

From the Tower



Explaining the final tourney format

Barony of Southron Gaard

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Chronic Ramblings

So, has anyone else noticed how close Canterbury Faire is? With that in mind, this issue is devoted to Canterbury Faire and the associated preparations. To the large number of people who contributed to this bumper issue – many thanks.

Canterbury Faire is without a doubt our Barony's signature event. It is the largest event in the Crescent Isles, and is known throughout the Kingdom. It has grown to such a size that large swathes of the populace participate in its production and as such, it is often considered to be more important than any other event on our calendar. Indeed, it is only (temporarily) knocked off its place by the occasional Kingdom event that we are privileged to host. While it is fantastic that CF thrives and continues to grow, it would be a shame if it did so at the expense of other events.

Rather than regarding CF as a huge undertaking that requires a long recovery period afterwards, consider, instead, the positives we gain from it: new friends, new interests, new stories to tell and renewed enthusiasm. Then do something with the energy gained from CF. Launch into preparations for the next event – whether that be as the steward, an officer or a keen participant. Utilise your regained momentum and finish those UFOs or start new projects.

After all, Baronial Anniversary is six weeks after CF. Come along to celebrate, and challenge for Baronial Champion while you're at it. Start your planning now!

en servicio

Isabel María del Aguila

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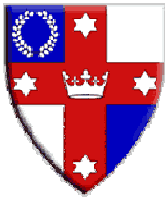
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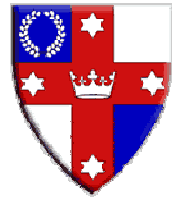
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Kingdom of Lochac



King & Queen:

Siridean & Siobhan

Prince & Princess:

Theuderic & Engelin

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Additional information can be found on the Kingdom website: www.sca.org.au/Lochac



Their Excellencies Speak

We were delighted to be able to announce to the populace attending the Day of Tournaments that Their Majesties have confirmed Master Christopher Foxe and Lady Clare Fletcher of Maldon as our successors to the Baronage of Southron Gaard.

We know that the Barony is a happy one, active and filled with great people, but nonetheless, Master Christopher and Lady Clare will be taking on a heavy burden. We hope that all those who have served us well and in good heart over the past four years will offer the same support and more to our successors.

They will need assistance as they come into this demanding role, whether from new court members or people willing to help fill our depleted largesse coffers or maintain, cart, deploy and pack away our ever-growing collection of baronial gear.

Many of you will not have seen a Baronial changeover before -- we see that as a healthy sign of our Barony's growth. There will be tears and there will be joy, and above all a chance for change and renewal. Our life in this Society of ours is often referred to as 'The Dream', but we all dream differently. It pays to

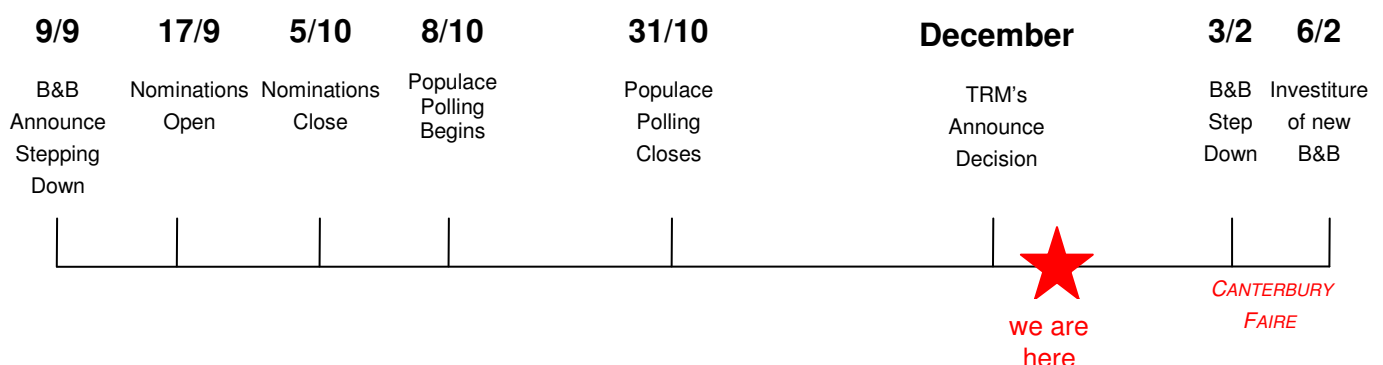
remember that, for diversity brings strength and new knowledge and new approaches.

We look forward to handing over the reins at Canterbury Faire and to witnessing a renaissance in energy and ideas in the months and years to come.

Bartholomew & Katherine

Baron and Baroness Southron Gaard

Baronial Succession Timeline





Their Imminencies Speak

Know this day Christopher & Clare, Baronial-Heirs Southron Gaard send courteous greetings.

