

# From the Tower



Lord Dieter in his new helmet  
at Canterbury Faire

**Barony of Southron Gaard  
March AS XXXIX (2005)**

# Chronicler's Corner



**G**reetings, good gentles.

Southron Gaard is fairly humming with new populace and new events, as you can see by the number of notices in this issue.

And as the number of subscriptions to the hard-copy version of *From the Tower* grows smaller, it is obvious that increasing numbers of people are taking advantage of the electronic version. Please note that, thanks to the efforts of our Baron and Baroness, the online *From the Tower* is now searchable, as is the rest of the barony's website ([sg.sca.org.nz](http://sg.sca.org.nz)).

I intend to step down from the office of Chronicler in June, so I am looking for someone to take it on. Please look at the notice on page five, and get in touch with me by the end of April if you feel this is a way in which you can serve the barony. It's a fun job, and you get to hear all the news before the rest of the populace!

Yours in Service to Southron Gaard  
**Baroness Sinech**

## Seamsters' Guild

**T**his month's meeting will be on **Tuesday, the 27th of April (please note the change of day and time of month)** at the home of **Rose (Stacey), 6B Hersham Place, Bromley, ph. 384-4037. Everyone** is welcome, especially newcomers. Bring along whatever needlework you're currently working on, or just come to chat. Please contact **Baroness Sinech, ph. 382-6388, email: [lilar@clear.net.nz](mailto:lilar@clear.net.nz)** if you have any questions, or need to organise transport.

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## Baronial Introduction Cards

**B**aronial Introduction Cards are now available! Just write your name in the space provided, and you can hand them out to anyone you meet who is interested in what we do.

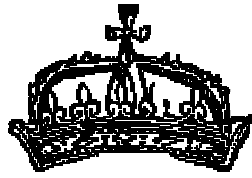
To get some of your own, please speak to the Chatelaine or Seneschal at any event.

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# Their Excellencies Speak...



Those of you who were able to attend Baronial Anniversary will know that, in addition to stern competition and a fine feast, there were ominous reports presented from all our closest neighbours.

Our Warden of the Northern Marches has reported that the Shire of Darton is building new fortifications, the Baron of Ildhafn has claimed that he will no longer supply us with arms, and even the Barony of Ynys Fawr is disputing our long-established claim to the Great White Southern Land - and, indeed, threatening to add our lands to their would-be 'Principality'!

These could be all be interpreted as nothing more than brutish noise and hollow words, but we believe that prudence dictates a considered response.

Hence our appointment of a new Ambassador to the Kingdom of Caid, Sir Philippe de Tournay, and our long journey to Rowany Festival to seek and build more alliances in the Terra Rosa lands of Lochac.

Hence the appointment as Paladin of the Caidan Coast of Sir Vitale Giustiniani, one whose prowess on the battlefield is the stuff of legends.

Hence Lord Fraser's announcement of a Siege Engine Challenge, to better prepare us for the possibility of a major conflict.

And hence our call to each of you to consider your own readiness to defend the Barony, *especially* on the field as a light, a heavy, a scout, or as a member of a siege crew, but also in the many preparation and support roles - artistic, bardic, marshalling, hospitaller - which would be required if war *did* come unasked to our shores. If you have been thinking of taking up any of these important and valued activities as a citizen of Southron Gaard, the time to act has already arrived!

Finally, our congratulations to the new Baronial Champions, upon whose services we may now have greater need to call than anyone had imagined: Arts Champion, Mistress Eleonora van den Bogaerde; Archery Champion, Lord Peregrin Flamstead; Crossbow Champion, Lord Gilbert de

Montfort (with special thanks to Lady Helois de Mont St Michel - now Senora Isabel del Aguila - and Sir Vitale Giustiniani, who made possible the recognition of this new role); Heavy Champion, Sir Vitale Guistiniani. Your successes were well earned, and set high standards to which the rest of us can aspire.

**Bartholomew and Katherine**

Baron and Baroness of Southron Gaard

*Announcing...*

## April Arts & Sciences Workshop

### Women's Cotehardies - Custom Pattern Drafting

**Instructor** - The Honourable Lady Ethelind of Darkwood Keep

This is a relatively time-intensive workshop, and it has therefore been divided into two classes:

**Tuesday 5th April, 7:30pm-10pm** latest.

Part one is an introduction class to cover the basics about pattern drafting/fitting slopers to the body or finding commercial patterns which would be suitable to modify for our purposes. Discussions will also include materials you'll need for the Saturday hands-on portion of the class.

**Saturday 9th April, 10am-4pm** or when finished.

Part two of the Cotehardie workshop. In this class, we will spend the day fitting slopers and modifying commercial patterns.

Both classes will be held at Clarence Street Methodist Church Hall (same location as Council meeting). Gold coin donations will be appreciated to help cover the venue rental costs at both classes.

