

# Dragon Tael

Dragon & Quarterly



Council:  
Sunday 20 Sept. 1pm  
Dragon's Lair

Barony of Aneala  
Championship:  
Sept 26-28

Ern Halliday Centre  
Don't forget to book!

Rise of the Green  
Dragon Feast:  
Sat. 21 Nov 2015  
Dragon's Lair  
Bookings a must,  
(See flyer for details)



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Position Vacant



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# Events calendar for the Western Reaches of Lochac

August 16	Dragons Bay Council	Dragons Bay
August 16	IKAC	Aneala
August 21	Baronial Council meeting	Aneala
August 30	Combat Archery Tourney at Wandi	Aneala
Sept 13	IKAC	Dragons Bay
Sept 26—28	Baronial Championships	Aneala
Nov 21	Rise of the Green Dragon Feast	Dragons Bay
Dec 6	Toys for Tots (TBA)	Aneala




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# Seneschal's Rant

Welcome everyone, to the new and improved Dragon Tails (Drawn & Quarterly) newsletter!

Yes, I ,as the Seneschal, now have my own special section to Rant, so here goes...

We have had an amazing year thus far, with our first Feast in a very long time, being held on the 18th July, which we decided to call Candlemas.

It was such a great turnout to see everybody come and pitch in, and we had such a huge turnout that was much bigger than expected, that we will be able to run some workshops in the next few month. So keep an eye on our A&S Officer Lady Sorcha's posts, to find out when these will be occurring.

With the success of this Feast, we will be using the same format of pot-luck Feast for our upcoming annual event, The Rise of the Green Dragon. I hope everybody is able and willing to help pitch in for this, and it will be stewarded by Mistress Liduina, with bookings to be done by myself, so more to come!

We are currently holding a competition for a new design of what will become our new device for the Canton.

Please get your device designs in to me at [seneschal.dragonsbay@yahoo.com.au](mailto:seneschal.dragonsbay@yahoo.com.au) before the 6th of September, with online voting to be held from the 7th to the 15th of September.

The final winning design to be announced at the September Council meeting on the 20th September.

There are a few stipulations in the contest.

The device **MUST HAVE** a wreath (as per all groups in the SCA) in the design, and not have any martial or A&S images, as this tends to represent the group doing only that activity, which is what we were moving away from with our original device design.

We will then need to get the new device to the College of Heraldry to be approved. Once this has happened, (and it may take a little time) we can then organise a workshop to make the new banners for the Canton.

Also, the King will be coming to the Baronial Championship event , to be held the long weekend in September (25th - 28th), so please get your recommendations in for anyone you think deserves an award, whether it be for service, A&S or just jumping into the SCA with both feet! Remember it is these recommendations for awards that make what we do so worthwhile and it really means a lot to the person who receives the award to get recognition for all the hard work they've done.





It is these awards that keep the SCA going around, so get them in now!  
To recommend someone for an award, please make sure that you send them through the Baron and Baroness.

I would also like to take this time to personally thank Mistress Liduina for jumping in with both feet and helping us out in recent weeks, and for the fountain of information she has been for us at the recent Officer Q&A session. I would also like to extend thanks to all the Canton's Officers for helping to get this group up and running in the past 8 months and in helping turn this group around. Without you, this would have never happened.

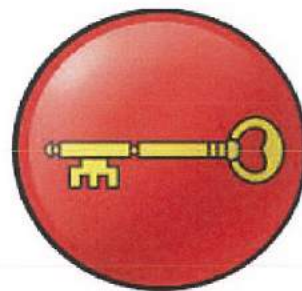
I look forward to the next newsletter and hopefully we will have even more news to share!

Yours in Service

*Imagina Bertram*

Seneschal

Canton of Dragon's Bay







# Award Recommendations 101

## **What is an Award Recommendation.**

A simple definition of a Kingdom award recommendation would be a letter to the Crown of your Kingdom recommending that someone be recognized for their efforts with an award.

## **Why do an Award Recommendation?**

Because it is a responsibility and because it is an opportunity that you, as a participating member of the SCA, have both the right and the responsibility to let the Crown know of individuals who are doing exemplary work in a craft, skill or service. The reason we have this responsibility is because the Crown cannot be everywhere at once, therefore cannot see everything that everyone is doing. We, as members of the Populace, have the opportunity to inform the Crown of the activities of our fellow Gentles and the reasons they deserve recognition.