Good My Lords and Ladies,

The Princess Elizabeth (1533-1603), upon hearing of her accession, is said to have fallen to her knees and exclaimed: '*A Domino factum est; Et mirabile in oculis nostris*' ('This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes'). A very pretty confection, indeed.

Thankfully we have a true account of what the Madame Elizabeth said that November day. In 'Words spoken by the Queen to the lords at her accession', Elizabeth expressed her

amazement at the great burden which had fallen to her and how she would do her best in the office to which she had been called. In this task she asked for the assistance of 'chiefly you of the nobility', 'that I with my ruling and you with your service may make a good account.'

Know then that We, too, stand somewhat amazed at the Great Task that has befallen Us.

And We, too, promise to do the best We can in the office to which We have been called.

And, We too, call upon you All, as noble-born, for your assistance; so that We, with Our Governance,

and you, with Your Service, may too make Good Account.

Our first call, therefore, is for Expressions of Interest from any Gentle, armigerous or not, to serve on our Court, either as Ladies or Lords-in-Waiting, or in whatever capacity they so wish to serve. Our contact address can be found in the Regnum.

We look forward to meeting with you all at Canterbury Faire (remember: it's only two weeks away!!!).

We remain
Yours in Service,
Christopher & Clare



Seneschal's Comments

So, the mundane year of 2008 has just passed us, with a new year freshly arrived. It was a difficult year for many, for odd and sundry reasons, and it is to be hoped that the new year will be more settled on all fronts. For our fair barony, we have Canterbury Faire to look forward to, and a changeover of Baron & Baroness. At this time, I'd like to thank Their Excellencies Bartholomew and Katherine for the extraordinary commitment they've shown to the Barony during their tenure, and extend my best wishes for good fortune to their Imminencies, Christopher and Clare.

As to the change of the year, I have heard a few gentles observe recently that Leap Years are generally seen as unlucky, and that may have contributed to some of the oddities of this past annum. Being of a somewhat more

scientific bent, this got me into some research on Leap Years, and when exactly they were instituted. It turns out the concept is period - and even earlier: The early Roman calendar had leap years, with an extra month between February and March being added to the year every four years or so (which worked because the calendar had only 355 days). The Julian calendar introduced in 45 BC cleaned up this rather arbitrary system, with the more familiar idea of a 365 day year and a leap day in February around the 24th.

Finally however, Copernicus' heliocentric model of the solar system in the early 1500's paved the way for a serious rethink of the calendar, which by that time was hopelessly out of phase, and proving particularly problematic for the church, ironically enough, in figuring out the timing of

important dates like Easter. In a papal bull of 1582, Pope Gregory decreed the Gregorian calendar, which eliminated ten days from history (the dates 3/9/1752 through 13/9/1752 do not actually exist in most "official" calendars) and got everyone back on track - eventually...

It is often surprising how the most fundamental ideas can often lead one through the most fascinating hoops and jumps of history. But then, without getting the basic things right, how do we get anything else done?

Good luck with your preparations for Faire!

In Service,
Dauid de Cochrane
(seneschal)



Herald's Cry

Dear populace,

hello and I hope you had a good Christmas and new year's dos.

To fill out this column when I am far too hot and sleepy to write intelligently about anything, I shall bring your attention to the following considerations regarding heralding at CF. They come from a draft I shall release again in a less chatty form closer to the day.

Could I please ask that any business for Courts be received by the early evening of the day before the Court in which you wish it to appear. This means I have a chance to run it by TRMs or TEs as appropriate, who decide whether any given item is to be included. It also saves me from having to add stuff at the last moment, mess up Their pre-approved schedules, or my own notes. If you can't verify the exact nature of your item, please at least give me notice of what you have in mind in general terms so it can be discussed for inclusion. You can give me details on the day, if necessary.

If your item is of a commercial nature, it's preferable to just contact your market directly rather than use Courts, which are meant for Baronial/Kingdom business, i.e. awards and event notices.

Stewards and marshals of course may have to give very short notice of items pertaining to the running of the event. It's not the same for presentations, gifts, performance pieces and so on. Consider making them privately if you can - this makes Courts less of a trial for everyone. The days will be hot, even a short Court will seem long, and people have lots to do. If you feel the need to make your gesture in front of the populace - for the greater glory of the recipient, of course, than of the giver - then the more notice the better.

If you do wish to make a presentation or give a notice, please consider presenting it yourself - it cuts down on the bits of paper your lazy herald needs to

stick in his folder, and you know best what you want to convey!

That's my nasty bit. Now for something nicer.

The theory is that we shall have day heralds who shall check a book of notices left at the Gate at 2-hour intervals from 8 am. If you would like the populace to know something at short notice and outside of Courts, write your notice in the book, and it shall be cried.

Also, if your notice is of a change of venue - do stick a note on the door of the old one.

For those of you who want to be site heralds, or herald the tourneys - let me know soon as you can, and choose a day or tourney you can do. I hope to have a meeting of day heralds at 11 on the Monday of Faire.

