things. It's my pleasure and honor to serve in this way for such a vibrant, interesting and interested group of people.

So, what can you expect from this medieval hobby of ours? Well, there's a lot of moving parts at a lot of different levels. The short of it, though, is that you will get from the SCA whatever it is that you want from the SCA. We are lucky here in the Debatable Lands that we have a large group of people and are centrally located in the Kingdom. There are practices and gatherings of every sort, every day of the week: fighting, archery, thrown weapons, dancing, instrumental music, choral music, fiber arts (knitting, weaving, spinning, dyeing, etc), brewing, cooking, scribal arts (calligraphy and illumination) and more. See our local calendar here: <http://www.debatablelands.org/calendar.html> . Learn more about the local meetings here: <http://www.debatablelands.org/meetings.html> (Click the links next to each entry for more info). We also have a Facebook page you can join - modern Middle Ages, indeed!

On most Saturdays (and sometimes the whole weekend), there are events locally or elsewhere in our Kingdom! Events are the times we dress in our garb and be in persona to enact everything we've been practicing - we have tournaments and fighting of all kinds, classes and practice of our Arts and Sciences, including cooking medieval feasts, and my favorite: eating them! Unlike our weekly/weekday practices, medieval garb is required for events, but don't worry if you don't have any! We have loaner garb (we call it "Gold Key") that you can borrow for the day. You'd don't have to come to weekday practices to attend events, nor do you have to have paid membership in the SCA, but most events do have an entrance and/or food fee, since we rent the hall and provide food (unless it's a potluck!) You'll probably have lots of questions before you go to your first event, and we are here to help! Contact our Chatelaine (newcomer contact) with questions, or any friendly face you find (and there are lots). Information about prices, activities, and directions to events can be found here in the Althing, or online through www.debatablelands.org or www.aethelmearc.org. The next local or near local (within an hour or two) events are:

- ❖ Archers to the Wald, October 13th (New Brighton, PA) - a local event
- ❖ Something Vaguely Scottish This Way Comes, October 20th (Murraysville, PA)
- ❖ King's Crossing Birthday B(r)all, October 27th (Langeloth, PA)
- ❖ Agincourt, November 3rd (North Versailles, PA) - a local event

Every other month, we also have lovely social meetings (garb- and fee-free) that we call "Barony Meeting". These give us a chance to relax and socialize and do what we love to do together in a relaxed setting. Many of you received this newsletter at our September Barony Meeting. Our November meeting is our annual Harvest Revel, complete with martial practices, a harvest pie contest, and pumpkin-throwing from the parapets. Parapets? Yup, our former Baron and Baroness built a castle for a house, and they open their home to us for some of our activities. The Harvest Revel Barony meeting will be on Sunday, November 11th. It's not to be missed!

I hope you will enjoy the many facets of the Society that we all love - team sports, skill sports, arts, crafts, sciences, research, service, camaraderie, chivalry, honor, friendship, FUN - I could go on and on. If there's something you want to do but don't see us doing, don't hesitate to offer to run it yourself, or ask around to see if anyone is doing it. And you can always come to me or anyone else with questions. I'll see you around!

In Levitate et Caritate (which means "With Levity And Affection" - my personal motto)

~Hilda, Seneschale of the Debatable Lands.

Greetings from your Baronial Herald!

Of the many aspects of the society heraldry offers one of the easiest entry points into anachronism. If you can speak in a loud and clear voice, read a book, or draw and color you can be a herald. Heraldry in the SCA has two main parts: Vocal Heraldry and Book Heraldry.



Vocal Heraldry consists of running courts, where the herald acts as the official voice of the barony or kingdom and documenting what occurs at each court, and heralding tourney lists and other places where people need to be introduced or announcements need to be made for all the populace to hear.

Book Heraldry consists of assisting people in finding, documenting, and registering a name and arms. Each person in the Society can have a unique medieval name and a coat-of-arms. Heralds can

suggest names and naming patterns that are consistent with pre-1600 practices of a variety of cultures and help with designing arms for individuals. Then they will make sure it is a unique name or coat of arms in the society. If it is, the individual can register it as their own. The small colored images throuout this publication are the arms of either the position or the individual who is writing their words to you.