You can recommend anyone for **ANY** award, including a Peerage. You do not have to possess that award or have any award at all, to recommend others for awards.

## **Why Deserving People Sometimes get Skipped?**

If the Crown doesn't see the activities a person is doing and doesn't get award recommendations, that person will not be recognized for their efforts. And this has happened to a lot of gentles over the years. Why?

1. They work quietly in the background, doing everything from kitchen scut-work to event clean-ups for a long time. This amount of selfless effort and work deserves acknowledgement. . . .but because they were always in the background, the Crown did not see them to know they should be recognized.
2. Everyone thinks they already have an award. Sometimes people 'slip through the cracks'. This is the reason we should always check to make sure that folk we see doing things do indeed have awards worthy of their efforts.
3. People seem to think that someone else will recommend that person for an award, and therefore do nothing. The result is that no award recommendation is ever sent because everyone is assuming that someone else is, or has already done it. Never make this assumption. . . . go ahead and write that recommendation. It never hurts to have multiple recommendations sent in about any one person.

## **How to do an Award recommendation.**

There are basically three steps to this. First, you must determine who you want to recommend for an award. Second, you must determine what type of award they should be recommended for (providing they do not already have that award). Third, you need to write the award recommendation.

Step one is fairly easy. Any Gentle you see involved in constructive activities within the SCA is either deserving of an award, or working toward deserving an award. . . . .find out what their name is and where they are from. If they are from your local group, this is easily done, as you most likely already know them.

Step two is also easy. The best way to check what awards a person has is to check the Kingdom Order of Precedence. This is attached to the Kingdom Herald's webpage.

*The Lochac OP can currently be located on-line at : <http://lochac.sca.org/canon/op.php>*

*You can also write a recommendation here: <http://lochac.sca.org/canon/recommend.php>*





*Now comes the task of determining what award to recommend for the person you want recognised.*

*A breakdown of all Lochac Kingdom Awards can be found here:*

*<http://lochac.sca.org/canon/award.php?show=index&init=Lochac>*

### **Baronial Awards. . . .**

Should be sent to the Baron and Baroness at: [aneala@aneala.lochac.sca.org](mailto:aneala@aneala.lochac.sca.org)

\* **Order of the Demi-Sun. . . .** For those who have enriched the quality of the Game for others. This could range from working in the kitchen at major Feasts, helping to clean up after events, helping to train others in combat or A&S, to greatly adding to the medieval atmosphere at events.

- **Order of the Supporting Swans of Aneala. . . .** For continued– ongoing service to the Barony.
- **Order of the Golden Swans of Aneala . . . .** For Arts & Sciences within the Barony.
- **Order of the Valiant Swans. . . .** For those who have displayed excellence in the fighting arts.
- **Order of the Sun's Ray. . . .** For those who show courtesy in all things.
- **Order of the Hearth Troop. . . .** Awarded to those who have served the Barony as Champions.
- **Order of the Black Feather. . . .** Awarded to those Newcomers who jump in with both feet.
- **Order of the Cygnets of Aneala. . . .** This is a Youth award (under 16) awarded to those young people who have shown excellence in either martial, (inc. archery) A&S or Service.

Step Three is the actual writing of the award recommendation. Perhaps not the easiest part but still relatively simple to do.

You can either send your recommendation via email to the Crown at [crown@lochac.sca.org](mailto:crown@lochac.sca.org) or go online: <http://lochac.sca.org/canon/recommend.php>

No matter how you choose to send your recommendations, there is key information that needs to be supplied . . . . .

### **This should include the following:**

1. SCA name of person being recommended.
2. Gender of person being recommended.
3. Name of the award being recommended.
4. Area of endeavour/reason for recommendation, (i.e. service, leatherwork, fighting, research, heraldry).
5. Local group of person being recommended (if possible).
6. Legal name of person being recommended.
7. Current address of person being recommended.
8. Your SCA name (as the recommender).
9. Your SCA group.
10. Explanation of why the person deserves the award.