Here endeth the egg-sucking lesson to grandmothers, etc.

Oswyn



Left:

Sir Sigurd vs Sir Vitale

Right:

Lord Steven vs Lord Rotte

At the Day of Tourneys



Images from the Day of Tournaments



Under the Oaks (© CB)



Alexandro (© CB)



The final heavy tourney (© IMdA)



Tycho uses the table (© CB)



Earlier in that brawl... (© CB)

Martial Matters:



From the Knight Marshal

Pre Canterbury Faire Armour Checklist

In all the hustle and bustle of getting ready for Canterbury Faire, it's easy to let armour maintenance slip onto the backburner. This might seem like a fine idea until 2 days in, you have a breakage that puts a key bit of equipment out of action for the duration.

The following are a few items to check before it's too late...

Check your sword

The nature of rattan is that it wears out and breaks slowly. Even if your sword looks OK under several layers of tape, lean on it and give it a good push. If it bends easily it needs replacing. An old sword will often break in the middle of combat. Even if it doesn't it is likely to hit softly and you may have difficulty striking sufficiently hard blows with it.

Even if your current blade has a bit of life left in it, it's a good idea to shape and tape up a new blade so it's easy to swap across when your current one gives out.

The tape on a sword is designed to designate where the edge is and also to prevent splinters protruding which could go into someone's eye-slot. The tape constantly wears out, so as well as re-taping before the Faire; you should make sure you have enough tape to make running repairs.

If you have trouble finding strapping-tape it can be purchased from Shardlows tape wholesalers in Saxon St, Linwood. It is known commercially as fibreglass filament tape.

Thrusting tips put up with a lot of abuse. These should be constantly checked to make sure that they are not too hard, due to being over-compressed or over-tapped. Of two soft such that they bottom out or fold over. It's up to you to constantly keep them safe you can't rely on any problems being picked up during armour inspection.

Straps

The leather straps on your armour wear out also. You should pass a critical eye over all of the following and replace them ahead of time if they look the worse for wear:

- Chin strap
- Inside elbow
- Top part of cuisse
- Gorget
- Lanyard

Padding

This also gets compressed and worn over time. Certain bits of armour tend to wear out more than others, be sure to check the padding in your:

- Helmet
- Elbows
- Knees
- Gauntlets

Rips and tears

Heavy combat is a rough sport and it's normal for rips and tears to appear in gambesons and surcoats. If left they just get bigger and bigger as time goes on. A few minutes repairing them now will make your kit look tidier and save a bigger job later on.

Rust!

Lots of us grew up wanting to be knights in shining armour. Few of us wanted to grow up to be knights in rusty armour. Depending on the state of neglect a lot can be done with WD-40 and green scrubby and elbow-grease. Once the rust is off it doesn't take much maintenance to keep it off. Just make some simple cotton bags for each bit of armour; these soon acquire a coating of oil on the inside. Then **each** time you are finished with your armour for the day it just needs a quick spray with WD-40 a quick wipe then back in its bag. It really only does take a minute or two and makes all the difference.

Best of luck.

Vitale



From the Captain of Archers

Archery at Canterbury Faire 09

This Faire we will have a nice range of archery on the range and on the combat field as per usual. We have some old favorites as well as some new features.

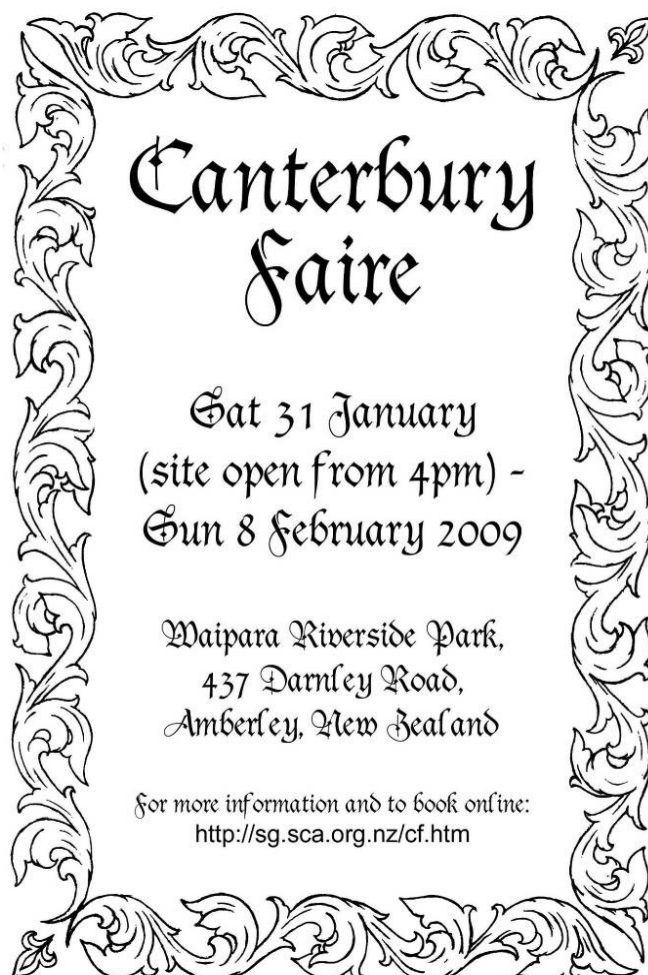
So in a nutshell we have:

- The Inter-baronial Archery Challenge
- A night shoot
- Have a go archery
- Mini clout shoot
- An archer auction followed the next day by
- A William Tell Shoot, and finally
- Thorfydds arrow

The Inter Baronial Challenge will run from 2pm Monday until 1pm Tuesday. Yes there are rules for this event and they differ from last year, mainly because evil lil me has control of it now. All Archers must choose a Barony to represent. Each B&B will select 3 archers who must shoot for that Barony and whose score will count in the final tally. Apart from the 3 nominated archers the next top score for each Barony will be counted for the final score. Any scoring queries feel free to see me or any of the Marshals present.

The Mini Clout

Much like an ordinary clout except full drawn bows are not needed hence banned for scoring. The target is a mere 30 paces from you and so you don't feel put out and say you haven't practiced for it we have been



**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>

doing them at practice every Sunday for the last 4 months and it will be part of the inter baronial challenge.

The William Tell Shoot

We Have William!!!! Yes the man himself! Although of late he has been suffering from the deadly sin of pride. His gloating has become loathsome to the authorities and so is to be punished. His punishment is to have the apple on his head! All hand held ranged weapons are allowed not just that infernal device that he used. And Rumour has it the church has given it's blessing to the punishment.

Thorfydds Arrow

The format and scoring etc remains the same.

The night shoot

I know nothing of this one the details you will have to hassle Ld Daid de Cochrane about this one.

Yes the creators of the archery are evil we work hard to be so and to keep giving you challenges to meet the growing skill level within the Baronies. Hopefully we will see you all on the range.

In Service
Darius J'Fa



From the Captain of Rapier

The Rapier Schedule for Canterbury Faire is as follows:

Monday: Pirates vs Navy!

A series of 3 melees. Team Battle, Open Field and Fort Battle. Hosted by Capitano Martuccio Lorenzo Cavilcanti de Medici

Tuesday: Baronesses Rapier Tourney

A celebration of Honour, Chivalry and Courtesy! This year, this will be an off-hand tourney, with wounds to the offhand transferring to the primary one. No case permitted. Hosted by Lady Ginevra Isabella di Serafini Visconti

Wednesday: Guild prizes.

Further information available closer to the event.

Thursday: Battlefield Tourney

Two teams each with a Chosen Captain, Champion and churigeon single kill - double elimination. Armour as worn, wounds carry. Captains choose the order of the fighters for their side Champions can choose to fight in anothers place Churgeons have 3 "bandages" and can use them to heal "wounds" between rounds - one bandage heals all wounds on one fighter. Last team with a living fighter wins. Hosted by Darton School of Defense.

Friday: Ildhafn Surprise Tourney.

As it wouldn't be a surprise if we told you about it now, the format for this tourney will be announced on the day, by host Don Emrys Tudor.

Saturday: Oswyn's Tavern brawl!

New and Improved! Back by popular acclaim! We will be reprising last years highly popular tavern brawl for the fun of spectators and participants alike. Hosted by Lord Oswyn Carolus.

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 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.

11. No means NO

This really isn't that hard to understand and applies in numerous situations.

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.

Canterbury Faire Notices:

Site Opens:	4:00 pm, Saturday 31 January 2009.	<i>Lower fields only. Ungarbed set up. DO NOT arrive on site before 4:00pm</i>
Event Opens:	10:00 am, Monday 2 February 2009.	<i>Garb required from now until closing court.</i>
Event Closes:	7:00 pm, Saturday 7 February 2009.	<i>After closing court, ungarbed pack up.</i>
Site Closes:	3:00 pm Sunday 8 February 2008.	<i>You must be off site by this time.</i>
Event Sign In:	Near the Mangy Mongol Tavern – between the war field and the lower field toilets	
Emergencies:	the on-duty steward, chirurgeon or constable can be found, or contacted, from the Mangy Mongol Tavern or from the main kitchen	
Fire Safety:	All tents will be accompanied by a fire extinguisher, a bucket of water or a bucket of sand.	
Alcohol:	CF is discretely damp. Any drinking must be done quietly, in moderation, and below the steward's notice. Minors <u>will not</u> consume alcohol on site. Any minors found drinking or intoxicated or any person supplying minors with alcohol will be required to leave the site. Please take your alcohol-related empties home as they cannot be disposed of on site.	
Glass Recycling:	<u>Must</u> be taken home afterwards – glass cannot be recycled in the Hurunui District	
Kitchens:	<u>Main Kitchen & Walk in Chiller</u> are for the meal plan and feast only. Children aged 12 and under are not permitted in the upper kitchen at any time unless supervised by their parent. <u>Tui Lodge and the Training Centre</u> are available for campers. Be considerate and clean up promptly after use & do not remove equipment. Be careful not to disrupt A&S classes.	
Cars & Trailers:	should be on site for set up and take down only; the car park is near the lower gate towards the river. Be considerate and use the lower gate during the week.	
Children:	You are responsible for your onsite children (under 18) at all times. Some children's activities will be organised during the event, however please remember these are not a babysitting service. Your children's health and safety at CF is <u>your</u> responsibility.	
Food Plan:	You are required to sign up for chores and to show up on time to complete them. Public name and shame will be employed for repeat shirkers this year.	
The Bell:	Will toll hourly to announce the time. Listen for the peal then count the strikes.	