I hope to see many of you there! If you have any questions, please email or call.

In service,  
**Catalina**

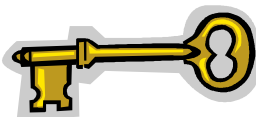
## Fighters' Practices

**Wednesday**—Wednesday Fighters Practice from 6.00pm, Dean's Bush/Riccarton House, Kahu Road, Riccarton.

**Sunday**—10:00am in the park opposite the Richmond Working Men's Club, London Street, Richmond.

**NB.** These practices are unofficial events.

# From the Seneschal



Hi all,

Hope you all enjoyed Baronial Anniversary. I didn't get to see much of it, being in the kitchen the whole time, but it sound like folks had a good time. Thanks to everyone who helped out in one way or another, especially those who jumped in to help out in the kitchen at short notice: Lord Michael, Sir Sebastian, and Lord Nigel.

The cards you found at your tables are part of our new recruiting drive. They have the baronial website, the SCA(NZ) Inc website and the Chatelaine's email. Feel free to write your own name and contact details on these and hand them to any friends or acquaintances who wish to know more about the SCA. If you want more of these cards, they are available from the Chatelaine or me.

The Event Calendar is starting to fill up nicely. We have a Ball coming up in late May, Yule in June and an Elizabethan feast in October. We've had offers of Muster days for April, October and November, and have been asked to do a demo of sorts for Science Alive in June.

BUT we'd still love to hear any proposals, ideas or suggestions for Musters or other events. Council meeting are open to anyone to attend and bring along their thoughts or suggestions, and ideas on Muster days we could do over winter are particularly welcome. If you want to propose an event, all the forms you need are on the Steward's page of the website (Event Proposal & Proposed Budget) We recently simplified these forms even further to make them as easy as possible to use. You'll also find lots of handy hints on running events.

If you haven't run an event before, there are lots of old hands willing to act as 'shadow stewards' to first timers, so ask and we'll point you in their direction.

Yours in Service  
**Mistress Roheisa Le Sarjent**  
Seneschal

## The Alchemist Submissions Needed!!! For May Issue

Your submissions are needed **NOW** for the May issue of *The Alchemist*, Southron Gaard's arts and sciences magazine.

These can include: documentation or research, 'how-to' articles, artwork, poetry (in a mediaeval style), recipes, book/film reviews, interesting web site addresses—in fact, anything related to mediaeval arts and sciences.

Please email or post your submissions, or give them to me in person (contact details are in the Regnum and on the Southron Gaard web site: [sg.sca.org.nz](http://sg.sca.org.nz)), by the **First of May**.

**Baroness Sinech ingen Chonchobair hui Briuin**  
Chronicler



## April Muster

**Sunday 17th April**

**Richmond Park on Stanmore Road  
(site of the Sunday fighters' practices)**

As time has passed, there have been many 'locals' who have shown an interest and stopped to watch the Sunday fighters' practice. We see this muster as a chance to reward their interest with a demonstration of what we are all about.

<b>Site Opens:</b>	10:00am
<b>Dance and Song:</b>	10:30am
<b>Lists Open:</b>	11:00am
<b>Tourney begins:</b>	11:30am (melee tourney in teams of 2-3)

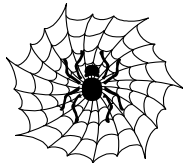
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# On the Web



<http://oldsite.library.upenn.edu/etext/collections/smith/french/>

John French's *The Art of Distillation Book 1* and some images and text from Books 2 to 6.

<http://acrafts.dd.vg/>

A gathering point for links pertaining to "How To..." documents that could be of help for the SCA, Reenactment, Living History, LARP and the like.

<http://www.britarch.ac.uk/pubs/list.html>

British archaeology reports online.

<http://www.ewtn.com/vexperts/conference.htm>

Eternal Word Television Network—a resource for information about Catholic Church doctrine, mediaeval as well as modern.

<http://www.zinio.com/offer?issn=1403-7319&rf=zspecial>

The *Viking Heritage* magazine online.

<http://www.renaissancedancewear.com/chart.html>

Renaissance English Sumptuary Law Chart.

<http://renaissance.dm.net/sumptuary/>

Elizabethan Sumptuary Statutes.

[http://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/E/Roman/Texts/secondary/SMIGRA\\*/Sumtuariae\\_Leges.html](http://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/E/Roman/Texts/secondary/SMIGRA*/Sumtuariae_Leges.html)

Sumptuary law in Rome article.

[http://www.jolique.com/social\\_status/regulating\\_body.htm](http://www.jolique.com/social_status/regulating_body.htm)

*Regulating the Body: A Brief History of Sumptuary Law*

<http://sca-garb.freeservers.com/articles/sumptuary.htm>

*Sumptuary Laws in the SCA* by Lady Nastasiia Ivanova Medvedeva.

