



NOREK'S TAELS

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It is Official!

Shire of Dragons Bay



Some of the populace after the Team Melee July 2010

YAY THE POPULACE!

It is with much rejoicing that I send to the populace this edition of Norek's Tael. Humbly I take on the role of chronicler in the inspiring steps of Abd Malik Abdul-Salaam. Thank you for your hard work within the Shire and as chronicler. We wish you well and pray for your safety, peace and happiness.

Catherine of Shirwode

CHRONICLER (p)

SHIRE OF DRAGONS BAY





SENESCHAL'S REPORT



Greetings unto all the good folk of Dragons Bay.

Well we have had a very busy couple of months.

One of the biggest things to happen in the last few weeks has been the approval by the Kingdom for our name as this gets us one step closer full status. Huzzah for Dragons Bay!

I would like to welcome aboard our new Chronicler milady Catherine of Shirwode whose first newsletter you are reading now, well done Catherine and thank you for taking on this

role for the Shire.

If you are interested in contributing to the Shires success in any way please talk to either myself or one of the other Officers who will be happy to share their knowledge on this or any other topic.



Where to start on what we have been doing over the last few months.

Our training sessions in both Archery and Fighter training are coming along great, we are all doing very well and

learning lots, so keep coming along and having a great time.

We have had a couple of camping events over the last few months and these have gone off without too many hiccups, a big thank you to all who have helped to organise these events helped with the setting up and taking down of campsites and organising food etc, all is greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work.

The Feast of The Dragon went off very well; we had a great turn out. Thank you to all who helped me with the cooking, especially to Catherine and to Morgance for your great pies. To those who stood and helped me to peel a lot of vegetables. And especially to the people who helped with the setting up of the hall and the packing up and cleaning after the event. We all had a great night and I would encourage all our new people to come along and attend the Yule Feast in December it really is a lot of fun.

The Tournament of the Lion for Sir Peters Birthday was also a great day we had really good weather and Sir Peter celebrated being another year older in a great way. Well done to all who participated in both Archery and in the Eric. A special thank you to Milord Raynald for organising everything for the Archery on the day, to Milady Catherine for being List Keeper, to Lady Genevieve for helping me with the food and the decoration of Sir Peters Cake, and to everyone else for all your help in setting up and packing up.

Our Trip down to the Medieval Fair in Balingup was a great weekend, with only a few hiccups one being my car which thanks to the help of the couple who's house we were staying in was not as bad as it could have been. The house we stayed in was lovely and

would recommend it to anyone wanting a lovely peaceful week-end away in beautiful country.

We have had a couple of good Cooks Guild nights and we have had many a sewing evening, with us all frantically making clothes and all sorts of other things medieval.

I do not think I have missed anything but if I have please accept my apology.

For all our new people and for all our members come along and enjoy our great group, we have a huge amount of knowledge re most things medieval so please ask for any help you may need even if you think your question trivial most are not and the only really trivial question is the one not asked.

If there is any activity you would like to see more of or run within the Shire please come along to the Shire meetings and let us know, even if there isn't anything please come along and join in, we welcome your contributions.

Finally a great big thankyou to all who have contributed to this newsletter or any of the activities we have had over the last few months. A great Effort .

Wishing you all good health and happiness

Petronilla Fairwif of Horsford

SENESCHAL

DRAGON BAY SHIRE

COMING EVENTS

Shire Championship of the Sword

Saturday 16th October

City Park, Chalgrove Street

Rockingham

10am – 4pm

Autocrat: Sir Peter D’Gaunt Noir

Followed by Cooks and Brewers Competition

and Pot Luck Revels

Location TBA

Dragon’s Bay Theme (green and white)

Loaner Garb Available:

Contact Autocrat or Seneschal

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THE PEDDLERS TALE

O' cold and misty was the morn when the peddler gazed upon his dusty cart. The cart was full; his belly and purse were empty. His clothes were more patch than cloth and his mule more bones than body.

