

Dragon Taeles

Dragon & Quarterly



Council meetings will now be held in the Club rooms at Wandí, starting at 11:30am.

17 February

17 March

14 April (21 April is Easter Sunday).



Keep Sat 18 May free.

Boddington Medieval Fayre, we are doing a Demo, in conjunction with the Village of Mareritt Skegg (Bunbury SCA).

Watch FB for more info.



Have you heard: We are moving!

As from FEBRUARY, 2019,

our new address will be:

Wandi Community Centre
302 De Haer Rd, Wandí.

ALL WELCOME

Archery training will then continue as usual,
each Sunday from 9.30am.





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Position Vacant



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Position vacant



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Avalon of the Isle (Avalon)



Chirurgion-at-large

Position vacant





Events calendar

February

16 A Valentine's Feast Wellard Hall 6pm **Dragons Bay**

March

3-4 Hyde Park Demo **Aneala**

17 Tourney at Lake Monger (end of Dodd St) TBA **Aneala**

April

7 IKAC at Lake Monger Pr School TBA **Dragons Bay**

18-23 Rowany Festival Mittagong Camp NSW **Rowany**

May

18 Boddington Medieval Fayre— Demo **Dragons Bay & Mameritt Skegg**

June

1-3 Camping event at Wandu TBA  **Western Shores SCA**

Come one, come all, Nobels, Knights & Fair Maidens, Peasants & Serfs, to the Faire.



BODDINGTON Medieval FAYRE AND FEAST

Medieval Market
& Demonstrations
Reenactments

Feasting & Fire
Ale & Wine
Live Music

Traditional
Medieval
Costumes



Seneschal's Words of Wisdom

Greetings Populace! **NOREK NEEDS YOU** *points emphatically*

My reign, I mean tenure, as your Seneschal has come to an end. I have enjoyed my time learning and growing in this role and becoming even more a part of my chosen family. The support that is in place is an endless fount and I never felt lost or overwhelmed or that anything was too hard. Mostly you just need to set calendar reminders to keep things ticking along!

The rotation of new officers in any group is paramount. If a select few run the show indefinitely, we can start to feel like we've had too much of a good thing. So if you're toying with the idea and need advice or questions answered or fears assuaged to get you over the volunteer hump, I'm all too happy to help. Please e-mail or feel free to send me a private message on FB messenger with your questions or intent.

Below is a helpful outline of the role, found in the Seneschal's Handbook

Care and Feeding of Your Group 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 (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.

Yours in service,

Lady Avalon of the Isle

Seneschal





From the Chronicler

Greetings Gentle Cousins,

Welcome to the Summer edition of *Dragon Taelis (Drawn and Quarterly)*.

As you may now be aware.

THE DRAGON'S LAIR IS MOVING!!!!!!!

Believe it or not, back to the Wandl Community Centre..

As from **Sunday 3 February, 2019, 9.30am**, our Archery Training will recommence at Wandl, (see flyer with map) and we will be utilising the Clubrooms for our Council meetings, (and yes, they are air-conditioned).

Still looking for articles of interest, pics, recipes etc for the next edition.

Thanks Sigmund, for your interesting article on Landsknechts.

Also, please note, booking for the Valentine's Feast close on 10th Feb.

Have you booked yet???

Yours in Service,

Mistress Liduina

Acting Chronicler





A Valentine's Feast

The Canton of Dragons Bay will host a Feast with a St Valentines theme,
(red, white and black will be the colours for the evening)

on

Saturday 16th February 2019

at

the Wellard Community hall from 6pm

Cnr Mortimer and Barker Rds, Wellard.

STEWARD: Lady Avalon of the Isle

FEASTOCRAT: Lady Skjalddis Bragadottir

COST: \$25 Mem; \$30 Non-mem. Half price for children (6-17)

Bookings required to the Steward by 10 Feb 2019

Contact: seneschal.dragonsbay@yahoo.com.au

A&S competition: A decorated heart in any medium.