FIRE SEASON

The Canterbury Faire site is in the Hurunui District, which is known for hot and dry summers. As a result the district has restricted or prohibited fire seasons over summer. It is thought that we are heading towards a Prohibited Fire Season for Canterbury Faire. (A Prohibited fire season means it is an offence to light any fires in the open air.)

A prohibited fire season is generally interpreted so that the following are not allowed:

Solid fuel barbecues, tiki torches, candles and lanterns (including gas and enclosed candle lamps etc)

However, during such a season the following are usually permitted, although sometimes with conditions:

gas barbecues (e.g. when used on the concrete pads with taps)

smoking (e.g. in the designated areas when butts are disposed of in the provided containers)

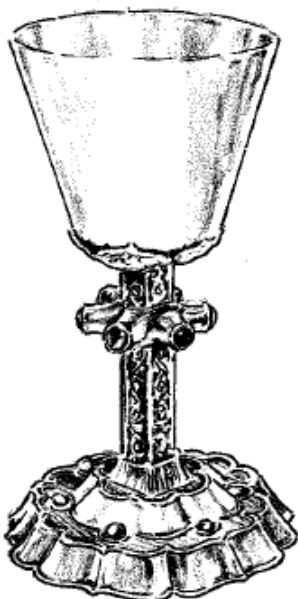
This is the time to start looking at and organising alternatives just in case your lighting and cooking plans are not permitted for the duration of Faire.

While the current fire season can be found on the Hurunui District Council website: <http://www.hurunui.govt.nz/>, do check with the event steward (at cf@sg.sca.org.nz) closer to the time to see how this will affect our Faire.

Cuppe Perilous

Rules for the defence of the Cuppe Perilous

- Every single heavy combat fight between the current cuppe holder and another Crescent Islander in a major tournament is a defence for the cuppe holder.
- In a defence, the cuppe transfers to the winner of the final fight between defender and challenger.
- Cuppe must be defended or relinquished at **Canterbury Fair** and **St Catherine's** and all local major tournaments.
- Cuppe tourneys shall be any "large" heavy tourney in the home barony/shire of the current cuppe holder plus at least one designated tourney at St Catherine's and Canterbury Faire.
- Each group is to determine what constitutes a large tourney. (Perhaps certain key tourneys through the year, plus any other tourney over a certain size)
- The cuppe holder may at their discretion declare any other tourney to be a cuppe tourney.
- Provided fair notice is given, any visiting fighter can challenge for the cuppe and make a smaller tourney a cuppe tourney.
- Cuppe must be defended or relinquished all cuppe tournaments.
- If cuppe is to be relinquished, the current holder may nominate who is to hold it at the start of the tourney.
- If a group does not hold a cuppe tourney for 3 months, the cuppe is surrendered to the first Crescent Isles group to do so.
- The cuppe shall only be contested between inhabitants of the Crescent Isles of Eastern Lochac.
- When contested the cuppe is provisionally held by the winner of whichever is the final fight of any bout against the current holder. I.e. in a best of 3 you could lose the first two but win the third and hold the cuppe.
- The provisional holder shall progress as it will throughout the tourney to be displayed by the wearing of an included tassel.
- Whosoever holds the tassel at the end of the tourney shall enjoy the use of the cuppe until the next defence tourney.



The cuppe holder may well not be the overall winner of the tourney

Use and display of the cuppe is very much encouraged

The current holder of the Cuppe Perilous is
a Knight who bears a striking resemblance to
Sir Inigo Missaglia

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



Oswyn checking his armour before CF (© IMdA)

Canterbury Faire

(Tune: Sellengers Round)

There's somewhere in the Crescent Isles
Where e'en the very air
Is filled with music and warm smiles -
All folk are merry there.

Cast off your troubles and your trials,
Forget your weary care.
Pack up your bags, come 'cross the miles
To Canterbury Faire.