"Oh Father" said the peddlers' son, "Where shall we travel to?"

"The Shire of Dragons Bay" he replied, to his son's dismay.

"To Dragons Bay? Father, we will sell no goods where only four souls reside! We will surely starve!"

The peddler smiled to his son. "The four winds blow a breeze or gale, the four seasons bring life, and death. Four corners of a house make a home, four legs make a mighty steed. Four fighters make a team, four cooks a feast. In Dragons Bay my son we will be welcomed; we will find a mug of ale, a plate of food and a warm dry place to rest."

The peddler wrapped his son in his cloak to keep out the chilling air. "In Dragons Bay, my son, they may say there are but four, but in the Shire of Dragons Bay the number four means many. Great is the populace in the Shire of Dragons Bay; it is there we will find kindness, fun and friendship to all."

Catherine of Shirwode

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FROM THE MARSHAL

As many of us in the Shire are relatively new to the SCA I thought it might be worthwhile to publish the following extracted from the Kingdom of Lochac Combat Handbook (KOLCH) this part deals with participation and activities around armoured combat. Next edition I hope to publish information regarding Rapier Combat.



Chapter 1

Classes of Participant and Combat

1.1 Classes of Participant

1.1.1 Heavy Combatant

1. Heavy combatants are people who engage in combat with melee weapons. They:

- (a) Can be targeted by all types of weapon.
- (b) Can use all types of weapon, subject to appropriate authorisation.
- (c) Must be at least 18 years of age, or at least 16 years of age with parental consent and subject to the completion of an appropriate medical release.

1.1.2 Plumed Combatant

1. Plumed combatants are people who participate in combat-related activities but do not engage in combat with melee weapons. They:

- (a) May not be targeted with melee weapons.
- (b) Must wear a plume in their helmets to signify their status as plumed participants.
- (c) Can use and be targeted by missile weapons.
- (d) May not carry or use any melee weapon, including thrust-and-throw weapons.
- (e) Must remain outside the 5m range of all plumed opponents.
- (f) Must be at least 18 years of age, or at least 16 years of age with parental consent and subject to the completion of an appropriate medical release.

1.1.3 Plumed Auxiliary

1. Plumed Auxiliaries are people who participate in a partisan fashion in combat-related activities but who may not engage in actual combat, e.g., banner-bearers, drummers, etc. They:

- (a) May not be targeted with melee weapons.
- (b) Must wear a plume in their helmets to signify their status as plumed participants.
- (c) Can be targeted with missile weapons.
- (d) May not carry or use any weapon.
- (e) Must remain outside the 5m range of all plumed opponents.
- (f) Must be at least 18 years of age, or 14 years of age with parental consent and subject to the completion of an appropriate medical release.

1.1.4 Non-Combatants

1. Non-combatants are people, such as marshals, who provide a supporting role to combat or who are present on the field during combat without being part of the combat itself. They:

- (a) May not be targeted by any weapon, but should be prepared to be inadvertently struck by missiles.
- (b) Must be appropriately armoured if they remain on the field during war combat with missiles.
- (c) Must be at least 18 years of age, or 16 years of age with parental consent and subject to the completion of an appropriate medical release if they remain on the field during combat.
- (d) Must be at least 18 years of age to act as marshals.



1.1.5 Spectators

1. Anyone present in the general area where combat activities are taking place, but not on the field at the time combat is taking place, is deemed to be a spectator. This includes, but is not limited to; people such as surgeons and water bearers who enter the field during breaks in combat as well as fighters not currently on the field.

They:

- (a) Must obey the instructions of marshals.
- (b) Must not enter the war field unless combat has ended and "helms off" has been called by the marshal of the field.
- (c) May not enter or remain on the field while combat is taking place.

NB The on line KLOCH may be found at the address below where they differ the on line version shall be held to hold precedence.