If you are interested in learning more about heraldry, or would like to register a name or arms, please contact me at herald@debatablelands.org or ask around for Pavel at barony meeting.

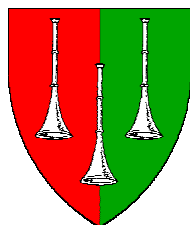
In Service

-Павел (*Pavel*)

Lord Pavel Dudoladov

Comet Pursuivant

Cornelian Herald



From the Chatelaine

Greetings to the noble populace of the Debatable lands from the Office of the Chatelaine. I would like to introduce myself. I am Lady Anna Leigh and I am your Chatelaine. Some of you might be unsure exactly what a Chatelaine does. I am responsible for recruitment of and the transition of newcomers into the SCA. Most commonly, chatelaines integrate newcomers into our scheduled activities, facilitate borrowing from the Gold Key (loaner garb), hold newcomer meetings when needed, provide introductions both at and outside of events, and help newcomers find their passion and home within the society. It's a big job with lots of responsibility. Fortunately I don't have to do it alone. Rosalia Iulianna Andere, currently the College Liasion and long standing deputy, and introducing Sumayya al Ghazi, also our Iron Key, who will be aiding additionally as deputy.

I also would like to introduce Elizabeth Arrowsmyth, who will be stepping in to the office of Gold Key. The position is responsible for the care and maintaining of loaner garb to those who might request its use. It is a challenging but rewarding roll that I am sure Elizabeth will perform with grace and purpose. The stock of Gold Key is used mostly by newcomers and visitors who want to blend in at events without incurring any initial expense for garb. Gold Key requests can be made by anyone, and should be made as early as possible, but not less than the Friday preceding an event.

Further I would like to thank you all for making our newcomers feel so welcome and at home. Without you and your efforts, we would not continue to thrive and grow as a Barony. Recruitment is vital in maintaining the heath of our Barony and our Kingdom. It is with your help that we will succeed in our mission to provide a friendly, fun environment for newcomers to explore these, our current middle ages. With the busy season of Pennsic now behind us, it's a perfect time to invite friends and acquaintances to join us. It was a wise person that once said "many hands make for light work" and it is in that spirit I would encourage you in your recruitment efforts. And I thank you in advance because you are our first, best recruitment tool. Your warmth and welcoming hearts are a beacon to our newcomers. I am here to help and provide support in any way I can. Do not hesitate to contact me or my deputies if there is anyway we can aid in providing support, and I welcome hearing of your recruitment success!

Yours in service,

Lady Anna Leigh, Chatelaine_at_debatablelands_dot_org, phone is preferred contact: 412-901-3581

Elizabeth Arrowsmyth, Goldkey_at_debatablelands_dot_org

Regarding the Martial Arts

In the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, we practice fighting in many ways: with armor and a variety of medieval-looking weapons, with bow and arrow, with swords, and with axes, knives and spears as well. Most of these weapon forms are practiced by youth fighters as well as adult fighters.

During the warm weather, we practice at an outdoor site that is actually part of a city park, which we refer to as the Washington Boulevard site. Because it is just a large flat grassy spot with a parking lot next to it, it is perfect for us to gather and practice our skills.

In general terms, it is near the south end of the Highland Park Bridge and just east of the Pittsburgh Zoo, at the corner of Washington Boulevard and Allegheny River Boulevard, and you can find more directions and maps here: http://www.debatablelands.org/fight_directions.html

Driving directions to the Washington Boulevard site from the north, south, and west of downtown Pittsburgh:

- ❖ Take your best route to downtown Pittsburgh, probably I-279 or PA-65, and follow signs for PA-28 North.
- ❖ Take the exit for the Highland Park Bridge / PA-8 South. When crossing the bridge, get into the left lane, following signs for Washington Blvd / Allegheny River Blvd / PA-8.
- ❖ The first light is Washington Blvd - turn right onto it, and very shortly afterwards there will be a dirt parking area on the right; pull in and park there.

