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The Newsletter of the Barony of Iron Bog

From the Baronial Seat

Greetings unto the Barony!

Back in June the Barony participated in the Pillage the Village demo in beautiful downtown Mount Holly. We want to thank Ryan for bringing this demo to the Barony's attention. We had a wonderful turnout from the Barony and had plenty of folks stop by and chat with us about our hobby. We hope to participate in this demo again in the future. Thanks Ryan!

The BBQ with the Baron had a nice turnout. Thanks to all who came and if you didn't you missed a good time. Collin plans to do this again next year and would like input from people for ways to make it even better. He already plans to try to move it a bit earlier in the season and keep it off any weekend with major events.

Brunch with the Baroness in early July was lovely. We even had mimosas! Thank you to Mistress Katerine for hosting the brunch in her lovely new home. There will be no Brunch with the Baroness in August. The September brunch will be held the Sunday of River War. Hope to see you there!

Pennsic is fast approaching and we are looking forward to our first time as Baron and Baroness at Pennsic. Here are some key events for the Barony:

-Opening Ceremonies: August 5th and scheduled to run from 10:00-11:30. Anyone wishing to be part of the procession with the Barony should meet at the Iron Bog encampment at 9:00 a.m. We will head up to East Kingdom Royal as a group and process in together.

-Iron Bog Court/Potluck: This is also scheduled for August 5th. We'll start off with Court (in camp) at 6:00 *please note the time change* followed by (and likely during Court) the potluck. Please bring something to contribute to the potluck and join us! There may even be margaritas...

-East Kingdom Gate Guard: Wednesday August 8th from 09:00-11:00. We will be standing on guard for those 2 hours. Anyone wishing to join us for one or two hours is encouraged to do so. And if you have them, bring your stick weasels!

-We hope to process to the Archery range and shoot the War Point as a group. We will talk about this at the Sunday potluck and see when the most of us can get together and do this.

River Wars is just a few weeks after Pennsic. We are looking forward to this event and hope everyone is as excited as we are for what is becoming the Southern Regions go to Fall event. If anyone has business they'd like to see in our court at River Wars please let either Declan or us know.

Lastly if you know anyone who is deserving of a Baronial or even a Kingdom level award, please let us know.

In Service,
Collin and Marion

*“My Two Cents” from the Seneschal,
Lady Ahelissa Dragon*

There have been a lot of conversations on several face book groups about recruiting and retaining new members to the SCA. This made me think, what can each of us do to share our passions and joy we find in this game we play? It's easy to strike up the conversation at a demo or a practice where an interested, or at least, curious, bystander asks about your armor, or heraldry or garb or whatever caught their attention. More challenging is putting the SCA in front of someone in our regular mundane lives. If one is comfortable talking about the SCA at work, chances are everyone has already heard all your best “war stories”, and if one is trying to keep work and SCA lives separate, then those war stories are deep dark secrets.

If you are not talking about

the SCA to strangers, who could become friends, why not? Are you ashamed of our hobby, or afraid of other's opinions, or do you just think everyone who is interested in the SCA is already part of the SCA? Or is there some other reason? Try to remember what brought you to the SCA to begin with – maybe that's just the thing to bring someone else to the SCA.

Regarding retaining newcomers, what can each of us do to make that newcomer feel welcome and therefore want to come back to the next meeting, event or practice? Loaner fighter and fencing gear is one thing, but there should be more. What can each one of us do? Should we start an “adopt a newcomer” plan where a newcomer is matched up to someone in the Barony with

similar interests for a couple of events? Should we create “welcome baskets” with a couple starter pieces of feast gear and a basic tunic/pants or chemise/skirt in a basket? What ideas does everyone else have?

I think we need to try to bring new people to the SCA, and keep them coming back. Each person can bring new ideas and experiences to our game. When you find yourself talking to someone who might have interests that might fit into this game we play, tell them about the SCA and the things you enjoy doing that makes the “dream” for you.

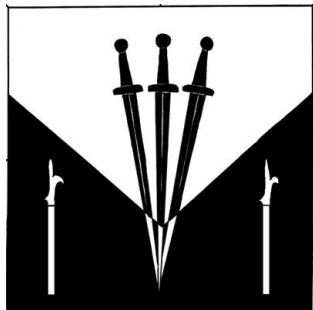
And, that's my two cents.

From the Chronicler, Lady Aibhilin inghean Ui Phaidin

We have had a nice, albeit hot start to summer as the Barony helped to pillage the village with a demonstration in June followed two weeks later with a wet Summer War Lord Tourney. Safe travels to those journeying to Pennsic or other vacation destinations. We'll meet again for our next Business meeting in September. We'll end September with a bang at our River Wars!

Summer War Lord Tourney: It was wet, but fun!

Although it rained on and off, more on than off, there was a nice turn out on Saturday, July 14th for the Annual Toys for Tots Summer War Lord Tourney. Archery had to be put on hold, but the wet weather did not stop the fighters from holding their Tourney outside in the rain. On the other hand, the fencers fought indoors staying mostly dry. The scheduled water battle did not take place due to the weather, but the kids had a blast playing in the rain! The populace of Iron Bog provided their usual bountiful pot luck. The day ended with Court. Lord Sterling was called into Court because of his devious actions against Lady Ahelissa. While contrite, he could not promise to never do it again. War Lords were announced and Heinrich was welcomed into the Order of the Sable Gauntlet. Most importantly, the Barony collected 76 toys for the Marine's Toys for Tots program!



Congratulations to

Our new War Lords:

Fencing War Lord

Lord Firebow

and

Heavy War Lord

Lord William

MacCrimmon

*And to the newest
companion of the Order of
the Sable Gauntlet and
the newest Youth*

Marshal:

Heinrich Wachter

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.

Youth Fight Practice: Contact Youth Marshal (Heinrich Wachter) for more information.

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.

3rd Sunday of the month 2pm to 4pm
Location: Dominic Johnson Recreational Center, Pemberton NJ. Directions are on the website.

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.

Sewing Circle: Learn the art of Sewing while working on your own medieval costume! (Please contact Lady Genevra for more information as to specific group projects or supplies that you will need to bring).

2nd Tuesday of the month 7pm to 10pm
Location: Lady Genevra's (please contact her for directions).

Brunch with the Baroness: A monthly traveling Sunday afternoon activity sponsored by the Iron Bog Cooks Guild. 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.

Scribal Night: Join us for an artistic evening of learning the scribal arts! No experience required!

First Thursday of the month 6pm to 9pm.
Location: Collingwood Library.

Project Night: This activity includes everything from working on and sharing your own personal projects to team efforts. Please contact Lady Creature the Baronial Mistress of Arts and Sciences for more information on how to get involved!

Fourth Wednesday of the month 7pm to 10pm

Upcoming Baronial Events

Pennsic War: July 27th-August 12th

River Wars: September 28-30th.

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