

The Bowstring.

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From the Seneschal
Greetings All,

The month of November is a month in which I will look back upon with fond memories. During the month Arrowsreach saw some of the fruits of our hard work and planing come to bear. Based on feed back received, I would have to say the highlights were the wee attended A&S Show and Tell evening, an enjoyable Royal visit with heaps of yummy food and our first rapier tourney. My personal high light was seeing young Jai in armour after 2 years of quarter speed and pell work.

Bad Adam has stepped up as Deputy Seneschal and will be acting Seneschal during my absence.

As both Xmas and New Years falls on a Monday, we will not be training. Apart from these two days, it business as usual except for the bins inside the hall will not be emptied during the school holidays so please don't use them.

Both Suzanne and myself are heading overseas for 7 weeks and will return late January. I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Xmas and all the best for the New Year.

Yis
Everard

Agenda for the next general meeting (11/12/06) which will be chaired by Adam.

Item 1: Post Event Report
Item 2: Xmas Break Up (ideas and volunteers)
Item 3: Device
Item 4: Resource Library;- Books,

DVD's and equipment etc.....

Item 5: Sunday's Light Training:- What's needed for a successful training? What makes a successful training session? How many people are required for a sucessful training? When did we last have a successful training? Do people still want a fortnightly session?

Arrowsreach Device.

From Adun in Illi

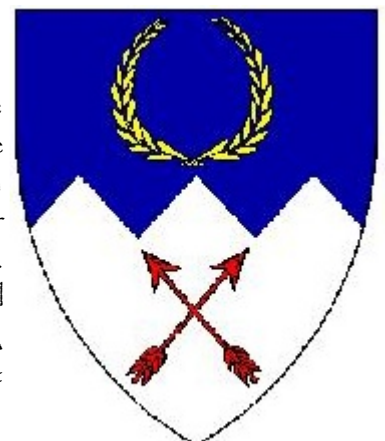
OK, in regard to whole device changing issue. Originally it was suggested to the Baronial Committee that we consider a change of device, we asked if there were enough people who objected, and there weren't. So the committee decided it would be a good idea to have a look at the options.

There were a few submissions and you, YES YOU, were asked to let me know which one you liked. Not a difficult request, "Adam I like no 2" or "Adam, the one with the tower is cool".

So far I have received TWO (yes two) votes or replies or whatever you want to call it. And one of those was from Kelly before she went OS. So as far as I'm concerned no-one really gives a flying toss, so the issue is dead, and I'm wasting my time. out there really wanted the device changed, then complain to the seneschal, and organise another poll.

Disclaimer

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Arrowsreach Regular Events

Heavy Training - Every Monday Night
7.30-10pm, at Central Ringwood Community Hall, Bedford park, Bedford Rd Ringwood

Cost: \$5 for Fighters
\$3 for Spectators
(\$1 discount for Members)

First Monday each Month -
Garb Encouraged Event
Bowstring Released

Second Monday each Month - Garbed Event
A'reach Monthly Bash Training Tourney

Baronial A&S - Every Wednesday Night
7.30-9.30pm Rm Seven at Bedford Rd Community Hall, Ringwood

Cost: \$2 Members, \$3 Non-Members

Archery Training - Second and Fourth Sunday
1-5pm, at Croydon Secondary College, Croydon Rd, Croydon.

Cost: \$5 for fighters
\$3 for Spectators
(\$1 discount for Members)



FESTIVAL!

If you know you are going, book early. The reason we had such a HUGE amount of land last festival was because of the number of bookings we had. Out of the entire campsite I think we had 2 or maybe 3 people that didn't book.

