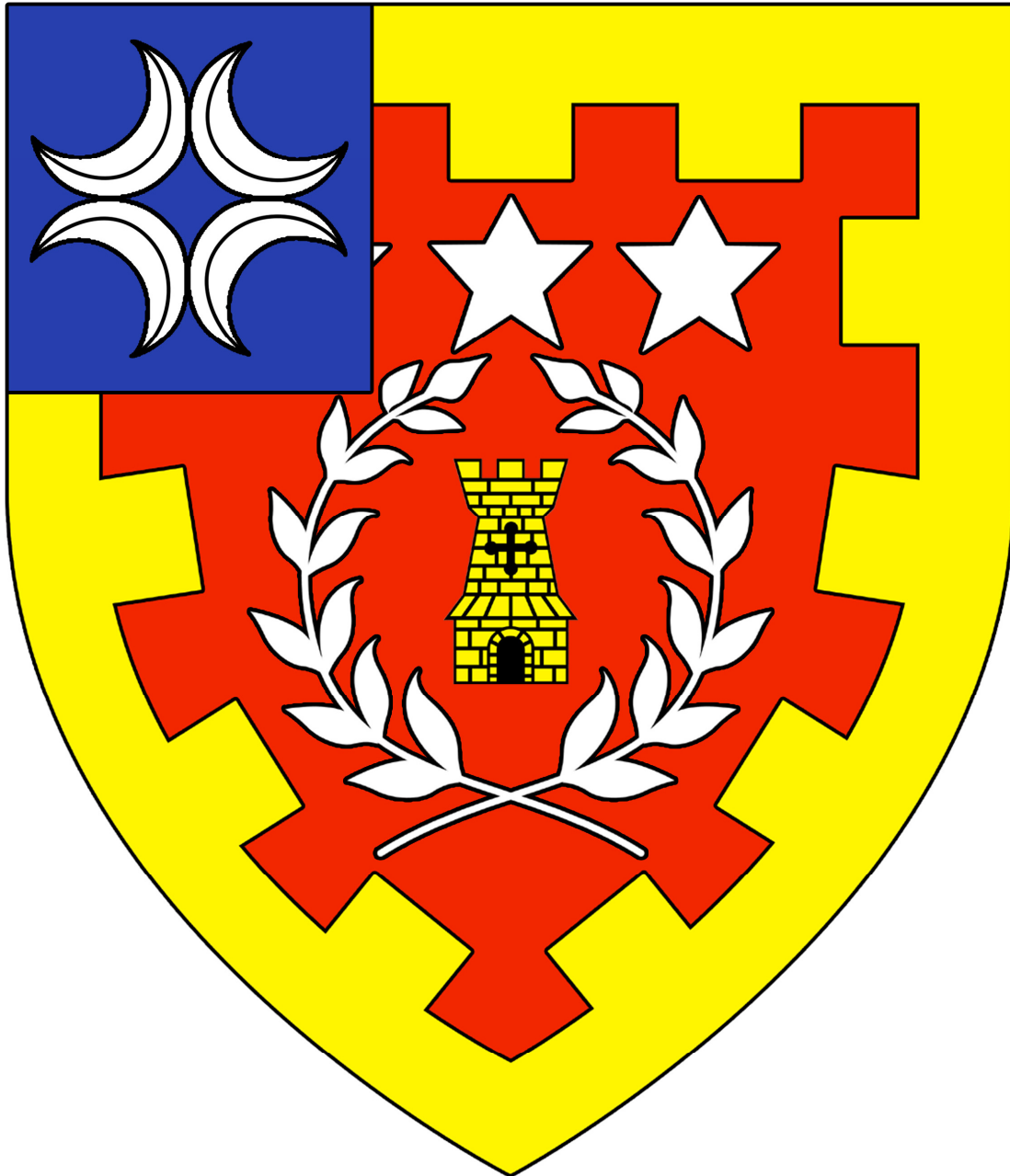


From the Tower



Barony of Southron Gaard

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Chronicler's Corner

As the person responsible for putting together this month's issue of *From the Tower*, I would like to take a moment to welcome you to this edition, and to introduce myself.

Within the society I am known as Isabel Maria del Aguila, a Spanish lady of good family who is residing in England during the reign of Elizabeth. While many things interest me, I am most fascinated by the common language of fashion. As a result, I can frequently be seen at events wearing rather extravagant gowns in the Spanish style.

However, despite the tempting lure of English fashions, I have offered to take some time out from expanding my wardrobe to hold the office of Chronicler for the Barony, and get this issue of *FTT* published in the mean time.