Heavy Weapons Fight Practice:

Try your hand at armored fighting, with sword, axe, polearm, spear, katana, shield, and more. We fight both in one-on-one tournaments and army-versus-army battles, and even in wars (like our week-long Pennsic War, just outside of Pittsburgh). We have armor available that you can borrow to try it out. Just let our Iron Key, Lady Sumayya, know that you'll be coming, and she'll bring what you need. Email her at ironkey_at_debatablelands_dot_org.

We practice on Sundays, from 2-6pm at the corner of Highland Park, alongside Washington Blvd. Need a ride? Join the BMDL Ride Boards ([bmdlrideboard](#)) at Google Groups and/or the Face Book BMDL Ride Board.

I'm Cynewyn, your Knight Marshal. I run the practices and help you learn the rules, receive introductory lessons, and get on the field. I've been fighting for about 5 years, and, as many have helped me become a better fighter over the years, I would like to help you learn as well. Email me at knightmarshal_at_debatablelands_dot_org if you have any questions.

Upcoming! On Sunday, September 23rd, we will have a Crown Practice Tourney during our regular practice time. Rarely do we have opportunity to practice key aspects of tournament fighting: the first fight is the one that counts, the pressure of a tourney situation, and fighting in a list of limited size. So join us in two Sundays' time to practice these important elements. We will have roped-off lists set up. Also, it is likely Duchess Morgen will be leading a mini-class on being a chivalrous and inspiring consort. More details forthcoming.

Also, we welcome any field heralds or heralds in training who would like to join us to announce the fighters and make the proclamations upon the field, in a situation of less pressure than an event. Serves to make it more fun for everyone else, and can be good practice.

Greetings from the Captain of Archers!

We hold archery practices weekly on Sundays, starting at 11am and running until 2pm. This is your opportunity to practice being Robin Hood, shooting at various targets and having fun. We have loaner gear for you to try things out. So ... be merry and join us on the range!



In Service, Alaric

Greetings from the Rapier Marshal

Recently we have had a great boost in attendance at practice! With as many as 14 people attending, we have been able to try some melee practice as well as one on one. Come out and give fencing a try. We have some loaner gear available. Fencing practice starts at 11 AM at the Washington Boulevard site. The hour from 11 to noon is specifically available for teaching. After that, lessons are dependent on the mood and goals of those individuals who teach.

The next Baronial Rapier Champion will be selected at Agincourt. The type of tourney is still TDB.

As the Kingdom Youth Rapier Provost, I am looking for some youth interested in fencing. If you have a child who might be interested, please check the kingdom Youth Marshal Academy Website for the current rules and come out to the baronial rapier practice, as youth rapier practice will run concurrently with the adult practice. I have some youth weapons available to lend.

Looking forward to seeing many of you out on the field,
 Mistress Irene von Schmetterling, Baronial Rapier Marshal, BMDL

For Youth Combat:

Do you have children aged 6 to 17 who like to whack each other? Why not bring them somewhere they can do so safely, with adult approval and guidance?

The Barony's Youth Combat program welcomes all children ages 6 and up, Sunday afternoon from 2-5 pm. Armor-clad youth fighters are taught how to wield a foam-covered wooden sword, glaive, axe, or dagger safely while having the maximum amount of fun. We teach basic combat techniques and teamwork in melees. We also emphasize chivalry and service in a supportive environment. Loaner armor and weapons are available for new fighters. Parents must attend for the entire practice.

Practices are geared toward preparing our youth fighters to compete in tournaments and melees at SCA events. To fight in tournaments, youth fighters must fight an authorization bout to show that they understand the rules of combat and know how to fight safely. This fall, there are two SCA events with youth combat tournaments in the Pittsburgh area:

- ❖ Archers to the Wald on October 13 in Beaver County
- ❖ Agincourt on November 3rd in Monroeville

For more information, email me at arianna_wyn_at_yahoo_dot_com or see the Youth Combat page of the Debatable Lands website: <http://debatablelands.org/activities/youth-fighting.html>

Mistress Arianna of Wynthrope, Debatable Lands Baronial Youth Marshal

Greetings to all youth fighters and their parents!

