

From the Tower



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Barony of Southron Gaard

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Chronic Ramblings

I must apologise for the delay in publishing this issue of FTT. Some technical issues caught me by surprise meaning I was unable to upload this issue before the start of business today.

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I would like to draw your attention to the recently updated SCA(NZ) Inc. website (www.sca.org.nz). Not only is there a brand new membership form for you to download, but it is now possible to renew your SCA(NZ) Inc. membership online. Another new development is that memberships can now be renewed for more than one year at a time, which is ideal if you have recently taken up office where a SCANZ membership is required. This development will certainly make it easier to ensure there is no

lapse in membership during a term in office.

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Canterbury Faire is a mere eight weekends away! This horrifying discovery was made by chance while justifying a seemingly early application for Annual Leave.

On this side of Christmas CF always seems so far away, but come New Year's Day it is scarily close. Now is the time to begin working out what needs repairing and replacing etc. Hopefully we will be able to take advantage of the sales and free time over the holiday period to get our kit ready early (and thus avoid the traditional late nights and stress of the week before).

Have a happy and safe Christmas.

en servicio

Isabel María del Aguila

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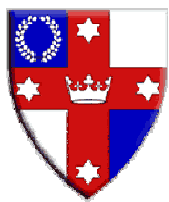
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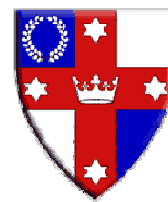
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Kingdom of Lochac



King & Queen:

Siridean & Siobhan

Prince & Princess:

Theuderic & Engelin

Please send award recommendations to royal@sca.org.au with a courtesy copy to bandb@sg.sca.org.nz
Additional information can be found on the Kingdom website: www.sca.org.au/Lochac



Their Excellencies Speak

The news of Heera Thorald's and Lord Bjorn's successful bid to host November Crown 2009 in Southron Gaard is very welcome indeed – all the more so given the additional hurdles which they had to overcome.

Once again, the talented and energetic populace of our three groups has a chance to show both itself and the rest of the Kingdom the heights of hospitality, organisation and spectacle that we can collectively achieve.

In spite of the significant workload imposed each year by Canterbury Faire, we are certain that the November Crown stewards and their team will be inundated with offers of help with everything ranging from

transport to decoration to building to meals to entertainment. And the result should be magnificent.

Apart from the opportunity to stage a wonderful event, two other benefits should be kept in mind. First, if you have an interest in armoured combat, and have ever wondered what it would be like to enter a Crown Tournament, wonder no more.

With May Crown in Darton and then November Crown here, there has never been a better time for a local combatant to consider entering Crown, let alone the welcome consequences of victory. We are certain that any successful entrant from the Crescent Isles would find a remarkable amount of support

to make their reign as easy and memorable as possible.

And for those with other aspirations, the Arts and Sciences competitions which accompany Crown events will be more accessible - simply bring your entries along, rather than shipping them or their images to some far-flung part of the Kingdom.

So for us all, opportunities and challenges abound in this welcome news. Aim high, and pace yourselves, and much good is certain to come of it!

Bartholomew & Katherine

Baron and Baroness Southron Gaard

Did You Know: The SCA in Canterbury currently has only 2 events calendared for 2009?

How about *YOU* stewarding an event? Successful past events include: Twelfth Night, Baronial Anniversary, Yule, Spring Tourney, Celtic Games, Beltaine, Christmas Revel and sundry other balls, feasts, collegiums, revels, car rallies and tournaments.

The options are limited only by your imagination!



CANTERBURY FAIRE SITE HERALDS

There will be a meeting at Canterbury Faire for all those interested in helping herald the event. Further details will be available at check in.



Seneschal's Comments

Greetings all,

After only a few years working and playing our wonderful game, one quickly builds up a bank of stories, tales of the wonderful and occasionally just plain weird things that happen at our events. Most of them unplanned - or at least not planned to yield quite the outcome that resulted - but more the result of what happens when you throw together a group of smart creative people, in a non-mundane context, and let them do what they enjoy doing. These stories give us the legends and lore of a local SCA group, character to our game, and become the oil in the gears of late night conversation around the tables at the Mangy Mongol. Most often, these are the result of quite spontaneous actions, when someone, off the cuff, does something special - the best

stories come from, cheesy as it sounds - random acts of chivalry.

Chivalry, of course, is about much more than just creating a good story. Its an inherent part of what we do, it lifts the game to a level where every so often you see a little piece of magic happen. If such a flight of fancy is a little much for you, it certainly brings one respect: respect for how you treat others, and respect for the game itself. People who respect you will help you up when you are down, will listen when you speak, and will offer expertise when you need it. If you enrich the game for others, they will return the favour gladly, and enrich yours. Respect breeds respect, and as a resource it cannot be underestimated.