<http://www.tyler-adam.com/139.html>

*Frankish Sumptuary Law: A Pearl of a Law*

<http://www.florilegium.org/files/ACCESS/Pearls-Law-art.html>

Stefan's Florilegium: Pearls—An Example of Sumptuary Law by Lord Anton de Stoc, mka Ian Whitchurch

<http://www.stopcrime.net/scaarts/sumptuary.html>

Bibliography of works about Sumptuary Laws

<http://www.geocities.com/davidbofinger/sumptuary.htm>

Medieval Sumptuary Laws

<http://members.tripod.com/%7Egunhouse/hourstxt/hrsintro.htm>

Links to information on books of hours.

<http://www.paintedchurch.org/index.htm> or <http://tinyurl.com/47dde>

[http://www.netserf.org/Art/Murals\\_Frescos/](http://www.netserf.org/Art/Murals_Frescos/)  
Church wall paintings and frescoes.

## New Chronicler Wanted!

I am looking to step down from the office of Chronicler at the end of May, so I am looking for someone to take on the job.

The Chronicler's job involves:

- Gathering material (mostly via email).
- Layout—I use Publisher, as it does booklet page layout, but this is not an absolute necessity.
- Printing the master for the A5 booklet, taking it to the printer and picking it up again.
- Creating the PDF of the A4 version and emailing it to the Web Wright to be put on the Southron Gaard web site. (Free software for this is available).
- Addressing and mailing out newsletters to arrive by the first of each month.
- Attending monthly council meetings and producing a monthly officer report.
- Producing a quarterly report to the Kingdom Chronicler.

None of this is difficult, but you will need a computer and email, transport (or live near a printer), a good command of English, and be able to meet a monthly deadline and attend Council meetings. For more information, or to express interest, please contact the Chronicler, Baroness Sinech (see Regnum).

Applications in writing/email should reach me by the 30th of April, giving an idea of relevant experience and any ideas you have for FTT in the future.



## Southron Gaard Baronial Scriptorium

Learn Calligraphy and Illumination or hone your skills!

The Scriptorium is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, starting at 7:30 pm at Clarence Street Methodist Church Hall (same location as Council Meeting). Sir Vitale will be teaching more on calligraphy at our next Scriptorium on April 19. All levels of experience are welcome!

Gold coin donations will be appreciated to help cover the venue rental costs. If you have any questions, please contact Catalina at [arts@sg.sca.org.nz](mailto:arts@sg.sca.org.nz)

# Minutes of the Southron Gaard Council Meeting

## Tuesday March 8th, AS XXXIX (2005)

**PRESENT:** Belle, Cat, Matt, Roland, Charlene, Jenny A, Richard, Donna, Jenny J, Lila, David, Sasha, Simon

**LATE:** Melissa

**APOLOGIES:** Miriam, Rob, Vicki, Peter

**MEETING OPENED: 7:36**

**LAST MEETING'S MINUTES:** Accepted

### OFFICER REPORTS

**BARON & BARONESS:** Stepped up, talked to lots of people about lots of things, mostly involving 'diplomacy' and inter-group relations.

**SENESHAL:** College report is out and available on the website. Talked to lots of people at CF about lots of things, including: UCMRS about college report and possible follow-through on that; Chirurgeon re: if he was okay about stepping down. Site wardens re: pencilled-in booking, possibilities for equestrian, parts of the site that need attention. Made initial contacts with UCSA CDO re: College club account, see general business.

**CHATELAINE:** Attended CF. One piece of hire garb to come back still. Attended monthly muster; it was very good. Ran out of flyers, talked to many, have received some emails. Format works really well.

#### REEVE:

##### Main Account:

*In:* \$ 994.00 Canterbury Faire Income (Richard, can you double check your sums - the envelope this came in said \$923.00)

\$ 47.50 Monthly Muster Income

\$ 2.48 Interest

*Out:* \$ 688.80 Hirequip (Marquee Hire for CF)

\$ 31.00 Reimburse self for Tote Bags (as discussed last month)

\$ 600.00 Advance for Baronial Anniv. Feast

\$ 20.00 Council Hall Hire

*Balance in Account:* \$6,564.48

#### FTT:

*Out:* \$ 58.26 Copy Print

*Balance in Account:* \$65.33

#### Clearing Account:

*Balance in Account:* \$1636.50

(As Canterbury Faire is now over and done with, this money will be transferred to the main account)

I will be preparing our annual financial report in the next few weeks. The deadline for this report is 31st April, so I will need to get at least some of the figures for Canterbury Faire in the next week or so. I don't need every little thing-- just gross income, gross expenditure, Kingdom surcharges collected and day membership numbers.