If I have inadvertently missed out some vital information or used the old start times for your practices etc, please let me know. I can only update the information

in *FTT* if you tell me what is incorrect.

Similarly, if you have any ideas regarding what you would like to see in *FTT*, please let me know.

In this issue, Lord Kotek has been kind enough to give us one of his recipes from the delightful repast served at the December Hafla event.

Also included are a number of articles devoted to Canterbury Faire, which is looming ever closer. Hopefully the articles, covering pre-fight checks, the etiquette of camping and general health and safety, will serve to remind old hands and inspire newer campers with their preparations in the last few weeks before the event comes together.

I hope you enjoy this bumper Canterbury Faire issue of *From the Tower*.

Yours in Service

Isabel Maria del Aguila

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Their Excellencies Speak

As your Baron and Baroness, we are conscious that many people look to us for ideas, advice and leadership, and we do our best to answer those calls as much as our time and talents permit.

But be aware that there are many other people with such skills within our Barony, most obviously our Officers who help to ensure the day-to-day operations involving a diverse group of people spread over a large area. We need -- and very much appreciate -- those who

give of their time and energy to help make life easier for us all.

There will always be a need for people who can manage our finances, assist with communication, welcome newcomers and (rarely, we hope!) take care of any injuries.

It is sound policy for the people filling these roles to change regularly and, of course, sometimes those holding such offices find they need to step back. So we ask that, should you see a call for a replacement for an

Officer position, consider stepping up to the mark.

We have attempted to ensure that the necessary support and resources are in place to make those important roles less taxing. If you have any ideas or suggestions as to further improvements, please bring them to Council or talk with the Seneschal or ourselves. And please remember -- you all have skills and capabilities you can offer.

Announcements from the Seneschal

Chronicler notice (pending kingdom approval)

Let it be known that Lady Isabel Maria del Aguila is now the Chronicler for the Barony of Southron Gaard.

She can be contacted at: chronicler@sg.sca.org.nz.

Constable notice (pending kingdom approval)

Let it be known that Lord Bjorn Svartsson is now the Constable for the Barony of Southron Gaard.

He can be contacted at: constable@sg.sca.org.nz.



Seneschal's Comments

Canterbury Faire is almost upon us, and as always, this year's faire seems to be larger than any other we have had in the past. A wide variety of people are attending Canterbury Faire, from SCA groups spread across New Zealand, to SCA visitors from Australia, Europe and America. We are now also getting large numbers of people from non-SCA medieval groups attending the event, all drawn to the common idea of recreating the medieval life.

There is a strong culture in the SCA of treating everyone courteously and with respect. But as the hosts of Canterbury

Faire, there is an extra onus on us to really be courteous and treat everyone with respect, regardless of what group, or what type of group, they come from. For some people, this will be their first SCA event. Their impressions and opinions of not only Canterbury Faire, but also the SCA as a whole, will be based on how we treat them. They will be returning to their home groups as ambassadors for Canterbury Faire and Southron Gaard, and so we owe it to ourselves for them to enjoy the event.

With so many newcomers and so many visitors from far off lands, it can be hard to

determine who is an SCA newcomer and should be offered a helping hand with respect to SCA culture and tradition, and who is an SCA veteran from a far off group.

Lastly, my term of office for seneschal will soon be coming to an end and I am planning on stepping down at Canterbury Faire. Taking on an officer position is a great way to return something to the SCA and get involved in the running and administration of the group. If you are interested in the Seneschal position, or would at least like to find out more about it, please speak to myself, or the Baron and Baroness.



CANTERBURY FAIRE NOTICES

Event bookings can still be made from the Southron Gaard website
<http://sg.sca.org.nz/cf.htm>

The feast is **SOLD OUT**
The tents are **SOLD OUT**



CANTERBURY FAIRE HERALDS

There will be a meeting on the Friday of Canterbury Faire for all those interested in helping herald the event.

Further details available at check in.



From the Knight Marshal

Getting ready for Fighting at Canterbury Faire

The final rush is on, but it couldn't hurt for the heavy fighters to give some thought to their fighting kit before Canterbury Faire.

The most important things to safeguard are probably the items that can't be fixed easily if they break on site.

Welded bars

All the welds on bar-grill and basket-hilts should be checked for cracks. Any found should be re-welded before February.

Articulations

Make sure that all of your articulations bend smoothly without leaving any gaps, especially when kneeling down. Any defects should be fixed now, rather than half-heartedly with duct tape halfway through the fighting.

Leather Straps

It is also a good idea to check all of your leather straps. Although it may possible to replace these at the event, it will probably be tricky to do so, and much easier at your leisure, at home. The leather tends to get weak around the holes that you usually tighten the armour to.

