



Dragons Tael

Newsletter For The Canton of Dragons Bay August 2014



Hear ye, hear ye!

Welcome all, to the August edition of the Newsletter for Dragons Bay. I hope you do enjoy it. Without further ado, here are a few words from your seneshal.

A highly decorative border surrounds the text. At the top, two roosters are perched on a banner. On the right side, a woman in a blue dress is shown working with a vine. At the bottom, a grey dog, a rabbit, and a dragon are depicted. The border is filled with intricate floral and geometric patterns in shades of blue, orange, and green.

Greetings populace

With the changing of the guard we say huzzah to Letselina o Dinas Bran who is now the canton Arts and Sciences officer and to Ragnarr of Ravenshold who is now the Reeve for Dragons Bay.

Elections are being held for a new Baron and Baroness, so don't forget to vote and have your say.

The next few months will be busy ones, with lots of events for you to enjoy.

Have fun!

A circular illustration within the border depicts a court scene. A man in a red and white robe stands at a podium, reading from a book. Several other figures in medieval attire are gathered around him, some looking at the book. The scene is set in a room with a patterned floor and a dark background.

Always at your service Lord Robert Leffen of York
Seneschal of the
Canton of Dragons
Bay



ews with pictures!

Rapier Marshall for Dragons Bay

Congratulations to Sigmund Gotz for becoming authorised as a Rapier Marshall this week. For those of you who are interested in learning the noble art of defence*, get in contact with Sigmund and we shall organise a time.



Photo by Kristen

*You too can become skilled enough to take out Don Donnchadh on the field!

NEW REEVE APPOINTED

Ragnar of Ravenshold has been appointed the new Reeve of Dragons Bay, taking over from Osric of Lindisfarne. Thank you Osric for your service and good luck to Ragnar.

IKAC AT THE LAIR

Dragons Bay will be hosting an IKAC on Sunday the 10th of August at 10am. This is a garbed event and will be a lot of fun, so come along!



The Canton of Dragons Bay

invite the populace to attend the
Archery Championship

12th to 14th of September 2014

Cost will be \$30 per member \$15 per member child over 6years
all non members will pay an extra \$5pp Kingdom Insurance levy.

Camping is available on-site.

Limited accommodation available at an additional cost of \$20 pp pn.

The event will be garbed after 10am Sat until 10am Sunday and all
vehicles will need to be parked away from the event area.

Friday night will be a pot luck dinner (this means bring something to eat)

A cooked breakfast will be served on the Saturday and Sunday
Saturday lunch will be a sausage sizzle and Saturday night will be a spit
roast feast!

An Art and Science competition for items of any medium related to
archery will be held.

Boddington site is a working farm and your consideration for that is
asked.

Water is also a valuable commodity and will need to be used sparingly.

Bookings can be made by contacting Letselina o Dinas Bran
lesleycollett@hotmail.com

ANEALA NEEDS YOU!

TO VOTE FOR A NEW BARON AND BARONESS



Election for New Baron and Baroness

A new Baron and Baroness will soon be elected!
Campaigns have become with both
parties putting up a strong contest!

The Nominated parties are:

- **Don Dameon Greybeard and Mistress Leonie de Grey**
- **Lord Hadrian di Listrille and Lady Ydeneya de Baillencourt**

Read the views of the nominees below then have your say at
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MDQV3HV>

Nominations close August 10th!

**Unto the Populace of the Barony of Aneala, greetings from Don Dameon Greybeard and
Mistress Leonie de Grey.**

Good Gentles, we have put ourselves forward for your consideration as the next Baron and Baroness of Aneala. Some of you know us and our backgrounds, for those of you who don't, we present here a snap-shot of our SCA background, experience and achievements in order to assist you in your deliberations.

We have both been members of the SCA for over 25 years (Dameon's first event was Rowany Festival 1986 and Leonie's was the first proto-Anealan meeting in November 1981). During that time, we have held Kingdom, Principality and Baronial offices, additionally, Dameon has served on the Australian SCA Board. We have lived in two Kingdoms, Lochac and Drachenwald, and travel often to Pennsic. We therefore know how the SCA works, at a local and kingdom level.

Dameon's major awards are:

Ancient Guildmaster of Fence (West Kingdom) - Grant level award

Order of the White Scarf of Lochac - Grant level award

Court Barony (West)

Defender of the West (West)

Order of Valour (West)

Order of Prometheus (Lochac)

Award of Arms (West)

Baronial awards from Politarchopolis

Leonie's major awards are:

Mistress of the Laurel (Lochac)

Grant of Arms (Lochac)

Court Barony (Lochac)

Defender of the West (West)

Award of Arms (West)

Order of the Demi-Sun (Aneala)

AA level kingdom and principality awards

Baronial awards from Aneala, Innildgard and Politarchopolis

Why are we putting ourselves forward?