<http://www.sca.org.au/marshal/kingdom.html#kolch>

In fun and Frenchship and in Service to the Shire

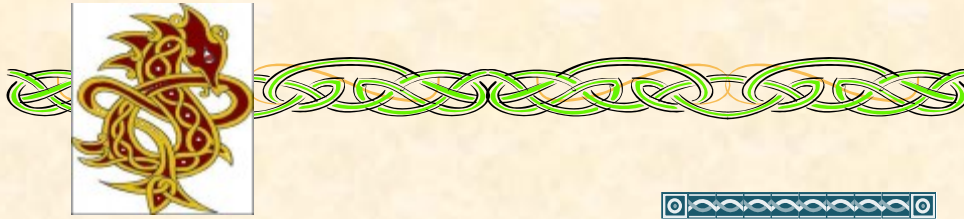
Lady Genevieve du Montfleur

Knight-Marshal for the Shire of Dragons Bay



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FROM THE HERALD

In the SCA some people stand out either because they are really good at something or because they make our events better in some way. When these people also contribute to the SCA in a long term and meaningful manner then we should really make the effort to bring their efforts to the attention of the King and Queen. This is called an award recommendation and it is the most reliable way to make sure the hard working volunteers and others who make the game that bit more special are recognised in a meaningful manner. below is a personal view of what an award recommendation should include.



Introduction of yourself to the Crown – Who you are, your home group and anything you think relevant to the recommendation

SCA Name of person (and their legal name)

Home group of the person you are recommending (if known)

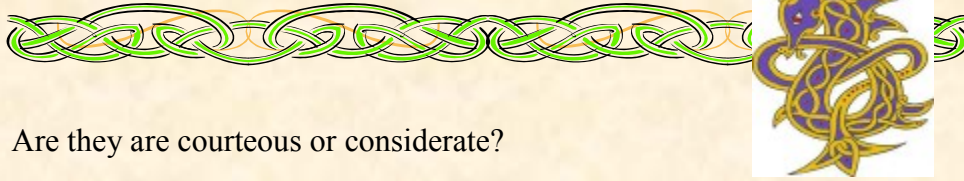
The areas the person is active in

The activities in which they excel in or otherwise make a significant contribution towards

Why you think they excel or make a significant contribution

How long they have been doing what they do (if known)

Describe how what they do affects their Group, and/or Kingdom and/or SCA



Are they are courteous or considerate?

Are they supportive of the Group, Kingdom and SCA

Do they support the efforts of others?

Date of recommendation

Recommendations may be sent to the Crown by email here crown@lochac.sca.org with a subject heading of Recommendation or send them by post (details in Pegasus or ask the Seneschal)

Please take the time to write individual recommendations for each person and if the person is from a Barony then you may also write directly to the Baron and Baroness of that group or copy them in on your post to the Crown. You may also write to the Peerage and other Polling Orders, contact details for the Clerks of these Orders may be found on the Kingdom website or in Pegasus.

You may also let the Seneschal know if there is somebody who has made an outstanding effort to make the Shire itself a better place so they may be rewarded with a Golden Norek, which is the Shire's token for recognising those who excel on our behalf.

In Service to the Dream
Sir Peter
Shire Herald



The Heralds badge is Vert, two Trumpets in Saltire, bells uppermost Or.

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Currently we are without an Arts & Sciences Officer, if you are interested in this office please contact the Seneschal milady Petronilla (See regnum).

Open Arts & Sciences Workshops

Scheduled fortnightly

Location: The Bower Waikiki

Come join us in a night of information and production. A wonderful evening of discussions on Sewing Techniques, Armouring, Calligraphy/Illumination, Woodwork, Leatherwork or perhaps consulting about Names & Heraldry.

Further information can be obtain by contacting Sir Peter Du Gaunt

Cooks & Brewers Guild

Held monthly at various households in the Shire.

A meeting of the fledgling Shire Cooks Guild, where you can bring along a medieval dish to be sampled by the cooks present and contributing to your guild ranking. We also taste and consider any brewing projects and failing either of these please come along and throw something on the BBQ and join in.