BMDL Youth Fighter practice continues this Sunday from 2-5pm at Washington Blvd. Note that we are learning some new techniques from the adult fighters; in particular, Count Sir Isenwulf demonstrated ways in which youth fighters can throw snaps and wraps without increasing their force levels beyond the required calibration for their divisions. Those techniques will help all our youth fighters become faster and better with single-handed weapons. I recommend that you not only learn and use these techniques on Sundays, but also practice them at home on your nearest unsuspecting tree or telephone pole. Practice makes for muscle memory, which makes for better shots!

UPCOMING YOUTH TOURNEYS

I will be running youth combat tourneys at:

- ❖ Archers to the Wald, Canton of Steltonwald, October 13 from 10am - noon. This event also features the Baronial Youth Archery Championship, so come on out and try your luck on the archery range after the fighting is done! Contact the baronial Archery Marshal, Master Alaric MacConall, for loaner bows, and you can attend archery practice before fighter practice at Washington Blvd. from 11-2 each Sunday. The site for Archers to the Wald is an archery club in Beaver County. <http://www.steltonwald.org/archers.shtml>
- ❖ Agincourt, where Their Excellencies will choose their Youth Combat Champion for the coming year. It will be held at the Pitcairn-Monroeville Gun Club on November 3rd. <http://www.debatablelands.org/events/agincourt/>

In addition, for anyone interested in traveling to the Shire of Sylvan Glen in the eastern panhandle of WV, there will be youth combat at the **Siege of Glengary** on September 20-21. <http://www.sylvanglen.info/siege-of-glengary-2012/>

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

- September 16 practice at Washington Blvd.
- September 23 practice at Washington Blvd.
- September 30 practice at Washington Blvd.
- October 7 practice at Washington Blvd.
- October 14 NO PRACTICE, tourney at Archers to the Wald on Saturday!

See you this Sunday!

Arianna



Pendant from the Vårby board (Sweden)

On Thrown Weapons

Does throwing things make you feel better? Then here is the activity for you! Come to the Washington Boulevard site on Sundays at 11 AM and throw axes and knives to your heart's content! We have weapons you can borrow, and can teach you how to throw safely and for maximum fun and enjoyment. On some Sundays, we even have spears to fling!

Just be sure (for the sake of safety and in support of our No Paperwork rule) to wear closed-toe shoes. If you like, bring a refreshing sport beverage or water, a chair and a snack, and stay to watch the whole day of martial fun.



Here is the schedule for this month's throwing:

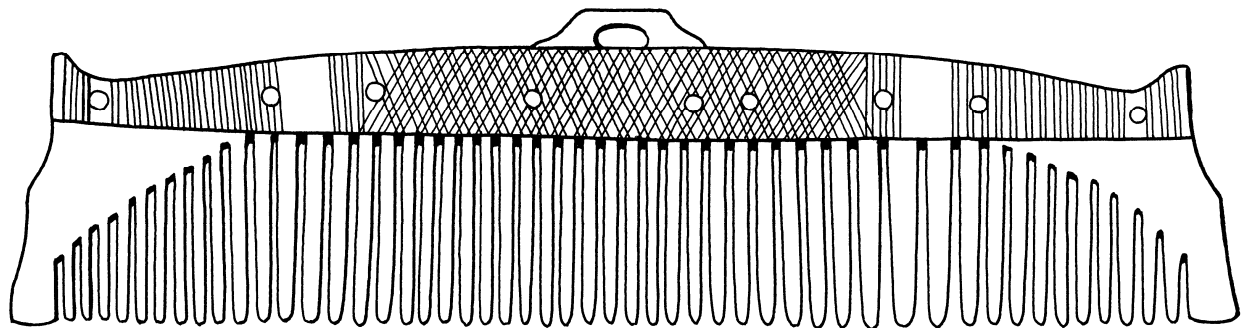


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| Sunday, September 16 | Practice in the park at Washington Blvd. at 11 AM |
| Sunday, September 23 | Practice in the park at Washington Blvd. at 11 AM |
| Thursday, September 27 | Practice in Sunderoak, north on Route 8, at 6:30 PM
(http://sunderoak.aethelmearc.org/Officers/TW.html) |
| Sunday, September 30 | Practice in the park at Washington Blvd. at 11 AM |

See our webpage for directions to the site: <http://www.debatablelands.org/activities/thrown-weapons.html>

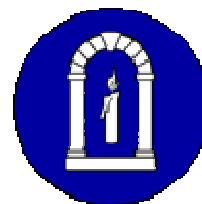
In service to the Barony,

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(Tuna, Uppland, Sweden)*

From the Minister of Arts and Sciences Does Langdon of Greymorne Send Greetings!



