



From The Baron and Baroness



Easter has come and gone again, and with it the annual camping events for the SCA. We trust that those who travelled to Rowany for Festival enjoyed themselves, as we know those who went to Suth Moot did. Congratulations to all involved for running a marvellous event, although the rain and wind on the first night were a little excessive. Suth moot saw a new award handed out, the Order of the Starling, to Nicolette du Fay who (not entirely coincidentally) stewarded the event. If you have noticed somebody doing a lot of work around the Barony please write a recommendation for them.

Normally we would be reminding you that the Suth Moot is only two weeks away, but we have two major events coming up between now and next Easter. Great Southern Gathering and Twelfth Night are both in their planning stages. If you can think of a way you can contribute please let that event's steward know. If you can't think of a way to help, but would like to do so please let the steward know. I'm sure he'll think of something for you to do. We will also have the Baronial Birthday event in late August.

On another matter, the Canton of Bryn-a-Mor looks like reforming, which will cover the area East of Melbourne. We wish this group all the best in its endeavours.

Once again, thanks to all of those who have helped us over the last month, and we hope May is a productive and enjoyable one for you and the Barony.

Yours in Service, Cormac and Elspeth.

From The Chronicler

Greetings good gentles and welcome to this very special edition of The Blue Strand. Following are the sights, sounds and experiences from our 4th annual Suth Moot.

I have heard that a picture is worth a thousand words. I believe this to be true. As such I am very happy to present this illumined text to you. Following what they say, there are more than 35,000 words within these few pages.

I hope you enjoy them. If you do find one or two which are required for your own collection, please let me know. I shall be happy to provide larger copies.

And now, without further ado, I give you Suth Moot IV – Four Suth.

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Veronica Bellini

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Suth Moot IV Special

Anyone who was at Suth Moot will attest to how wonderful it was.

Friday morning was quiet, all the way to breakfast. Then the day erupted in the flash of steel, the crash of weapons and the thwack of arrows into targets.

In the quieter corners there were gentler activities; including macaroon making, feather plume creating and drumming for eastern dance.

The afternoon saw the first century challenge for rapier fought.

There were three participants. Siegfried, Wolfram and Yves were all successful in achieving this.

The Bazaar had some wonderful items for sale with everything from essential oils and wool, to wooden swords and bowls. There was quite a choice and something there for everyone, younglings included.

Friday night ended with an Eastern themed feast. Many attending

"Death to Yves" Became a the rapier war cry for the weekend

wore eastern garb especially for the night. There were many lovely and exotic foods, followed by music and dancing. Anyone could pick up an instrument and attempt to join in. Everyone helped in making the night a wonderful event.



All enjoyed the first day and retired, only imagining what was planned for the rest of the camp.

Saturday dawned bright and sunny. It was a relief for all the people with period tents. It gave them a chance to re-erect the tents the winds had torn down overnight.

The morning started with an Agincourt run. Although Agincourt is a chance for adults to dress in armour, it was the children who enjoyed this event most. They were holding the bows and getting to shoot arrows at the heavies running at them. Their laugher could be heard from the coffee shop.

While this was happening, the Baroness' Pyramid rapier tournament took place. The children and the fighters joined together to form a team with the children running circuits of the field. Everyone involved enjoyed this. The children cheering and helping all added to making this a great tournament to watch.

In the tournament break there was a great boffer tournament for the children.



Boffer tournament final.

Later in the day a Kid's Quest was held. The children had to go from person to person to find the stolen Shakespeare Script. They had to question various people to find out who the thief was. There was much giggling and merriment heard during this activity.



Throughout the day, rapier, embroidery and history lessons could be seen in most corners of the camp. All were completely enjoyed by those who attended them.

Being a Barony, Suth Moot had its first baronial court, held on the Saturday afternoon.

During court was the very unique event of the Wedding of Tobias and Isobel, who were then honoured guests at the high table that night. The ceremony was beautiful.

During court, Thorgrim was awarded the Baronial Endorsement. It was certainly well deserved.

The newly wedded Tobias and Isobel, with Grace and Baroness Elspeth

Finally there was a new Baronial award announced. A very prestigious award, of whom the recipients will be very few.

It is called the Order of the Starling. Nicolette Du Fay was the very first recipient of this award. Congratulations! It is clear to all how much she has earned this.

The formal feast that night was divine. With Clara making the most marvellous food, including two bees or not two bees, depending on which platter you looked upon.

Later there was a fire display in the main field, with not less than 3 entertainers juggling fire. It was a daring sight to watch.



Nicolette receiving the Order of the Starling.

Everyone's favourite tournament took place on the Sunday. The Princess Bride tournament. There were great displays and challenges, such as the "show of strength" piggy back race and the "Mostly dead" challenge. The crowd favourite seemed to be "As you wish" Where a baroness was asked what her wishes were. The tournament was delightful to watch.