**HERALD:** Have finalised OP updates from the populace. The updated list will be available shortly (before Baronial Anniversary). I am also looking at getting some sort of a database behind it, which will make managing and organising the OP a lot easier. Have been helping Michelet and Killian with registering their names and arms.

**MARSHAL:** Attended CF and stepped up. Got quarterly report in. Intend to do an article about Combat archery rules for FTT, some changes for us with Lochac rules.

**LISTS:** Had three tourneys at CF. All comers had fifteen fighters

and was won by Sir Ulf de Wilton. Un-awarded had seven fighters and was won by Bernard Stirling. Armour as worn had eleven fighters and was won by Peregrin Flamstead. Thanks to Francesca for helping with lists.

Monthly muster - the tourney format was Over the Roses, which is a format that has no single winner. The battered helm went to Dieter.

**EQUESTRIAN MARSHAL:** Sasha will be authorised as Equestrian Marshal. Will need to do a handbook for NZ, should mostly use Lochac's unless there is a law problem. Is talking to Vitale about Insurance. Need feedback from those interested. Will be a deputy to the Marshal.

**ARTS & SCIENCES:** February open house only had one person. Workshop is cancelled. The next will be on April 5th at 7:30 on making cotehardies. There was no A&S display at the Feb muster; could people bring stuff along to musters, can be incomplete and no documentation is required. Scriptorium will start 15th March, discussed more later in council. Setting up a time to pick up the library. Requesting funds to hire a trailer to transfer it. Emails from newcomers forwarded to Chatelaine. One more box to come from Eleanora. Quarterly report went in.

#### CHRONICLER:

*Correspondence In* - Items for FTT.

*Correspondence Out* - March FTTs sent out, and pdf version sent to Web Wrights.

Repeated ad in FTT for a deputy, with a view to their taking over in the near future. Advised by Seneschal that, if I want to step down, I'll need to advertise for a new Chronicler, since it is no longer the case that deputies routinely become Chronicler when the incumbent steps down. Also, I need to give two months' notice. So I shall put an ad in the April FTT, with applications closing at the end of April/beginning of May, and I intend to step down in June - probably at Yule.

*General* - Problem with the pdf version of FTT not being searchable seems to have been solved by using PrimoPDF software instead of CutePDF - thanks to His Excellency for sending it to me.

**WEBWRIGHT:** Site updated and now searchable thanks to efforts by William de Cameron.

**CHIRURGEON:** Not required. Put first-aid kit with Quartermaster, see how it goes and advertise position for a couple of months.

**CONSTABLE:** Haven't stepped up yet, will step up at Baronial Anniversary. Have arranged for Theuns to bring lost property to Baronial Anniversary.

**QUARTERMASTER:** CF: Stuff went out, returned in excellent condition. Marshal retained field equipment, would like to discuss. MM: Don't know if went out or came back, didn't see. Richard? Happy to hold onto and make available, intends to be attending most tourneys. This needs to be made publicly known and QM wants a list of what Richard/Marshal is holding.

Feast gear to get to Belle's, QM will visit and check stuff before BA.

NB. Equipment to review. Want feedback from event stewards. Table cloths, stains have been removed, thanks to Donna. Have 19-20, enough for a feast of 114. Two broken pieces of crockery have been thrown out. Metal platters are dead, suggest stainless steel next time.

**ACTION** - Next meeting talk about purchasing new platters

**ACTION** - David talk to Theuns about candlesticks.

## EVENT REPORTS

**Canterbury Faire:** Profit around \$1570 (not including expenses for bags). Attendance: had 190 on list, 180 turned up. The event was enjoyed. Will be debriefing those who were involved in planning. There is a pencil booking for next year, Wed. to Wed. over weekend to allow steward flexibility of dates.

**Muster:** Well attended, 50+ SCA and 40+ public. Suggestion of bouncier dances to be more interesting to watch.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Recruiting planning meeting:** WEA booked 1-5 Saturday; cheque for hall hire written. Belle will chair, looking for a minute taker.

Request for use of hall during council meeting for rapier practice (unofficial), currently agreed to.

**March Muster:** 26th at Barrington Park. Double elimination, everyone fighting for another (service) with the one being fought for getting to choose format/weapon. Under the big oak opposite the library.

**QUERY** - Funds for Chatelaine for printing. Will let council know what it's costing.

**Baronial Anniversary:** Going well, 36+ booked.

**April Muster:** Hosted by Draco Veridis, Richmond Park, 17th April (Sun). 10am start with dance, lists opening at 11:15, tourney at 11:30.

**Ball:** Miriam, Sat., 28th May. Richmond Methodist Church hall on Stanmore R. France, winter of 1589-1590, with dances of that period (Arbeau). Cordial and a light supper in the style of the period. Budgeting based on minimum attendance of 24, current estimate of ticket price is \$8.50. Proposal accepted.

