

Lions Gate Council - October 27, 2011

### **Seneschale Report - Ceara inghean ui Mhadadhain**

- We won the bid for Investiture, so we now need to move Canterbury fair so it is not back-to-back. Investiture is in Squamish. Kenzie is doing day food! (Yeah!)
- Quarterly reports are due.
- Ceara will be missing the Nov. Council. (Callen is up, although he doesn't know it yet.)
- Sapperton Hall, as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> is increasing their room rate to \$30/h. They are also looking for ideas and suggestions about what they should update and renovate.
- Roving Council experiment: On average the same people seem to still show up, no matter where we hold it. We got some new faces tonight, but tonight seems to be the exception.
- Discussion to make Coquitlam ABC restaurant as permanent location for Council. Neither alternating with Surrey, nor making Coquitlam the permanent location was accepted. A more favourable rotation of locations is needed. Going to pursue other options.

### **Watch – Garet Doiron**

No report for the month. Feast at A&S was nommy!

### **Exchequer – Asny Ravnsdottir**

Don't have a balance, but have distributed cheques.

### **Chamberlain – Edrik**

We're down to three road side signs. Need to track down the rest or make more.

Stuff is going out and coming in

We need to take a closer look at stuff that we never use to see if we can go down a locker size.

Maybe get doors that work properly?

Creation of a "small" committee – 3-4 people to inventory.

Baron James Wolfden volunteered to lead the organizing committee.

Ideally remaining members should be people who have been around for about five years.

Kenzie offered to go over kitchen equipment, since he knows the feast stuff.

### **Sable Loat Pursuivant (Herald) – Don Callen Drakkar**

No report.

## **Master of Stables – Griffin**

I have only been Lions Gate MOS for a short time but in that time we have already made some changes. Our fight practice has moved from Monday to Tuesday evenings into the Alice Mackay building at Cloverdale fairgrounds. We have also had a donation of armour to our Iron Key. It is a full kit for a larger fighter and should be very helpful. This helps with one of my goals which is to expand our available loaner armour. Another goal is to expand the number of marshals we have in the Barony, so I will be working on getting those who are not yet authorized marshals, and really should be, to move forward on that. Apart from that all is well. Our next fighting event will be Baroness' Tourney on Nov. 5

Kirsten: Is there a chance for combat archery in McKay?

Griffin: We might be able to squeeze it in, if we organize space, and make it less willy-nilly.

Chang: Combat archery "day" to plan for?

Griffin: Yup, that'd be good. We have assorted Iron Key, 4 helmets and a lot of hockey gloves. We need more legs and arms. Ideally we'd like to have three bags, a small, med, and large suits and people can just grab a bag.

Wendy: We also need a "petite" set.

Griffin: We also need to get more authorized marshals

Kenzie: Maybe run a marshalling course at an event?

Griffin: Good idea, will look into it. Also please all welcome Deputy Randal!

## **Archery – Delwyn verch Ynyr (Jacquiline covering)**

No injuries to report this month.

### **Archery in the Barony**

Archer participation in Bows and Blades in the Barony of Vulkenfeldt was good. At least four target archers attended, and informal reports are that everyone had a great time, and a number of archers placed very well. Archos Kenneth of Shaftesbury sent out a detailed description of the event to the lists.

The archery season is wrapping up for Royal Rounds. October has been an archery blitz month, with three or four practices held every week, run by Arcos Kenneth of Shaftesbury and myself. It has been a great year for target archers, with several archers achieving personal bests, and more making it into the medallion rankings in the top ten lists-21 medallions as of the end of the October. For personal bests in particular, Archos Aline de Seez earned her Grand Master in Open.

I will be continuing to hold special weekend shoots throughout the winter, hopefully at least once per month, at the Burnaby Butts. Dates will be posted to the lists, and will be weather dependent.

The practices will take into account any local, Tir Righ or Kingdom events. Let's see the archers keep their scores up this winter!

### **Winter Practices**

Discussions are continuing with Academie Duello. Devon Boorman (Don Prospere de Montsegur) is interested in welcoming SCA archers to a new, drop-in target archery practice held at the Academie's hall in downtown Vancouver. The most likely date will be a Sunday, in the early evening for an hour or two. I've asked Don Prospere if he will try to meet the current practice fee rate of \$5 per practice. I'll post information about the new indoor practice once details are settled.

I would like to ask Council on their opinion for a temporary lending of the barony's archery nets to the Academie until such time as they order their own. It takes time for the bulky nets to be shipped, and lending our nets in the interim would allow the new practice to begin sooner.