The Society for Creative Anachronism is an educational organization where we learn about the customs, culture and crafts of the middle ages. Our Barony is very active in most all the Arts and Sciences of the SCA which were done in the Middle Ages. We have regular meetings for the Choral singers and calligraphers and illuminators. There is dance practice and brewing and sewing every month. We have armourers and needle workers and cooks and people that practice almost any other craft or art that you might have an interest in learning.

When we have events, there are classes to attend and competitions and displays to show your works and see what others are doing. Our Barony, the Greater Pittsburgh area, is blessed with a great number of talented people in very diverse interests and we can help you learn and explore the Middle Ages by doing it.

As Minister of Arts and Sciences, I am here to help you contact others to learn more about the Arts, crafts, sciences, and culture of the Middle Ages.

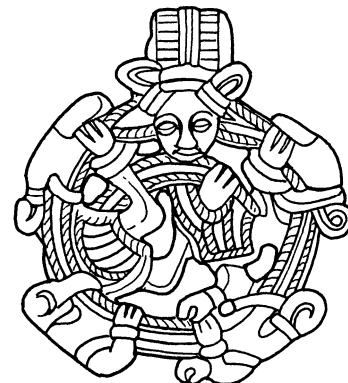
Langdon of Greymorne

On Leatherworking

Hello! I'm Lady Sumayya al Ghaziyyah. I'm starting a Leatherworkers' Guild, and our first gathering will be on Friday, October 5th at 6PM at my home in Penn Hills. The first meeting will be to work on your projects if you have them and to discuss what members may be interested in working on in the future. Please email me at ironkey_at_debatablelands_dot_org for directions. Any level from beginner to expert is welcome.

See you there!

Sumayya
(Mka: Megan)



Pendant from the Värby board (Sweden)

Regarding Brewing...

The Brewers Guild meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at Brandubh and Hilda's house in Observatory Hill. We brew Beer, Mead, Ale, Wine, and Cider in the attempt to recreate period beverages. Watch the email list for announcements and reminders of upcoming meetings.

Cheers,
Brandubh

About the Sewing Circle

Looking well-dressed in the SCA is easy. Every month the sewing circle meets on the first and third Tuesday from 8-10pm to help people design and sew costumes to wear to events. Beginning sewer to advanced tailor, you can receive assistance in making any sort of SCA outfit you would like.

Baroness Ts'veen'a (Gail Lefkowitz) hosts sewing circle at 5167 Rosecrest Drive, Pgh PA 15201. The neighborhood is called Stanton Heights. You can contact her at lefkowitzga_at_earthlink_dot_net or 412-361-0718 to receive directions. The next sewing circle is October 2nd. Feel free to call or write with questions!

Glorious Food

The Cooks' Guild encourages anyone with a love of Good Food -- whether that be cooking it, reading about it, experimenting with it, taking photos of it, feeding it to appreciative diners, or just tucking in and eating it -- to come to our monthly meetings, held on the last Sunday of the month, starting in October. For information, see <http://www.debatablelands.org/activities/cooks.html>

Also, to the cooks in the Barony, remember that when you are planning your next event feast, please contact me as early as possible to borrow your cooking equipment from the larder. There is a wide variety of cooking and baking pots, pans, tools, gadgets, and other essentials for you to choose from.

In Service,

Michelina Cenomani da Trento

Raise Your Voices in Song

Do you love to sing? Are you mad for Morley and wild for Weelkes? Do you long for the ovations of an audience? The award-winning Debatable Choir welcomes new members at any time, but especially now - we are starting new music, so this is the perfect time for you to join!