The Canton of Dragons Bay



Valentine's Day Feast



First Course

Figs

Fassolatha (bean soup)

Lettuce with vinaigrette

Stuffed eggs

"Testicles" (chicken meatballs)

Second Course

Asparagus (steamed and seasoned)

Carrot jam

Beef baked in a sauce of wine, raisins and onions

Poultry in a wine and mustard sauce

Roast parsnips

Third Course

Snow sprinkled with pomegranate seeds

Gingerbread subtlety

Honey cheesecake

Poached pears

Hot chocolate



Lady Skjalddis Bragadóttir



Kingdom of Lochac



Arts & Sciences Competitions

CURRENT COMPETITIONS

Competition season ends: Autumn Crown (hosted by Shire of Darton)

Topics:

1. Games & Toys
2. Liquid
3. 14th Century

Competition season ends: Midwinter

Topics:

1. For the head
2. Baked/Fired
3. Tribal Nomads (think Mongols, Huns, Scythians, etc.)

Competition season ends: Spring Crown

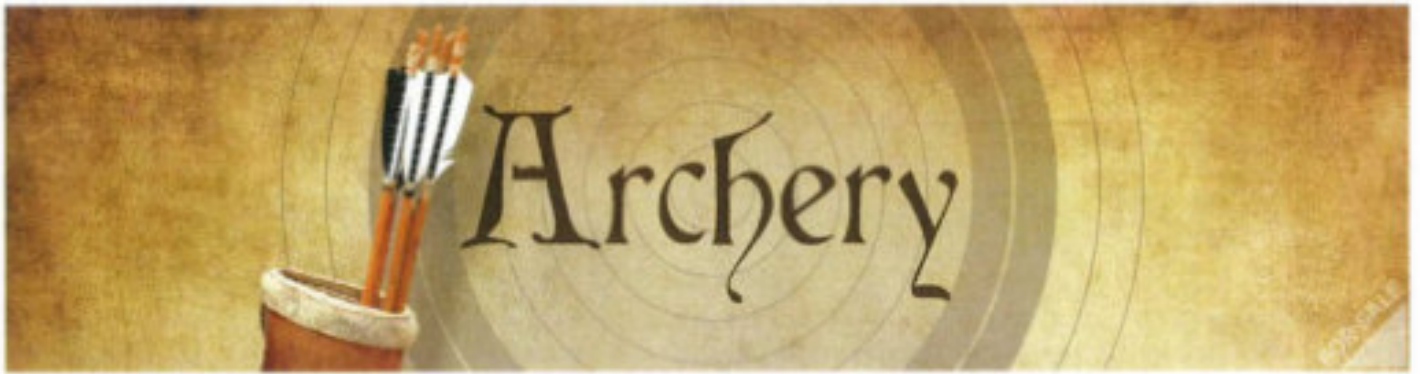
Topics:

1. "Cheap & cheerful"
2. Wooden
3. Norse Culture

For more information see the following:
<http://artsandsciences.lochac.sca.org/competitions/>
<http://lochac.sca.org/dragonsbay/arts.html>

Entries for interstate events need to be sent at least 2 weeks prior to be received for judging.





**Archery training recommences
on**

Sunday, 3rd February 2019

9.30am

**at the new Dragon's Lair
Wandi Community Centre**

302 De Haer Road

Wandi

(see mud map for directions)



Some facts and musings about the Landsknechts

by Sigmund



Landsknechte, etching by Daniel Hopper, c. 1530

The late 15th and early 16th centuries in Europe were defined by near-constant warfare. National "standing armies" were unheard of and the ambitions of empires were reliant on the mercenaries they could afford to hire.

Landsknechts were instigated by the Holy Roman Emperor, Maximilian I, as a reaction to the Swiss mercenary pikemen that dominated battlefields for decades before the Italian Wars (1494 – 1559). Instead of hiring these mercenaries Maximilian devised his own and copied the weapons and tactics of the Swiss.

Consisting of pikemen and supporting foot soldiers, these German mercenaries quickly established a reputation for unprincipled, ruthless violence, drunkenness, gambling and a flamboyant style in garb.

They were the universal mercenaries of early modern Europe, pledging their services to any willing to pay for them and on numerous occasions fighting on both sides of a conflict.

Landsknechts and Reisläufer

Prior to the creation of the Landsknechts, Swiss mercenaries known as *Reisläufer* were the most sought after soldiers for hire in Europe. Although fairly similar to their Landsknecht adversaries in tactics, weapons and garb, there was a bitter rivalry between the *Reisläufer* and the Landsknechts. Prior to a battle terms would be discussed and the decision made if the battle was going to be a "Good war" or a "Bad war". In a good war, codes of conduct were observed and prisoners were taken and ransomed. A bad war was a savage, no holds barred conflict in which quarter was neither asked for or given. Whenever the Landsknecht and *Reisläufer* met on the battlefield the result was always a bad war.