By the hand of Elise Marchand

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 9th December

PRESENT: Christopher (Dorian), Clare (Marion), Raffe (Shaun), Melisande (Anne –Marie), Vitale (Peter), Veronica (Cat), Katherine (Vicki), Bartholomew (Peter), Iseult (Hannah), Ulrich (Matt), Sybilla (Hera), Isabel Maria (Miriam), Oswyn (Carl), Ginevra (Beth), Mathilda (Charlene), Dauid (David), Eleanor (Sargia), (Glenn), (Josh), Emilio (Ed), Bjorn (Nigel)

APOLOGIES: Darius (Damon), Bjorn (Nigel)

MEETING OPENED: 7.38pm

LAST MEETING'S MINUTES: Accepted

OFFICER REPORTS:

SENESCHAL: **Correspondence** with: The Crown re the Baronial Succession process, Ignatius and Gawain of Castleburn re office handovers, Ladies Amalie, Nataliya and Eleanor re dance practices, Lord Emilio and B&B re Day of Tournaments event, Lords Thorald and Bjorn re Crown Tourney November 09. **Other:** Updated Registration on Baronial Trailer – my thanks to Bartholomew for sorting out the WOF, attended War Practice (hit people – most of them didn't seem to mind much), and filed Quarterly report

CHATELAINE: Packed down promotional display in Central Library with Eleanora last Sunday. We extended another week. A lot of brochures taken – here's hoping there will be enquiries. Loaned items being returned. **Correspondence:** With various people regarding hire garb for CF or Tourney Day. **Hire Garb:** HG is seriously lacking in stock – both for women and men but especially men! Will put a notice in the next FTT for donations of unwanted garb. There are already a good half dozen requests for hire garb for CF, and this will seriously stretch the current resources. Most will only be able to have one 'set' of clothing – and not a complete 'set' at that.

REEVE: Current Balances:

Clearing account:	\$8,773.39
Holding Account:	\$5,334.74

Closed FTT account. Money coming in for Canterbury Faire, no major expenses. Accepted resignation from ex-Reeve of Castleburn, Gawain. Discussed his replacement with Peter, Gawain, Ignatius, Ranulf

HERALD: No events to herald since St Crispin's: a quiet month. **Correspondence** with new Crux Herald, and with armigers concerning devices and names, and Rocket Herald on same head. Also corresponded with site heralds concerning allocation of duties at Canterbury Faire. Finally, have been corresponding with my replacement.

MARSHAL: Practices going well, 10 at the last one. Attended war practice. Still need to make sure all plumed combatant's **armour** is up to standard. People had armour that quite clearly isn't in accordance with the requirements as written. I was asked if it was legal. I would hope/expect that people would read the rules and figure out for themselves that stuff is/isn't legal. The rules as written are reasonably clear. Le padding alone is not a legal ½ gauntlet. **Marshals class:** Ran marshal intro class at stuff night, was reasonably well attended. I would encourage all those with an interest in getting certified as marshals to make themselves available for duties at all fighting events. All that's needed is a bit of reading and some experience. **Term:** Put out call for volunteers for marshal for when my term runs out at Canterbury Faire. Echoing silence so far. This is a required office for a group. If we don't have one we risk our group getting suspended. It is the responsibility of those participating in the fighting community to pitch in and take turns at this role. Go on, you know you want to.

CAPTAIN OF ARCHERS: The final tallies for this year's Ikac are in. Congratulations to Lord Darius, and Korvash for top scoring for the kingdom in the open division. Also congratulations for Baron Callum McLeod, Lord Bjorn Svartsson, and Lady Ellen of Whiteleigh for making the top ten in the same division, Simon of Cluain for second in the period division and young Phillipe for top scoring in

the children's division. Otherwise practices continue to have on average 4 people a week to the line and some of our archers have upgraded their equipment and are doing spectacularly better for it. Will be looking at our archers over the Christmas break to see what armour is needed to get them legally onto the field and also seeing who would like to be authorised as Target Archery Marshals. Will let our local armourers know of armour needs asap as a few of us would like to be on the field at Canterbury Faire.

CAPTAIN OF RAPIER: More new people are showing up at practice. More people are getting authorisations. I am looking to step down. Expressions of interest can be made to me with copies to Lord David, and the B&B

ARTS & SCIENCES: Attended Heraldic Symposium. **Correspondence** with Kingdom A&S officer about Quarterly report (Checking that they had received it). Attended Seamsters at Taddea & Antonia's place. **Stuff night** on Marshalling stuff went well. This month's stuff night: Pants. Am corresponding with Ignatius of Castleburn regarding A&S assistance in the new (Post CF) year.