We perform concerts of SCA-period polyphonic choral music at several events each year, plus we sing processions for courts at many events. Rehearsals are held on Monday nights from 7:30 to 9pm at the home of Mistress Ts'veen'a bas Tseepora Levi in Stanton Heights, in the East End. You don't have to know how to read music; audio files are provided for most songs along with sheet music, and we're happy to teach anyone who loves to sing!

Planned concerts for the next few months:

- ❖ Agincourt event, November 3rd, processional music
- ❖ Barony Meeting, November 11th, mini-concert
- ❖ Baronial 12th Night, January 12th, full concert

Please email me at arianna_wyn_at_yahoo_dot_com for more info, or you can check out our page on the baronial website at <http://debatablelands.org/activities/debatablechoir.html>

We hope you'll come sing with us!

Mistress Arianna of Wynthrope

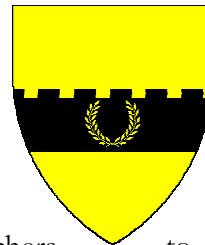
Director, Debatable Choir

Archers to the Wald

Beaver Valley Archery Club

New Brighton PA

October 12 through October 14, 2012



Guten Tag! The Canton of Steltonwald proudly announces a Germanic themed Archers to the Wald! It comes to you this year on Friday, October 12th through Sunday, October 14th. The site opens 5pm on Friday for anyone wishing to pitch a tent, and closes at noon on Sunday.

Site Fees for this event are \$9.00 for adults, \$4 for children 6-17 and free for babes in arms (5 and under). NMS is \$5.00. The all day sideboard fee is \$9 for adults, \$5 for children under 17. There will be no feast this year.

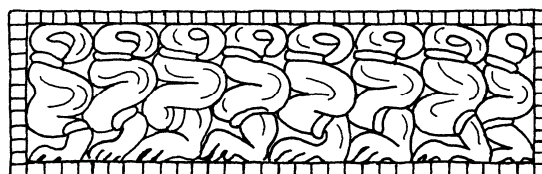
This event is held at the Beaver Valley Archery Club, 277 Rothart Dr. New Brighton PA 15066.

The autocrats for this event are Nycolas Sparrowe and Ingunn Halldorsdottir. (Christopher and Christena Plummer) 178 Beaver St. Fallston, Pa 15066. (724) 846-1353.

christopher_plummer_at_comcast_dot_net and christena_plummer_at_comcast_dot_net No calls after 9pm, please.

Please send reservations to Lady Madeleine de l' Este (Jeannie Caffro) 200 George St. Rochester, PA 15074. [madeleinedlest at yahoo dot com](mailto:madeleinedlest@yahoo.com) or by phone (724) 371-0238. Checks can be made payable to : SCA Inc, Canton of Steltonwald.

Cup Rim
(Sutton Hoo, England)



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. Just after an overpass, you will make a right onto Rothart Road. On the corner, rather high above the intersection, there is a large metal sign for the Archery Club. Follow Rothart Road for about 1 mile. Turn left into the Archery Club.

Directions 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 1 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).

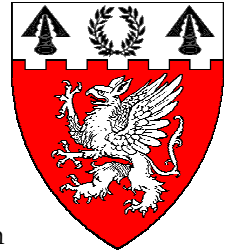
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Something Vaguely Scottish This Way Comes

Union Presbyterian Church

Murrysville, PA 15668

October 20, 2012



Greetings to the Great Kingdom of Æthelmearc! In my most recent travels through the Shire of Gryffyn's Keep I have heard a stirring. I have heard that Something Vaguely Scottish This Way Comes! Come join Gryffyn's Keep for a Highland Games on October 20, 2012 to determine who has the strength, the prowess, and the Ugliest Kilt!

Scottish games for one and all, young and old will start at 11AM. Join us as we toss cabers, compete in blind sheep herding, throw rocks and of course, compete in tug-of-war and (Highland) sumo wrestling! After all the activities, we naturally will be starving and so we will provide a wonderful Scottish Feast. Lord Deryk Archer and Lady Freya Ramsey will be preparing us many lovely dishes for the evening repast. Please make all dietary concerns known to Freya Ramsey ([HLPollins at verizon dot net](mailto:HLPollins@verizon.net)).

