



Norek Tael



Shire of Dragons Bay

Populace News:

- ♦ Welcome to all new members
- ♦ Pencampwr Looms!
- ♦ Feasts A-Plenty!
- ♦ Tourneys and Wars Huzzah!

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The Climate of Change

Ahhh the times they are a changing...

Can you feel the winds of change in the air? Here we stand together brave warriors under the green banner, on the cusp of a new era.

New blood has invigorated those wise and true to the Norek values and the joy of new ideas and new company make sharing knowledge a pleasure.

It is with a glad heart that I stand witness to the endeavours of Shire folk to teach and to learn, to laugh and to cry. To sing, to dance, to cook and to share. To bring the shire together for a common goal: to make our great group even greater.

Can you feel it? Our once little shire is growing in strength and knowledge and who knows what is around the corner?

Knowing the great folk of the Shire of Dragons Bay, whatever path the journey takes us on, it will be with great friends.

Who could possibly ask for more?

Forever Norekian,

Lady Catherine of Shirwode

Chronicler of Dragons Bay

From the Seneschal



Greetings to the Populace

Well it's May already and we have all been very busy with lots of different things. The Shire has had a great influx of new people and this has spurred us all along to get lots of new things started and even some old ones finished. We have already had some great outings this year and we have quite a few more still to go over the next few weeks. For everyone who has contributed to these I thank you all, you are all doing a wonderful job, our new shirelings are getting straight into the swing of things and

helping out as much as possible which is wonderful.

Coming up in the next month is of course Pencampwr if anyone who is planning on either fighting or doing Combat Archery needs any assistance with anything then please get in touch on the Yahoo site and someone within the group will get back to you with names of people who can give you help. Dragons Bay is still trying to field 20 people for the war and I am fairly sure we are getting really close to that number.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our office bearers

who do a wonderful job, without you all we would not have such a great shire. I would also like to thank everyone who helps with packing, setting up and breaking down of either Demo's or camping events, you are all such awesome people and the Shire is lucky to have you.

Yah The Populace.

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Lady Petronilla Fairwif of Horsford
Seneschal of Dragons Bay

Combat Conversations



Congratulations to Sigmund (Vlad) on his authorisation as a heavy fighter!

He is now considered a 'double threat' as Sigmund is authorised in heavy and rapier. Now, if he would take up a bow....

Information on becoming a marshal, authorising or general combat questions can be directed to our group Marshal Lord Raynald Greygoose.

Cooks & Brewers

On Saturday night 21st of April saw the long awaited recommencement of cooks and brewers meetings. The Shire of Dragons Bay is very active in this part of SCA life. We have several wonderful and talented cooks in our midst as well as a couple of enthusiastic novice cooks.

Our judges for the night were Lords Raynald and Osric and milord Ben who were given the task of sampling all food prepared and writing brief comments. We all enjoyed a sumptuous feast of soups, vegetables, meats and bread followed by apple pie and pissy pudding. Lady Petronilla presented a subtlety which was decorated castle cake, both wonderful to look at and eat. A special huzzah must go out to Frank, Sue and Sian for producing dishes at their very first cooks and brewers.

Information on the variety of categories and the forms can be found at Lochac Guild Web page:

<http://www.sca.org.au/cooks/>

The star dish of the night would be Lady Petronilla's apple pie, the recipe is below.

An Apple & Pear Pie

Recipe:

- 3 apples & 3 pears
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 Tbs. flour
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. saffron
- 1/2 tsp. ginger
- 1 Tbs. lemon juice
- 1/2 cup red wine
- 1/2 cup each chopped dates & currants
- Pastry for 1 pie shell with lid

Peel and chop fine the apples and pears. Toss the fruit with the flour, spices, dates, currants, wine, water and lemon juice. Fill the pie with the fruit mixture and cover with lid. Bake for 1 hr at 350° F . Serve it forth.
(I took out the dates and just used currants.)

Taken from www.godecookery.com

From the Champion

Unto the fighters and consorts of Dragons Bay do I Viscount, Master, Sir Peter du Gaunt Noir your Champion of the Sword give warmest greetings.

As Champion it is my intent to take the field at the following events; Pencampwr Gathering, Lightning Team Melee, Lions & Lambs and health allowing such demos as we are determined to attend. In this I will fight to honour my consort Lady Genevieve du Montfleur and bring renown to the office of Shire Champion.