Shield edging

The wire binding the edging to your shield tends to work-harden then break under repeated impacts. A checking-marshal should be able to run their bare hands completely around the edge of your shield. If you have more than one or two repairs, it may be time to rewire the entire edge.

Swords

Swords regularly wear out. Although you don't want to leave things too late. There is something to be said for making up a new sword just before the event. A new piece of rattan will hit crisply and it can help your opponents to differentiate between being hit and jostling and bumping in the shield wall on the war field.

Supplies

That said there will likely be repairs and fixes needed during the event, so the following would be handy to have in your armour bag.

- Rolls of Duct tape and Strapping tape. Contrasting tape.
- A few spare pieces of closed cell foam.
- Shoe laces (these fix all sorts of things)
- Pre-cut leather straps. You should cut these to width, but not to length until you know what you are repairing. Also a few larger pieces for unexpected uses.
- Rivets - Solid, bifurcated and 2-part. Also washers to go with the rivets. Solid rivets should be pre-cut to the lengths they are likely to be needed for repair.
- Small hammer and some piece of metal to use as a small anvil.
- Pliers - something you can use to wrestle out old half broken rivets.
- Box cutter or any other means of cutting leather.
- Hole punch.
- Contact adhesive.

It may be possible to borrow any of the above on-site, but it is always easier if you have the stuff yourself and don't need to run around looking for it 5 minutes before the start of the tourney.

I hope this is of some help in getting ready for Canterbury Faire and I look forward to seeing you on the field.

Vitale

Health & Safety Advice for Campers

Canterbury Faire, and a whole week of SCAdian camping, is nearly upon us. Preparations are well underway, which makes this the perfect time to re-visit some basic health and safety advice. While on site, the Event Steward, Constable and Chirurgeon are the authorities for issues of health and safety, so follow their instructions while at the event. Otherwise, there are a number of simple considerations that can make your event far more comfortable, such as the following:

Fire

Canterbury Faire is held a site with a permanent ban on open flames. Consequently all open fires are forbidden unless you have specific permission from the site owners (and you have any necessary permits from the Hurunui District Council). This means no cooking over an open fire, and also means that tiki torches and naked candles etc may not be used.

Fire Season: RESTRICTED

(as of 20/12/07, www.nrfa.org.nz)

Gas and liquid fuelled bbqs are permitted (if you need cooking facilities). Candles fully enclosed in candle lanterns may be used for lighting. If using candle lanterns, remember to keep them well away from anything flammable and always ensure they are on a flat, sturdy, heat resistant surface.

Each encampment must have fire fighting equipment. Buckets of water or sand or fire extinguishers are all acceptable.

White Tags on Ropes

White (or light coloured) tags are traditionally required on all guy ropes. These can be specially made flags or strips of white sheets tied around the rope.

The purpose of the tags is to highlight the position of ropes in

the dark to prevent people tripping over and injuring themselves.

Alcohol

This site is usually alcohol free but a special allowance has been made for the SCA for the duration of Canterbury Faire. Consequently the site is considered “discreetly damp” meaning that all alcohol must be consumed in moderation and should be decanted from obvious vessels into period style bottles or cups (as one would expect at an SCA event anyway.)

Hydration

Keep hydrated. This means drinking plenty of water, particularly if participating in physical activity.

Heat exhaustion and its big brother heat stroke are no fun to have (or to nurse) and they don't just happen at Pennsic or Estrella. Be kind to yourself and your friends; drink plenty of fluids. (Alcohol, caffeinated beverages and fizzy drinks don't count.)

Eat Well

Eat three meals a day and remember there are food groups other than protein and salt. There is a food plan at Canterbury Faire and at least one excellent food merchant. Or you can organise your own.

Should you need some direction, there are plenty of websites on the topic of camping food (including some on camping without chilly bins).

Store your food hygienically and securely. Replenish your slicker pads frequently so that your chiller doesn't get warm. (Defrosted pads can be re-frozen in the freezer up in the main hall.)

Don't be afraid to discard something if it looks a bit dodgy or has been left out for a bit long.

Hygiene

Those basic rules you learned at kindergarten are still best practice.

Always wash your hands before touching food and after going to the loo. Wash with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds.

Always clean your feast gear after eating. A quick swish with cold, greasy water isn't cleaning, instead use hot water and detergent before letting your dishes air dry.

Similarly, always dispose of your rubbish properly and securely. There are possums, feral cats and the largest hedgehogs known to man living onsite that would love to get into your food scraps.

Sunburn

Sunburn can be a real nuisance, especially when people are not used to being outside for days at a time. Fortunately it is easily

prevented through using sunscreen and wearing hats, veils and partlets etc.