And as to those stories that aren't quite so lofty in aim, even the strangest stories have an element of giving to them, as they entertain every listener who pauses to lend an ear to them. I'm not the best storyteller in this Barony, I'm sure, but if you ever find yourself actually bored at an event, feel free to come see yours truly, and I will happily regale you with such tales as the reason why the populace of the Barony of Starkhafn occasionally go "Bork!", and why the true name of the Dreaded Cute Fluffy Bunny of Tir Ysgithr should not be spoken in polite company. No kidding, there I was...

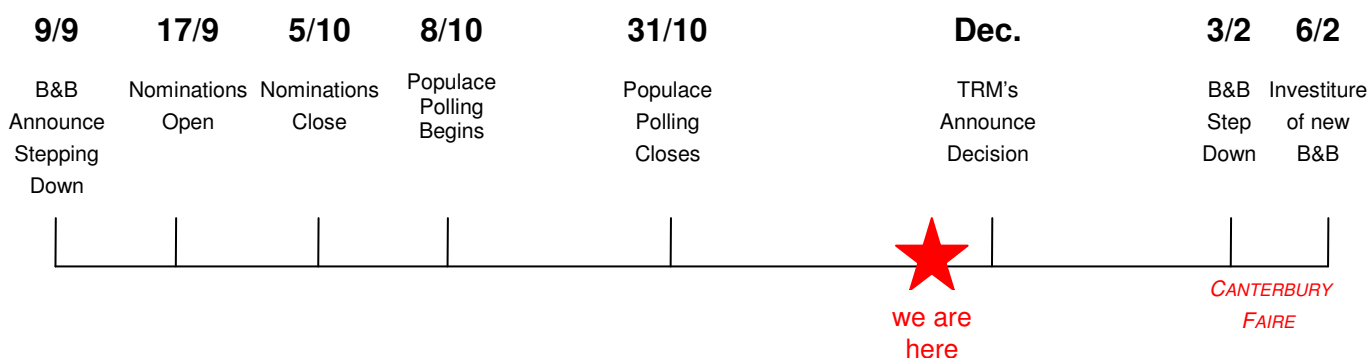
In Service,

Dauid de Cochrane

(seneschal)



Baronial Succession Timeline



St. Crispin's Event: the Picnic



These pictures of the picnic lunch on the Saturday of the St Crispin's event were kindly supplied by Lord Raife de Massard.

As you can see, the most excellent picnic was laid out on a number of low tables with crisp white tablecloths, around which the guests could lounge comfortably while they enjoyed the hearty fare.

Many thanks to those who worked so hard to deliver such a relaxed and sociable lunch.



Day of Tournies

Lord Emilio wishes it known that there has been a bit of a snag in the preparations for the long awaited *Day of Tournies*.

Please keep an eye on the SG Announce list for details, should the event go ahead.

Calling for Content:

Articles, pictures, photos, songs, recipes, dances, patterns, poems, opinions & documentation are all sought for publication in FTT

A newsletter is only as good as the content, so help make FTT the best group newsletter around. Contact the Chronicler for more information: chronicler@sg.sca.org.nz

Matters Martial:

Archery

When you think of the art of war in the medieval period, perhaps most often an image of armoured knights springs to mind, charging heroically into battle, mounted or afoot, in a stirring display of skill and courage. For large parts of the historical period of interest to us in the SCA, the heavy combatant does reign supreme on the battlefield – he is the armoured tank of his day, and few can stand before his concerted advance. However, the armoured knight is not the only denizen to be found on the war field, and in many pivotal battles in history it is the archers who had the decisive say in matters.

The height of archery in period was achieved by the English and Welsh archers of the 12th-15th centuries, as the longbow spread terror through France, particularly in the Hundred Years War, ca. 1350-1450. English generals had realised that archers, born of less noble stock and less heavily equipped than their armoured knights and men-at-arms, were easy to arm and move around. A rigorous system of training – every Englishman of age was induced to practice archery on a regular basis from a young age – ensured that a large pool of well-drilled and skilful marksmen was available to hand. The result was that the English longbowman became one of the most feared warriors in Europe: able to kill accurately at ranges of 200 yards plus, pulling bows with draw weights of 100 pounds or so, that could punch a bodkin-pointed arrow through armour even at that considerable range. Firing an average of 10 arrows per minute, it was little wonder that the charge of the French cavalry towards the English lines at Agincourt in 1415 turned into a rout – it was the medieval equivalent of charging a machine gun nest in World War I.

Thus, the medieval archer carries his own mystique: low-born, but determined in manner, his skill and strength honed by years of practice, and his bow and arrows of simple design, but tuned so well that he is capable of accurate and deadly force at a range unmatched by any other martial force in Europe.