We hadn't considered ourselves as candidates, because we have only been living in Aneala for about 6 months (although Leonie is originally from the group, and we have both been at least annual visitors and traveling teachers for the past 20 years). However, we have been asked to consider standing, or encouraged to do so, by quite a few members of the populace in Aneala and once we turned our minds to it we felt that we did indeed have something to offer the Barony.

What do we offer Aneala?

Dameon is authorised both in heavy combat and rapier and his experience on the field would enable him to lead the Barony's fighters in war and at tourney. He is a founding member of both the West Kingdom Guild of Defence and the Order of the White Scarf in Lochac and would encourage the study of period practice and technique in combat.

As a Mistress of the Laurel with a very broad range of interests and experience, Leonie would help foster the Arts and Sciences in Aneala, and encourage the pursuit of new arts and areas of research.

We both are used to public speaking in both our SCA and mundane lives, and have both served as Royal Heralds for previous crowns and as field heralds, so we hope we can bring a sense of theatre to court (and the ability to be heard at the back of a large hall). Leonie has also served as group herald for the College of Blessed Herman the Cripple.

We have discussed the duties and obligations of the job with the current Baron and Baroness, and believe we can carry the load and responsibilities.

What would we like to achieve?

We believe that Aneala is a strong Barony with a rich tradition, and we see no need for major changes of direction. We would like to see a focus on pagentry and individual heraldic display, and a greater sense of unity between the northern and southern ends of what is a very large barony. Wishing that things were "closer" won't shrink the distance between Joondalup and Mandurah, or make it easier to travel to Balingup, and we all need to find a way to enjoy the events, meetings and workshops available. We hope we can encourage and assist people to step forward to offer activities in their closer neighbourhoods, as well as promote Baronial events at a range of locations.

We are writing to you to nominate ourselves to be considered for the next Baron and Baroness of Aneala.

We have thought extremely long and hard on this, and have also consulted many of the groups peers and populace before putting ourselves forward for this, it has not been an easy decision or one taken lightly but we have come to the decision that we would like to be considered.

We have been members of the SCA for around 8 years now and have been active in Dragon's Bay, Abertridwr and Aneala, but Aneala is where we find ourselves at home. Hadrian has twice served on the Queens Guard and I have served as Lady in waiting, we have also served in the baronial court and in several council positions. We are very active within the group and are always willing to be part of autocrating teams for events.

Aneala is a wonderful Barony and we have hopes that we could help to foster the growth of this group.

Our vision for the future of the group is a wide one. We would like to encourage everyone to make their dream come true. We envision a focus on enhancing the atmosphere of events through the staging, i.e. encouraging more period looking pavilions, and banners, more use of banners, music playing and camouflaging of mundane items.

Also encouraging etiquette, for instance the use of proper titles when addressing each other and teaching in particular the newer people the importance that this plays in setting the scene for the SCA. This we believe would be achieved by mentoring by others who have been in the SCA for awhile and the running of some classes, we would also like to encourage everyone to do their best to make the newer folk welcome and to help them find their way.

Courtesy and chivalry are other important areas to us that we like to foster growth in, particularly the way the ladies are looked after at events, with help carrying and always making sure there is suitable shelter and seating. We would like to encourage more focus on fighters and their consorts during tournaments.

Children are important to the future of the SCA and we would like more inclusion of activities for them at events, and to encourage members to gain the appropriate cards for working with them so that we can run more interesting things for them.

At the moment Arts and Sciences meetings attendance is small and we would like to find ways to encourage more participation, as the group is so large we feel that perhaps a northern meeting and a southern meeting, as well as whole barony meetings may be a way to go, and of course more collegias as these always are popular. We would also like to see more visiting peers in all the fields of endeavour.

Archery is flourishing thanks to some wonderful archery officers and we like to see this continue and think perhaps more archery events, including some novelty ones, may help to continue the interest and growth.

Rapier is also growing and has recently had a wonderful injection of Knowledge thanks to Don Greybeards move to Aneala, and we hope to be able to help in this areas growth as well, we would consult closely with those populace who are involved in this area to find out how it could be fostered for the future.

We have so many ideas it is hard to give a full outline of them all here, but we have a lot of love and enthusiasm for the SCA and we hope to be seen as fair minded and approachable by everyone.

Of course if we are unsuccessful as we have shown by our past that we will not engage in any negative behaviour and will fully support those who are chosen to be the next Baron and Baroness.

We thank you for your time for reading and considering our nomination.

Yours in service always

Lord Hadrian di Listrille and Lady Ydeneya de Baillencourt



Arts and Sciences Corner

Welcome Lesley (Letsalina) as the new Arts and Sciences officer for Dragons Bay! We look forward to hearing from her in the future about all things crafty.

