



Norek Tael's



Shire of Dragons Bay

Populace News:

- ◆ Welcome to all new members
- ◆ Congratulations to Nathan and Sarah of the Hills and family on the arrival of the newest Norekian Julian
- ◆ Lord Raynald is now the Marshal for the Shire
- ◆ Lord Osric is now the Shire Reeve
- ◆ Thanks to Stephanie and Genevieve for your time in these offices

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Our Shire: Where Fun and Friendship is Found

Wow what a great shire we have!

Greetings and welcome to the new format for Norek Tael's the newsletter for the Shire of Dragons Bay.

It is with great honour that I inform the populace that our very own Sir Peter has taken on a new squire Lord Raynald and a man-at-arms m'lord Ansgar. This made us all proud and well done to these most deserving fighters.

As a shire we continue to grow and now we have our device registered officially: this means we can now decorate ourselves with Dragons Bay pride and look to the future and how our group can develop.

12th Night is coming on the weekend of the 7/8th January which is hosted by our fair shire: Lady Genevieve is the autocrat and has most diligently assigned tasks to many norekians and also to other SCA folk in neighbouring groups which is a wonderful way of bonding all of the groups: we are cut from the same cloth after all!

This event will see the coronation of the new king and queen and with such a royal presence it will be an amazing event with all the trimmings of pageantry and feasting under the stars.



As a shire we are busily getting ready and there is always room for more helpers so get in touch with Lady Genevieve or any of the shire folk (see back page) and get involved in what is gearing up to be the 'it' event of the summer.

Seasons Greetings



Greetings to the Wonderful people of The Shire of Dragons Bay

It's been a great year, a very busy year for the Shire which as we all know continues into the New Year with the 12th Night coronation weekend. I would like to say a great thank you to everyone for all the work you have put into making this a wonderful Shire. A special thank you to all those people who put in a little extra to be an office bearer you all are doing a

great job, if anyone is thinking that they may want to have a go at any of the officer positions then speak to the person in that position at the moment as they are all probably looking for a deputy. We need to continue to make Dragons Bay a great place for new people to join, we have a few Demo's coming up early in the New Year, we have Australia Day celebrations, Blues Alive in March. All normal training will start again in late January / early February so watch the Yahoo site or Facebook site for the dates.

Remember this is a Shire for all of us if there is anything you would like to work towards or you think it would be good for the shire to do, then let me know and it can be brought up at the shire meetings. Wishing you all a Wonderful Festive Season.

YIS
Lady Petronilla Fairwif of Horsford
Seneschal of Dragons Bay

Combat Conversations



Wulfric authorises at Kwinana

Healthy training activities and new authorizations.

On alternate Sundays the archers and heavy fighters train and have fun.

Archery is very popular and a great starting point for shire activities; loaner bows and arrows are available and you can even make your own custom arrows!

Heavy fighting sees training at all levels and armouring

workshops at Sir Peters has resulted in an increase in fighters in training; Sir Peter has an amazing ability to find bits n pieces in the shed for loan and can help everyone make their own kit.

Congratulations to Ansgar and Wulfric as our newest authorized heavy fighters; Wulfric has authorized as a minor so if you are over 16 you can get involved too!

Also, Vlad has become newly authorized in rapier; some of the populace are keen to get involved in rapier so hopefully soon we will have a rapier squad as well.

We have a wealth of knowledge, skills and experience in the combat arts so our fighting contingents will only go from strength to strength.

Cooks & Brewers

Once a month at a Norekian home, the cooks meet to share their food and recipes for improving their rank in the Cooks Guild.

This is a very social event with many creative and daring dishes researched and presented.

Those who don't cook for the guild come along with a dish (thank goodness for bread and take-away chicken!) and are a

welcome addition to the shared meal.

These non-garbed events are a great way for new members to meet other shire-folk in a relaxed location and chat with others about all things SCA. It is also a place to catch up with those that you haven't seen for a while, or another excuse to chat to those they you may have seen last week!

Many of the dishes researched, cooked and presented end up on feast menus and the challenge for all those in the guild is to make dishes from each of the categories for rank. You don't need to be a chef, in fact medieval cooking styles can be a lot simpler than modern recipes, so come along and have a go and eat!



Meat stew, composte and unusual eggs in honey!



Having your name and device registered is very cool!

Sir Peter is the herald for our shire and is amazing at events doing voice heraldry.

Our shire device has recently been approved and also several shire folk have submitted names and devices. This can be a long process but with careful planning and consultation

with the group heralds you too can enjoy the satisfaction of having a name and device that is uniquely your own.