What then, of archery in the SCA context? Those of us in the modern age who can reproduce such feats are few and far between. Our bows rarely go beyond 50 pounds draw strength, and we have an upper limit of 30 pounds for combat archery. One of the first things one quickly realises when picking up a bow and trying out this craft is that its nowhere near as easy as it looks. A surprising number of variables go into the simple act of drawing back the bowstring, steadying one's aim, and loosing an arrow shaft towards the intended target. As an example, even the simple act of cocking one's head slightly when sighting the target can drastically change the direction of the arrow once it is released. Good archers make it all look easy, but it takes much practice, careful fine-tuning of technique, equipment, and self-discipline, to achieve their level of perfection.

One of the big questions facing any archery beginner concerns equipment: what bow to buy, and what arrows will match it? A typical beginner will be able to draw 20 to 30 pounds comfortably, and it's a good idea to start with something that's a little easy to pull, so you can focus more on technique, rather than strength. A centre-cut recurve is fine for beginners – though purists who would prefer something more period can find longbows in that draw range. Be aware that a longbow can be somewhat more challenging to shoot, but in my humble opinion they're a lot of fun, and must say I personally prefer them. A Recurve will pack more punch than an equivalent weight longbow, as the recurve part of the bow keeps adding impetus to the arrow all the way to release, unlike a typical longbow. For those who might identify with the "Eastern school", there are Mongolian/Persian style recurve horsebows on the market. They don't come particularly cheap, but they're accurate, fun to shoot, and period. Horseback archery, anyone?

Matching arrow to your bow can be a tricky business. Generally, the lighter your bow, the lighter your arrows should be, though, particularly for longbows, there is also the issue of spine – how much your arrow shaft is able to flex – which affects how it moves on release past the body of your bow. Depending on your level of fussiness, in both accuracy and periodicity, arrow-making can be quite a science unto itself...

Of course, there is more to archery in the Society than just shooting at targets – we also have archers on our warfields. It's a good idea to gain some proficiency at target shooting first, before you tackle combat archery – you might not have much fun on the battlefield if you can't shoot straight. That said, archery on the combat field is a lot of fun. There are a lot more things to worry about, obviously – wearing armour changes your balance, and does serious things to your shooting technique. Combat arrows fly differently, and this time, your targets move, and want to kill you just as much as you want to kill them...

In short, archery is a martial skill that has just as many nuances and variations as any hand-to-hand combat art. It has the advantage that just about anyone can give it a go, and provided we all follow an easy set of rules, it's one of the safest martial arts around. I myself tend also towards the view that it is one art which is much more mind over matter – a thinking person's martial art, and for those who prefer their pursuits to be more cerebral, it provides outdoor recreation without losing that sense of intellectual development. See you on the range!

In Service,
Lord Dauid de Cochrane

November Crown Tourney

The goode people of Southron Gaard have the privilege of hosting the Kingdom of Lochac's November Crown Tournament.

To be held on the weekend of 13-15 November 2009,
at the Waipara Boys Brigade Camp (to the North of Christchurch)

More details will be announced as they come to hand

CROWN TOURNEY HELPERS:

Thorald Inn Suðreyski would like it offer the populace the opportunity to participate in the running of the spectacle that is Crown Tourney.

Volunteers are needed for the following positions:

- Food Steward (Excluding Feast)
- Day stewards Friday, Saturday, Sunday

As well as:

- Meal head cooks (lunches, repast, deputies to the Food Steward)
- Hall and site decoration
- Market coordinator
- Night Watchmen (3x, Deputies to Bjorn)
- Gate staff

Lord Thorald can be contacted at: nc@sg.sca.org.nz

Sententiologist For Hire

(and I swear this has nothing to do with L.Ron Hubbard or Tom Cruise)

TO THE ARMIGEROUS DENIZENS OF SOUTHRON GAARD AND BEYOND, GREETINGS!

In support of the Heraldic Symposium being stewarded by the worthy Katherine on 29 and 30 November, I would like to extend the offer of a personal Latin motto to those of you who desire an additional touch of dignity. Blazon forth the essence of your persona in a concise and elegant locution which has been most cunningly devised for you alone! *omnium artium domina eloquentia*

If you wish to avail yourself of this opportunity, it would be most helpful if you could answer the following questions:

- ♥ what is your persona's name?
- ♥ what is your persona's background? *(period, country of origin, social class, etc.)*
- ♥ are there any special symbols associated with your persona? *(including heraldic devices, real or mythological beasts, plant symbols, etc.)*
- ♥ does your persona possess some notable skill or interest? *(e.g. martial prowess, artistic flair, skill in embroidery, a talent for cooking, etc.)*
- ♥ what sorts of qualities would you most like to bring out in your persona? *(e.g. courage, beauty, wisdom, endurance, humility, purity, strength)*

I will draft some suggestions and work with you to find a motto you are truly happy with. In exchange for this service, I humbly ask that you barter some item or skill of your own of which the Canton of Castelburn may stand in need; imaginative offers are most welcome!