It would please me greatly if the noble warriors of Dragons Bay and their consorts would join me in this endeavour so that our skill at arms, noble bearing and grace may bring inspiration and enlightenment to the rest of these Western Shores.

As you may well know I have already presumed to issue a challenge to the war fighters so that the mighty strength of our Shires formidable militia may be known to friend and foe at Pencampwr and as the archers of Dragons Bay have already engaged the rest of the western shores and indeed known world in IKAC I would also add a secondary challenge to the melee fighters.

On Sunday the 15th day of July in the Forty Seventh year of the Society the Canton of Abertridwr shall be hosting a tournament in the style of a Team Melee, at which fighters shall assemble in teams of four to compete one team against the other in combat both fast and furious until only one team remains. Doubtless the day shall also see some form of grand melee where all fighters shall take the field.

So my noble and glorious brethren this challenge is for you the warriors of Dragons Bay to field at least two teams of four at the Team Melee.

As the Lions & Lambs war day is a Dragons Bay event I offer no challenge, trusting rather that your own spirit, the defence of our lands and reputations as well as the inspiration of your consorts shall be cause enough for you to assemble upon the fields of Wandí and be the cause of much trembling, wailing and gnashing of teeth amongst our foes.

In regards to holding of the next Championship of the Sword I seek your support to once again resolve this matter at the Baldivis Fair to be held on November 3rd and as there may be among you those who do not find such a forum desirable I ask that please let your wishes be known either in this forum or directly to me so that we may ensure the needs of all may be catered to.

In service to the Dream

Viscount, Master Sir Peter du Gaunt Noir

By the grace of my consort Lady Genevieve inaugural and now third Champion of this most splendid Shire of Dragons Bay.

Wiggle Wiggle!

Onward Minions!!

I'm outa here

Loonies





Heraldry Huzzah!



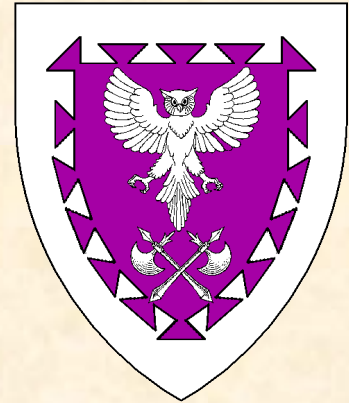
Congratulations to Ansgar on his successful registration of his name and device!

Ansgar hvítøx

Purple, an owl displayed and in base two axes in saltire, a bordure dovetailed argent

He has shown all of us that by putting some thought and care into our visual presence can create and add to the pageantry of this game. We all await eagerly for what's in store now for his garb and banners and other decorations resplendent in his device style.

Other shire folk working towards names and devices include Lord Ragnar, Lady Olwynne and milords Ulfer and Thomas. As registering a name and device can be a long and sometimes disheartening process it is important to put in all the hard work at the beginning, really think about the time period and your persona and what you want people to call you. As sometimes this process can be longer than six months you really want to get it right at the start.



Navigating the tumultuous sea of devices can be daunting but once again put the hard work in the beginning and the rewards will be great. A good place to start is with this set of heraldry online lessons:

<http://heraldry.sca.org/laurel/lessons/index.html>

Sir Peter is the group's Herald and has a wealth of information and experience in this area. Another to chat heraldry with is Lord Ragnar. Even better is to read through information have a go designing a wonderful device of your own, and learning all about conflict checking. Who knows you may be bitten by the heraldry bug and join the ranks of Herald macer.

If you have some time to spare then have a look at some of the registered devices from around the world: a great way to see how different combinations of tinctures and charges can create striking heraldry.

<http://lochac.sca.org/LRoA/index.php?page=Links>

Positions Vacant



Seneschal: Ability to kick butt and look awesome is a bonus

SENE SCHAL

Our wonderful seneschal Lady Petronilla Fairwif of Horsford has really big shoes to fill: hers.

Her time in this role is drawing to a close and so it is time for someone else in the Shire to take the opportunity to guide our group into the next phase of our evolution.

(stewards are effectively your deputies for the duration of an event's development, until it is done *and* reported back)

- Receives reports from all group officers on the status of their office

- ultimately, if they are failing in their office, you need to be helping them, and/or communicating with their next-up superior about finding a replacement

- Makes such reports as may be required by the Crown
- which in Lochac is every quarter for a Barony or larger, and every six months for a Shire or smaller

Your role is to foster the group's operation and development, and make sure that it is soundly based, well run, well behaved, growing and connected to the rest of the SCA.