Let's not all get squished in like we have in the past. :) Mule

(Remember festival is only 2 weeks away <G> Margie)

The 2007 paper booking and equipment booking forms are available from the following links:

<http://www.sca.org.au/rowany/festival/docs/FestivalBooking2007.pdf>

<http://www.sca.org.au/rowany/festival/docs/FestivalBooking2007.rtf>

This Month

10 Dec - Arrowsreach Archery
11 Dec - Arrowsreach Heavy Training
15 Dec - Summer Twilight Tourney Series 2
18 Dec - Arrowsreach Heavy Training
Note: No Archery Training on Christmas Eve, no Heavy Training on Christmas Day or New Years' Day.

December

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2 William Marshall	3 S'hold Bash
4 A'reach Bash	5	6	7	8	9	10 Archery
11 Heavy Training	12	13	14	15 STTS	16	17
18 Heavy Training	19	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Years' Eve

Riddle Me This

This month there'll be a prize for the first person to contact the Chronicler of Arrowsreach with the answer to this week's riddle.

I saw a creature with its belly behind
Huge and swollen, handled by a servant,
A hard, muscled man who struggled so
That the bulge in its belly burst through
its eye:

Its passion--gorge and spill through
death,

Then rise and fill with second breath
To sire a son and father self.

Last Month's answer was maille.
And last Month's winner was Mistress
Margie of Glen More.

Congratulations Margie. I'll contact you
soon about getting your prize to you.



Suth Gild Heall chapter of Lochac Cooks & Brewers Guilds

Anyone who has an interest in cooking or eating, brewing or drinking is welcome to attend. Held on the first Saturday of each month, unless it clashes with an event. Held at Mistress Nicolette Dufay's Home, 4 Emville Court, Cheltenham, Vic. phone: 0413 518 151 Email: AuntieNic@gmail.com For more details see web page at www.gwynfor.org/SuthGH

Suth Gild Heall chapter of Lochac Scribes & Illuminators Guilds

Get together to learn a new skill or to practice an old one. Held on the fourth Sunday of each month, unless it clashes with an event. Held at Mistress Nicolette Dufay's Home, 4 Emville Court, Cheltenham, Vic. Phone: 0413 518 151 Email: AuntieNic@gmail.com For more details see web page at www.gwynfor.org/SuthGH

Suth Gild Heall chapter of Lochac Broiderers and Tailors Guilds

Interested in Medieval needlework or how to design that new frock? Want to get other interested folk's opinion? Held at Lady Yvonne Yvette de Plumetot, Email: mlebas@alphalink.com.au For more details see web page at www.gwynfor.org/SuthGH

January

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 New Years' Day	2	3	4	5	6 Twelfth Night	7 S'hold Bash
8 A'reach Bash	9	10	11	12	13	14 Archery
15 Heavy Training	16	17	18	19 STTS	20	21
22 Heavy Training	23	24	25	26 Surveying Expedition	27 Surveying Expedition	28 Archery Surveying Expedition
29 Heavy Training Surveying Expedition	30	31				

Baron waits 15 Years for Unfair Advantage on the Field of Battle.

After a wait of over 15 years, Rodrigo of Abbotsford who is Baron of Stormhold was finally allowed to wear his studded boots onto the field of combat. The studs on the soles of the boots apparently prevent the baron from slipping in battle. He wore the boots at the William Marshall Tournament held in Darling Park, Fitzroy on the first of this month. Marshalls at the event could see no reason to exclude the boots.



War Declared!!!!

The Shire of Bordercros, having taken offence at the comments of the Baron of Stormhold when he laid claim to all the lands south of the Murray has declared themselves to be at war with the Barony of Stormhold. Baron Rodrigo has been quoted as saying "I dont want to be known as "Baron Warmonger".



Baron Rodrigo says: "Can you fill my Boots?"

The two sides will meet on the field of battle at Border War early next year (more details soon). Baron Rodrogo has already begun to muster his troops.



Made in Arrowsreach

Who: Master Will Cumyn

What: Pewter Coin Casting in
Soapstone Moulds

How: With great care! For more
details, speak to Master Will
Cumyn

The Twelve Knightly Virtues

Prowess

Part 4



Franchise

“A privilege or right officially granted a person or a group.”