Please contact ignatius@dunedinblog.co.nz, or write to Ignatius at 13 Haig St, Mornington, Dunedin, or phone 03 453 1947.

Harmonia victrix,
Ignatius

CANTERBURY FAIRE ANNOUNCEMENT:

Meal Cooks Required

We are in need of a Thursday Dinner cook and a Saturday Dinner cook.

Even if you have not cooked at an event before, please consider giving it a go.
You will be provided with as much support as you want or need.

Contact Sibylla at cf@sg.sca.org.nz

Join us for Castelburn's annual Christmas event!

Black Swan Rebel

Saturday 6 December

12noon – 12midnight

Hooper's Inlet Hall

Papanui Inlet Rd, Otago Peninsula

Cost: \$20

featuring an archery tournament, Christmas games, live music, riotous dancing, a potluck feast, a mummers' play, and a **Scottish Novelty Item**.



The Three Wise Men will not be in attendance, and that's all the more reason for you to be there!

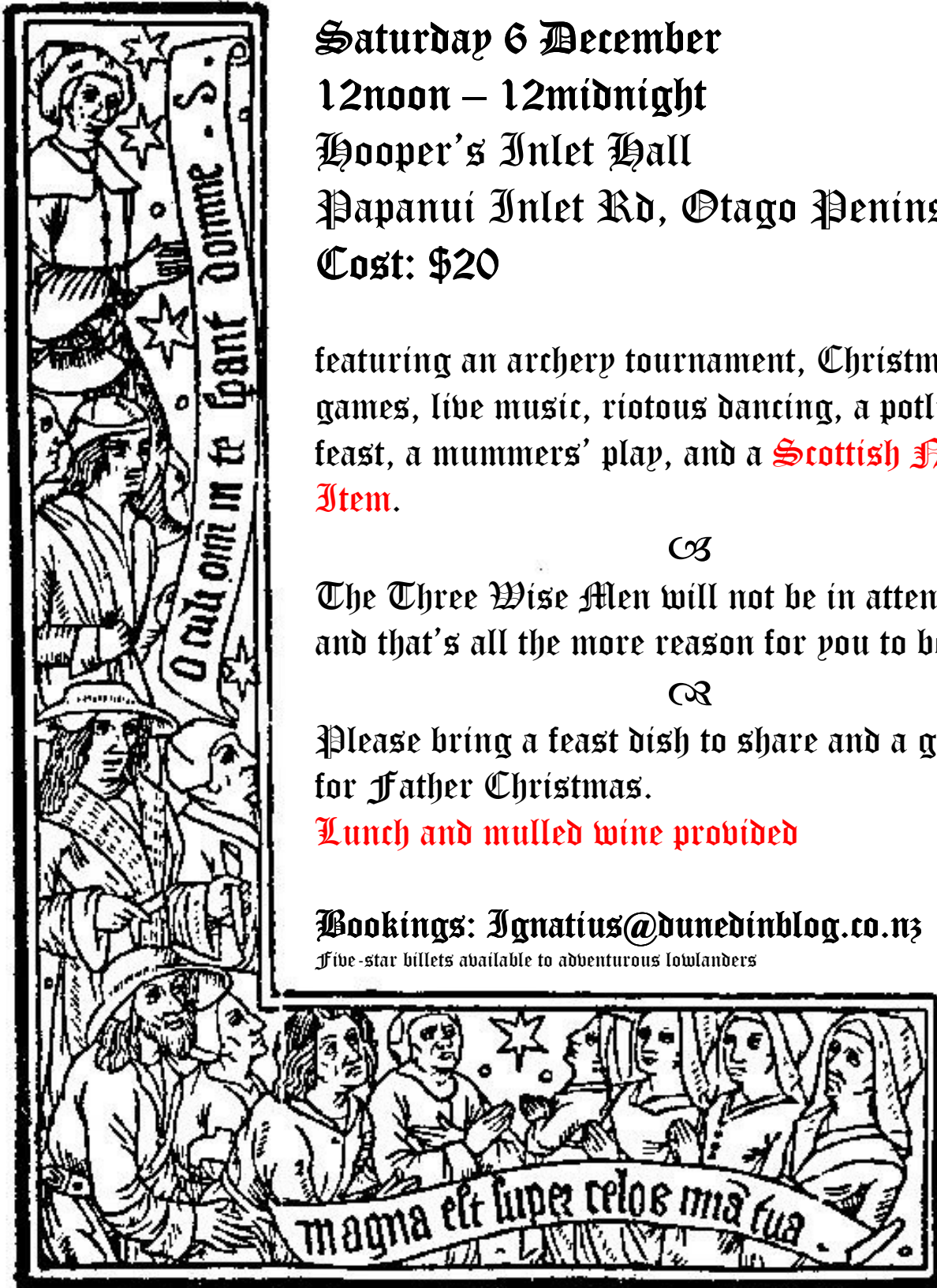


Please bring a feast dish to share and a gold coin for Father Christmas.