If you are interested please talk to Lady Petronilla who will be there every step of the way to help you in your Seneschal journey.

The Seneschals Handbook can be found here:

[http://lochac.sca.org/seneschal/docs/
NewSeneschalHandbook.pdf](http://lochac.sca.org/seneschal/docs/NewSeneschalHandbook.pdf)

According to the Seneschals handbook:

Under SCA rules, a group Seneschal:

- Serves as the principal mundane legal representative of the SCA within your group
- you have final responsibility on things like whether and when events happen, and who stewards them

DEPUTY POSITIONS VACANT

Reeve:

Our current Reeve Lord Osric of Lindisfarne needs a deputy to learn the fine art of reeving for our Shire.

As a deputy you will learn the role and if you take over the position (around November 2013) you will be supported by the current reeve who will then become your deputy.

If you are able to work a spreadsheet,

send emails and write basic reports then reeving just may be for you.

If you are interested please contact Osric:

winn937@hotmail.com

and also have a browse through the reeves website:

[http://lochac.sca.org/exchequer/
wiki/doku.php?id=start](http://lochac.sca.org/exchequer/wiki/doku.php?id=start)



Archery makes Reeving more palatable

A group without a Seneschal is like a fish without a bicycle: non-existent and totally irrelevant.

Advice for Newcomers

SHORT TERM GOALS FOR NEW MEMBERS

Even in a local group like the Shire of Dragons Bay the SCA can be a bit daunting and getting involved may create more questions than it does answers.

So to help you on your way we have prepared a bit of a list of things it is good to think about when you first start coming along, there is no particular order you have to follow and don't worry as there is no big test you have to pass to be accepted. The list is not meant to be exclusive or complete but it is a good start and you will soon discover that what you do in the SCA is only limited by courtesy, good sense and your own imagination.



Activity Guide		
Activity	Local involvement	Further involvement
Costuming, Needlework & Embroidery	Arts & Sciences Workshops, competitions and what we wear to events	Kingdom Guilds & Competitions
Dance (Pending discussions with the local council)	Dance workshops, dancing at events	Silver Rondelle (Kingdom Guild)
Music, Poetry or Song	Entertaining at events, bardic competitions	Kingdom Guild & Competitions
Archery	Fortnightly practice and fun shoots	Inter Kingdom Archery Competition
Chivalric Combat	Fortnightly Training & practice	Tournaments & Wars
Rapier Combat	Fortnightly Training & practice	Kingdom Guild & local Tournaments
Armouring	Arts & Sciences Workshops, worn in our fighting	Competitions and the gratitude of local fighters
Calligraphy and Illumination	Arts & Sciences Workshops	Kingdom Guild
Cooking	Cooks & Brewers BBQ, competitions, catering feast, potluck dishes	Kingdom Guild & competitions
Brewing	Cooks & Brewers BBQ & competitions	Kingdom Guild
Volunteer to do a job at events	Constable, Herald, Marshal, List Keeper etc Contribute at the Shires Monthly Meeting	Become an Officer or deputy to help run and grow the group

Another resource for new members and other interested people is our **Noreks Guide for Newcomers**, which can be found in the Files section of the yahoo site, under New Members Info. If you cannot download a publisher document please let us know and we will try to arrange a copy in word or we may be able to provide a hardcopy for \$5.

Of course the absolutely foolproof way to keep in touch is to keep turning up to our meetings, workshops and events so you can keep up with everything that is going on.