Fashion and Garb

At the time, citizens of the Holy Roman Empire were subject to the "Sumptuary Laws". These laws dictated colors and style of clothing each social class could wear. The Landsknechts on account of their "short and brutish" lives were exempt from these laws. When asked about their flamboyant attire by his noblemen, Maximilian I himself replied "leave them be; with their wretched and miserable existence you should not begrudge them a little fun"

Taking advantage of this privilege, the Landsknechts went to great lengths to dress in the most flamboyant and garish outfits they could devise with no two outfits being the same. The only limit would have been the extent of the intended wearer's imagination.

Slashed doublets known as *Wams* with slashed and puffed sleeves often worn with voluminous linen shirts. Tight fitting hose with sometimes detachable legs and complimented with large and exaggerated codpieces. Illustrations before 1505 show an increasing complexity in the use of color. Yellow, red, light and medium blue, medium green, pink, grey, white and black were all popular.

Another characteristic of Landsknecht garb was the many variations of slashed, wide brimmed hats usually adorned with feathers. Distinctive square toed leather shoes known as "cow mouth shoes" (*Kuhlmaulschuh*) were also very common.



Some Examples of Landsknecht Garb, Landsknecht Soldier 1486 – 1560, Osprey Publishing; John Richards and Gerry Embleton.



The horrors of war, Lis Graf 1521

Father of the Landsknechts

One of the most famous Landsknecht commanders was Georg von Frundsberg (1473 -- 1528). Frundsberg was the mastermind behind Maximilian's early victories and continued to serve the Empire under his successor Charles V. Frundsberg's finest hour came at the battle of Pavia (1525) when his "beloved sons" routed the French army and captured the French king, Francis I. Unfortunately his illustrious career came to an end two years later when his unpaid men mutinied and in an orgy of violence and plundering which led to the sack of Rome. Frundsberg was so upset he died of a stroke shortly after.

Camp Life

The usual image of Landsknecht life is one of lawlessness and impromptu justice but it was in fact the opposite. Landsknechts were subject to special privileges given by Maximilian meaning that they were not subject to civil law but were subject to their own complex legal system. As can be expected with mercenaries discipline was easy to enforce when funds were available, when the pay dried up as was often the case, the legal system would swiftly break down.

Landsknecht armies often attracted a large amount of followers, called the *ross*. These were mostly made up of wives, children, sutlers (traders) and of course prostitutes. This unruly collection of camp followers required its own form of police known as a *Hurenweibel* (Whores - sergeant) to assist him in enforcing discipline were the *rumormeister* (constables) carrying heavy truncheons called *vergleicher* or "argument settlers"



Sadler and Sudlerin, Daniel Hopper



Katzbalger, Wikipedia

Arms and Armor

As was often the case with early 16th century tactics, the primary weapon was the pike, a long spear averaging 5m in length. The majority of a regiments pikemen would be organized into a *gsvierthaufen*, an impenetrable an impassable square of pikes. For more close quarter combat the halberd (pollaxe) was favored as was the *zweihander*, a massive two handed sword often used to break up opposing pike formations.

A standard Landsknecht sidearm was the *katzbalger* (cat gutter) a short sword with distinctive 'S' shaped quillons. As support for the pikemen Landsknechts initially used the crossbow but eventually moved on to the *arquebus* (an early form of handgun)

Armor at this time was rare for infantry but when employed it often consisted of a breastplate with long tassets that extended down to the knees and a steel skull cap that was often worn under their distinctive feathered hats.

Sources:

Landsknecht Soldier 1486 – 1560, Osprey Publishing; John Richards and Gerry Embleton Warlord Games; Pike and Shotte – Landsknecht Pikemen

<https://militaryhistorynow.com/2018/08/16/meet-the-landsknechts-10-facts-about-the-most-murderous-mercenaries-of-the-renaissance/>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Landsknecht>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8aFOeUCJkN7G4Lw8_bNs3A

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBBA-T1Wv5c>

Landsknecht.org



The Dragon's Lair

The Dragon's Lair has moved!

You can now find us at:



Wandi Community Centre

302 De Haer Rd, Wandi WA 6167



"The 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!