**Yule:** June - Looked at Old Sone House, but will cost over \$350, not appropriate for this event. Planning on finger food with dancing/games/entertainment. Continuing to look for a site.

**Elizabethan feast:** Miriam & Rachael. 8th October, Music Centre. Managed to argue rental cost down to \$200+GST. Budget will be ready in the next few months. Pencilled in.

**Laurel's visit/Collegium:** Funds from bardic auctions. This year's auction money is still with Vicki and Peter, needs to go to Richard to go through with other CF money. Vicki suggested a performer/composer/theatrical (possibly Crispin Sexi, whose Lady also does much with children's games/toys). Suggestion from Sigurd, people get more out of teaching if they already have a basic level of skill, or have taken significant basic steps.

Suggest tabling it until singing group has been going for a couple of months, see if people are sufficiently interested to attend practices. **ACTION:** Post to List and FTT to see what people's interests/ideas are.

**October Muster:** Jo and Bastian, linked to Heritage week at the museum.

**November Muster:** Tentative offer from Amberhearth.

Tentative tavern revel from Cat, no month yet.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

**Financial committee:** Must have five members. Proposal of Seneschal, Reeve, B&B, plus one other (Chronicler suggested, as is already a signatory). Purpose - emergency backup when whole council cannot be called up for decision. Proposal accepted.

**Purchase request:** For hammer for baronial pavilion. Fine, bring a receipt (within reasonable price).

**Library purchase:** Carols book/CD. Songs danced to sung music. Mostly medieval material. Belle would like to use for Yule. Price around AUS\$25.00. Limited application, but cheap. Approved.

**Scribal gear:** Pens/ink/nibs etc. 10 people currently interested. How many pens might Barony buy? Would stay with Scriptorium things. Suggest people will want personal supplies. Put on list to remind people to bring own where have them. Suggest buy up to six, with a gold coin donation per use. **ACTION** budget of \$60 to buy some dip pens, etc. Bring receipt to next meeting.

**Business Cards:** Suggestion from B&B. To be carried by members of populace. To hand out randomly to interested people. NB. Need to be printed on card that can be written on. Belle has investigated prices - 1000 at \$113.85 to \$240+GST, 2000 at \$227+GST to nearly \$400. Like idea, suggest further investigation. Suggest 1000 for starters, get samples and bring to next council meeting.

**A-frame sign** with SCA and wreath being donated by Aelfric.

**Officer Baldrics:** Over nice garb? For public or for CF. Suggested that they might be good for (e.g.) stewards of CF, but not necessarily for all officers.

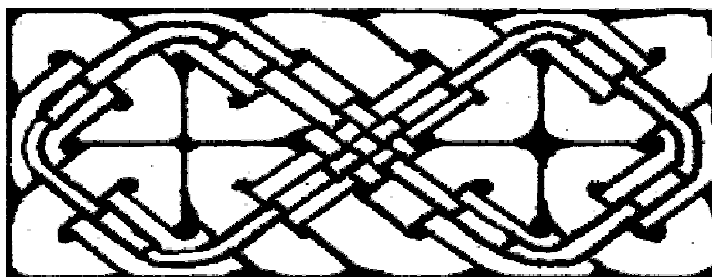
**Baronial standards:** To fly off baronial pavilion - A&S workshop to make them. With Barony footing bill for materials? Tabled for later discussion.

**Rapier practice:** This site was intended for us to use the other rooms during Council meetings. Rapier practices have asked to use hall; will be subject to gold coin donation. NB. Need a rapier marshal.

**Options for Future of College Funds:** Accounts are still frozen (around \$2000). New clubs officer has had to be acquainted with situation. Suggest authorising Belle to approach them about settling the matter; what way/form would we be comfortable proposing? *Suggestions* - 1) Put in trust by SCA for new group, noting that it was raised under the banner of an SCA group. 2) 1/3 held by SCA in trust, 1/3 UCSA for medieval group, 1/3 to UCMRS to help them. To the Student Assoc., UCMRS and College are two different clubs, thus allowing them to co-exist on campus. Need an agreement between us and UCSA for anything to happen. Suggest waiting to see if UCMRS has any interest in being part of the SCA. Del mentioned that there is one college group in Lochac that has a dual identity (on/off campus); in such a way a steel group could be part of the SCA. Tabled for next month.

Go ahead given on trailer hire for transporting Library.

**MEETING CLOSED:** 9:30 pm



## Armourer Available

Lord Dieter von Metzger announces that he is now able to undertake small armouring projects, and invites anyone needing such items made, especially before Canterbury Faire, to contact him at:

**Ph. 360-0909.**

# Calendar

Events marked in **bold** are local; others should be listed among the miscellaneous contact details. Any events marked in *italics* are hosted by groups other than Southron Gaard.