There will be a Period Cooking Contest for the lunch sideboard (documentation preferred but not required.) Cook us your best period dish (it doesn't even have to be Scottish!): it will be sampled by the populace who will vote for their favorite! To those not inclined to compete in the contest, we ask all to bring a covered dish to share.

The site fee for off board adults \$9.00 (includes lunch), on board adult: \$16. Kids 6-12 offboard: \$5.00, kids 6-12 onboard: \$8.00 and kids 5 and under will be free. The non-member fee of \$5.00 will be collected at the door. Feast is limited to 40 persons, so be sure to get your reservations to Lady Esa Baird (Robin Smittle Butts) 4655 Marjorie Drive Murrysville PA 15668 as soon as possible! Make checks payable to SCA, Inc - Shire of Gryffyn's Keep.

And discounts? Of course we have discounts! \$1.00 off entry fee for wearing a kilt!

The site opens at 10:00AM and closes at 9:00 PM. The location is the Union Presbyterian Church, 656 Route 380, Murrysville, PA 15668. The site is dry.

Directions from the south and the Pittsburgh area:

Take your best route to I-376 East (Parkway) to the end and bear left onto Route 22E towards Murrysville.

◆ Go through 3 stop lights and bear right onto Route 286E, (Golden Mile Highway, Holiday Park). Proceed through 8 stop lights, and after the last light at the Dairy Queen go straight under the underpass on Route 380E. From here the church is approximately 2 miles on your right.

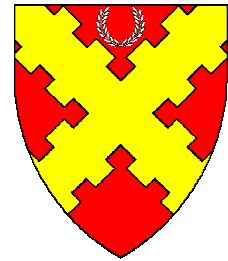
Directions from the north:

Take I-79 to Pa Turnpike east to the Monroeville-Pittsburgh exit. After the toll booth, bear right onto Route 22E towards Murrysville. Follow directions above from ◆.

Directions from the east:

Take either Route 22 or Route 30 W to Route 66 N through Delmont, go approximately 7 mi to a flashing yellow light and turn left onto Route 366W towards New Kensington. Go approximately 4 miles to interchange with Route 380. Turn left through medial and bear right onto Route 380E; the church will be approximately 1.5 miles on your right.

Kings Crossing Birthday B(R)All Barbush-Langeloth Municipal Center October 27, 2012



The Shire of Kings Crossing cheerfully invites you to come and celebrate our Birthday B(R)all on October 27, 2012 at the Barbush-Langeloth Municipal Center, 1421 Langeloth Road, Langeloth, PA 15054. The site will open at 10 am and close at 9 pm. Classes will begin at 11 am and continue until 8 pm.

The day promises to be filled with many activities and classes. Heavy Weapons and Fencing will have their own pick ups and tourneys. We would like to see the Youth Fighters as well. Medieval games and other games of intrigue, Dancing, Weaving and many other classes will be held as well. If you are interested in teaching a class or being a merchant, please contact Lady Nandi (Danielle Volkar) email: peasant_at_anykindawear_dot_com,

Site Fee per Person (Includes All Day Sideboard):

Adult - \$10.00*

Child (13-17) - \$5.00*

12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult

Family Plan - \$30.00*

*Non-member surcharge - \$5.00 per person

While you endeavor to exercise your body and/or mind, recharge with our all day side board. Lady Daria of Danegeld Tor mentored by Master Creador is going to delight you with their culinary skills. Sideboard will be from 12:00 until 7 pm. If you have any dietary concerns, please contact Lady Daria directly at Daria_Mcp_at_gmail_dot_com.

The Autocrats for this event are Willehalm Barenjager (Andrew Rosenberger) and Lady Nandi of Kings Crossing (Danielle Volkar). Willehalm Barenjager at 724-601-1059. No calls after 8 pm please.

Lady Nandi can be contacted by phone at 724-684-5797 or email sent to peasant at anykindawear dot com.

Reservations clerk is Katryn of Ayre (Barbara Dolan). Katryn can be contacted at 724-684-4642 No calls after 8 pm.