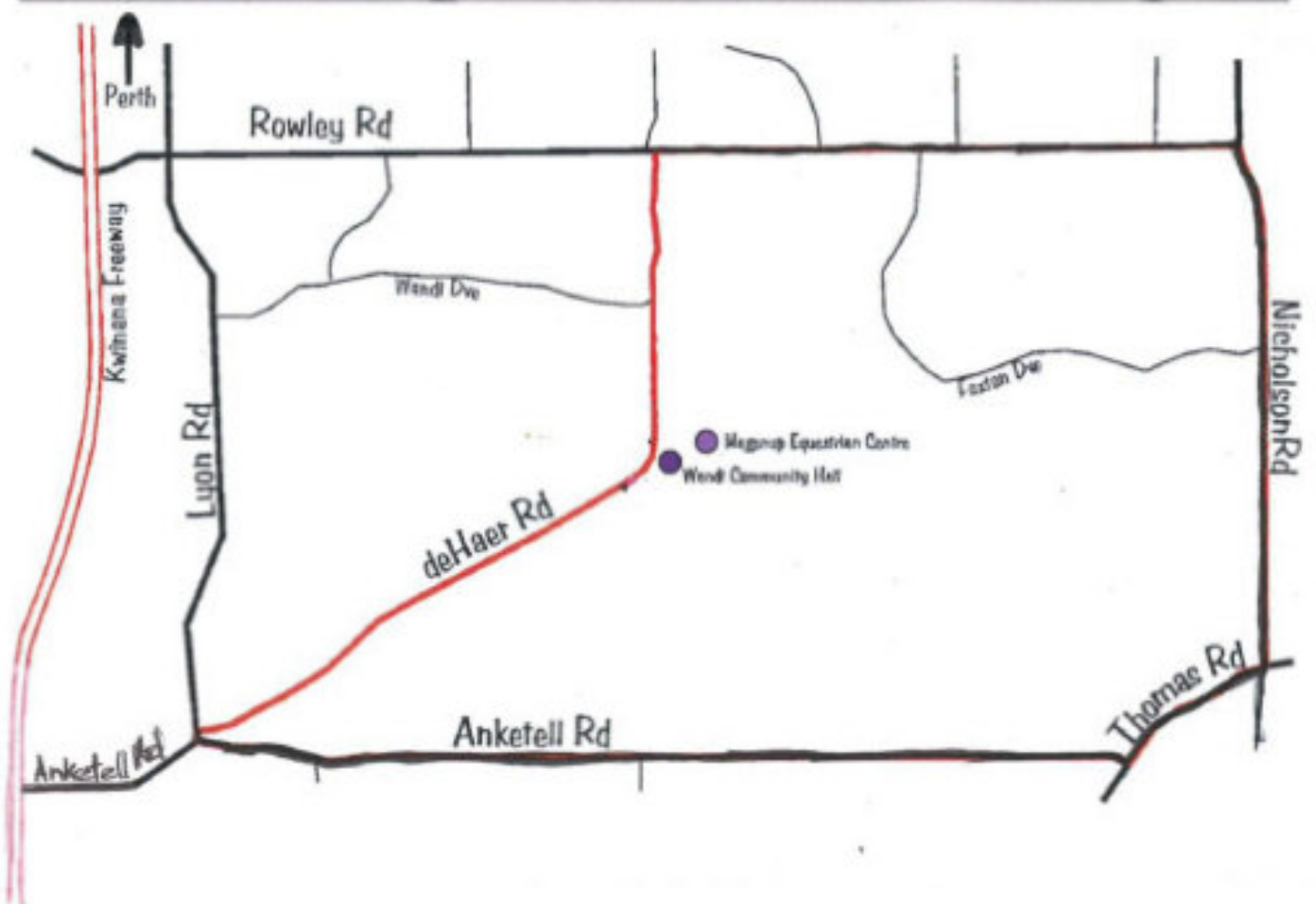
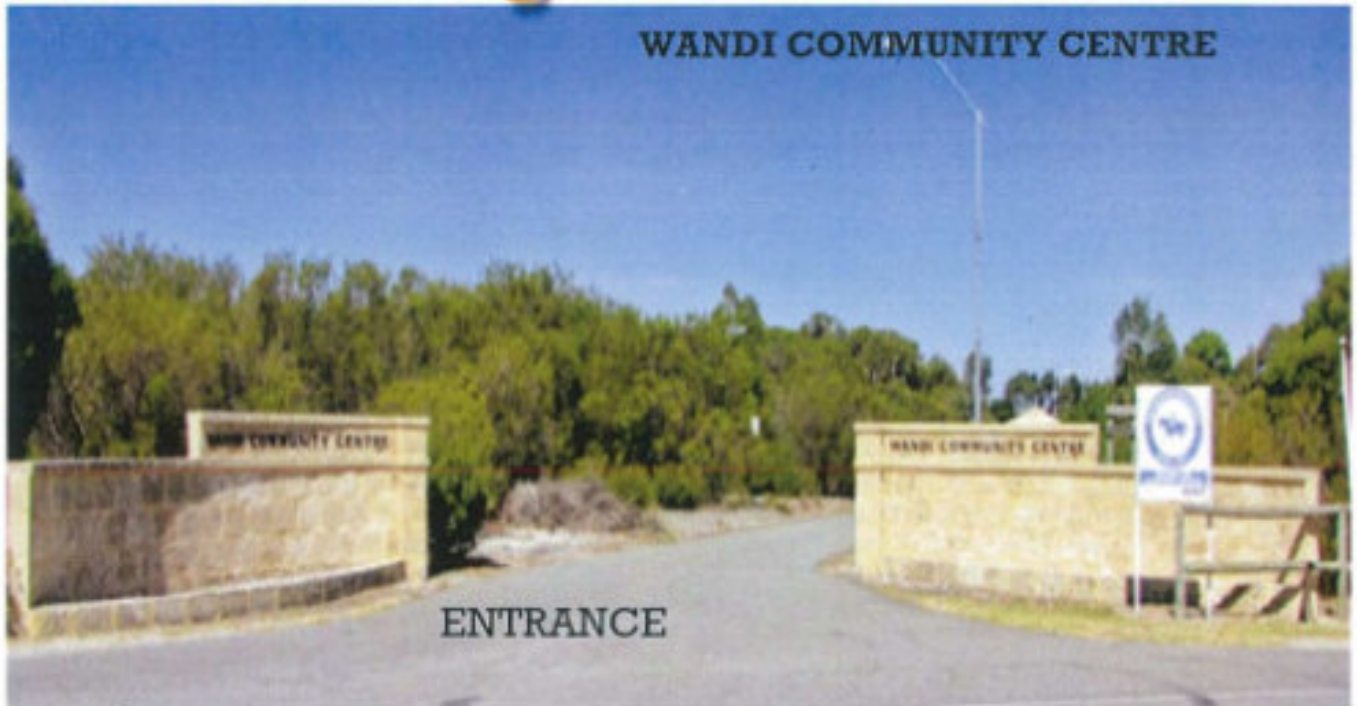
**Please Note: Archery will be happening again as from
Sunday, 3rd February, 2019
at Wandi Community Centre**