Please discuss with Lady Genevieve or milady Petronilla

Dancing Practice

We are currently negotiating about a venue, and we hope to be running dance practice every Tuesday shared between Rockingham and Kwinana on a fortnightly basis.

If you are at all interested in medieval dance please contact Lady Genevieve.



Links of Interest

Historic Tale Construction

Make your own Bayeux Tapestry (as seen on pages 10-11)

<http://www.adgame-wonderland.de/type/bayeux.php>

Go Fug Thyself

A light hearted look at some of the not-quite-accurate garb out there

<http://gofugthyself.blogspot.com/>

Dawns Costume Guide

A discussion on many commercial patterns and how accurate (or not) they are.

<http://www.reddawn.net/costume/costpat.htm>

How to Sew a Gore into a Fabric Slit

Nice, easy tutorial on how to get that pesky triangle to sit nicely in your gown or tunic.

<http://www.cottesimple.com/gores/gores.html>



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Local Activities	OCT		NOV	
ARMOURING & A&S	Saturday 9th 1pm THE BOWER	Saturday 23rd 1pm THE BOWER		
SHIRE MEETING	Monday 18th 6:30 pm TBA		Monday 15th 6:30 pm TBA	
FIGHTER TRAINING	Sunday 10th 10am VILLAGE GREEN	Sunday 24th 10am VILLAGE GREEN	Sunday 21st 10 am VILLAGE GREEN	
ARCHERY	Sunday 3rd 9:30 am WANDI	Sunday 17th 9:30 am WANDI	Sunday 14th 9:30 am WANDI	Sunday 28th 9:30 am WANDI
COOKS & BREWERS BBQ	Saturday 16th CHAMPIONSHIP REVELS		Saturday 20th TBA	
SPECIAL EVENTS	Saturday 16th CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SWORD	Saturday 30th KWINANA DEMO & TOURNEY	Sat-Sun 6th-7th NOVEMBER CROWN	21st ROCKY FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER CROWN UPDATE



The Shire of Dragons Bay will be setting up, well, a settlement at the festivities for November Crown.

November Crown XLV (2010).

Tournament Hosted by Barony of Aneala

Lace Making.

Glass - an item of glassware or stained glass.

Aprons for working people (i.e., craftspeople, smiths, cooks).

About judging Arts & Sciences competitions; I won't reinvent the wheel here is the Kingdom web site that explains it all.

<http://www.lochac.sca.org/artsandsciences/cp-judging.html>

BOOKINGS CLOSE SUNDAY 24th OCTOBER

Follow this link for more information and to book.

<http://sites.google.com/site/novembercrown2010/>

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FROM THE HOSPITALLER

Greetings unto the Dragon folk,

I just wanted to put people in the picture regarding the remaining Demo opportunities for this year that I am aware of.



We have been invited to participate in the Kwinana Fair and with November Crown being held in WA this year we will not be able to attend Baldivis Fair, so I propose that we take on the renewed Rockingham Festival.

Championship Tourney

16th October

Kwinana Fair Demo

30th October

November Crown Weekend (Hillarys)

5-7th November

Rockingham Festival Demo

21st November

Yule Feast

4th December

This will give us two solid opportunities to promote the SCA in general and the Yule Feast which is proposed for Saturday the 4th of December. In addition to the Demos we will have the opportunity to promote our fair Shire with the Championship being held in public.

Demos allow us to recruit new members and get us known in the wider community, more members means more people to share the SCA with, to support our events and more people helping to do things.

Traditionally we have had success by putting up a static displays, people available to talk to interested people and a couple of rattan combat displays. Of course the more of us who go along and help the more fun we will have and in itself that is a great incentive to get involved.

This year it would be great if the Demos had the new trainee fighters from Dragons Bay put on a show especially given the emerging numerical superiority of the female warriors and added together with all the new faces to talk to people, the ever present archery contingent and the fledgling rapier company we have the potential to put on a great display.