If you see someone turning red, do let them know.

Dress Well

While looking good is often a consideration it is more important to dress to suit the weather. Canterbury Faire can be hot, cold, wet, windy or dry, or any combination thereof, at any point during any given day. The best way to stay comfortable is to wear layers of natural fibres (i.e. wool, linen, silk and cotton) that you can discard or put on as necessary.

Changing into dry clothes can help you warm up (as will wearing a hat or thick socks). Loose garments of linen are generally cooler than fitted clothes of man made fibres.

Medicine and Health Conditions

You are, of course, responsible for your own health at all times so bring sufficient medication for the event – including any that you don't usually need. Being away from home and exposed to the elements as well as strange food can cause unforeseen problems.

Inform the Steward if you have any health issues when you book.

This includes food allergies (especially if you are attending the feast or using the food plan). There is even a special section for just that in the online booking form that will ensure the information gets where it needs to go.

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Camping in the SCA has the potential to be an awful lot of fun or just plain awful. However, keeping these simple matters of health and safety in mind can help ensure you enjoy your time camping in the Current Middle Ages.



Twelfth Night Tourney

**Come and join the Barony as we celebrate
Twelfth Night**

**Bring a picnic and enjoy the spectacle of
armoured combat**

Sunday January 6th, 2008
during the weekly Fighters' Practice
(10am at the corner of Stanmore Road and London Street)

Listen to the email lists or contact Lord Angus de Sommerville for more details

Dinner, Dance and Drums

the December Hafla



Dancers perform to live drumming

Graced by Their Excellencies and a Middle Eastern Dance expert, the Hafla provided a tantalising taste of the Middle East.

It was fantastic to see such an effort put into setting the scene. The artful draping of fabric (was that silk?) across the ceiling combined with the low tables and copious quantities of rugs set the atmosphere for the evening.

The repast was delicious and touched on a number of traditional Near and Middle Eastern foods. A favourite was the honey baked stuffed dates (see recipe) and the surprise of the evening was the “hummus”, which turned out to be a piquant mustard sauce (sinab).



Vitale & Tycho play backgammon



Folk dance by Kashmir

Professional Middle Eastern dancer, Kashmir, performed two distinct styles of Egyptian Folk dance. The first of her dances was a traditional cane dance (raqs al-assaya) from Sa’iid, while the latter was a Ghawazee number, in which Kashmir accompanied herself with finger cymbals.

The evening also provided an opportunity for the drummers in the Barony to dust off their doumbeks (and finger cymbals) to fill the hall with exotic rhythms; something that was certainly appreciated by the dancers on site.

Their Excellencies held a Quarter Court (in which the German, Danish and Spanish Ambassadors expressed their displeasure at being snubbed for the Ambassadors Ball (*see page 9*)) and a performance by the Southern Swans rounded out the evening’s organised entertainments.



Martuccio released from Court

MENU

First Course

*Mutton Stew
Rice
Flatbread with Labneh
Herb Salad
Nougat
Olives*

Second Course

*Andalusian Meatballs with
Sinab
Maqluba al Tirrikh
Stuffed Eggs
Pickles
Roasted Vegetables*

Supper

*Honey Baked Dates
Sliced Fruit*

RECIPE

Honey Baked Dates

Take pitted dates and stuff with a whole almond. Soak for several hours in water flavoured with honey and rosewater (to taste). Remove and roast lightly for half an hour.

CANTERBURY FAIRE LIGHTING TIP

If you do not wish to risk candles in your tent, and are bored with mundane options like torches, how about trying solar lamps or battery operated candles?

Convincing yellow toned, flickering, solar-recharging lanterns can be found at Bunnings for around \$30, while battery operated Christmas candles can be picked up for as little as \$2 at any number of inexpensive import stores.

Being an epistle from the Ambassadors of Spain, Germany and Denmark

We, the Ambassadors of the aforesaid nations, have been given mortal insult by not being invited to the Ambassadors' Ball of the previous month, and failure of Your Excellencies and your Steward at the aforesaid event to acknowledge the dignity of our countries.

On which account we do jointly offer violence, pillage and disorder under the head of war to your Barony, and a rendering to your populace of these sublime truths: that any gesture or offer to England is automatically an offer to Spain, it being the matrimonial property of His Most Catholic Majesty Philip II: that any Frenchman worth his salt or life is a Norman, and therefore most likely a Dane, and therefore France is Danish, and England too, ruled as it is by the Normans: so it matters not that whether the King of England rules France, or the King of France England, for they are all Denmark: and that Danes are Germans who can't hack life in the fast lane.