The right and obligation to act as a knight, laurel or pelican. In much the same way as a McDonalds franchise has rights and obligations, knights, laurels and pelicans have rights and obligations of their rank.

The regalia is the most visible right of a Peer. Less visible, but more valuable, is the respect usually given to the opinion of a Peer.

The obligations include a higher expected standard of behaviour. The responsibility of taking on squires, apprentices or protégés. An expectation of passing on the skills and knowledge they have picked up.

It is said that Peers are not made, they are recognized. In this same vein, to gain this recognition, you must already have taken on the responsibilities before you receive the benefits.

"Superior skill or ability. Superior strength, courage, or daring, especially in battle."

The ability to consistently hit other people with a piece of cane, while avoiding a similar fate.

Faith

In times past, faith in God was considered a chivalric virtue. Many probably considered it a virtue still. Myself, I am unconvinced in the existence of God and confess that it puzzles me how others can. I do believe that Christianity, and most other religions, offer excellent guidelines for how to live a good life, where you will be a happy, valued and contributing member of society. Nor do I hold a religion responsible for all the ills that have been done in its name.

While I don't have faith (in God) I am an eternal optimist! I believe that if ever I was in dire straits, I could raise my hand and cry for help, and help would come. Perhaps this is faith of a sort, but in my fellow man, rather than some greater power.

Finish.

If you have found in this essay some virtue that you recognize in yourself, then I am content. If one person should recognize some small flaw herein, which they later address, then I am delighted.

Inigo Missaglia,
Husband, father, knight - and by grace of God - gentleman.

Arrowreach	Tom 47	Master Piers 20	Sir Veniamin 14	Lief 8
Tourney	Everard 41	Zhou 20	Robin 13	Tamaly 8
Ladder	Gwynfor 33	Bruce 19	Sui 13	Teresa 8
Results as of	Hanbal 31	Master Will 19	Sir Wolfram 10	Glen 7
2/12/06	Bertram 30	Rauf 19	Connan 9	Tamsyn 7
Billy 59	Rodrigo 29	Sir Brennan 18	Dafydd 9	Baron Tas 6
Tobias 57	Conrad 25	Konga 17	Antoinette 8	Douglas 6
	Bad Adam 22	Drogo 14	Galbaiz 8	Honey 5

Arrowsreach Royal Visit.

Tournament Results.

By List Keeper Baroness Nicolette Dufay, OP
House Woodrose, Shire of Krae Glas, Kingdom
of Lochac.

Tourney was scheduled to be a round robin. 6 rounds were run this way, with the following results (wins/loses).

- 1 - Tobias the Trubadour (6/0)
- 2 - Hanbal Reis al Barbary (4/2)
- 3 - Belisario Lascaris (4/2)
- 4 - Everard Sefar (3/3)
- 5 - Sir Venimn Nafanovich (5/1)
- 6 - Thomas Brock (1/5)
- 7 - Gwynfor Lwyd (2/4)
- 8 - Sir Wolfram Flammenherz (1/5)
- 9 - Rauf le Brewere (3/3)
- 10 - Xhou Long Xi Xian Sheng (3/3)
- 11 - Conan MacAndreis (2/4)
- 12 - Eoughann MacAndreis (1/4/b)
- 13 - Sir Hugh the Little (4/1/b)
- 14 - Wolfric Halfdevil (0/5/b)
- 15 - Cormac Lenehan (2/3/b)
- 16 - Brusi of Dragonvale (4/1/b)
- 17 - His Majesty Sir Draco (4/1/b)

Drop outs by the end of 6th round where Sir Hugh, Conan, Eoughann and Xhou.

With time getting away from us, it was decided to start doing 2 man melees.