Lunch and mulled wine provided

Bookings: Ignatius@dunedinblog.co.nz

Five-star billets available to adventurous lowlanders



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Canterbury Faire

Sat 31 January
(site open from 4pm) -
Sun 8 February 2009

Waipara Riverside Park,
437 Darnley Road,
Amberley, New Zealand

For more information and to book online:
<http://sg.sca.org.nz/cf.htm>

The following are *provisional minutes* of the most recent council meeting. These minutes have not been accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Any corrections should be sent to the Baronial Seneschal.

Southron Gaard Council Meeting

Tuesday 11th November

PRESENT: Mathilda (Charlene), Katherine (Vicki), Bartholomew (Peter), Ginevra (Beth), Sybilla (Hera), Isabel Maria (Miriam), Clare (Marion), Christopher (Dorian), Vitale (Peter), Bjorn (Nigel), (Tracey), Melisande (Anne-Marie), Raife (Shaun), (Glenn)

LATE: Emilio (Ed)

APOLOGIES: Oswyn (Carl), Daid (David), Darius (Damon)

MEETING OPENED: 7.35pm

LAST MEETING'S MINUTES: Accepted with amendment re Tour d'Or Medals.

MATTERS ARISING: Tour d'Or Medals had not been ordered last month, but have now.

OFFICER REPORTS:

SENECHAL: Correspondence with: lots of people regarding St Crispin's event, several gentles regards matter of alcohol sales at events, TE Bartholomew and Katherine and Their Majesties re Baronial polling, Ignatius of Castleburn re upcoming changes of officers in the Highlands, Lord Raife and other re the Ellesmere A&P show demo, Lady Ginevra re bill payments, several officers re reporting matters. Other: facilitated a re-jig of stewarding arrangements for St Crispin's. Many, many thanks to all who chipped in to help at what turned out to be a really fun event, especially to Rohesia for her vision, and Raife for putting it into action. Ran Baronial polling to conclusion. Polling forms have been sent off to Their Majesties, we hope to have a response soon. Still to do: update registration on Baronial Trailer! **ACTION:** Seneschal to register trailer pre Nov 20th.

CHATELAINE: Taddea suggested contacting a magazine called Heritage Matters re doing an article on CF. Unfortunately, after contacting them, they advised they only deal with NZ heritage and cover the NZ colonial era (1840's) onwards. Newcomers – Annemeike and her two teenage boys have visited some of the fighter/archery & rapier practices over recent weeks. Clothed them for St Crispin's (hire garb). They really enjoyed the event, are intending to book for CF.

Central Library Display is up and running this week (will extend out if next booking for space doesn't confirm). Grateful thanks to Eleanor for assisting with the set up last Sunday and to those who have loaned items. Had one request for CF Hire Garb. At Ellesmere A&P Show.

REEVE: Current Balances:
Clearing account: 6,466.71
FTT: 44.25
Holding Account: 5,288.46

Appointed Alastair as new Reeve for Castleburn

HERALD: Heralded Court at the St Crispin's day event, Southron Gaard. Have corresponded with the new Crux Australis, event stewards, and attending volunteers over heralding duties at CF. Corresponded with potential candidates for replacement Tour d'Or Herald. Printed out forms for a discussion at FP with another gentleman wishing to acquire arms. Here endeth the report

MARSHAL: Practices happened. Have now moved to Riccarton Bush, unsure of success of move as have been out of the country for the last 2 weekends. any feedback from those that have attended? Still stepping down at CF.

LISTS: Lists has nothing to report.

CAPTAIN OF ARCHERS: My apologies for not being able to attend, but here goes. All IKAC scores sent to the keeper of the IKAC, several newcomers to practice on a regular basis, no injuries except targets. Regularly getting 4-6 archers to the line each week. All in all, things are going well.

CAPTAIN OF RAPIER: Practices are continuing, many supplementary authorisations issued. No injuries

A&S: Submitted quarterly report. Stuff night theme: Intro to Marshalling.

CHRONICLER: FTT uploaded to Baronial Webpage 1/11/2008 and email notification sent to SG, Castleburn and St Kessog e-lists as well as Kingdom Chronicler on 3/11/2008. Attended St Crispin's. Correspondence with people regarding columns, articles

and advertisements for publication etc. Submitted quarterly report. Deadlines: Dec. issue is 4pm, 21/11/2008, Jan. issue is 4pm, 19/11/2008. Webwright is no longer deputised to this position.

WEBWRIGHT: No report.

CONSTABLE: Attended St Crispin's event and ran the gate. Also collected, itemised and organised return of lost property from this event.