CHRONICLER: FTT uploaded to Baronial Webpage 1 December 2008 and email notification sent to SG, Castelburn and St Kessog e-lists as well as Kingdom Chronicler the following morning. **Correspondence:** with various officers & individuals regarding regular columns, specific articles and event advertisements for publication as well as requirements for permission to publish. **Other Business:** Deadline for January issue is 4pm, 19 December 2008 and for February issue is 4pm, 23 January 2009. I will be away from my usual email between 22/12/08 and 12/01/09. Anything received during that time will be held over until the next issue.

WEBWRIGHT: No report.

CONSTABLE: The constable reports that he has nothing to report

QUARTERMASTER: Attended a couple of heavy practices, took Baronial trailer to War practice – had fun few hours, attended Heraldic Symposium (Most excellent)

B&B: Attended singing, Winds of Waitaha performance, Stuff Night. **Correspondence** with Their Highnesses and Their Chancellor re Court appointments, scribes and CF; to Crown re succession timetable; to seneschal re: officer

appointments and trailer WoF; to Emilio re: Day of Tourneys Event. **Other:** Held November Crown Tourney meetings with Stewards, established website and email list for crew; worked with Ronan on initial draft artwork now out for comment. Have received Royal Cloth of Estate from Lady Mathilda; it needs some minor repair – is there anyone willing to take it on as a project?

EVENT REPORTS/UPDATES:

DAY OF TOURNEYS: (14 Dec 2008, Emilio) Going ahead! Will be at Riccarton Bush on Sunday. Need Lists and Heralds, David has volunteered to take first shift at lists. Gold coin donation to David to cover site hire would be appreciated from those fighting.

CANTERBURY FAIRE: (Jan-Feb 2009, Sybilla & Ginevra) We Have Cooks! Major problem: Fire ban – don't know how bad it will be till closer to the date, gas barbeques are not mentioned in the most recent by-laws so may be ok, but we are currently working on ensuring that cooks have backup plans. Bunkrooms are getting tight. Ross has found us 7 more tents. One is allocated to engineers. Children's co-ordinators to decide if they would like one too.

CROWN TOURNEY: (13-15 Nov 2009, Thorald) Website is underway.

HERALDIC SYMPOSIUM: (29-30 Nov. 2008, Katherine) Consulting Heralds: Eleyne de Comnocke (Rocket Herald), Giles Leabrook (Bombard Herald), Benedict of Askerigg (Herald Astrolabe). Total number attending: 40 (33 consulting, remainder working/observing). Highly successful event with all those undertaking consultations either filing submissions with Herald Astrolabe on the day or close to filing on both name and arms. It is clear that this approach was excellent in terms of getting a large number of people ready to submit such applications and more familiar with the process involved. Giles gifted 5 packs of the Crayola Washable Markers to Southron Gaard, and these will go into Herald resource kits for the Barony, the Canton and the College. Spare printouts and packs from the Collegium will be made available at Stuff Night for anyone who wishes them.

We look forward to seeing a significant rise in the number of people bearing registered names and arms over the next year, and expect this event to have long-term effects by educating those involved and encouraging others. There will be follow-ups to this event, both in terms of consulting help and education initiatives.

The only major glitch encountered was the ruling by the in-coming Crux that use of Herald Astrolabe funds to support this event was unacceptable. This was a result of assumed tacit acceptance in prior communications with the then-current Crux and a significant difference of opinion as to what constituted appropriate use of herald group funds. The Crescent Isles Heralds had already made travel arrangements at that point, so they part-funded it themselves with the \$300 remainder covered privately by the Steward.

NOVEMBER WAR PRACTICE: (22 Nov 2008, KoteK) We had one, it was fun. As mentioned previously, there were some armouring issues, and mesh is needed. The site was good.

ST CRISPINS: (25-26 Oct 2008, Raife) We had fun, the brewing competition was good. Financial report still being sorted

GENERAL BUSINESS:

CASTELBURN REPORT: Greetings Councillors, Throughout November, Castelburn held our usual dance and rapier practices, plus a flag fan-making workshop. But most of our energies were devoted to preparing for our Christmas event, the Black Swan Revel, which was held last Saturday.

The Revel went over very well - the weather was good, the setting was magnificent and everyone enjoyed themselves, including a few who had never been to one of our events before. Black Swan included an archery tourney with naturalistic targets created by Ranulf (a shame no-one hit the albatross, but we all know what happened to the Ancient Mariner...), dancing with live music on recorders, viol and spinet, games, and a feast. Lord Emilio successfully launched a Castelburn school of defence

and we concluded months of patient dance diplomacy by signing a peace treaty with the Jack Frost Morris (copy of the treaty available soon on the website). We also put on a Mummers Play which had more than its fair share of bawdy and incoherent moments. Lady Frida's costumes were magnificent as always. St Kessog contributed archery gear, other equipment, and an excellent poem about chocolate. The lowlands were most graciously represented not only by Lord Emilio but also by Master Christopher and Lady Clare, whose relaxed and good-humoured presence added much to the event. Huzzah!