## April

Fri 01	Pub social night
Sun 03	Fighters' practice, Archery
Tue 05	<b>Arts &amp; Sciences evening— Cotehardie Workshop, Part 1</b>
Wed 06	Fighters' practice
Sat 09	<b>Cotehardie Workshop, Part 2</b>
Sun 10	Fighters' practice, Archery
Tue 12	<b>Southron Gaard Council meets</b>
Wed 13	Fighters' practice
Sun 17	Fighters' practice, Archery
Tue 19	<b>Baronial Scriptorium</b>
Wed 20	Fighters' practice
Thu 21	<b>Guild of Seamsters meets</b>
Sun 24	Fighters' practice, Archery
Wed 27	Fighters' practice

## May

Sun 01	Fighters' practice, Archery, Light Combat
Tue 03	<b>Arts &amp; Sciences evening</b>
Wed 04	Fighters' practice
Fri 06	Pub social night
Sun 08	Fighters' practice, Archery
Tue 10	<b>Southron Gaard Council meets</b>
Wed 11	Fighters' practice
Sun 15	Fighters' practice, Archery, Light Combat
Tue 17	<b>Baronial Scriptorium</b>
Wed 18	Fighters' practice
Sun 22	Fighters' practice, Archery
Tue 24	<b>Guild of Seamsters meets</b>
Wed 25	Fighters' practice
Sun 29	Fighters' practice, Archery

## Far Future

May 07-08 2005 *May Crown Tourney, St Florian de la Riviere*

June **Southron Gaard Yule event**

*Midwinter Coronation 2006*—bids are now open, and will close at Rowany Festival.

*November Crown Tournament 2006*—bids will open at Rowany Festival, and close at Mid-winter.

*Twelfth Night Coronation 2007*—Bids will open at Mid-winter, and close at Spring War in October.

## University of Canterbury Medieval and Renaissance Society

**Arts & Sciences classes:** Wednesday 6:30pm, UCSA International room, 90 Ilam Rd, Ilam.

**Weapons Practice:** Saturday 2pm, Spreydon School sports field, cnr Curletts Rd and Lincoln Rd (weather permitting).  
Wednesday 8-10pm, UCSA Ballroom, 90 Ilam Rd, Ilam (After arts and sciences).

Archery practice alongside fighter's practice every Saturday  
**Dance classes:** Mondays, 8pm to 9pm (general/beginner), 9pm to 10pm (demonstration), 'Creation', 105 Worcester Street (between the Cathedral and Manchester Street)

## Events Afar

*See Regnum for contacts and web sites*

### Ildhafn (Auckland)

Wednesdays	Fight practice, needlework
Saturdays	Archery practice
Sundays	Fighters' practice

### Dartonshire (Wellington)

Sundays	Fighters' Practice
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### Wellington Mediaeval Guild

Sundays	Dance practice
Wednesdays	Arts & Sciences meeting

### Cluain (Hamilton)

Thursdays	Fighters' practice
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## Miscellaneous Contact Details

**Southron Gaard Council:** 7:30 pm, second Tuesday of each month, at the Clarence Street Methodist Church hall, corner Clarence and Nelson Streets, Riccarton.

**Seamsters' Guild:** 7:30 pm, third Thursday of each month to discuss and work on sewing and handcraft projects. Contact Baroness Sinech for topics and further information: (03) 382-6388; lilar@clear.net.nz

**Fighters' Practices:** Wednesdays, 6.30 pm, at Richmond Park (opposite Working Men's Club, London Street); and Sundays, in conjunction with archery, from 10.00 am at Dean's Bush, Riccarton.

**Archery Practices:** Fine Sundays from 2:00 pm, Kirkwood Avenue entrance, Kirkwood Intermediate School. Targets and some bows available. Contact Lord Richard d'Allier (see Regnum).

**Middle Eastern Guild of Southron Gaard:** For information on upcoming meetings and projects contact Lady Heloyse, email: chevron @paradise.net.nz or phone 981-1066.



# Southron Gaard Siege Engine Challenge

In order to greatly strengthen the defences of Southron Gaard, the Barony is issuing a challenge to all interested groups and households to **build the best and most effective siege engine for the field of war.**

Because this is a major and potentially costly undertaking, the challenge will be run in three phases:

1. By Yule in late June, entrants should produce a set of plans which closely fit the requirements of the challenge, outlined below. The best three sets of plans will be awarded a letter of credit with a local supplier of construction materials, to assist their future work.
2. At Spring Tourney, all weapons completed or under construction at that time will be displayed, and their heraldic and naming rights auctioned off among the populace. The funds raised in each case will be given to the construction crew to help defray their costs.
3. Late in the year, there will be a contest held between the completed weapons, with the winners securing a handsome prize.