**Here is a sample:**

Unto Your Royal Majesties <King's name> and <Queen's name>, does <your name> send greetings.

I am writing this letter to bring to Your attention someone I believe is deserving of a(n) <name of award>.

This person's SCA name is <person's SCA name> and his/her modern name is <person's modern name>.

He/She lives in <name of person's SCA group>.

I believe <name> deserves this award because< give information on why this person deserves the award you are recommending them for. Be specific/detailed and give as many examples of their skills, services etc., as possible. If you are recommending the person for an Arts and Sciences award, try to include information on the degree of the person's skill, what classes they teach or one-on-one teaching they do of their art, note if they have published articles in any SCA newsletters or on any web pages.>

He/She has been in the SCA for <length of person's time in the SCA> and demonstrates the type of activity/service deserving of recognition.

Yours in Service to Lochac,

<Signature>

<Your SCA name>

<Your modern name>

<Your address>

<Your phone number & email address>

<Your SCA group name>

**Notes on Writing Award Recommendations:**

- Write one letter per person per award recommendation.
- Do not send a letter for multiple people to get an Award of Arms.
- Do not recommend the same person for multiple awards on the same award recommendation.
- If you feel they are deserving of more than one award, then send a separate award recommendation for each award.
- Separate award recommendations show the Crown that there is support for this person because people have taken the time to write individual award recommendations. (Several people signing one award recommendation will make it seem as if though you're saying, "I'm willing to sign off on this but it's not important enough to write one myself".)
- Type or neatly write. Do not use calligraphy. Communicate in clear, plain English. Do not write in "forsooth speak" or with flowery speech.
- Find out what name the recipient uses and how to spell it. If they go by a nickname, or shortened version of their registered name, be sure to give both names in the award recommendation. The Crown may know the person by their nickname but not their full name. If the person is from another group but you do not have their full name, be sure to include what group they are from.





- The higher the award you are recommending the person for, the more examples you should cite re: the person's work/service. Talk with others about the person to find out details and information.
- Indicate how long the individual being recommended has been in the SCA.
- Detail the accomplishments, Offices held and any other factors you deem important. What have they done and how long? How many people have been affected by this person's deeds.
- Realize that some people can be deserving of an award because they have contributed to the SCA in many small ways over time. Learn to recognize ways in which they have been helpful. Also, if that person has come into your group from an outside branch, (or Barony/Kingdom) you may need to research what they have done prior to your getting to know them.
- Keep a copy of award recommendations for yourself, in case you need to re-send it, or to use as an example for other award recommendations.

### **Some Award recommendation Etiquette.**

While it is important that we make sure all deserving individuals receive recognition for their efforts, there are some things to be aware of. Now while these things may seem pretty obvious, it is surprising what has occurred over the years.

1. **DO NOT** put an award recommendation in for yourself.
2. **DO NOT** put an award recommendation in for your significant other.
3. **DO NOT** put an award recommendation in for the Crown, (wait until they step down.)

### **I sent an Award Recommendation but the Person didn't get the Award. Why?**

There are several reasons that may contribute to this. . . . .

1. The Crown usually likes to receive more than one recommendation for any given candidate. This then confirms that person achievements. The more letters the Crown receives about a deserving person, the better. . . .so this is why it is important that we all do our part to send in award recommendations.
2. The recommended person did not show up at any Court where the award could be presented. The Crown prefers to do the presenting of awards Themselves. When the recommended person never shows at a Court, (which is rare) then this could pose a problem. In the case of the award being a first-level award, (Award of Arms, Golden Tear etc,) the Crown may decide to allow the scroll to be accepted by someone on behalf of the recipient, or, as is often the case in Lochac, when distance is a problem, the scroll can be presented by the Landed Baron and Baroness.
3. Not enough time has passed since the recommended person's last award.
4. The award recommendation did not have all the information the Crown needs to make a determination on the award.
5. You can resend the award recommendation during the reign of the next Crown.

### **What is an Award.**

An award is NOT a merit badge. It is a symbol of the level of skill achieved by an individual in an activity or service. It is not meant to be a reward . . . .it is a recognition of the level one has achieved and there is the expectation that the level will be maintained in the future in the hope that, as they progress toward the top level awards, they will pass on to others their knowledge and be an example for others to emulate.