QUARTERMASTER: Stewarded St Crispin's 2 day event. Tons of work done with Taddea, Antonia, Sophie and Belle. Transported loads of quartermaster supplies, Baronial Trailer, kitchen sinks etc. Attended Ellesmere A&P Show and set up. Transported Baronial Trailer and borrowed lots of things for display (thanks to Lord Oswyn). Have located and nabbed materials required for Children's Fort for CF. Have located materials for extra adults' fort walls. Will request assistance to complete over summer holidays

B&B: Attended Ellesmere A&P show demo, St Crispins, singing. Correspondence with: Kingdom Seneschal, Their Majesties and bid Stewards re Nov Crown Bid; Their Majesties re Baronial Succession; Raife re CF site storage; Castleburn folk re Shire vs. Canton considerations; Emilio re Day of Tournays timing; Their Majesties re names for Australia and New Zealand. Their Majesties have formally advised that They are henceforth using 'the Continent' to refer to Australia (incl. Ynys Fawr), and 'the Crescent Isles' to refer to New Zealand, and They will be recommending this approach to Their Heirs. In keeping with an agreement between the Landed Baronages earlier this year, the Baronages will be following Their Majesties' lead and encouraging their populace to follow suit

EVENT REPORTS/UPDATES:

DAY OF TOURNIES: (Nov, now Dec 08?) City Council uncommunicative – at this stage it seems as though Sunday the 14th should be ok. When we have confirmed the venue, announcements will be made.

ST CRISPINS EQUESTRIAN EVENT: (Oct 08)
No report as yet. **ACTION:** Raife to report.

ELLESMERE A&P SHOW DEMO: (Oct 08) Show went well. People got beaten up by kids. Commentary on fighting would have been good. Discussion was had as to the value of repeating the exercise next year, and it was decided in favour, though musters are more beneficial for increasing our numbers.

HERALDIC SYMPOSIUM: (Nov 08) Currently have 20 official bookings, and will be looking to encourage more. Formal booking is not required, so I

expect that there will certainly be more people on the day turning up. All in hand.

NOVEMBER WAR PRACTICE: (Kotek) No report.

CANTERBURY FAIRE: (Jan – Feb 09) Duncan was volunteered to be in charge of Marquee Erection. If more than 200 people come (As is looking probable) we may have financial difficulties. It would be nice if people could read (Main issues: Porridge, Saturday and Sunday)

GENERAL BUSINESS:

CASTELBURN REPORT: This month we held a regular meeting on 3 October attended by Lord Emilio di Battista who stayed on the give a much appreciated rapier workshop the following day. We held a very positive Anniversary Meeting on 17th October and discussed our ideas for the year ahead. There will be some shifts in the Castleburn Council before the end of the year, and I hope to be able to give you a final list of officers in my next report. We also joined in a picnic in a local park to commemorate the dissolution of the Templar order (pun intended) and held rapier and dance practices as normal. Aelred and I also played for an ecumenical community celebrating its 50th anniversary on St Martin's Island, off Portobello in Otago Harbour – the weather was atrocious and thus very atmospheric indeed.... Until next month, Harmonia Victrix!

SG ORDER CONFLICTS: (Bartholomew) As Discussed last meeting this has now been APPROVED

TOUR D'OR MEDALLIONS: Ordered now despite hiccups.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ROYAL HEIRS, we have them.

NOVEMBER CROWN may be approved – we'll know in a week or so.

MEMBERSHIPS are now cheaper! Yay!

FIRE BLANKETS – 1.8m x 1.2m are \$37 including GST. **MOTION:** We buy 2 of the above. APPROVED

CURRENCY: Bjorn was considering making currency, discussion ranged over legal ramifications, trading/collection issues and the chances of use as a souvenir or currency.

EXTRA CF TENTS from Ross?? We currently have more need than tents, ideas were discussed on how to obtain more

MEETING CLOSED: 8.36 PM

December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Mini Ball Rapier Practice	3 Fighter's Practice	4 Carousing Night	5	6
7 Fighters' Practice Rapier Practice Archery Practice	8	9 Council Meeting Dance Practice Rapier Practice	10 Fighter's Practice	11 Southern Swans Practice	12	13
14 Fighters' Practice Rapier Practice Archery Practice	15	16 Stuff Night Dance Practice Rapier Practice	17 Fighter's Practice	18 Southern Swans Practice	19 FTT submission deadline	20
21 Fighters' Practice Rapier Practice Archery Practice	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Jan 1	Jan 2	Jan 3

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Southron Gaard Regnum

(Being a list of the current Baronial Officers and their official email addresses)