## Challenge Criteria

Details of how the siege weapons will be ranked against each other in the final challenge will be developed in consultation with interested parties and published in the May or June issue of *From the Tower*. But the following points will be paramount:

- These are weapons intended for use on the field of war -- against opposing forces and equipment -- rather than limited to use against fixed fortifications. Thus, they must be mixed-combat legal. See , esp. section 4.6.4, which has some basic information. Also see <http://www.trebuchet.com> for ideas; a copy of the \$US59 CD bundle available at that site has been ordered by His Excellency and will be made available for borrowing.
- Each weapon must have a combat-ready crew, armoured to at least “light” mixed-combat standards. More points will accrue for having crew-members who have not previously taken to the battlefield, and more still if they have alternate weapons -- such as bows or sword/shield -- which they can take up if their siege weapon can no longer be used, or has to be abandoned.
- The key attributes for the weapon itself are reliability, rate of fire (or payload if it fires multiple items like small bean-bags) and accuracy. In the final judging criteria, a weapon which is likely to have a more devastating effect against enemy concentrations will be ranked more highly than one which can slowly reduce a wall.

For more information, including how to join a mailing list to discuss the development of both the judging criteria and the engines themselves, contact: Lord Fraser Coney, [fraser@court.sca.org.nz](mailto:fraser@court.sca.org.nz)

# Divers Missives Received of Late

## By Their Excellencies, Bartholomew & Katherine

### From Southron Gaard's Warden of the Northern Marches:

From Ulf de Wilton, Warden of the Northern Marches, to Bartholomew and Katherine, Baron and Baroness of Southron Gaard, Greetings.

Please do not be alarmed at the rumours regarding fortification building in Darton. This is not a prelude to any aggression, only an attempt to return the walls of Darton to the state of prior years. No taxes due to the Crown are being used for construction costs, and the seige engines are only experimental and only useful for defence.

Your servant,  
**Ulf de Wilton.**

### Excerpts from a scroll from the Barony of Ynys Fawr (Tasmania):

From Arnfinn and Ainne, Baron and Baroness of Ynys Fawr, We send you our most infernally warm greetings.

It is with great pleasure and anticipation that we enter into discussions with thee on the matter of ownership of the wastes of the south, and of your future inclusion within the principality of Ynys Fawr...

...It is clear that, for the stability of the Kingdom and to avoid any future confusion over the ownership of the wastes of the south, we must force ourselves from our comfortable homes to the battlefields of Rowany, to not only decide upon the issue of the wastes, but to invite thee under our wing, and of course your lands wouldst make a fine addition to our realm.

### Scroll from the Baron of Ildhafn

(NB: the mis-spellings of Gaard are his own):

Unto the Baron of Southron Guard,

I hope that this missive finds you. It is with mixed feelings that I must inform you that I am currently unable to ship armour further south than the peaceful Shire of Darton, as Merchants are becoming wary of travelling into the increasingly lawless lands surrounding Southron Guard.

As an international arms dealer, and a member of the chivalry, I should not wish that any armour or weapons fall into the hands of the brigands and scoundrels in this area, as would certainly be the case if I were to ship them in the current climate.

I am sure that that my disappointment at this turn of events must be exceeded by your own. It may help if we got together at Festival next week to discuss this dreadful state of affairs.

On another matter, a little birdie told me that you will be travelling to Festival without any of your warriors, something that I would certainly recommend against. A man of your station should be taking a small company to mind him on and off the war field. Especially if he is inexperienced in the ways of war.

Remember, should you feel alone and unprotected on the war field, it is because you *are* alone and unprotected.

I hope that your noble wife and beautiful children are healthy and happy.

**Sir Inigo Missaglia,**

Baron of Ildhafn, Knight of Lochac, Captain of the Company of St George, Champion of Darton.

## **Ambassadorial Scroll To the Court of the Kingdom of Caid:**

Unto Their Majesties Dirk and Chamayn of the Kingdom of Caid, and the people of Caid, warm greetings from Bartholomew and Katherine, Baron and Baroness of Southron Gaard in the Kingdom of Lochac.

Please accept from the hand of Sir Philippe de Tournay these credentials as our Ambassador to your mighty and most cultured Kingdom. While he has for too long been resident outside our fair Barony, Sir Philippe bears our utmost trust and confidence as a man of honour and modesty, well able to make representations on our behalf to Your esteemed Selves.

You may know better than we those Qualities which but recently caused him to be created a Knight in Your Realm, but rest assured that those Qualities were early recognised and have long been celebrated in his Homeland (notwithstanding his Unfortunate Encounter with the Goblins).

We therefore entreat that you be willing always to give Sir Philippe Your ear when he approaches You with counsel concerning our humble affairs. As a small, yet well-fortified and industrious, land at the edge of a very large world, we may some day have cause to call upon our ties with Your most Illustrious Kingdom, and we hope You will look favourably on such requests.