## ANEALAN BARONIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

*Once again the Populace of Aneala will gather to witness Feats of Prowess as our Armoured Combatants, Rapier Combatants and Archers vie to become Champions in their chosen milieu.*

*There will be Feasting to celebrate the winners and in addition, Their Majesties will be present to witness Aneala at its best.*

**DATE:** 25th–28th September 2015 (Access from 4pm Friday)

**LOCATION:** Spinnaker Lodge, Ern Halliday Centre, Whitfords Ave, Hillarys.

**BOOKINGS:** Lady Mery of Ellersly [bookings@aneala.lochac.sca.org](mailto:bookings@aneala.lochac.sca.org)

Bookings close Friday, 18 Sept, 2015.

**COST:** Dorms: Adult \$120 / Child \$105

Camping: Adult \$95 / Child \$80

Day-trip: Adult \$75 / Child \$10

Day-trip with Feast: Adult \$40 / Child \$35

(For non-members, please add \$5 extra for event membership.)

**STEWARD :** Master Kilic ibn Sungur ibn al-Kazganci [bakerskeep@antiferus.net](mailto:bakerskeep@antiferus.net)







## RISE OF THE GREEN DRAGON FEAST

*To commemorate our move to the new lair, Dragons Bay invites one and all to join in the celebration of the . . . . .*

### ***Rise of the Green Dragon.***

**DATE:** *Saturday, 21st November, 2015 from 6pm.*

**LOCATION:** *Casuarina/Wellard Community Hall, Cnr Mortimer & Barker Roads, Casuarina.*

**BOOKINGS:** *M'lady Imagina Bertram [events.dragonsbay@gmail.com](mailto:events.dragonsbay@gmail.com)*

**COST:** *Adult: \$20; Child (under 18): \$10; Child (under 6): Free*

*Non-members will need to add \$5 to the above for event membership.*

**STEWARD:** *Mistress Liduina [liduina@inet.net.au](mailto:liduina@inet.net.au)*

*Due to the fact that we can't get into the hall before 4pm and this then gives the Steward's team so very little time to prepare any and all foods, plus the fact that the Candlemas Feast run as a Potluck was such a success, please bring along a potluck dish for the event. Please BYO feasting gear & drinks.*

*If you are not sure what to bring for the potluck, contact the Steward.*

**Please Note:** *As November is the start of bushfire season, it would be appreciated, when parking at the hall, to please NOT park next door in front of the Kwinana/Wellard Bush Fire Brigade building.*



