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This means **WAR!**



Baron
Ming the
'Merciless'
has
SWMD!
(Siege Weaponry
of Mass
Destruction)
(Possibly, maybe)
- Baron James
(the good one)



Lions Gate Needs You!



A Press Release Exclusive
by Baron James (the good one)

My spies across the water have been watching Ming, The Baron of Seagirt, for some time now to see how he treats the fine citizens of his barony. I regret to tell you that my spies have reported that they have seen Ming do UNSPEAKABLE things to his populace.

Granted, I do not know what he has done because the things were UNSPEAKABLE so my spies could not actually speak them. They may have involved puppy dogs, fluffy kittens, and turnips but I don't know that for sure.

My spies were under threat of great bodily damage to get this information. I know the risk they faced personally because I told each one of them that I would flog them myself if they didn't come back with some dirt on Ming the Merciless that I could use. I was figuring on finding evidence of Siege Weapons of Mass Destruction but UNSPEAKABLE acts works too.

“They have seen Ming do UNSPEAKABLE things!”

“They may have involved puppy dogs, fluffy kittens and turnips!”

“Baron Ming has SWMD!”

“I am calling our...[everyone] to...meet Baron Ming and his army!”

Unfortunately, Ming has heard of my plans to invade Seagirt and liberate the people from the UNSPEAKABLE tyranny they have to suffer. He is rallying his forces and doing his best to convince his populace that these UNSPEAKABLE acts are just some trumped up charges so that I, Baron James, can use the Empress Inn as my Winter Palace. His sly tongue is having some affect but we need to be strong if we want to liberate people who don't feel they need to be liberated.

In his eagerness, Ming has played into our hands. Originally, I planned to march the Lions Gate Army through Seagirtian lands conquering the villages one at a time but now Ming plans on assembling his entire army in one location. What a Godsend for as much as Lionsgators love a good war, they really hate to walk.

So I am calling our fighters, our Sargeants, our Yeoman, our Gallants, our Courtiers, our artisans, our bards, and our populace to sail with me across the water to meet Baron Ming and his army so that we can liberate his people from his rule.





‘Neeps Now!



The Populace Responds
by War Correspondent Wendy Doiron

In an incendiary press release Baron James (the good one) of the Barony of Lions Gate revealed that he had sent spies into the Barony of Seagirt with the intent of discerning whether Baron Ming had Siege Weaponry of Mass Destruction (SWMD). While finding little evidence of those, they did uncover “unspeakable acts.” How unspeakable? So unspeakably the spies were unable to tell us what they were! However, they did leak the possibility that fluffy kittens, puppies and turnips might be involved! In the wake of this explosive expose, the communities and populations of both Lions Gate and Seagirt have been launched into a furor of panic and fear!

A representative of the Turnips, Radishes, and Parsnips Society (TRAPS) was quoted as saying, “All of us are very worried. We have very deep roots in both Seagirt and Lions Gate, and it truly is unspeakable that this could be happening.”

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- Baron James!**

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- KFC**

Chairman Meow of Kittens-Fluffy Cooperative (KFC) mewed that, “This is horrible! First all those sick jokes about being duct taped to people for armour, and now this!” She added, “There has always been discrimination against kittens. Especially the fluffy ones.”

The spokestuber for the Peoples Republic of Daikon (PROD) responded with an inquiry as to whether the Asian vegetable community had cause for alarm, and was reassured that the potential threat seems to be limited to the European vegetable conglomerate.

In the interests of balanced reporting, attempts were made to contact the Canine Allied Troops (CATs) but had not been answered by press time.

Baron James concluded his report by saying that the dreaded Baron Ming the ‘Merciless’ had left him and all of Lions Gate with but one alternative - WAR! Sealion War!

Details on page 6!

Come to Sealion War! Save the ‘Neeps!



Baron's Column



Who knew that the dirt floor of the Cloverdale Agriplex where we hold our weekly practise is six feet deep? Well, we know now and we know that you can set up pavilions and tents and drive stakes and portable holes into the ground.

Despite my throwing our Seneschal into a minor panic by moving up an event from the end of July to the beginning of May leaving only a couple of months to find a site and an event steward, Summer Defenders went off smoothly and without any threat of being rained out.

Ceara enlisted Anika and Sir Griffin as event stewards. The Cloverdale Agriplex was picked as the event site. Normally, this would be a camping event but with the cold spring we have been having we had few complaints that this one wasn't.