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January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Fighters' Practice Rapier Practice Archery Practice	5	6 Mini Ball Rapier Practice	7 Fighter's Practice	8 Southern Swans Practice	9	10  12 th NIGHT Coronation (Ynys Fawr)
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25 Fighters' Practice Rapier Practice Archery Practice	26	27 Seamsters Dance Practice Rapier Practice	28 Fighter's Practice	29 Southern Swans Practice	30	31  CANTERBURY FAIRE (set up day)

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MARTIAL PRACTICES

Fighters' Practice — Sundays from 10am under the oaks at Riccarton Bush. (Unofficial)

Fighters' Practice — Wednesdays from 6pm off Jasmine Place. (Unofficial)

Rapier Practice — Sundays from noon behind the library in Barrington Park, or nearby (Unofficial)

Rapier Practice — Tuesdays from 7:30pm. Methodist Hall, corner Clarence and Nelson Streets. Gold coin 1st & 4th tues.

Archery — on fine Sundays from 1pm at Kirkwood Intermediate School (use Kirkwood Avenue entrance). Email: archers@sg.sca.org.nz

ARTS GATHERINGS

Stuff Night — from 7:30pm on the third Tuesday of the month. Methodist Hall, corner Clarence and Nelson streets. Topics or projects to be announced on SG list.

Dance — from 8:15pm every Tuesday. Methodist Hall, corner Clarence and Nelson streets.

Seamsters Guild — from 7:30pm on fourth Tuesday of the month. Location to be advised on SG list each month.

Southern Swans — Singing Practice — from 7:30 every Thursday. Location to be advised on SG list each week. Email: singing@sg.sca.org.nz

Music Group — re-starting, 7:00, first Wednesday of the month. Venue to be advised.

Mini-Ball — from 7:30, first Tuesday of the month. (Garb optional, bring potluck nibbles and a gold coin)

Carousing Night — from 7:30pm on first Thursday of the month. Location to be advised on SG list each month

ORGANISATIONAL MEETINGS

Council Meeting — from 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Methodist Hall, corner Clarence and Nelson streets.

All welcome.

Coming Events

Near & Far



Twelfth Night

Barony of Ynys Fawr
9-11 January 2009

Join the people of Ynys Fawr for as they farewell TRMs, and then for the joyous coronation of Their Heirs.

Keep an eye on:
www.sca.org.au



May Crown

Shire of Darton,
1-3 May 2009

To be held at the Brookfields Outdoor Education Center in Wainuiomata

View the Darton website for more: www.darton.sca.org

Rowany Festival

Barony of Rowany,
9-14 April 2008

Experience the Southern Hemisphere's largest SCA camping event.

Check the webpage for details as they become available:
www.sca.org.au/rowany

St Catherine's Faire

Barony of Ildhafn,
5-7 December 2008

"The event will encompass all the finer attributes of the 16th century: War, intrigue, dance, gluttony, debauchery.... We mean, *ahem*, a fine array of western combative forms, learning in the various arts and sciences, chivalry, courtesies, dancing, feasting, and much general merriment, appropriate for both young and old alike."

More information available at
<http://ildhafn.sca.org/stcaths08.htm>



Mid-Winter Coronation

Barony of Stormhold,
4-5 June 2009

Held in the beautiful Abbotsford Convent, Coronation will take place during the day and will be followed by a late afternoon feast and ball in the evening.

A tournament will be held at a nearby park on Sunday, while the Baronial Changeover will occur on the Friday evening.

www.sca.org.au

SCA Groups in NZ

(see websites for more details)

OTAGO

College of St Kessog
<http://kessog.sca.org.nz>

Saturday: Arts & Sciences
Archery Practice
Boffer Practice

Canton of Castelburn
<http://castelburn.sca.org.nz>

Sunday: Sewing
Friday: Arts & Sciences

WELLINGTON

Shire of Darton
<http://darton.sca.org.nz>

Sunday: Fight Practice
Wednesday: Arts & Sciences

College of St Aemigdius
<http://aemigdius.sca.org.nz>

Monday: Arts & Sciences
Thursday: Fighters' Practice

AUCKLAND

Barony of Ildhafn
<http://ildhafn.sca.org.nz>

Sunday: Fight Practice
Fencing
Monday: Arts & Sciences
Wednesday: Fencing Theory
Thursday: Dancing
Saturday: Archery Practice

College of St Dionysius
<http://stdionysius.sca.org.nz>

Sunday: Herbs & Sewing
Wednesday: Weekly Meeting

HAMILTON

Canton of Cluain
<http://cluain.sca.org.nz>

Thursday: Fight Practice

Officer Vacancies

Baronial CHIRURGEON

Applications for the position of Baronial Chirurgeon are open.

The Chirurgeon is a first-aid volunteer for the Barony.

If you are interested in taking this role please view the Kingdom Chirurgeon webpage: <http://www.sca.org.au/chirurgeon/>

A job description for the office is available on the Southron Gaard website: <http://sg.sca.org.nz/regnum.htm>

In order to be accepted as an Apprentice Chirurgeon, a candidate must apply to the Kingdom Chirurgeon in writing.