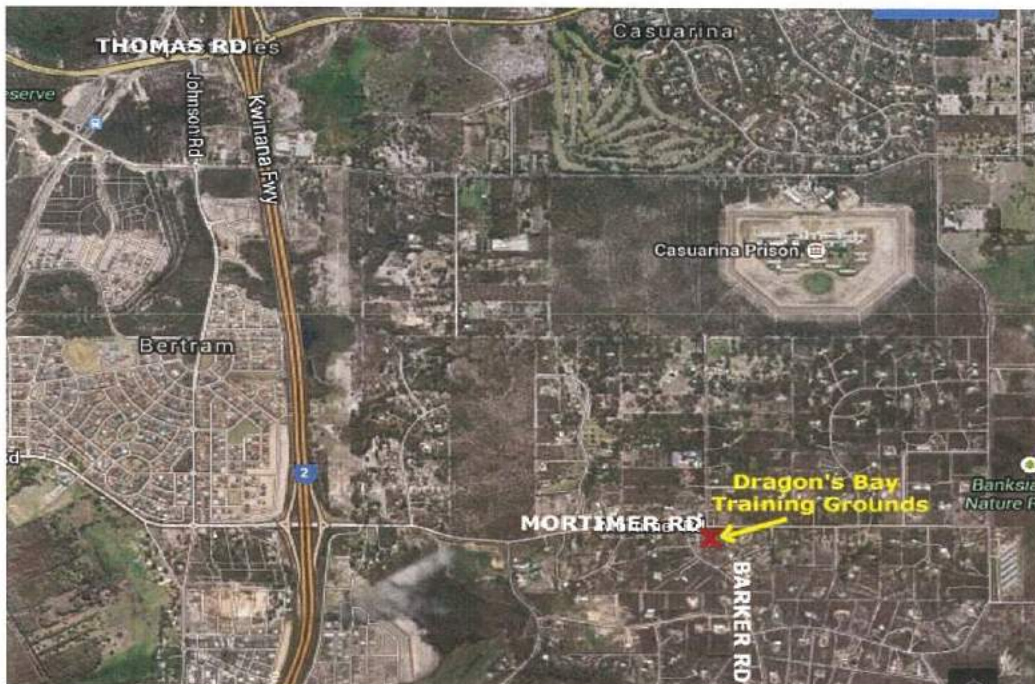




# Dragon's Lair

"Dragon's Lair" is the name of our clubrooms and practice grounds where meetings, archery training, arts and sciences and more are held. You can find us there most Sundays - unless another event is happening elsewhere. You're most welcome to come and join us!

**Casuarina Wellard Community Centre**  
**cnr of Mortimer Rd and Barker Rd, Wellard.**  
(2km from the Mortimer Rd / Kwinana Freeway exit)







# Regular Dragons Bay Events

We hold open house every Sunday at Dragon's Lair and everyone is welcome.

**ARCHERY TRAINING** . . . . . Unless there is an SCA event on that day.

10am—12nn Dragon's Lair - Casuarina/Wellard Community Hall (see map).

Cnr Mortimer Rd & Baker Rd Casuarina.

Contact: Thomas of Cardyff mob: 0423 962 409

**COUNCIL MEETING:** 1pm at Dragon's Lair (see above) . . .all welcome.

Contact the Seneschal, Imagina Bertram for more details:

seneschal.dragonsbay@yahoo.com.au

**ARTS & SCIENCES:** From 1pm at Dragon's Lair,

Sunday 18 Oct & Sunday 25 Oct. . . . .

Workshops for Banners and Tabards.

Contact: Sorcha chirurgion.dragonsbay@yahoo.com.au



## Watch this Space





## Regular Local Events elsewhere.

### ***BARONY OF ANEALA***

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

#### **ARMOURED, RAPIER & ARCHERY TRAINING:**

Sundays 10am—12nn

Lake Monger Primary School, Dodd St, Wembley

Contact: Richard: [marshal@aneala.lochac.sca.org](mailto:marshal@aneala.lochac.sca.org)

#### **ARTS & SCIENCES NIGHT:**

2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month, 7pm

Contact Catherine: [vertragis@arach.net.au](mailto:vertragis@arach.net.au)



### ***COLLEGE OF ST BASIL THE GREAT***

University of WA

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

#### **ARMOURED AND RAPIER TRAINING:**

Oak Lawn, UWA

Contact: [dracolewaide@live.com.au](mailto:dracolewaide@live.com.au)



### ***SHIRE OF ABERTRIDWR***

Wandi Community Centre, 302 De Haer Rd, Wandi.

<http://abertridwr.org/>

**ARMOURED COMBAT TRAINING:** every 1st & 3rd Sunday

**ARCHERY TRAINING:** every 2nd & 4th Sunday from 1pm.

For more information, contact : [jasondodds101@gmail.com](mailto:jasondodds101@gmail.com)







Kingdom of Lochac



# Arts & Sciences Competitions

## CURRENT COMPETITIONS

**November Crown L (2015)** hosted by the Shire of Dismal Fogs, New South Wales.

**Beadwork**

**Medicine**-A medical related item or research on a historical medical topic

**Bookbinding/Papercraft**-Making books or paper

**Twelfth Night L (2016)** hosted by the Barony of Southron Gaard, New Zealand.

**Summer Accessories** – Accessories that you would use on hot summer days.

**Stone Working** – Sculpture; stone carving; gem cutting; things made from ground stone.

**Things for fun** – Period games, toys, dolls used by children and/or grown-ups.

**May Crown LI (2016)** hosted by ... .. TBA

**Midwinter LI (2016)** hosted by ... .. TBA

For more information see the following:

<http://lochac.sca.org/dragonsbay/arts.html>







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