Two noble warriors  
Of Southron Gaard

## **His Excellency Bartholomew Baskin's Call upon the Populace on the Occasion of the Swearing of the Champion's Oath for the Defence of the Barony by Certain Faithful Stalwarts:**

Look kindly upon these gentles, for they - we - are willing to put our bodies, or even our lives, on the line to defend you. But also look more closely:

Some of us are old.

Some of us are weak.

Some of us have seen too many feasts, or too many taverns.

Some, like my lady, are even lame!

And all-in-all, we are too few.

Therefore, I call upon *each of you now seated* to consider your own response to the Barony's need.

If you are close to becoming an authorised fighter, tarry no longer! Let the smiths beat your ploughshares into swords, or helms. Let the seamstresses put down their sewing and create armour or gambesons instead. Let the Bards take up a bow, or a ballista.

And when this question is asked again, as it will be in six month's time, let there be many more of you to join these happy few as defenders of our fair lands!

## **The Champion's Oath for the Defence of the Barony of Southron Gaard**

"Will you have it known to all, present and future, that you voluntarily swear that, if called upon to do so, you will, to the best of your ability, whether by deed or word, consent or counsel, strengthen and defend the Barony of Southron Gaard, her tower, her lands and all her divers possessions, in good faith and without deception, against all malefactors and invaders, living or dead, who might wage war or make common cause against her?"



## Appointment of Southron Gaard's Paladin of the Caidan Coast

'Southron Gaard has long lain at the edge of the world, at first the southern bulwark for the Kingdom of Caid, and now the eastern fortress in the Crescent Isles of the Kingdom of Lochac. In that time, we have grown to be more than just the tower that stands as our symbol.

Our people include those who have shown surpassing martial prowess and who have dedicated themselves without reservation to the interests and defences of the Barony. In recognition of such skill and dedication, of long-standing ties both within and without Southron Gaard, and in recognition of his high qualities of chivalry, courtesy and wisdom, we are minded to declare as our Paladin of the Caidan Coast, Sir Vitale Giustiniani, and pass on to him, until such time as we request its return, the token of his Office - a red wand surmounted by the tower of Southron Gaard.

As Paladin, he shall be charged - as in custom and tradition from time immemorial - with promoting trade and the interchange of ideas, maintaining and strengthening the Barony's land and coastal defences, and treating with courtesy and hospitality those visiting our fair Barony from the lands to our East.'

*So saith His Excellency Bartholomen, Baron of Southron Gaard.*



The Seven Ages of Man

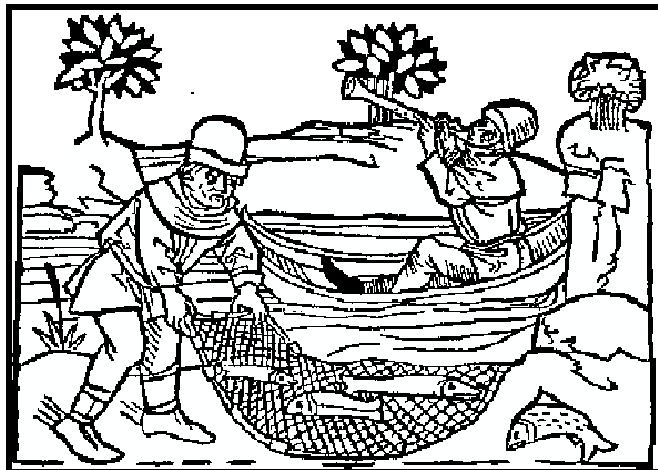
## Southron Gaard Baronial Singing Group

Do you like to sing? Do you have an interest in period music? If so, please join the new Southron Gaard singing group led by Lady Elen Benet to be held every Thursday in April from 7:30-8:30 pm. All levels of experience are welcome.

WHERE: 46 Diamond Avenue, Spreydon, in the shed around the back.

Directions from Barrington Street (the second Orbiter Stop on Barrington Street heading towards the hills): go forward to Coronation Street and turn left. Turn left at the next street which is Diamond Avenue. Diamond Avenue bends to the right, follow that around and its about the 4th house on the right. Go down the drive to the garage and around the house to the big brown shed on the right hand side of the property. Parking on the street only.

If you have any questions, or need more information, please contact Catalina at [arts@sg.sca.org.nz](mailto:arts@sg.sca.org.nz).



## Baronial Order of Precedence

The Baronial Order of Precedence is now online at the Southron Gaard website: [sg.sca.org.nz](http://sg.sca.org.nz)

Please have a look at it, not just to see where you are in the official hierarchy, but also to take note of any errors, of which should notify the Herald, Lord Peregrine Flamstead at: 03 348-3797 or [durandel@ihug.co.nz](mailto:durandel@ihug.co.nz).



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