The application must include:

- a statement of desire from the candidate to become an Apprentice Chirurgeon;
- proof of current first-aid certification or acceptable equivalent;
- proof of CPR certification;
- proof of age of majority;
- the candidate's SCA name, legal name, address, and telephone number; and
- proof of membership in the SCA.

Email your application to:
chirurgeon@sca.org.au

with copies to:
seneschal@sg.sca.org.nz
and
bandb@sg.sca.org.nz

Baronial MARSHAL

It was the best of times; it was the best of times...

Well time is drawing to a close, my term as Southron Gaard baronial marshal will be up this coming Canterbury Faire.

If you would like to give back to the local fighting community you should give serious consideration to taking up the job.

The role of the job is to have overall responsibility for Heavy combat within the barony. This involves sending off (short) quarterly reports to the Earl-Marshal and making sure that there are marshals assigned to look after wars/tournaments etc.

It's reasonably low stress and you get a nice red sash and a baton with a castle on top.

You do need to be a warranted marshal in order to take up the office. (If you are keen but not a marshal, it is easy to start on the process of becoming one and could look at applying the next time the office is up)

If you are interested or would like to find out more, please send a note to marshal@sg.sca.org.nz and to BandB@sg.sca.org.nz.

Applications should be received by the 5th December.

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Baronial HERALD

Applications for the position of Baronial Herald are still open.

The Tour d'Or Herald is the voice of the Baron and Baroness of Southron Gaard, and thus responsible for co-ordinating and heralding Baronial Courts. The baronial herald is also responsible for co-ordinating heraldic submissions for both names and devices.

Full training will be given with a change-over date of the opening court of Canterbury Faire.

Anyone interested in the position should write a brief application, including their full contact details and experience relevant to the position.

Email your application to:
herald@sca.org.au

with copies to:
herald@sg.sca.org.nz
seneschal@sg.sca.org.nz
bandb@sg.sca.org.nz

Applications should be received by 14 December 2008

**Canterbury
Faire is only
TWO
months away**

**What do you need to
get done between now
and then?**





Society for Creative Anachronism (New Zealand) Inc. Membership application

If you prefer, you can use the online membership form linked from <http://sca.org.nz/membership.php>

☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal ☐ Replacement card ☐ Change of information

Please print clearly.

All information must be legible and filled out correctly for your membership to be processed. Please fill out one form per person.

Today's Date: _____ Membership number: _____

First Name: _____ Family Name: _____

Postal Address: _____ Suburb: _____

City: _____ Post code: _____ Occupation*: _____

* We are required to collect and keep your occupation on file by the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

Telephone number (Home): _____ (Mobile): _____

Email: _____ Tick if under 18: ☐

Tick if you prefer to receive all future communications from us via post rather than via email: ☐

Society Name (if any): _____

Group name (closest geographical Barony, Shire, etc.): _____

Membership type and duration:

1 year

3 years

Membership + *e-Pegasus* (PDF)**

☐ \$15

☐ \$30

Membership + posted print *Pegasus*

☐ \$40

☐ \$105

Replacement for lost card

☐ \$5

** To receive *e-Pegasus*, you must provide a valid email address. You will be emailed directions to access your electronic subscription.

Payment Method:

☐ Cheque Enclosed

☐ Internet Banking

I declare that the information given is true and correct:

Signed (please use legal name): _____

Payment information:

- Please do not post cash. Sorry, we are unable to accept credit card payments.
- Paying by cheque: make cheques payable to Society for Creative Anachronism (NZ) Inc.
- Paying by Internet Banking: make the payment to SCA (NZ) Inc, account number 06-0582-0264080-00. Place your surname in the reference field, then print out and attach the receipt page to this form once your payment has gone through. Failure to attach proof of payment can delay your membership being processed by as much as a month – so please don't forget!

If you have queries about this form or your membership, please feel free to contact the Registrar, Melissa Muckart, at registrar@sca.org.nz. For urgent matters, phone the Registrar at (04) 976-6214 between the hours of 9am-9pm.

Information you provide on this form will be kept on file by the SCA (NZ) Registry according to the Privacy Act 1993, and may be shared with Kingdom Officers and affiliated SCA corporations as needed. If you believe we hold incorrect information, contact the Registrar directly for a copy of your details. Use this form to update your information by ticking the box labelled 'Change of information'.

Subscriptions other than to *Pegasus*, the Lochac Kingdom newsletter, are NOT available through SCA (NZ). Contact the US registry directly to subscribe to *Compleat Anachronist*, *Tournaments Illuminated* or other Kingdom newsletters.

Send this form with payment to:

SCANZ Registrar, MB Muckart, 56 Beazley Avenue, Paparangi, Wellington, 6037