However, it being close to Christmas when good will is due to all men and beasts, we are willing to reduce the time and severity of the hostilities and its effects upon your people, lands and treasure by instead making war only upon the architect of the Ball, Emilio de Batista. We do hereby command him to the field for a contest of sword on cannon, sword against petard, or sword on trebuchet, or, if he insists that this is not sporting, sword on sword at a time of mutual convenience

*Yours in dire hurt and burning aggrievement,
the Ambassador of Spain Inigo Montoya
the Ambassador of Denmark Trygvi Timotei Bjornagainsson
the Ambassador of Germany Gottlob Beckenkopfer*

Etiquette of Camping

The etiquette of camping in the SCA is one of those delicate topics that can cause offence when raised and absolutely ruin an event when ignored. Generally it is simply a matter of common sense and remembering the ideals of chivalry and courtesy while going about your business. The following Golden Rules of SCA Camping Etiquette that are followed throughout the Known World.

1. Never enter a tent or encampment uninvited.

While onsite a person's tent, bunkroom or encampment is their home. Don't wander through on your way else where and use only the designated entrances. Simply call "hello the camp" (or knock or ring the bell) to establish if anyone is home and receiving visitors. (Remember, there are some things you don't want to walk in on!)

2. Never sit in someone else's chair uninvited.

If you do end up taking someone's seat, always vacate it when the owner returns. They have lugged this comfort to site so don't deny them the use of it. This is especially true of fighters. (Also, they are heavy, smelly and have limited vision if they haven't taken their helm off. Stay seated at your peril.)

3. Tents are only made of canvas.

Always remember that tents do not muffle noise and private discussions can be heard clearly for some distance. In a similar vein, keep your noise down in 'residential' areas. (Also remember that tents can conspire with lighting to make you the unwitting star of an entertaining shadow play for your neighbours.)

4. Always leave space between tents.

While this is primarily a fire safety issue, it is also one of privacy—for you and for them. (We refer you to rule #3, and the concept of things you don't want to know.)

5. Don't block other campers.

Avoid setting up between an encampment (or tent) and an arterial route without the agreement of the established campers. (Nothing wrecks a night faster than someone tripping over your ropes and falling through your tent as they sleepily make their way to the loo.)

6. Keep the 'mundanities' to a minimum.

For example, hide your camera when it's not in use, keep your laptop in your tent, turn your cell phone off (if you can) and put your sunglasses away after dark.

7. Be kind with lighting

Avoid flashing your torch in people's faces and remember that one seriously bright lamp can wreck the ambience of several encampments. Limit their use to set up/take down and inside tents if possible. (Don't forget rule #3 if you choose to use them. Trust me.)

8. Meal times are sacred.

It may often seem like meal times are the only times that stewards and officers can be tracked down, but unless it is an emergency, allow them to eat in peace. It may be the only time off they get all day. (Also, a 20 minute delay is usually preferable to a frazzled officer with low blood-sugar.)

9. Pick up after yourself.

No only will other attendees appreciate not falling over your stuff during the event but this is by far the best way to keep track of your belongings. (Nothing is more annoying than wandering around the whole site looking for some small and obscure (but vitally important) do-dah just before fighting begins.)

10. Leave the site tidier than you found it.

This is an SCA tradition, and one we take seriously. Once you have packed up your gear, do a grid-search of your encampment picking up all the rubbish before disposing of it properly.

Of course there are plenty of other guidelines and rules that different groups (baronies, shires, households etc) follow in order to make camping more pleasant, but these 10 Golden Rules will stand you in good stead anywhere in the Known World.

Southron Gaard Council Meeting

Tuesday 13th November

PRESENT: Peregrine (Roland), Callum (Bob), Vitale (Peter), Raife (Shaun), Therese (Meredith), Daid (David), Kotek (Sam), Emilio (Ed), Elise (Claire), Bartholomew (Peter), Katherine (Vicki).

APOLOGIES: Karen

MEETING OPENED: 7:33PM

LAST MEETINGS MINUTES : Accepted

OFFICER REPORTS:

SENECHAL: Been contacted by Harvey Cameron Advertising agency for next years round of Super 14 adverts. Spoken to relevant people in the Barony and the photoshoot will be happening this week sometime. Organised a school demo for Westburn Primary school for this Thursday. Thank you to everyone who volunteered. Attended the MRS AGM and presented the proposal for the Steel Embassy for CF.

Correspondance with: Advertising agency, Westburn school, B&B regarding various things, Reeve, Emilio about the November Ball

CHATELAINE: Position available, applicants please contact Seneschal

REEVE: No report received.