My lords and ladies, this is my last report to you as seneschal. It has been a really interesting job to do, and I have very much enjoyed the creative opportunities it offered. I am pleased to hand the role on to someone as capable and dedicated as Gawain, our seneschal-elect, subject to your approval.

Best wishes to you all for a joyful Yuletide and New Year. Harmonia victrix! Ignatius

TOUR D'OR MEDALLIONS: The company has continued to be unco-operative, and have raised their price to be comparable with other initial quotes sought. Decided to think about changing companies to make things easier. **ACTION:** Miriam to gather quotes from other companies to see if we can find one that's easier to deal with.

STUFF NIGHT: Pants! And under-layers.

OTHER BUSINESS:

St Kessog now has new seneschal - Constance

MEETING CLOSED: 8.25 PM

Got a flash new dress?

Cool new trous and tunic?

Bored with your old garb?

DONATE IT TO HIRE GARB

The Baronial Hire Garb supply is running low. Donations of garments (smocks, shirts, undertunics, dresses, trousers, petticoats, gowns, tunics etc) are earnestly sought.

Please ensure there is still wear in any donated garments and they are in good repair.
Contact the Chatelaine, Lady Melisande, who can even collect it if necessary!

January 2008

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)
11 Fighters' Practice Rapier Practice Archery Practice	12	13 Council Meeting Dance Practice Rapier Practice	14 Fighter's Practice	15 Southern Swans Practice	16	17
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Southron Gaard Regnum

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

Baron & Baroness: Incoming B&B:

Seneschal:

Tour d'Or Herald:

Reeve:

Knight Marshal:

Arts & Sciences:

Chronicler:

Chatelaine:

Quartermaster:

Constable:

Chirurgion:

Webscribe:

Captain of Archers:

Captain of Rapier:

Bartholomew Baskin & Katherine Kerr
 Christopher Foxe & Clare Fletcher of Maldon
 Daidi di Cochrane
 Oswyn Carolus
 Ginevra Isabella Serafina della Visconti
 Vitale Guistiniani *(Replacement Sought)*
 Mathilda de Villiers
 Isabel María del Aguila
 Melisande de Massard *(Newcomers Officer)*
 Raife de Massard
 Bjorn Svartsson
 Vacant *(Replacement Sought)*
 Iuliana Mogleri Francesco Morosini
 Darius J'fa
 Martuccio Cavalcanti *(Replacement Sought)*

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chirurgion@sg.sca.org.nz
web@sg.sca.org.nz
archers@sg.sca.org.nz
rapier@sg.sca.org.nz

February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  CANTERBURY FAIRE <i>(set up day)</i>	2  CANTERBURY FAIRE	3  CANTERBURY FAIRE	4  CANTERBURY FAIRE	5  CANTERBURY FAIRE	6  CANTERBURY FAIRE	7  CANTERBURY FAIRE <i>(pack down day)</i>
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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 7:30pm on Tuesdays, except 8:15 after Council Meeting. Methodist Hall, corner Clarence and Nelson streets. **** Updated ****

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 — in abeyance.

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



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 feast and ball.

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



November Crown

Barony of Southron Gaard,
13-15 November 2009

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

To be held at the Waipara Boys Brigade Camp (the same site as Canterbury Faire, to the North of Christchurch)

View the web for more details:
<http://sg.sca.org.nz>

We Need Events

The Barony of Southron Gaard is renowned for holding fabulous events, and such events take lots of preparation.

How about planning to steward an event in the coming year?

Feast

fine food,
fine clothes
and fine company

Tournament

feats of skill and
displays of chivalry
in archery, heavy or rapier

Ball

Winter is the season to show off your best moves and finest garments

Collegium

Discover new stuff and teach your favourite skills

Revel

A less formal gathering that may include food and entertainments

Hafla

A taste of the exotic Near and Middle East. Dinner, Dance & Drum

Camping Event

War or Pilgrimage with tents or bunks

Or your own favourite

Take the opportunity to run the kind of event you want to attend.

For more information on stewarding and bidding for events, see the Baronial Website: <http://sg.sca.org.nz>

Officer Vacancies

Baronial CHIRURGEON

Applications for the position of Baronial Chirurgeon are still 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 RAPIER MARSHAL

Applications for the position of Baronial Rapier Marshal are now open.

The Baronial Rapier Marshal is responsible for encouraging and supervising Rapier Combat throughout Southron Gaard.

The Rapier Marshal is a deputy of the Baronial Knight Marshal.

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

Email your application or expression of interest to: rapier@sg.sca.org.nz

with a copy to:
seneschal@sg.sca.org.nz
BandB@sg.sca.org.nz

Applications should be received by 9 January 2009



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 Castelnburn

<http://castelnburn.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



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First Name: _____ Family Name: _____

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* 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: ☐

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Society Name (if any): _____

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

Membership type and duration:

1 year

3 years

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☐ Internet Banking

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