There was an excellent turn-out for the Combat Defender which started with a round robin to determine to the top four. HL Cyneric, Lord Meredudd, Sir Kerrigan, and Sir Griffin finished at the top of the Round Robin. Sir Kerrigan battled Sir Griffin in a best of seven (yes, there might have been some influence from Lord Stanley on that call.) It was a close battle with each side trading victories. Now had it been a best of three or even a best of five, the results would have been different but as called Sir Griffin won in what some referred to as Sudden Death Overtime.

Our outgoing Rapier Defender, Callen Drakkar, only held the belt and cloak for six months because the tournament moved from Baroness Tourney to Summer Defenders but he upheld the honour of Lions Gate well with excellent showings at both the Kingdom and Principality level Championships. If Callen was at all disappointed with only holding the belt for six months, I am sure that the disappointment disappeared two weeks later at May Crown when Callen was made a member of the Order of the White Scarf.

The change in date did result in fewer competitors at the Rapier Tournament but the top four to move onto the finals were Kian, Seamus, Sebastian, and Don Warwick. In the final, Don Warwick defeated his cadet, Seamus, in another best of seven. Yes, blame Lord Stanley again.

Our archery tournament had a spy from Seagirt attending. Thomas of Appledore, despite just heading over to Seagirt to have some fun, found himself in the position of winning Seagirt's Archery Championship. We let Thomas shoot with the Lions Gate challengers for the belt so that they could see what their competition at Sealion would be like. Of course, I zeroed out his scores at the end. It's good to be the Baron.

The final four in the finals were Stefan, Corey, Aline, and Theodore with Thomas shooting as well. Fiona, our outgoing defender, used a vertical and horizontal wand shoot as the final round with Archos Aline emerging victorious.

In addition, Don Warwick ran a combat archery tournament with four combat archers. They did a round robin box tourney with the top two going into what Warwick called a Running Man Tourney but Mistress Caitrin renamed Free Range Archers. No boxes, big field, clear the bow rules. Corey was victorious over Chrystlee.

So do you think the Barony should have a combat archery defender/champion? Let me know.



Editor's Letter



I have a confession to make. I don't like being hit in the head. I've considered myself a heavy fighter for the past six years, and I haven't enjoyed very much of it. It hasn't been a waste of time, but of the aspects I have enjoyed, very little of it has been the actual fighting. I've enjoyed the camaraderie, I've enjoyed some of the scenarios, I've enjoyed being a dead body cum obstacle on bridges and fjords, and I've even enjoyed the often frustrating and labourious process of designing, making, and pulling together my own armour kit that works for and with me instead of against me. I also couldn't have done any of it, nor stuck with it for so long, without the constant assistance and support of my partner and inspiration Garet Doiron. Still, after six long years, if I'm not enjoying myself it isn't for lack of trying.

My true passion is archery. My true passion has been archery since I first shot a bow in summer camp, sending crimp-point arrows towards a target face at ten yards whilst shooting left-handed on a right-handed bow. I'm still not sure how or why that worked, but it did. I still have my bull's eye archery chip.

Though it's been a long, somewhat circuitous route getting here, I'm enjoying finally giving myself the opportunity to pursue my true passion. Better yet, I have the opportunity to pursue both target and combat archery as part of our game. I'm not very good at either yet, but I don't expect to be for some time. (Though I just got new target arrows, and am looking forward to trying them out.)

I guess it shouldn't come as a surprise then that others can recognize and see that excitement in me, but it was still a shock to be named the Baroness' Inspiration for Archery. I'm not entirely sure what I've done to be worthy of the honour, but I'll try to keep on doing it.

I have another confession to make. I, too, have been inspired through my baroness' kindness. Inspired enough to start making plans towards trying out for something next year. Something that may involve carving an application out of soapstone. I 'step down' as Inspiration at Baroness' Tourney & Banquet in November. I'm thinking that may be the time and place for an announcement. We'll see.

In the meantime I hope you'll enjoy this May-nely tongue-in-cheek edition of the North Wind, and I hope to see you all at Sealion War this weekend.

Sincerely,
Wymarcha Hektanah Doiron
Chronicler for the Barony of Lions Gate

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Upcoming Events



Sealion War



Barony of Seagirt
June 3-5, 2011

War drums sound! Across the waters Lions Gate prepares to invade Seagirt. But Seagirt has a trick up its sleeve. We will meet Lions Gate on Neutral Ground, in the Shire of Hartwood and send them back from whence they came! Please join Their Excellencies, Baron Ming and Baroness Elina as Seagirtians defend their Homeland!