So Round 7 went thus:

Wolfric and Comrac won against Sir Wolfram and Gwynfor

Brusi and Sir Draco won against Sir Venimn and Thomas

Everard and Belisario won against Hanbal and Tobais

Time was indeed getting away from us, so it was decided to take the top 4 in wins so far and face them off against each other. Thus in the semi final where:

Tobais went up against Brusi gaining a double kill and then Brusi winning the bout

Sir Venimn went up against His Majesty Draco with His Majesty winning the bout

The final was to be best of 7 using each of the seven weapon styles

Bout 1 - Spear saw Brusi win

Bout 2 - Sword and Shield saw Brusi win

Bout 3 - Two Handed Sword saw Brusi win

Bout 4 - Mace and Shield saw a double kill

Bout 5 - Poleaxe saw His Majesty win

Bout 6 - Dagger and Shield saw Brusi win, thus winning the tournament, inspired by his consort Viscountess Eilika

If anyone is interested in learning to run a list, please don't hesitate to see me. Its easy and a fun way to be involved with the fighting without putting on a helm and getting all sweaty.

The Event. - By Isobel de la Rose.

Saturday the Eighteenth day of the month of December as 41 saw the populace of Arrowsreach and welcome wayfarers congregate on the green in Croydon. We were there to celebrate the presence of Draco and Asa, King and Queen of Lochac. We were also there to hold a Mixed weapons tournament, "With a Twist". The twist being that weapons were allocated by a spin of a wheel.

The weapon Styles were (1) Spear; (2) Two Handed Sword; (3) Poleaxe; (4) Sword and Shield; (5) Mace and Shield; (6) Dagger and Shield; (7) Sword and Dagger; and (8) Queen's Choice.

Seventeen fighters started in the tournament, but just a few rounds in, there were dropouts due to injuries. The Queen tried to keep the injured involved in the festivities by selecting weapon styles that allowed them to continue, such as thumb wrestling, arm wrestling and "Paper, Scissor, Rock" fights.

That night a most bounteous feast of most delicious food was served to those present, and at court that evening, awards and royal recognition were awarded to the following people:

Baroness Nicolette Dufay – Promethian Flame

Bryce of Arrowsreach – Golden Lily

Tobias the Troubadour – Award of Arms

Ashley Baker – Mouse Guard

Many thanks to all of the wonderful people who made this event the great success that it was.

The Stormhold Surveying Expedition

(Definitely Not a War)

Friday the 26th to the 29th of January.

Let it be known that Baron Stormhold will be mounting a surveying expedition of the land in the west of his fief. To this end he seeks applications from suitably qualified individuals and companies. In particular all surveyors, engineers and cartographers are encouraged to represent themselves to his Excellency. In addition the services of a number of guards will be required due to the wild nature of the lands into which the expedition will venture.

The surveying expedition will assemble at 575 James Lane, Fern Hill, Victoria and then proceed into the wilds of the Cairnfell Hinterland. Its commission will be to survey this wild area of Lochac, identify valuable resources and impose the Kings peace upon any brigands who may happen to be operating in the region.

Applicants should contact Lord Balthasar (h03 5342 0225, m 0439 370 933, randall@doepels.com.au) to indicate their availability.

The Hills of Cairnfell are largely unpopulated so it is advised that expedition members bring suitable material such as tents, beds and whatever other equipment is appropriate to their station. Further more this area is known for its unpredictable weather. Snow is very unlikely but HAS been known to occur at this time of year. A small herd of dairy cattle will be brought along with the expedition to supply expedition members with a supply of milk. Scots will supply themselves with oats while expedition members from more civilized countries will most likely bring a range of more appetizing meals for their breakfasts and lunch. Evening meals will be taken from the expedition supplies and will include whatever can be found, shot, trapped or otherwise acquired during the course of the expedition, while paying due heed to the laws of Lochac and the sensibilities of the local law-abiding populace.