High table at Saturday night feast



"Fetch me that pitcher" Don Aylwin in a "As you Wish" challenge in the Princess Bride Tournament

Tucked away in the log cabin, for anyone looking, was a class in blackwork embroidery. It is a beautiful stitch that decorates the garb of history. Those that attended will surely be following history's example.

On the archery field A Kings Round took place. Each archer shot at one target at increasing distances, until they missed. An enjoyable activity that does not even need authorisation to participate in.

For those interested in Irish mythology, there was a class held in the coffee shop. By all reports it was a pleasant way to learn the mythology, with a rather well-versed teacher.

On Sunday, we were entertained with the heavy combat Century Challenge. Heavy fighters try to get to 100 rounds, win lose or draw. It is an endurance test for all involved. The audience are highly entertained by this.

The night closed with a casual feast at the Shake Spear Hunting lodge. A night of relaxation. The food was delightful and the guests could relax and enjoy the night. Everything from playing music and telling stories to board and card games. If they wished to participate they could. Otherwise the night was for resting and enjoying the company.

The most varied tournament was held on the Monday. It was a chance for all disciplines to team up. With an archer, a

heavy and a fencer on each team - points were accumulated according to how each team member did. This was reported as the most fun as each discipline got to show off to the others. In the end it was considered a great success.

Although this article does not cover everything that happened at Suth Moot, it gives the broad strokes of what happened. Suth Moot itself closed as a great success. Forsooth, 'twas a fine spirited camp.













The following are upcoming events. Please let the chronicler know of others you wish to add to this list.

Krae Glas:

Winter Rapier series – Further details will be announced soon

The Great Southern Gathering (GSG)

28th September – 1st October 2012

GSG is a relaxed annual event offering a variety of classes for those interested in the Arts and Sciences, Armoured Combat and Fencing, with a mix of tournaments and Prize fights on the Sunday. GSG is an annual event which rotates between Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania and this year it's the Barony of Krae Glas' pleasure to host this region-

Venue:- Clifford Park Activity Centre, 7 Clifford Dr Wonga Park VIC (Melways 24 J6)

Event Steward: Don Everard Sefar. For further information or to obtain an early booking form, contact Everard on everardsefar@gmail.com

The 1st Krae Glas Baronial Anniversary

25th August 2012

Save this date. Details to follow very soon.

Event Stewards: Leif Magnusson, Miguel Rodriguez de Santiago, Veronica Bellini

Beyond our fair borders:

May Crown

11th - 13th May 2012 From 12th Night till Easter Members \$75, Non members \$80

From Easter, gate prices apply \$80 and \$85. Dorm accommodation is available at an extra \$30 per head. The event is a fully catered camping event at Camp Kurrajung Scout Camp Oura Rd Wagga Wagga NSW

Bookings can be made via Sir Jon Dai at s.davis_1969@hotmail.com

30 Year Anniversary

16th of June, 2012

30 years ago the SCA Lochac had it's first event in Campsie, Sydney.

Celebrations of this anniversary will take place in the afternoon and early evening of the 16th of June, 2012, at avenue to be announced in Sydney.

There will be a museum display of ancient relics, photos and film. There will be snacks but no feast. Come to meet some of our founders and those who were lucky enough to be at that first event.

For further details please contact: llewentheunruly@gmail.com

Midwinter Toronation

7th & 8th July AS XLVII (2012)

Unto the populace of the Known World, the Barony of Innilgard does invite you to

celebrate the Winter Solstice

and marking the 10th Anniversary of the Kingdom of Lochac

Saturday: Gumeracha Town Hall, Adelaide-Mannum Rd, Gumeracha (Adelaide Hills) site opens 9am

Sunday: Stockade Botanical Park, corner Howard Road & Twin Street, Northfield (Adelaide) site opens 9am

Steward: Baron Yevan de Leeds (Craig Hutchinson), vevan@bigpond.com 08 8254 1003

Bookings: Mistress Bryony Beehyrd (Brenda Bartel), bkbartel@gmail.com 08 8389 3404

College War XVIII 12th - 16th of July

Let it be known that the Colleges across the great Kingdom of Lochac, who seek to determine which of their number is the finest, have hence declared war on one another.

This battle shall be met on the fields of the Barony of Politarchopolis, between the 12th and the 16th of July, Anno Societatus LXVII, at Caloola Farm, south of Tharwa in the ACT.

bookings, please email Lord Alexander a la Fontayne, including any dietary requirements, and if you are a Collegian (and if so which College), SCA member, or non-member, and any Collegia you wish to run as an A&S entry. alexanderalafontayne@gmail.com



Every Thursday 7:45 - 10:00 PM Rapier Practice & Capstone Training Fairhills High School, 330 Scoresby Road, Knoxfield, Victoria Australia 3180

Dance Practice

Central 1 lecture theatre fover, Building 63, Monash University Every Friday 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Archery (target and basic combat)

Every Friday from 7:00 PM Lemon Scented Lawns Near Central 1 lecture theatre fover, Building 63, Monash University

Fighter Training

Central 1 lecture theatre fover, Building 63, Monash University **Every Friday from 8:00 PM**

Early Music Instrumental/Vocal Group Central 1 lecture theatre fover, Building 63, Monash University

Every Friday from 6:00 PM

Fortnightly Rapier Magnolia St, Doveton Every 2nd Wednesday 8:30 - 10:30 PM

Monthly planning Meeting Magnolia St, Doveton 2nd Saturday Mthly 12:30 - 1:30 PM

Monthly Crafthall Magnolia St, Doveton 2nd Saturday Mthly 1:30 - 7:00 PM

'Bash and 'Broidery

4th Saturday Mthly 2:00 - 5:00 PM

9 Cypress ct, Cranbourne North





The Order of The Starling

Details of these very prestigious award will be presented at a later date. Needless to say it will be a rare jewel indeed who receives this award.