We may also be able to convince the Cooks Guild to cater the demo for the SCA participants – I can almost smell the sizzling spit roast and gravy – yum J

More to follow later but of course without each of you the Demos will not be as successful or as much fun.

In service to the Dream
Sir Peter
Shire Hospitaller



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FEAST OF THE DRAGON

(Sung to the Tune of 'Drunken Sailor')

What did we do at the Feast of the Dragon?
What did we do at the Feast of the Dragon?
What did we do at the Feast of the Dragon?

Late in to the evening



CHORUS: Huzzah! Now fill your goblets! Huzzah! Don't spill your goblets

Huzzah! Now drain your goblets! Late into the evening

Lady Genevieve was the organiser

Lady Genevieve was the organiser

Lady Genevieve was the organiser

Late into the evening

CHORUS

Milord Adaire won the game-prize dagger

Milord Adaire won the game-prize dagger

Milord Adaire won the game-prize dagger

Late into the evening

CHORUS

Morgance's mead made you fall over

Morgance's mead made you fall over

Morgance's mead made you fall over

Late in to the evening

CHORUS

Heraldic welcome by kind Sir Peter

Heraldic welcome by kind Sir Peter

Heraldic welcome by kind Sir Peter

Late into the evening

CHORUS

Resplendent garb; oh none looked finer
Resplendent garb; oh none looked finer
Resplendent garb; oh none looked finer
Late into the evening

CHORUS

Friends they came from, well, all over
Friends they came from, well, all over
Friends they came from, well, all over
Late into the evening

CHORUS

Stuffed our bellies thanks to Petronilla
Stuffed our bellies thanks to Petronilla
Stuffed our bellies thanks to Petronilla
Late into the evening

CHORUS

Songs and dance from Lord Pantera
Songs and dance from Lord Pantera
Songs and dance from Lord Pantera
Late into the evening

CHORUS

Helped clean up, well now its over
Helped clean up, well now its over
Helped clean up, well now its over
What a Feast of the Dragon!

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TEAM MELEE



The Shire of Dragons Bay entered a brave contingent of fighters in the Team Melee in July 2010.

The black clouds loomed in the distance and threatened to end the festivities, but brave fighters and supporters would not be turned from their quest and voted to continue come rain, hail or shine.

Well, we got the rain and the shine, but hail was substituted for winds that managed to scatter tents and have the populace scurrying after them.

Resplendent in new Shire garb were the fighters and supporters.

Huzzah to all those that helped get the populace looking so flash! Huzzah to the Banner Boy milord Adaire and new marshal milord Raynald Greygoose.

Our fighters did their shire proud with their valiant efforts and honourable good deeds; lending a hand to other teams that were numerically challenged on the day.

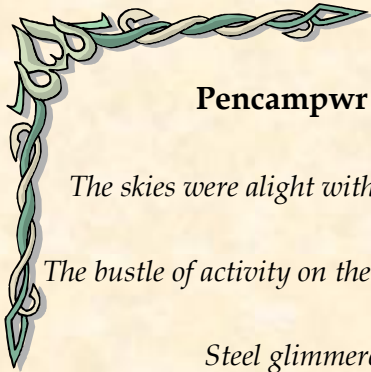
Yay the Populace!





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Pencampwr in the eyes of Symonne du Foy

The skies were alight with a brilliant daze of colour as the sun rested onto a smooth horizon.

The bustle of activity on the freshly cut plain was recognised as unusual to outsiders.

Steel glimmered, silk twirled and traditions roamed.

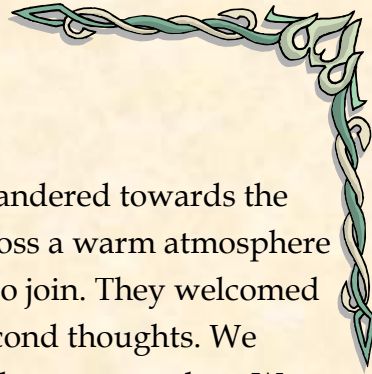
It was the end of a modern day, but the beginning of a weekend of ye olde splendour and excitement.