### **Net Discussion:**

James: Will Lions Gate be allowed to shoot with them?

Kirsten: My understand is that it will be an open shoot.

James: Do we know what the price point will be?

Kenzie: If they are allowing us to go in for \$5, then it's reasonable. If more money, maybe then revisit?

Kirsten: Price point might not be higher, and possibly a bit less.

James: We're not using the nest over the winter until next May, and we also don't need them for indoor archery for a while. If we knew we could get in, and the actual price point. People won't pay \$10 but \$5 they probably will pay. We'll allow it month to month – not much wear and tear – are they shooting aluminum or wood.

Kirsten: I'm not sure; I'll keep Council updated with more information. A qualified "yes" is better than a "no." Something we can work with.

### **Burnaby Archery Club (Burnaby Butts practice range) Annual General Meeting**

The Burnaby Archery Club held their Annual General Meeting. Archos Kenneth of Shaftesbury and myself attended, along with the Honourable William Arwemakere, who is the Field Director for the Club. The Club's membership numbers are up by 100 members over the past year, an increase of one third. This good news means the membership fees will not increase for the upcoming year.

The city of Burnaby's plan to move the archery field west, across the roadway, will be happening but not for a number of years. The city will be asking for input from the Club when planning for the new range begins.

The dates for the tournaments and 3D shoots next year will be posted soon on the board at the range.

I requested the archery field maintenance party dates also be posted on the board after the dates are known, so that SCA archers can plan to attend. There will be two major maintenance parties, in spring and fall. We need more SCA archers to participate in these work parties. If you can stuff plastic bags into bigger plastic bags, or wrap zip ties, you can contribute. There are 3D shoots held several times per year, and a helping out at the concession stand that runs at the 3Ds is another great way to assist the Club, which is what Lady Lady Wymarcha Doiron and myself did a few times this past year. The Burnaby Archery Club is a non-profit organization run by volunteers, similar to the SCA, and like the SCA, many hands make light work.

A concern was raised about steel points from wooden shafts being left behind in the donnaconna fibre mats in the butts, where they can, and are, hit by other arrows. One modern archer lost two arrows (at \$20 apiece) during a recent tournament due to hitting buried points. Glue can fail, so it is always a good idea to carry a push rod in your archery kit, something strong but narrower than the arrow shaft. I'll be posting this suggestion to the lists next month.

SCA archers have been helping to keep the range safer by looking for and removing metal points left stuck in the wood frames of the butts (from both wood shafts and carbon shafts.) These can be a hazard if they have ragged edges.

### **Acting Mistress of Blades – Malie Rennick**

James: Phoenix tourney (rapier) practices seem to be pretty good, trying to bug one person to be Master of Blades.

### **Lists – Caitrin ni Cingeadh**

Event next weekend! Algae is running lists next weekend. Other than that, nothing happening.

### **Chronicler – Wymarcha Hektanah Doiron**

Minutes for September have gone out, but haven't received confirmation nor have they been published to the website. Please remember to send me your reports in the days leading up to Council – it makes my job as Minutes taker a lot easier.

I published a North Wind v.2.0, but I haven't seen it on the website. Malie claims she put it up. Was anyone else able to access it? It's up for real now.

Next North Wind deadline is Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, please send me stuff! I only have one small submission so far, and no pictures at all.

James: Quarterly reports to be included We do stuff – show it!

### **Library – Maeda no Kiko Mariko**

No report. Ylas is becoming the new Librarian.

### **Arts and Science – Myrrim de Lancaster**

Tir Righ Bardic and A&S

Many entrants submitted displays that were both educational and pleasing to the eye.

The Armourer's Guild held their first display. This was hosted by Aelana Cordovera, and Master Wilhelm. Aelana and Myrrim brought items they had made or were working on.

Planned:

An A&S contest at the Broness' Tournament featuring a "Horse in Any Medium." Acultural contest featuring the making of a Diya (oil lamp)

We need to connect to the book binding guild in Victoria or Vancouver – they have great resources and publications

Annual scribal retreat will be right after Christmas. We'll be staying at a [heated] camp. Cost is \$40 for the accommodation and the food. It's in Washington State.

We still need an applicant for A&S!

### **Bardic – Sionann in Ui Fhlaithbheartaig**

Baking chocolate chip cookies for Amanda, and you all can come celebrate her birthday New West Mason's Hall, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Bransle – Jaqueline**

Need report.

### **Dance – Rhiannon ap Gwynedd**

No report.

### **Games – Mary Ostler**

No report.