HERALD: Quiet month. Haven't done much: reading up on heraldry in order to better know and name the symbols; have received a reply from the editor of Pegasus acknowledging the absence of the Awards made by Alfar and Gudrun in their final Court. He says they will appear in a subsequent issue. Was unable to attend a Court event on a Tuesday due to work. Will be able to attend the Court planned for the hafla.

MARSHAL: 2 practices a week now. Numbers OK at Wednesday practice and a few people fighting there who aren't at Sunday practice. Would encourage anyone needing armour to get fighting to take advantage of Sigurd's current keenness.

CAPTAIN OF ARCHERS: Regular weekly practices have been ongoing, and I must give thanks to Ld Darius for taking over and running these for 3 weeks in this past month while I was occupied with mundane business. We had an IKAC last week. Scores have been updated on the Lochac archery website, with assurances that the Keeper of the IKAC will update similarly shortly. Held workshop at last stuff night on Armguard making. There'll be an unofficial arrow-repair/fletching

session this Friday (Show day), probably at my place. All welcome.

A&S: Apologies. Been busy this month with uni. Thinking about future stuff night topics.

CHRONICLER: Position available, applicants please contact Seneschal

WEBWRIGHT: Usual updates. Updated CF site slightly, and also our Festival webpage to reflect information received thus far concerning the new Festival site and next year's costs. Earnestly seeking successor, apply within. Details at <http://sg.sca.org.nz/docs/OfficerDescriptions.doc> - main skills needed involve proactive communications, not technical issues.

CHIRURGEON: Nothing to report.

CONSTABLE: Position available, applicants please contact Seneschal

QUARTERMASTER: Going to pick up gear from A&S collegium. Will also now store the Baronial hiregarb.

B&B: Held Court at November mini-Ball, special thanks to Lord Daid for organising it so well. Sent out a press release re: search for a bell (see agenda) Communication with National Radio, CTV and others.

Correspondence with: Twizel Area School re: a demo request - referred to Castelburn but too short notice, FC, Reeve and Seneschal regarding term deposit, Spunhelm makers and Company of Dragon, helms have arrived and are good; see agenda, Baron Fulk of Cluain re: armour order placed last year; making slow progress, Castelburn folk re: their AGM and officer changeovers, Kingdom officers re: lack of Pegasus in Sept and Oct, Fort list regarding status/plans, Ordo Cygni regarding Steel Embassy proposal; they are considering it, answered query regarding insurance liabilities after referring to Scott, Katherine attended Galileo stargazing event held at the new Festival site, reports that site is easily accessible, good and verdant.

EVENT REPORTS:

NOVEMBER BALL: Coming together well, Been talking to various people about helping out with certain aspects of the event.

DECEMBER HAFLA: 21 people booked. Feast cook happy. In need of some kitchen lackeys

CANTERBURY FAIRE 08: Vitale now in charge of fighting, liasing with Miles. Tycho will be running a Holmgang. Hera has the food under control. T-shirt design being done by Cat. Bunk room space tight. Speaking to site owners about using a tent as a 'pages' tent. 112 people booked, 87 for the feast, 62 for the meal plan.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

MARSHAL SUN-HELMS: Helms have arrived from Wellington. Baron Callum to paint and attach lining. Will hold onto three helms, give/sell the other two.

CF BELL: As per last meeting, large brass bell to be bought for CF site using fighter auction funds. Bartholomew sourced and purchased large brass bell in Sydney for \$250. Barony to purchase bell off Bartholomew. Still need ideas for excess Fighter Auction funds

SUNSHADE: Co-ordinator sought to oversee the Baronial sunshade project. To be advertised on list. Possibly have sunshade making workshop at December's stuff night.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:16PM.

Recognising Heat Stroke

As a rule of thumb, heat exhaustion will ruin your day but heat stroke will ruin your event.

Both of these conditions are the result of elevated body temperature, therefore the best way to prevent them is to avoid overheating in the first place.

Since water is essential to regulating body temperature, stay hydrated. Drink plenty of fluids throughout the day, particularly when exercising. Alcohol and caffeinated beverages are not suitable as they can act as diuretics, but plain old water is ideal. If you are sweating profusely, you will want to replace your electrolytes and you can do this by eating a small amount of food with your water or consuming diluted sports drinks instead.

Other ways to keep your temperature down include wearing light, loose clothing and staying out of the direct sun as much as possible. If that isn't possible, wear a sunhat. A hand held fan can also do wonders, especially when combined with a water mister.

If you see someone looking like they might be heading towards heat exhaustion (or worse), let them know. Conversely, if someone suggests you sit down and have a drink in the shade, listen to them.

Basically, be sensible and take care of yourself and your friends.

