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The Newsletter of the Barony of Iron Bog

From the Baronial Seat, Baron Collin and Baroness Marion

Greetings unto the Barony!

The event season is in full swing and we hope that you are enjoying these first days of summer! We wanted to thank those of you that attended the Pillage the Village demo on the weekend of June 15th. We had an excellent turnout of SCA folks and we covered a variety of different activities to appeal to all.

To Baroness Drueta and Lady Genevra, thank you for all your organizational efforts!

To Lord Sterling, your rose tournament was well received by the spectators. Many of which went home with a rose from the winning fighters.

Vivat to Lord Melchior on his well-earned retirement as our Rapier Champion!

Vivat to Don Duncan for his spectacular display of grace upon the fencing field!

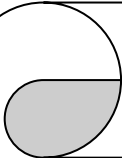
We look forward to having you as our champion for the next year.

Pennsic is looming on the horizon and we will both be in attendance. Here is some information about Baronial activities should you wish to join us:

Opening Ceremonies - July 27th

We've spoken to Master Ryan, Brigantia Herald, who states that the tentative plan is to have everyone ready outside of EK Royal no later than 7:30 p.m. We plan to process from the Iron Bog encampment down to EK Royal at 6:15 p.m. It takes a little bit of time to organize the different groups but we would rather be a little early than have to rush to participate in Opening Ceremonies.

Iron Bog "Mojito" Court and Potluck - July 28th



We will be holding a brief Court on Sunday, July 28th at 6:30 p.m. We will also be having our traditional potluck to coincide with Court. Please consider coming out and sharing a dish and the evening with us.

East Kingdom Gate Guard - July 31st 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

As a Barony, we feel that it is our duty to give a little time to help protect the gates of the Royal Encampment at Pennsic. It also allows us to show off just how awesome we are. ☺ If you are able, please consider standing with us for an hour or two.

We have two events that follow Pennsic in quick succession. Lord Lucas will be hosting the annual Summer Toylord Event on August 24th. This is a great opportunity for us to help fill the coffers of the local Toys for Tots organization with much needed toys. Lord Sterling will also be running the Iron Bog Baronial Heavy Championship at this event.

River Wars will kick off the month of September. Barony Larry and his staff are working diligently to put together a weekend full of activities. We will be holding both our A&S and Archery championships at this event.

Lastly, we wanted to take a moment and congratulate Darmon and Sabine on their successful time as Baron and Baroness of Bhakail. We have enjoyed working with them immensely and we hope that they enjoy their impending retirement. We will be attending Bhakail Investiture on June 29th and look forward to welcoming their successors, Mal Eoin and Ysmay with warmth and friendship.



In Service

Can't make to the monthly business meetings...go to the Iron Bog website...Minutes from the meeting are posted with a few days of each meeting.

Upcoming Baronial Events

Toys for Tots: Saturday, August 24th

River War: Friday, September 6th – Sunday, September 8th

*“My Two Cents” from the Seneschal,
Lady Athelissa Dragun*

It's finally Summer! The cold temperatures are gone, the daylight hours are longer, and most of us are more active now that it is warmer.

Please do all you can to keep yourself hydrated, protected from sunburn, heat exhaustion and all the other fun-busters of summer. And, while you are taking care of yourself, our chivalrous, courteous, and more mannerly manners should have each of us looking out for our friends and family and fellow SCAdians (or potential SCAdians) to make sure they are not suffering from the summer's fun-busters.

Pennsic is almost upon us, if you are going, have a very safe, happy and healthy War – minimize your fun-busters and maximize the good times. Those of us staying home will wave farewell, and gladly welcome you home again, to those of you able to make the journey.

And, that's my two cents!

*From the Chronicler
Lady Aibhilin inghean ui Phaidin*

This quarter, our Barony had the pleasure of being part of Mt. Holly's Pillage the Village for the 2nd year. This year our demo was center stage for the day. We had a large set up with a Chatelaine's tent with a display of A&S items, tent displaying equipment for martial activities, Lady Caitriona's tent with her calligraphy and illumination, and a tent for make and take youth activities. We started the day with a fashion show of a variety of medieval garb. The day continued with the Baronial Rapier Championship tournament, led by outgoing Champion Lord Melchior, and was won by Don Duncan Kieran. A demonstration of heaving fighting followed. The wonderful day finished off with Don Duncan leading a demonstration of medieval dance with baronial and audience participation. Our Chatelaine and her Deputy had a guest book in which we had several interested people put down their information. In addition to some new people who were very interested in the SCA, we had some former members who came out to reunite.