Lady Catherine and Ragnar are also active in heraldry and if you are interested in this interesting section of SCA life please have a chat, especially if you are interested in voice heraldry Sir Peter wants to hear from you!

Currently in the process are Lord Osric

and m'lord Ansgar and there are many shire folk working on cool device designs; if, like Morgance and A'dair, you want a particular device you don't have to register it; this can be a great way to express your own interpretation on cultural styles; Morgance's beautiful Celtic mermaid shield is an example of this and also Adair's intricate tree design.

Painted shields and banners add to the atmosphere so come along and get creative!



Heraldry Huzzah!

Lions and Lambs: Defend the Bridge!



This event began with a scenario war as a bridge was built and fighters had to defend it. There was a variety of trolls and drowning deaths and calls of 'you are dead my lord' amongst the laughter.

The war was set up close to the viewing ledge so spectators were given a front row seat to the action.

Once the trolls were vanquished and the bridge secured, fighters donned their mesh, archers inspected their combat blunts and an Agincourt run commenced.

It was amazing to witness the elegance of the 'ye olde space invaders' military tactic and the double shield defense against arrows.

What a great event which involved both fighters and archers in the fun: events of this structure actively involve the populace and a great deal of fun was had by fighters and archers, new and experienced and the archers could get involved without all the armour requirements for a war. Huzzah!

New Champions: Bow and Sword



Beloved, admired and feared.

Sir Peter du Gaunt Noir returns as our shire champion in heavy fighting: his skills on the field are admired by all and his keen encouragement of new and improving fighters will ensure that the shire has a healthy population of willing challengers (victims) for Sir Peter.

Uffa of Edda won our hearts with his unassuming manner and jaw-dropping skill with the bow; he is the maker of fine bows and will-

ingly shares his knowledge to all who wishes it. We have yet to see Uffa's skills on a warfield..tremble all ye fighters!

Our outgoing champions Lord Robert and Lord Raynald served their time with honour and enthusiasm and deserve our thanks.

Huzzah to Champions past and present! Huzzah to all those wielding rattan and shooting arrows!



Team Melee: Norek Pride

Fight until your last breath!

Dragon's Bay folk like to interpret things their own way and in proud Norek tradition Lord Robert decided that he would single-handedly defend the honour of the Shire by being a team of one!

Cheered on mightily by the support crew and encouraged by the populace (get back in there!) Robert showed us all



Lord Robert and Ansgar demonstrate the importance of poise and pose.

what the underpinning values of heavy fighting are: honour, respect and chivalry with a heaping helping of biff, fun and friendship.

Lord Robert fought valiantly and with honour and won the respect of the greater populace and the recognition of the Baron and Baroness for his valour on the field.

Circumstances beyond their control sadly prevented our other fighting heroes from attending but they have vowed to train and prepare for the next melee which is a great opportunity for new fighters to improve their skills.

Populace interested in heavy fighting need only contact our shire marshal or any of the fighters for help and for more information.

<http://www.sca.org.au/dragonsbay/index.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/groups/148487471862111/>



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Important Dates:

12th Night: 7-8th January 2012

Australia Day Demo: 26th January

Heavy training 22nd January

Archery training 29th January

Reeve's Report:



As of 18th December 2011:

Incoming: \$433.75

Outgoing: \$15

Available Balance: \$1358.79



Arts & Science



Workshops for Skills and Chatting

The shire holds regular, informal sewing get-togethers for the making of garb and general sewing chit-chat.

Avalon has learnt how to draft a Viking-style apron dress and shire banners are being sewn and painted.

Olwynne has embroidered a panel for her apron dress which has drawn the admiration of all who see it.

We have ladies skilled in inkle weaving, embroidery, pattern drafting, jewelry beading and all manners of SCA arts so come along and share your skills or learn some new ones:

the kettle is always on and often there are cupcakes!

Calligraphy and illumination is a beautiful art that many of the shire are refining their skills. These shire-folk meet regularly and we have had the privilege of lessons from the Baroness whose skills and knowledge are respected and admired throughout Lochac.

Many Norekians do leatherwork and metal work, whether for armouring or other purposes. These skills can easily be learnt even if you think you can't; we are fortunate to have many patient teachers in our fair shire.



Osric's tunic trim is simply braided wool sewn on in a pattern: simple!

These informal, ungarbed gatherings are a great way to meet others in the group and share some common interests; who knows you might discover a talent you didn't know you had! Huzzah!

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