Pencamper really was such a wonderful experience for anyone that participated. We all left our busy blank boring lives for a few days to relive the moments of old. We were dazzled, enlightened, refreshed and craving for just a few more days in such a colourful and friendly environment.

Many activities were organised and many of them I enjoyed, such as saving the princess from the tower, the market stalls and the feast which was one of the main events. One event that stood out for me and most likely for everyone else was the heavy fighting.

It was a very good setup; pavilions encircling the Eric so everyone could get a good view of the fighting and victories. Variety and spicing things up was the cause for continuous entertainment along with the dramatic dying and then watching the same fighter casually turn on his side to watch the rest of the fight.

One very important factor of the event that had to be achieved in order to make it enjoyable was a friendly atmosphere, and they nailed it.



The very first night, milord Adaire and I wandered towards the tavern in search of Liars Dice. We came across a warm atmosphere of friendly play and asked if we were able to join. They welcomed us warmly without hesitation or second thoughts. We played right up until the night ended, which was pretty late. We walked back with a fuzzy warm feeling and a bit more knowledge about the game thanks to our fellow players.

Never did I feel out of place, excluded or temporarily bored. It was one of the friendliest and most enjoyable camps I have ever been on. My experiences and knowledge that I have been gifted with on those few days will stay with me and will never be forgotten. I was always welcome in an environment that at the time I was not used to and because of that I feel like I definitely belong now.



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SHIRE SPEAKS

VENUE STILL SOUGHT

If anybody knows of an inexpensive meeting place please let me know, as I am looking into the viability of the Shire holding meetings and such in a hall or meeting room again. Ideally it has to be central, available, have plenty of parking be easy to find and inexpensive.

The pluses are; that a public venue can be less intimidating for a new person to come along too for the first time, and available space is more generally useable for a variety of activities e.g. meetings, dancing, sewing etc...

The possible down side is the meeting needs to be well support by the group otherwise it can become a financial burden and a waste of time and resources, so when calculating divide the cost by the number of people likely to turn up.

Nothing definite yet but it pays to think and plan ahead

For further details and information please contact Seneschal.



SHIRE MEETING

The meetings are fun and as long as we can get through any required business by 9.30 it doesn't have to be tedious or serious, so I encourage everybody who can make it to turn up to these meetings so that your voice can be heard and Dragons Bay remains a group that caters to the needs of everybody involved.

These meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, to decide on issues such as group finances a quorum of the Seneschal or Reeve plus 2 other officers is required.

Anyway that's about it for now so until next we meet may good fortune be yours to share and may you and yours be happy and healthy.



BOOKS FOR SALE:

The Known World Handbook

-Covers close to everything you need to know about the SCA.. \$35

Costuming to a T

-Basic garb construction; perfect for beginners or the sewing-challenged \$5

Contact the Seneschal (see page 25)

**To advertise in future issues of Noreks Taels contact the
Chronicler.**

(obviously advertisements are for Shire/SCA related items)

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OUR WESTERN SHORES NEIGHBOURS

Shire of Boesenberg: (Bunbury)

Seneschal: Elspeth the Wyse (Lizzie – 0438610006)

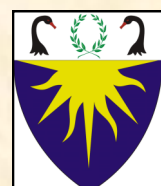
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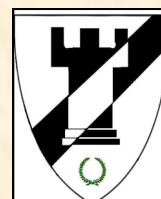
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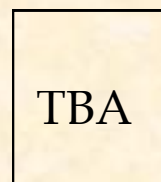
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Their Majesties EDMUND and LEONORE
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THE SHIRE OF DRAGONS BAY

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Web Minister - Sarah of the Hills (Sarah)



Kids – print off and colour in your own Norek, prizes will be awarded at the Cooks & Brewers BBQ.