Baroness Drueta and Lady Genevra organized a wonderful demonstration to show visitors of Pillage the Village the many aspects of the SCA. Being part of this demo and having many newcomers approach as I ran youth activities or walked around, I really began to realize that we “individual members” are often the first person with whom newcomers have contact. Although our Chatelaine is there to support us and perhaps follow through for us, being comfortable talking to and welcoming a new person when you are their first point of contact is a very important first step.

Elise Fleming (Alys Katharine) wrote an article entitled NEWCOMERS ARE NICE... Once You Get to Know Them: Advice to Established Members that can be found of the Society Chatelaine's website (<http://www.sca.org/officers/chatelain/pdf/NewcomersAreNice.pdf>).

She explains 7 important points to remember so that you may feel comfortable to talking with a newcomer and so that the newcomer feels welcomed rather than overwhelmed:

- First, go up and say hello. The “newcomer” may be a former participant so, “If you are not that “old” in the group, ask if the person is new.”
- Introduce the new person to your friends and to those working on crafts.
- Ask what the newcomer knows about the SCA. You can also ask them what brought them to the SCA and about their modern day interests and activities to get a better idea of what they might like to learn more about.
- Ask the person if you can explain what is going on (instead of telling them “if you have any questions just ask”). The newcomer may not know what to ask nor may not feel comfortable asking. The author suggests starters such as:
 - May I explain...?”
 - “Are you interested in...?”
 - “What do you like to do?”
 - “What are your interests/hobbies?” “Would you like to talk to someone about...? (leatherworking, cooking, embroidery, fighting, armor, calligraphy, archery, costuming, music, brewing, etc.) ?”
 - “What can I explain?”
 - “May I introduce you to someone who knows about...?”
- Help the newcomer participate.
- See that newcomer information is available.
- Get the newcomer’s name and contact information.

She suggests to “remember that a newcomer may suffer from overload.” There may come a point when you want to go back to your business, “suggest that they might like to look around and then come back to talk with you before they leave.” If the Chatelaine is available you can then introduce to the newcomer so that the Chatelaine can supplement or follow up with the newcomer.

For a newcomer being noticed and recognized and seeing that you’re pleased to see them (“but not gushy”) may be the first step to them becoming a new member of the SCA. And remember, we were all newcomers once.

*Congratulations to Don Duncan Kieran
the Barony’s new Rapier Champion*

Vivat, Vivat, Vivat!!!

Monthly Activities

Fight Practice: Come practice medieval heavy weapons fighting! Loaner armor is available if the Knight Marshal (Lord Lucas Beekeart) is contacted in advance.

Every Sunday 1pm to 4pm
Location: Dominic Johnson Recreational Center, Pemberton NJ. Directions are on the website.

Rapier Practice: Learn the art of Fencing!
Some loaner gear is available.

Every other Sunday 1pm to 4pm
Location: Dominic Johnson Recreational Center, Pemberton NJ. Directions are on the website.

Youth Rapier Practice: Children 6 and older can come and learn to fence.

Archery Practice: Learn the art of Archery! (no compound bows please) Loaner gear available.

1st and 3rd Sunday of the month: on hiatus for winter.
Location: Dominic Johnson Recreational Center, Pemberton NJ. Directions are on the website.

Business meeting: Here the business aspect of the Barony is handled by the Baronial officers. All Barony members are welcome to attend and participate.

Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm.
Location: Collingswood Library, Haddon Avenue, Collingswood NJ. Directions on website.

Brunch with the Baroness: A monthly traveling Sunday afternoon activity sponsored by the Iron Bog Cooks Guild. The activity is a medieval potluck open to all members of the Barony and beyond.

If you would like to host a Brunch please contact Lady Valery from the Cooks Guild to schedule.

A&S Night: This activity is now a combination of project night, scribal night and sewing circle. It includes everything from working on and sharing your own personal projects to team efforts, learning/working on sewing projects including your own medieval garb, or learning the scribal arts! No experience required!

First Thursday of the month 6:30pm to 8:30pm.
Location: Collingwood Library.

Please contact Lady Valery the Baronial Mistress of Arts and Sciences for more information on how to get involved!

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