Viscount, Master Sir Peter du Gaunt Noir

A Start-up Guide for New Members of the Shire of Dragons Bay



Decide on a name you wish to be known by (The Shire Herald is there to help you with this if required)	Can be your own name but make sure you are not claiming to be somebody famous or royalty
Attended as many meetings/workshops/events as you can	There is no formal requirement for you to attend but if you get along to meetings and workshops you will feel more included and hear about what is going on more easily.
Get a Goblet or Tankard, Plate, Knife, Spoon, and a Bowl (Generically called Feasting Gear)	If you don't have any of this in the back of your cupboard Op Shops are a great resource for these items. You just need to aim at a reasonably medieval look or style.
Organise your garb or costume (a good start is 2 tunics or 2 dresses) The A&S Officer is there to help you with this.	Something you already have or make, for those needing or wishing guidance A&S workshops are a good place to start out.
Get a belt & pouch or even a satchel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you do not have something you feel is suitably medieval, you can make one at an A&S workshop • Old purses that look like pouches are great and can be picked up at Op Shop.
Make a Banner Simple 2 colour or paint your very own Norek banner.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are looking at something to hang up at feasts or fly at outdoor events. • These are pretty easy to make at an A&S workshop or ask the Herald for more information. • Try to avoid making it look like something already famous or well known. • A great Norek banner can be made with a minimum of sewing, calico and some fabric paints.
Get a chair / rug & cushions even a Persian style carpet	Something to sit on at outdoor events etc, a lot of people use the pop up style gazebos to provide shade.
Pick a focus Activity - well maybe one or two or even three ☺ Archery, Fighting, Cooking, Calligraphy, Sewing, Embroidery, Armouring, Leatherwork, Fletching, Heraldry, Brewing and more often that not the officers need a hand so feel free to volunteer your services.	The only limit to what you do is your level of enthusiasm and the time you have available, if you start out by focussing on a couple of activities it will help you establish friendships and a place in the Shire.
<u>For Feasts Add</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candle lantern or lanterns (non drip please) • Jug or Carafe to decant your drinks into (we avoid obviously mundane bottles on the table at our feasts) • A Tea Towel • Something to keep it all in, baskets are great • Add accessories to jazz up your garb, but please avoid plain white belts or anything that may be mistaken for a crown.
<u>For Camping Events</u> For camping events we often arrange a campsite with a food fund so we can share cooking and clean up duty as well as coordinate what we have to bring.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get more garb approximately 3 more tunics or dresses add a simple cloak • Acquire a tent and bedding to live in for 2 – 5 days • Esky or something to keep your food cold in • Everything else you need to live comfortably for the duration of the event. • Please note we avoid bright electric or gas lanterns outside of our tents.
Take out a membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At \$25 per year these are cheap as chips and include your children if they are under 18 and living at the same address as you. • Memberships give you discounts for feasts or events and a voice in the running of the Shire.



Arts & Science



There are many opportunities in the Shire to get together have a chat and work on projects. Armouring is held at St Peter's house where you can learn about making your own armour and make shields. Sewing workshops are usually held at The Bower in Lady Petronilla's sewing castle and many new members have cut their first t-tunic here.

Many of us are working on embroidery projects, the lady Jayne is working on a



M'lady Jayne's' Embroidery

very beautiful peacock design for her consort milord Ansgar.

Embroidery is not as daunting as it seems as long as you can thread a needle you can work amazing designs on your clothing and accessories. Lady Olwynne does beautiful work and is one to ask about how to start your own project. M'lady Sue has taken a liking (obsession?) with weaving and has done some beautiful braids and has started to weave fabric samples.

The Thrifty Needle: Tips, Tricks and Low-Budget Garb

Welcome to the first of a new column in our newsletter.

Many of us garb on a budget and so here is where you can share ideas and discover new ways of looking amazing without spending a lot of money: we have many thrifty members of the populace that amaze me on how good they look and how little they spent to do so.

This column will also give tutorials on easy short cuts for those of you who are sewing for the first time or who like to save time in garb making.

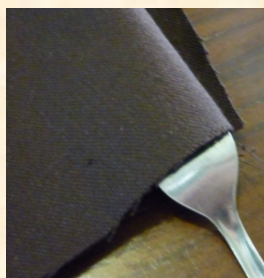
This first column is a tutorial on how to use a fork to pleat: if you are doing later period garb with huge skirts pleated to a bodice this will get you pleating in a jiffy!

The next edition will feature budget cloaks and early period garb.

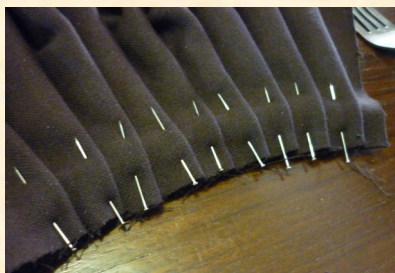
Lady Catherine of Shirwode



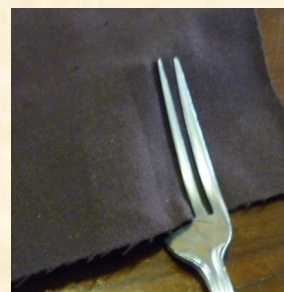
What you need:
Pins, fabric, fork.
Choose a fork with even tines and flatten it out