Summer Twilight Tourney Series

STTS II being a gathering for noble combat, arts & sciences and frivolity of divers natures upon the sward, 'neath the shady trees in the grounds of the halls of learning - there will never be a series of events like this again, until the next time - polish your armor, cook that repast, don that garb and be prepared to entertain and be entertained, to battle and to be fought for, to dance and play and while away those sultry summer soirs scintillating salubriously sans stress.

December 15th - Counted Blows up to twelve - Christmas Carols
Monash University, Clayton (for more information please ring Mistress Nicolette 0413 518 151)

Time table

6:00 Potluck

7:30 Armour Inspection

8:00 Tourney Starts

ending with the Activities til 9:30, just after dusk.

Pricing

\$8 for members or \$9 for non-members, children under 16 free.

Discounts! To Admission Fee

Bring a dish for the potluck gets \$5 off entry fee

Enter one or more of the competition gets a further \$1 off

Competitions

Best Newbie Fighter - Sponsored by Master Cormac (newbie fighter is someone who has been authorised less then two years and has never won a tournament)

Best Period Cooking - Sponsored by Mistress Nicolette (documentation does count)

Best Elizabethan Sonnet - Sponsored by Mistress Elspeth (must be in written form, as she is unable to attend, performances only when she can attend)

Best Accessory - Sponsored by Master Gwynfor.

NEW Stormhold Fighter Training

Come along to fighter practice next Tuesday at Kensington Neighborhood Centre, 18 Anthony St Kensington, from 7-10pm.

It's around the corner from the town hall, not far from Racecourse Rd, Newmarket station (Broadmeadows line) and the Quiet Man Pub

Bring your armour, bring your enthusiasm, bring your curiosity, bring a project if you don't want to fight and bring a coffee cup if you want a hot drink.

With the Feast of Friends so soon (Sat 14 October, contact Paul sacredchao@bigpond.com, 9687 3618) I'm going to bring the hospit gear and keep putting stuff in bags, and maybe make a white shirt. There's sure to be more projects in the bags of men's clothes.....

Can people keep an eye out for carpet in dumpsters? But don't panic because it's not supposed to rain on Tuesday and there is enough grass.

Arrowsreach Arts

and Sciences

by Lady Arganhell merch Briauc

The last few months have been quite active in Arrowsreach on the A&S front. Individual projects have once again been underway as well as organised group events. Amongst other things, the citizens of Arrowsreach have undertaken dance training, and have engaged in a highly successful rapier making workshop. Individuals have embroidered, sewn rapier garb, made glass beads, produced handmade longbows, and many other activities. A couple of A&S sessions will need to be rescheduled for various reasons –we will have sessions on Medieval Headwear and Juggling to look forward to once again.

On the 6th of Nov, we had an A&S 'show and tell' at Arrowsreach training. This was a most enjoyable and successful event, and one that I think will be worth running again. We welcomed visitors from Stormhold and Krae Glas, and saw and discussed many fascinating crafts. The following is a list of those who participated by bringing items to show and discuss:-

Master Will Cumyn, Pewter Casting, Longbow, and arrow construction
 Master Gwynfor Llyd & Mistress Nicolette Dufay – Quern, grinding flour etc
 Master Cormac Lenihan – Lute, Musical Notation, 'Redacting' dances
 Lady Isobel de la Rose – embroidered Table Runner – A history of Arrowsreach in the style of Bailleux Tapestry
 Tobias – Homemade Droneless Bagpipe
 Master Thorfinn – Calligraphy & Illumination
 Baroness Gwir verch Madoc – Brocade making
 Lady Arganhell Merch Briauc – Lampworked Beads Timeline
 Lord Audun inn ill – Rapier Construction

Also many others participated in discussion, questions, observation etc at various times.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in any form – I found it a most fascinating evening, and I hope that opinion was shared by others.

There will be no formal A&S activities until February, due to my travels. Keep up the individual projects and if you have any suggestions or request for topics for next year, please let me know.