Recipients:

Nicolette Du Fay

07/04/2012

Apollo Dolphinus

There are three variations, Martial, A&S and Service.

This award recognises someone who has excelled in one of the above areas. They don't need to be the best fighter, but it could be someone who has assisted with lists or promoted fighting, as an example.

The symbol of the order is a Dolphin haurient, with a red, green or blue stone dependant. Red symbolises martial, green symbolises A&S and blue is for service endeavours.

Recipients:

Gwynfor (Martial)	27/08/2011
Paul de Ville (Arts and Science)	16/11/2011
Yves de Lyle (Service)	13/01/2012
Martyn Fairchild (Service)	13/01/2012

Baroness Cypher

These are awarded to individuals who have come to the Baroness' attention, and are small tokens of varying types - such as buttons and teasels.

Recipients:

Baron's Cypher	Auðun inn illi	27/08/2011	Token - ring
Baroness' Cypher	Celsa	27/08/2011	Token - button
Envoy to Politocopolis	Adrian Neggastein	27/08/2011	Token - two pronged fork

Baronial Endorsement:

The Baronial Endorsement was created by Cormac and Elspeth to recognise those who have enriched the Barony of Krae Glas through their actions and their sense of purpose.

The symbol of the Krae Glas Baronial Endorsement is two dolphins endorsed.

Recipients:

Theophilus Balsamon	27/08/2011
Veronica Bellini	20/11/2011
Seigfried Zoder	16/03/2012
Thorgrim the Dwarf	07/04/2012

Baronial Spurtle

The Baroness wished to recognise those who have helped the Barony in the culinary fields - whether it is by preparing, cooking, serving or helping in the kitchens.

The symbol is a small silver spoon.

Recipients:

Gwir verch Madog 27/08/2011



The Baron and Baroness of Krae Glas Baron Cormac Lenihan and Baroness Elspeth Caerwent

(Conrad and Cathy Leviston)

The baron and Baroness administer the lands and people of Krae Glas on behalf of the kind and queen of Lochac. They ensure that Krae Glas contributes to the nobility of Lochac, and recognize good work within Krae Glas, be it martial, in the arts and sciences, or in service.

Email: Baron and Baroness

Seneschal

Martyn Fairchild of Grenhamerton (Andrew Bennett)

Ph: 0404 927 395 Email: <u>Seneschal</u>

As in medieval times, the Seneschal is the head of the group who handles the day-to-day affairs and manages the other Officers. A mundane equivalent is President.

Reeve

Nicolette Dufay (Lillian Johnston)

Ph: 0413 518 151 Email: <u>Reeve</u>

The Reeve handles the financial aspects of the group, including maintaining the books and bank accounts. The mundane equivalent is a Treasurer.

Chronicler

Veronica Bellini (Monica James)

Email: Chronicler

The Chronicler records the history of the Barony and distributes it for the known world to read.

Marshal

Leif Magnusson (Matt Curran)

Ph: 0400 669 459 Email: Marshal

The Marshal is responsible for encouraging Martial activities within the group. They ensure that fighters are safe on the field as well as inspecting and authorising new fighters. They coordinate Heavy, Rapier, Combat Archery and Target Archery.

Group Rapier Marshal

Seigfried Zoder Email: <u>Seigfried</u>

Coordinates and encourages rapier combat within the group.

Arts and Sciences

Clara Luther (Kath Langmead)

Email: Arts and Sciences

Encourages the pursuit of any arts and sciences through classes, workshops, informal gatherings and competitions.

Herald

Tomasia Mariano (Hannah Langmead)

Email: Herald

Coordinates the running of Heraldic activities for the group, including registration of names and devices, performing voice heraldry during events such as court, and on the field during tournaments.

Constable

Miguel de Santiago (Matt Armstrong)

Ph: 0409 300 193 Email: Constable

Responsible for site and event safety, indemnities/waivers and lost property.

Web Minister

Paul de la Ville (Paul Harrison)

Ph: 0405 462 362 Email: Webwright

Maintains the group's internet presence. This includes social networking sites, the mailing list and the main website. They also assist with moderation of the forums, form policy and create and maintain content for the site.

If you are interested in assisting with running Krae Glas, or want to know more about what an Officer does, then please contact the Seneschal so we can register your interest.