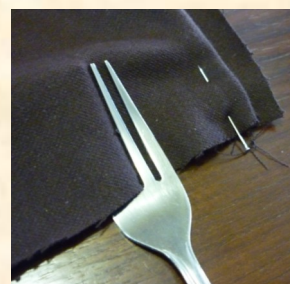
Step 2:
Turn fork over



Step 4:
Repeat along the fabric: adjust distance if necessary to match the bodice



Step 1:
Slide fork onto fabric about twice the distance away from the edge



Step 3:
Pin pleat and repeat



Final:
Fabric pleated and sewn to bodice: time taken less than 30 minutes!!

VALLON D'OR VENETIAN FEAST

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN FOR the Canton of Vallon d'Or Midwinter Venetian Feast,

Saturday 30th June 2012

Balingup Town Hall

The populace of the incipient Canton of Vallon d'Or (within the Barony of Aneala) invites you to celebrate Midwinter with an afternoon of Archery to be followed by a Venetian style feast.

Archery from 3pm in the Balingup Medieval Carnivale grounds An IKAC shoot - hosted by Lady Alianore de Essewell

Feast 6.30pm at the Balingup Town Hall - Jayes Rd Hall open from 4.30pm

Autocrat - Bella Dona de Poisson & Feastocrat - Diana of Tiptonia

Arts & Sciences Competitions - any item with a Venetian theme also An item of Venetian garb - old or new

Cost

Members \$35

Non-Members \$37

Children (6 -17) \$20

Bookings - Lady Alazais of Chainbridge Email - alazais@hotmail.com 08 97

Bookings close 23rd June Please advise of any dietary requirements.

Billeting- some billeting is available for travellers - plenty of camping also available - please advise at time of booking



ANEALA MIDWINTER FEAST & TOURNAMENT



Midwinter Feast

Saturday, July 28, 2012

6pm until midnight

North Perth Town

Hall View St, North Perth

COST

\$30 members

\$32 non-members

Children 12-16 1/2 price

U12 free

STEWARD

Hadrian de Listrille

alestrel@ozemail.com.au

Arts & Sciences - Something for a wedding.

302 De Haer Rd

Wandi

COST

\$5 members

\$7 Non-members

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Midwinter Tournament

Sunday, July 29, 2012

10am - 4pm

Wandi Rec Centre

Both armoured and Rapier tournaments.



The Lion sends the lambs to the slaughter...

Sunday 5th August 2012

Wandi Progress

Association

De Haer Rd WANDI

9.30am Site opens

10.00am Armour Inspection

10.30am fighting starts

1230 (approx) Potluck lunch

4pm Event ends

LIONS AND LAMBS WAR

Cost

Adult Members \$5

Adult Non-members \$6

Youth \$4

Children \$3

Toddlers Free 1\$ non member surcharge)

Food/Refreshments:

Potluck lunch

- contact Steward for details if unsure

Peter D'Gaunt Noir

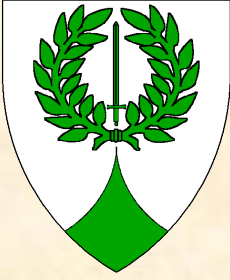
Bookings Not Required

Mixed combat open field, bridge and gate scenarios - combatants please ensure you arrive to be ready for armour inspection by 10am - put your mesh on the week or day before.

Units and individuals to declare for sides on the day and for each scenario as they will.

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

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



Shire of Dragons Bay

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Important Dates:

Feast of the Dragon: 23rd June

Shire Meetings: 18th June, 16th July

Cooks & Brewers: 16th June, 21st July

Lions and Lambs War: Sunday 5th August

Reeve's Report:



As of 21st May 2012:

Incoming: \$316.35

Outgoing: \$1240.06

Available Balance: \$2380.14

Purchases: Blues Alive Drinking Water: \$13.00

Coming Events

Pencampwr 1st–4th June

Aneala Midwinter Feast: Saturday 28th July

Eric and Enid Tourney: Sunday 12th August

<http://lochac.sca.org/abertridwr/>

Archery Training every second Sunday at Wandi

Heavy Fighting Training following Archery at Wandi

Arts and Science workshops, cooks and brewers meetings as announced on the yahoo group page or facebook page.

Contact any of the officers listed for information.



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