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1-866-311-2267
<http://www.mountaineirrvpark.com/>

Fees:
Adult Camping: \$15
Adult Day: \$10

Youth Camping (13-18): \$10
Youth Day (13-18): \$5
Children 12 and under: FREE
NMS of \$5 applies to all adults
Merchants \$5
Make cheques payable to the "Barony of Seagirt"

RV's will be allowed on site at an additional charge paid directly to the site. \$20.00 for a partially serviced site or \$25.00 for a fully serviced site. Please contact them to make arrangements as RV sites are limited.

Underage children coming without their parents must have forms signed by their parents designating an accompanying adult as their guardian before coming to the event. The forms can be found here:
<http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/>
Anyone without the proper paperwork will not be allowed on site. Sorry, rules is rules.
Site rules:

Dogs are welcome! An Tir leash laws will be in effect.
Smoking in campsites only with proper disposal containers.



June Coronet



Site Info:
Name: Rock Creek Fair Grounds
3880 Kettle Valley Road
Rock Creek, BC
Site Information

Site opens: 3pm on Friday, June 10th, 2011
Site closes: 3pm on Sunday, June 12, 2011

Site Fee
adults – aged 19+: \$15.00
youth, ages 13-18: \$10.00

children, age 12 and under: free
Family Cap (two adults, and two or more youth of the same family): \$40.00

There will be no day fee.

A non-member surcharge of \$3.00 applies to all adults age 19 and older who are not SCA members, and will be charged at the gate.

Please make cheques payable to the Shire of Danescombe.

Council Highlights

Baron James

One of the new Kingdom rules involves holding events in neighbouring shires. We need to get permission from the shire before even asking the site owner and we also have to pay the shire 10% of the profit. This affects Lions Gate as being an urban environment, it is hard to find places to hold camping events large enough for us. Warner Loat Park was lost to us as a camping site a few years ago when the city decided they didn't want camping in it. As such, many of our camping events are often held in Maple Ridge which is now part of Lionsdale.

If you know of a site in Surrey, Langley, Delta, Tsawwassen, Richmond or anywhere else in Lions Gate proper that would allow camping, let Ceara or myself know about it. Perhaps, a new park has opened up or you know a farm owner that has a clear field that will let us set up. Some places that might have been too expensive before may be affordable now.

We won't be silly about this though. If a site in Maple Ridge is going to cost us \$500 plus 10% of any profit and a site in Vancouver is going to cost us a \$1000, we will go with the Maple Ridge site because I don't think we are likely to be making \$5000 profit on any event. Even if we do, we probably won't be that concerned helping Lionsdale buy some Baronial Coronets that they will need sometime down the road.

Lions Gate Calendar of Events

June-2011						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

Event Listings for June-2011		
Date	Branch	Event
3-5		Sealion War
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Mon		Cloverdale Practice - 6 , 13 , 20 , 27
Thu		Baronial Council - 23
Wed		North Wind Deadline - 22
Thu		Rapier Practice - 2 , 9 , 16 , 23 , 30
Thu		Dance Practice - 2 , 16
Fri		Newcomer Information Session - 3

July-2011						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Event Listings for July-2011		
Date	Branch	Event
29-31		Tournament of Armies
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Mon		Cloverdale Practice - 4 , 11 , 18 , 25
Thu		Baronial Council - 28
Wed		North Wind Deadline - 27
Thu		Rapier Practice - 7 , 14 , 21 , 28
Thu		Dance Practice - 7 , 21
Fri		Newcomer Information Session - 1

August-2011						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Event Listings for August-2011		
Date	Branch	Event
1		Tournament of Armies
12-14		Sergeantry Trials
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Mon		Cloverdale Practice - 1 , 8 , 15 , 22 , 29
Thu		Baronial Council - 25
Wed		North Wind Deadline - 24
Thu		Rapier Practice - 4 , 11 , 18 , 25
Thu		Dance Practice - 4 , 18
Fri		Newcomer Information Session - 5

Lions Gate Summer Defenders



Rapier competition

Photos by John MacAndrew and M. Agnes



Heavy fighters



Aline shoots in the archery competition - ultimately winning it.



Baroness' Inspirations

Wymarcha Hektanah	Archery (not pictured)
Alivia Spencer	Arts & Sciences
Corey	Combat
Juokias Uzpuolikas	Rapier (not pictured)
Malie Rennick	Service

Scroll of the Month



While not a scroll per-se, I felt the beautiful artwork Heather did for the murder hole shoot at Summer Defenders deserved recognition. Here she is, standing next to her painting, just prior to it getting demolished in the process of choosing a new Archery Defender.

Photo by John MacAndrew



Their Royal Majesties of An Tir - King Skeggi and Queen Taisiia
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