Heat Exhaustion

Warning signs may include: paleness, profuse sweating, headaches, dizziness, nausea, fainting and muscle cramps.

What to do: Contact the event surgeon. Lower body temperature by retiring to the shade, wearing cooler/lighter clothing, drinking cool (non-alcoholic) beverages, finding a breeze (or a fan) or taking a cool shower.

If left untreated, heat exhaustion can progress to heat stroke.

Heat Stroke

Warning signs may include: absence of perspiration, flushed dry skin, confusion or disorientation, difficulty breathing, rapid pulse, elevated body temperature.

What to do: Contact the surgeon and lower body temperature (as for heat exhaustion). Also consider placing ice packs on pulse points or under arms.

Heat stroke has been known to kill, so don't delay treatment.

January 2008

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NB: details correct at time of going to 'print'. Always check the online calendar and listen to the Baronial email lists for changes

MARTIAL PRACTICES

Fighters' Practice —Sundays from 10am corner of London St and Stanmore Road. (Unofficial)

Fighters' Practice—Wednesdays from 6pm at Riccarton Bush (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- from 7:30, first Tuesday of the month. Location to be advised each month. Email: liulianna@court.sg.sca.org.nz

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.

February 2007

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NB: details correct at time of going to 'print'. Always check the online calendar and listen to the Baronial email lists for changes

Coming Events Near & Far

For a more detailed idea of upcoming events, check group websites for the most up to date information

Canterbury Faire

Barony of Southron Gaard,
1-6 February 2008

Join us for a whole week of historical activities: fighting, feasting, archery, shopping, and more.

See the Southron Gaard webpage for more information

Rowany Festival

Barony of Rowany,
20-25 March 2008

Experience the Southern Hemisphere's largest SCA camping event.

See the webpage for details:
www.sca.org.au/rowany

Crown Tournay

Shire of Darton,
9-11 May 2008

"Enjoy a weekend of festivities centred around our finest fighters competing for their consorts to be the next Crown of Lochac."

Check the Darton webpage for more information
<http://darton.sca.org.nz>



Kingdom of Lochac

www.sca.org.au/lochac



King & Queen:

Hugh the Little & Terasa Commins

Prince & Princess:

Berenger of Nancy & Bethan of Brockwood

(Their Royal Highnesses will be Crowned during the Kingdom's Twelfth Night celebrations)

Please send award recommendations to royal@sca.org.au with a copy to B&B@sg.sca.org.nz

Groups in NZ

(refer group websites for contacts & most recent details)

OTAGO

College of St Kessog

<http://kessog.sca.org.nz>

Regular activities taking a break
over the Summer Holidays

Canton of Castelburn

<http://castelburn.sca.org.nz>

Sunday: Sewing

Friday: Arts & Sciences

WELLINGTON

Shire of Darton

<http://darton.sca.org.nz>

Sunday: Fighters' Practice

Wednesday: Arts & Sciences

AUCKLAND

Barony of Ildhafn

<http://ildhafn.sca.org.nz>

Sunday: Fighters' 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: Fighters' Practice

SCA (New Zealand) Inc.

Membership of SCANZ

Subscribing Membership (with paper newsletter) NZ\$40

Subscribing Membership (with electronic newsletter) NZ\$20

Both grant membership of the SCA and a subscription to Pegasus, the Lochac Kingdom Newsletter. Member can hold kingdom or branch office.

Family Membership NZ\$20

Grants membership of the SCA, but no subscription to Pegasus. Must reside at the same address as a full subscribing member and purchase membership at the same time. Member can hold kingdom or branch office.

Associate Membership NZ\$20

Grants membership of the SCA without subscription to Pegasus. Member can hold branch office only.

Event Membership NZ\$2 per event

For all non-members attending an event, membership lasts for the duration of the event.

Check the SCANZ website at:

www.sca.org.nz

Other Medieval & Renaissance Groups

University of Canterbury Medieval and Renaissance Society (UCMRS)

Arts and Sciences classes:

6:30pm, Wednesday. UCSA International Room, 90 Ilam Road

Weapons Practice:

2:00pm, Saturday (weather permitting) Spreydon School sports field, corner Curletts & Lincoln Road

8:00-10:00pm, Wednesday, UCSA Ballroom, 90 Ilam Road

Archery: alongside Saturday Weapons Practice

Dance Classes:

Monday, Bryndwr Baptist Church, corner Aorangi and Clyde Roads.
7:00pm, beginners / general class, 8:30pm, Intermediate class

Officer Vacancies

Following on from Their Excellencies column, a group can only thrive if it has volunteers participating in all facets of the society. If you have been considering holding an office, the following are currently looking for replacements or deputies.