Directions from the north: Take the ramp onto I-279 S to merge onto I-376 W. Take exit 60A to merge onto US-22 W/U.S. 30 W toward Weirton. Continue to follow US-22 W. Take the PA-18 exit toward Florence/Burgettstown. Turn right onto PA-18 S, turn right onto W. Pittsburgh Street, then take the first left onto Race Street. Continue onto Langeloth Road. Destination will be on the right.

Directions from the south: Head north on I-79, keep left at the fork, follow signs for I-70 W/I-79 N/Washington, PA, and merge onto I-70 W/I-79 N. Continue to follow I-70 W. Take exit 17 toward PA-18/Jefferson Ave; turn right onto E Wylie Avenue. Turn right onto Jefferson Avenue. Take the third right onto PA-18 N/Henderson Avenue. Continue to follow PA-18 N. Turn left onto PA-18 N/Burgettstown Road. Turn left onto W Pittsburgh Street. Take the first left onto Race Street. Continue onto Langeloth Road. Destination will be on the right.

Agincourt

Pitcairn-Monroeville Sportsmen's Club

Saturday, November 3, 2012

**O! for a Muse of fire, that would ascend
The brightest heaven of invention!
A kingdom for a stage, princes to act
And monarchs to behold the swelling scene.**

On November 3rd, the grand army of the English and Welsh Archers will once again meet the French on the field at Agincourt. Join us for the Feast of St. Crispin, a day of Fighting, Food, Arts and Sciences. Events of the Day will include an A&S competition with Leather Work being the theme. Battles will all include Combat Archery, and the ever famous Tavern Battle. But, wait, what would the Battle of Agincourt be without Archery? Plan for a great novelty shoot as well as standard targets. Site opens at 10:00am and closes at 9:00pm. Agincourt will again host the BMDL Heavy Championship. All heavy fighters in the Barony and its Canton of Steltonwald should prepare to bring honor to the field this day.

A Glorious Lunch is being planned and prepared by the talented Jorundr hinn Rotinn and an Incredible Feast is being prepared by THL Odriana vander Brugghe that is sure to quell the largest appetite. The feast will be a "hunting feast" celebrating the bounty of the 14th century French countryside. Please contact her at odrianna_at_gmail_dot_com regarding dietary questions.

The event will be held at the Pitcairn-Monroeville Sportsmen's Club, 505 Mosside Boulevard, North Versailles, PA 15137. The Autocrat for this grand event will be Mistress Alexandra dei Campegnella (Amy Tujague) (2917 Brevard Street, Pittsburgh PA 15227).

Reservations should be made to Mistress Hildrun Hugelmann (Krista Cogan) 3815 Baytree Street, Pittsburgh PA 15214. The only reservation is a Paid Reservation, and all reservations must be postmarked by Friday, October 26th. If you do not pre-register, you will incur a \$2.00 additional fee at the door. A \$5.00 fee will be added to non-SCA members. All entrance fees include lunch. Feast is limited to 80 people.

Troll Fee Schedule for advance reservations:

Adult: \$8.00
Adult + Feast: \$17.00
Child (6-17): \$5.00
Child + Feast: \$13.00
5 and under: Free

Directions from the north, south and west:

Take your best route to I-376 East. Take I-376 East to Exit 78a (US 30 — Forest Hills). Follow US 30 East approximately seven miles to PA 48 (Mosside Boulevard). The event site will be 1/2 mile on your left.

Directions from the east: Take your best route to US 30, and follow US 30 to PA 48 (Mosside Boulevard). Turn right onto PA 48. The event site will be 1/2 mile on your left.

THE CANTON OF STELTONWALD OFFICERS AND MEETINGS

(Beaver County)

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Canton Meeting

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

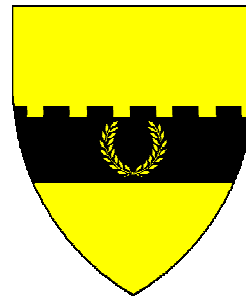
Archery

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

Fight practice

Every Tuesday, 5 pm, at the Hopewell
Township Community Park, Pavilion 4
Contact THL Robert Marston
kardasl+ at pitt.edu

<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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