### **Chatelaine – Sage Mcleod**

Inquiries:

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- None

Demo Review:

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- Beaver/Scout Demo - Nov 30th
- Possible upcoming demo at Dorothy Peacock Elementary

NIS Report:

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- Session going great. New crew hanging out and newcomers coming in
- No incidents and looking forward to the next one!

Wandering Nomad Report:

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- It's fun being a wandering nomad as it takes you to cool and expected places. I got to go back to Ontario and participate in nominating the next Senenshal for The Kingdom of Ealdormere. As well as speak with the Queen of Ealdormere and sent her greetings from The Kingdom of An Tir.

### **Scribe – Aelena Cordovera**

No report.

### **Webminister – Malie Rennick**

No report

### **Past Events**

Tavern Bransle – we haven't received a cheque yet refunding for double-booking. We made \$200 from the event, which means we had half the people we hoped would have showed up. We had 25 paying customers and would have had 55 if we hadn't had to move the date.

Baroness'

Next week – come on down! Nothing new to report. Going to go get stuff. Volunteers? Rapier roving? Tourney circuit tourney is one of them.

\$15

December 2<sup>nd</sup> Bransle:

After discussion about space conflicts (there's a square dance group upstairs) and that the Chatelaine's army will not be in attendance due a craft fair, the Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bransle has been cancelled.

The Sapperton Hall President has resigned.

Upcoming dates for bransle – 2012 – Devon is considering hosting a bransle at Academe Duello (no dates set)

Combined bransle with Lionsdale? Thomas of Lionsdale, may pick up that discussion?

Canterbury Fair – needs bid (moving target – date shift), we may be relocating the Baronial Banquet to attach to that. Space issues with Baroness' tourney, and combatants will want to wear good garb, but no shower makes that awkward. Not a combat event – A&S people not as sweaty so more will be more willing to come in their best garb.

James: We're not married to the idea of combining the two, just having a banquet is OK too. Feel free to submit bids for that.

Investiture – is set currently for the weekend afterwards, so Canterbury Fair does need to shift.

Fool's bransle – March 31<sup>st</sup>

Heavy Rapier and Archery – May 5

Sealion War (we have a bid!)

James has put in a bid for the May 25 – 27 weekend, at Donatello's farm. Site doesn't allow pets. Has some parking and it's a private site so it'll be "wet". We need to decide what the final site fee will be something between \$15 - \$20. Site rental - \$5/head, \$7/head if the rental includes the grant hall. Biffies about \$700.

\$1,500 overall?

Working with Seagirt for war points and theme – Shakespearian theme

\$15, 220 people - \$3,000 for the income, \$2,800 for expenses

Bid tentatively accepted (with budget pending)

James would like a deputy.

TOA:

TOA we have bid, Johanna.

Need bids for:

Sergeant's trials – working with Miles

Harvest bransle

**Upcoming events:**

**Other Business:**

Ghost ridge – need people for Oct. 29/30 – 5 people each night.

Update on Viscountess Amanda Kendal

Dictated by HE Amanda Kendal of Westmorland mka Nancy Stevens on October 31 2011.  
Amanda has asked that this be forwarded to the various lists.

My Dear Friends,

As some of you know, I have been in the hospital this last month, where I remain. My heart has been touched by the outpouring of love from so many.

I can feel it every day. I wish I could have talked to each of you before sending this letter.

At first, the doctors thought I had ovarian cancer, but after further testing, they have told me that it is probably uterine and/or cervical cancer. Because it is advanced, it is inoperable. I also have blood clots in my lungs and am retaining water. All of these things mean I am having trouble breathing, trouble eating and am coughing a lot. I will be continuing to receive chemotherapy for pain and other symptom control. I may have two months, I may have less. I may have six months. We take it one day at a time. Please don't ignore pain, and visit your doctor.

I have gotten to know all of you at tourneys, wars, banquets, gatherings, workshops and classes. You have all enriched my life, and most of all I had fun. I have so many memories it would take a book to write down, but know that they are burned bright in my heart. Thank you for giving me a wonderful life.

I have confidence you will continue to shine as I have always seen you, and that you will continue to pass it forward to others.

I hope to be at the banquet celebrating my birthday, and perhaps even Twelfth Night.

I love having visitors, cards and letters, emails and phone calls. They are good medicine for my spirits.

I have no fear; I look on the future as a grand adventure.

I look forward to taking your tales to Gerhard and the others who have gone on before.

As Gerhard said: Life is too short. If it is not fun, why are you doing it?

All my love,  
Amanda

### **Baron's Report**

### **Other discussion**

Art of War send our warlord? It still seems to be a good idea, still waiting on information about next Art of War.