Baronial WEBRIGHT

The Southron Gaard Webwright is responsible for maintaining the Baronial website and image gallery, and assisting those maintaining the St Kessog and Castelburn websites as requires.

If you are interested in taking this role please review the job outline on the baronial website: <http://sg.sca.org.nz>

Email your application to:
chronicler@sg.sca.org.nz
with copies to
seneschal@sg.sca.org.nz and
bandb@sg.sca.org.nz



Baronial Deputy HERALD

Interested in Book Heraldry? Want to assist with Voice Heraldry? This is your chance!

The Tour d'Or Herald is looking for a deputy who is willing to help with heraldic submissions (ie assisting people with their names and devices / arms) as well as heralding at events

If you are interested in taking this role please review the job outline for the Herald on the Southron Gaard website:
<http://sg.sca.org.nz>

Email your application to:
herald@sg.sca.org.nz
with copies to
seneschal@sg.sca.org.nz and
bandb@sg.sca.org.nz

Baronial SENESCHAL

The Seneschal is responsible for the day to day running and administration of the Barony, including organising council meetings, dealing with external requests and any other 'mundane' tasks required for the successful operation of the Barony. A job outline can be found at:

<http://sg.sca.org.nz/docs/OfficerDescriptions.doc>

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: Kingdom Seneschal, seneschal@sca.org.au, with copies to seneschal@sg.sca.org.nz and bandb@sg.sca.org.nz

**Applications close
January 18th 2008**

The successful applicant will be chosen by the Kingdom Seneschal and announced shortly after January 18th.

Events Needing Stewards

The Barony of Southron Gaard is renowned for its fabulous events, and such events take plenty of preparation. The following are regular features of our calendar that do not, as yet, have stewards. For more information on stewarding and bidding for events, see the Baronial Website: <http://sg.sca.org.nz>

Baronial Anniversary

Traditionally one of the jewels in the Baronial Coronet.

The event has tournaments to establish the Baronial Champions for the year, a Baronial Court and a celebratory feast to finish.

Timing: March 2008

YULE 2008

Yule is a popular mid-winter event in Southron Gaard.

Usually based around a hearty feast and a wintery theme, the attendees are often entertained by a spirited rendition of a traditional Mummers' Play.

Timing: June—August 2008

Spring Tourney

The first opportunity to blow the cobwebs off armour after winter, this low effort event is a great starter if you haven't stewarded an event before.

Spring Tourney normally consists of a Heavy Tourney and Quarter Court.

Timing: early September



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

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

About you:

Membership number: _____

First Name: _____ Family Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Post code: _____ City: _____

Telephone number (Home) _____ (Mobile) _____

Occupation: _____ Are you under 18? ☐

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

Email address: _____

Do you wish to receive correspondence from SCA NZ Inc, solely to this email address? ☐

Society Name: _____

College (where applicable): _____

Subscribing memberships

- ☐ Membership + Pegasus \$ 45
☐ Membership + EPegasus \$ 20
☐ Family membership \$20

Other

- ☐ Associate membership \$ 20
☐ Replacement card \$ 5

(Family memberships are available only to those at the same address as a holder of a full membership. They receive no kingdom newsletter themselves. Associate memberships do not include a kingdom newsletter subscription, and do not entitle you to hold kingdom office or fight for Crown. In order to purchase a subscribing membership with EPegasus, you must register a valid email address. You must also log on to the website <http://www.sca.org.au/registry> and follow the directions for electronic subscription.)

I declare that the information given is true and correct:

Signed: _____ (please use legal name)

All information must be correctly filled out for your membership to be processed. The information you give 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, you can contact the registrar directly on the address above for a copy of your details. You can use this form to update your information, by ticking the box titled 'change of information' at the top.

Subscriptions other than Pegasus are NOT available through SCANZ. If you wish to subscribe to other kingdom newsletters, Compleat Anachronist or Tournaments Illuminated, you need to contact the US registry directly.

Payment information:

Fill in one form per person. If you have queries, you can contact the registrar at registrar@sca.org.nz. Please do not post cash. Make cheques payable to Society for Creative Anachronism (NZ) Inc. Credit card payments can not be accepted at this time.

If you want to make a direct transfer by internet banking, the Society for Creative Anachronism NZ Inc account number is 06-0582-0264080-00. Put your surname in the comment field and print out the receipt page you get once the transfer has gone through. Attach that to your membership form when you send it in. If you do not, your membership will be processed only when the monthly bank statement is received.

Send this form with payment to:

SCA Registrar, M Forest, 179 Pembroke Road, Wilton, 6012 Wellington. Ph 04-976 0220.