Moonlight Revel

Castle Saburac, together with the College of St Bartholomew invite you to join us for an evening of spiff, biff, and welcoming our new Collegians. This is our chance to show our new collegians what the SCA is all about, while enjoying a picnic with friends. Wear your spiffiest outfit, bring your current projects and enjoy a heavy tournament, as well as other events to be announced closer to the time (all suggestions gratefully considered).

When? Friday 2nd March 2007, from 6.30pm.

Where? Melbourne University, Grattan Street Parkville.

Cost? To Be Advised

Further details will be available closer to the time, or contact the steward Isibéal - isibeal@thepurpleempire.net

Arrowsreach's

First Rapier Tourney

In this rapier tourney, 6 took to the field. Sir Wolfram, Piers, Adun in Illi, Tobias the Troubadour, Thomas Brock, and Rauf le Brewere. Fighting was in a round Robin best of three. And the Winner was the person who claimed the most deaths.

The fighting style was vast and different, silent but deadly. At the end of the fighting, there can only be one winner, which was Tobias the Troubadour who was awarded the rapier buckler as his prize. Thomas Brock was awarded the prize the candelabra for best new Rapier garb prize.

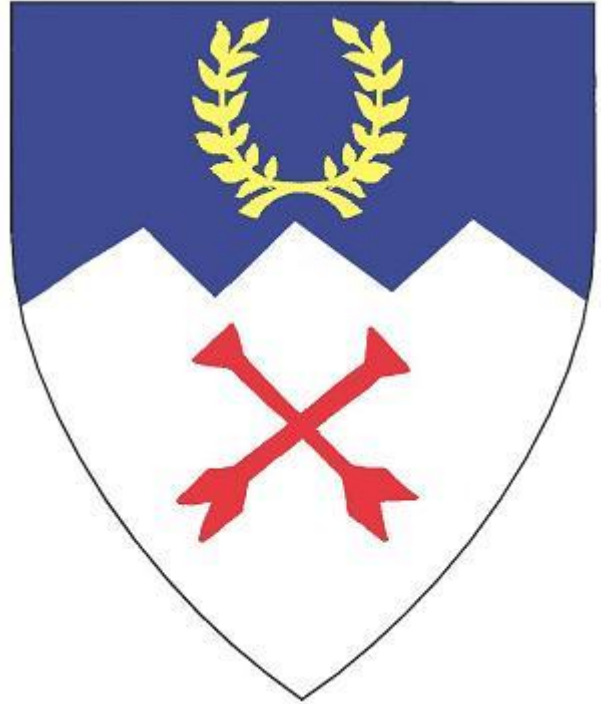
Favourite Sites

This is where I'll publish sites that are sent to me, if you have a favourite site that you feel others would like to see, please send them to me (details in the Regnum).

<http://www.adgame-wonderland.de/type/bayeux.php>

<http://reconstructinghistory.com/beginners/StLouis.html>

<http://user.it.uu.se/~arnoldp/SCA/Articles/2001/wood/>



Where would we be without blunts?????

\$1.20 each,

contact Muloc de Pachter

0400 903 084

Officer Positions Available

Officer Positions that are currently Available in Arrowsreach

Deputy Chronicler -

for more information

Speak to Isobel de la Rose

Constable - for details speak to Adun in Illi

I'm going to be a dad in February, so I'm stepping down. To reduce the load a little I'll be Group Rapier Marshal and Deputy Seneschal instead (well no-one else bothered to put in an application).

Its about time some of you out there realised Arrowsreach, in fact the whole SCA, is run by volunteers and offered to help out. If it wasn't for a hard working few no one would get to play! Ask yourself "what am I contributing to the group?" and if the answer is "not much" perhaps you should consider doing something about that, it would be appreciated. - Adun in Illi

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USELESS WITHOUT
THE BOWSTRING"

Latin Quote
of the Month

A posse ad esse –
From Possibility to Actuality