Kingdom A&S Comp

A huge Congratulations to two of our canton members for winning their entered sections of the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Competition for 2014!

Lady Catherine won the category of Court Garb with an amazing Italian dress. And Lady Letselina won the category of Painted Furniture with her pretty painted box. Well done to them both! We are very proud of your achievements!



A simple sword loop. by Sigmund

You will need:

- 2mm/3mm leather (The scrap I used was around 200mm/300mm)
- S Crown or D Crown rivets
- A stanley knife or a strip cutter if you have one
- Hammer
- Holepunch
- A sturdy metal ring at least 60mm in diameter (Can be found at spotlight or western leathercraft)
- Leather Dye (optional)

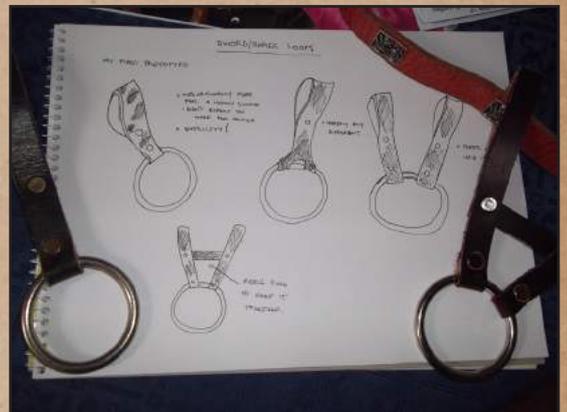
(Note: all materials used were sourced from Western Leathercraft)

1. Cut two strips of leather 10-20mm wide and around 300mm long. Cut another strip of the same width and around 100mm long. (You may have to cut some off) You may wish to dye them at this point if you so choose.

2. Take the two long strips and wrap the ends around the metal ring so that they overlap. Be sure to have enough overlap for the rivets. When satisfied punch a hole in both layers of leather and thread the rivets through. A good few blows with the hammer will flatten out the rivets. The ring should fit snug.

3. Fold the other ends of the long strips over till they meet the overlap holding the ring. As before punch holes where the ends meet. Also punch holes in either end of the short strip, now with the short strip in between the ends and the loop rivet it in place.

4. There you have it, a handy little belt accessory to hang your heavy sword or rapier from when not in use. The design I used was the result of a few minutes with a pencil and paper. It can be as simple or complex as you wish. Experiment.



You are most welcome to join Lady Letsalina at House Long Dog this coming Sunday the 3rd August at 3pm, to make the medieval version of Glad wrap! She says it is very fun and messy, and all the equipment and materials you need are supplied!



The medieval gladwrap in action!



Who are you?

This is a section introducing the minions of Dragons Bay!
Watch out, I will be hunting you down soon for information on your SCA persona!

SCA NAME: Thomas O Caerdyf

REAL NAME: Frank Meredith

ABOUT ME: WHENCE CAME THOMAS O CAERDYF

Born the second son of an impoverished noble near the Castle of Caerdyf in 1328, Thomas was named after Doubting Thomas from the New Testament, as there was some doubt about his paternity due to an assault on his mother by English soldiers. This doubt caused Thomas to be something of an outcast within his family.

Thomas's father would not permit him to be trained in the normal styles of warfare suited to his station but caused him to be trained in archery with the lesser people. Tiring of the lifestyle, almost as a peasant, forced on him by his brother, Thomas left home to join up with the forces rallying to the call of Edward III for an army to go to France. He enrolled as an archer under the Earl of Northampton's banner and crossed to France.

In France, Thomas took part in the chevauchee (trash and burn) throughout the country side, designed to destroy the local economy, until August 1346 when the English were brought to battle near the village of Crecy. After Crecy Thomas continued to be part of the bands that ravaged the French countryside right up to the Battle of Pointiers in 1356.

After Pointiers Thomas returned to England.

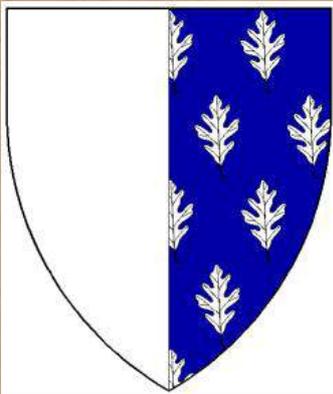
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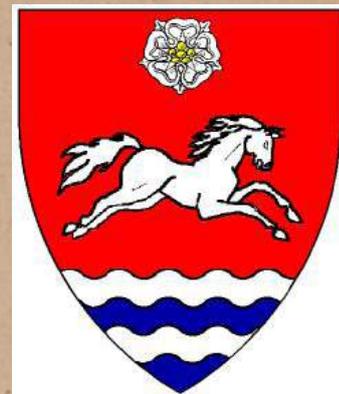