**You can find us behind the Main Hall, on the Verandah, adjacent to the Clubrooms,
or behind the brick wall, depending on the weather.**

Dragon's Lair

IS NOW AT

Wandi Progress Association





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 seneschal@aneala.lochac.sca.org



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



Village of Mareritt Skegg

Bunbury and environs

Contact Mistress Lucia delli Fenice (Liz)

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Regular Dragon's 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.

9.30am—11.30am at the new Dragon's Lair - now at Wandri Community Centre
De Haer Rd, Wandri (see map)

COUNCIL MEETING: Every 3rd Sunday, at the Dragon's Lair, Wandri,
after archery training, (approx. 11.30am) unless otherwise advised, (see above)

ARTS & SCIENCES: TBA

BARDEQUES: TBA

ALL WELCOME.Contact the Seneschal, for more details:

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WE HAVE A LIBRARY (small but available for perusal)

The Known World Handbook (This is the SCA Bible, a must read.)

The Historical Atlas of Knights & Castles

The Life and Times of the Medieval Knight

Exploring the World of the Vikings

Corsets, Historical Patterns and Techniques

(If you have any books you would like to donate to augment
our small library, please let Avalon know.)



1066 - THE BATTLE OF HASTINGS - HAROLD GETS HISTORY'S BIGGEST "SOMETHING IN THE EYE."



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