Shire of Dragons Bay

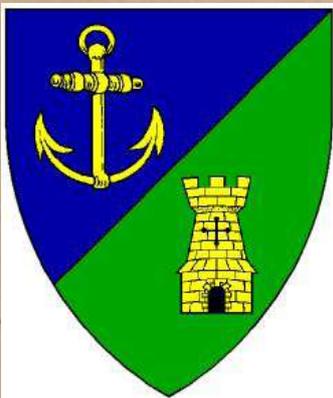
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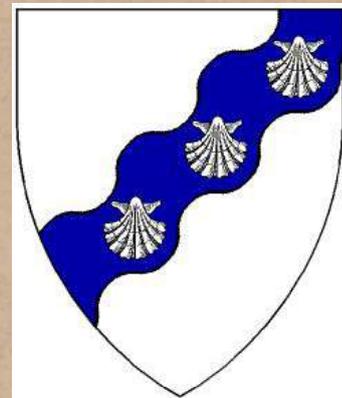
Catherine of Shirwode



Petronilla Fairwif of Horsford



Osric of Lindisfarne



Olwyn of Shelford

These are the current member of Dragons Bay with a registered device. This is off theLochac Roll of Arms.

If you want to have a device and or name registered with the collage of heralds, please see either Ragnarr of Ravenshold or Catherine of Shirwode

The process is relatively straight forward and cost free. There is a little bit of a wait for it to go through and just think of the pride you will have when your device is up there fluttering around a list field. You only need to fill out one colour copy and one outline copy as well as your name. I can help research that as well.

So come on all you good folk of Dragons Bay, let's get our flags flying.....

The following links are the documents needed to complete the name or device...

<http://lochac.sca.org/herald/docs/device.pdf>

<http://lochac.sca.org/herald/docs/name-i.pdf>

<http://medievalscotland.org/sca/cenublancketform.php>

please don't forget to submit the Custom Blanket Permission to Conflict Generation Form as this will allow others to use a name similar to your own.

As we need to change it from Shire to Canton, if you have a device and it is not in Dragons Bay please contact me and I will get it rectified....

Contact Ragnarr: herald.dragonsbay@yahoo.com.au for all your heralding needs.





vents

August

**Saturday 2nd - Hunt the Unicorn,
Feast. 6.30pm. Rob Baddock Hall, 160
Dampier Ave Kallaroo**

**Sunday 3rd - How to make medieval
Glad Wrap, 3pm, Lesleys place (House
Long Dog)**

**Sunday 10th - IKAC at the Dragons Lair
10am**

**Saturday 23rd - Sunday 24th -
Balingup Medieval Carnivale, Balingup**

September

**Saturday 13rd - Sunday 14th - Dragons
Bay Champion of the Bow, Boddington**

November

**Saturday 22nd -
Red Dragon Celebration, Wandii.**

TBC -

Highland Gathering, Armadale

*Times to be confirmed closer to events.
If you know of any events not on here
please let me know.*

Fun and games!

Spot the difference!
Can you spot 10 differences in this photo?



Photo by Vivian Allum

♌ Leo



Star Sign of the month: LEO
23 July – 23 August

Ye personality becom's even larger than life this month, and ye are more confident aboutst pursuing personal plans and goals under this positive, uplifting influence. Motivation returnst for recent new ideas and long-term plans. The New Moon on the 30th givst thee all the energy thy need to maketh important changes to your persona and garb.

Dragons Bay Contacts:

CHAMPION of the Bow - Ulfr fra Jorvik (Ray)

Seneschal - Robert of York (Geoff)

Reeve - Ragnarr of Ravenshold (Phil)

Herald - Ragnarr of Ravenshold (Phil)

Arts & Sciences - Letselina o Dinas Bran (Lesley)

Knight Marshal - TBC

Constable - Thomas of Caerdyff (Frank)

Chronicler - Bronach (Kristen)

Webminister - Sarah (Sarah)

Custodian - Raynald Greygoose (Andrew)

Hospitaller - TBC

Many thanks to those who have contributed to this month's newsletter, without your input it would not have been possible!

USEFUL LINKS

Shire Website <http://lochac.sca.org/dragonsbay/index.html>

Please be aware it is under significant reconstruction

Kingdom of Lochac <http://www.sca.org.au/lochac/>

Kingdom Arts & Sciences Site <http://www.sca.org.au/artsandsciences/>

Guilds of Lochac <http://www.sca.org.au/lochac/guilds/index.html>

SCA Australia & Membership Information <http://www.sca.org.au/committee/>

Dragons Bay on Yahoo <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/othershire/>

Dragons Bay on Facebook search Shire of Dragons Bay

SCA Regional on Facebook search Western Principality New

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