



The Cataract

The Newsletter of the Barony of Rising Waters

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CALENDAR



NOTE: Meetings and practices are at Richmond Street School, Thorold, Sundays 2-5 pm, except holiday weekends and after a Rising Waters event. A&S nights are held at 122 Dufferin St. E, St. Catharines, 6 - 10 pm.

Please be advised that when not enough people show up for a Sunday practice, those who did come are likely to leave by 2:45.

March

- 3 – Winter War (Trinovantia Nova)
- 4 – archery practice
- 5 -- **A&S night**
- 11 – meeting/fight practice
(*Daylight Savings begins—Spring forward*)
- 18 – fight practice
- 24 – Late Winter Shoot (Petrea Thule)
- 25 – fight practice
- 26 -- **A&S night**
- 28 – Ice Dragon (Rhydderich Hael)
- 31 – Forward into the Past (Bryniau Tywynnog)

April

- 1 – archery practice
- 8 – *Easter (no practice)*
- 15 – meeting/fight practice
- 16 -- **A&S night**
- 21 – Septentrian Baronial Investiture
- 22 – fight practice
- 23 -- **A&S night**
- 28 – Spring Coronation (Ben Dunfirth)
- 29 – fight practice

May, A.S. XLVII – Happy New Year!

- 5 -- Dandelion Festival (Tor Brant)
- 6 – archery practice
- 7 -- **A&S night**
- 12 -- **Lady Mary Memorial Tourney**
- 13 -- *Mother's Day (no practice)*
- 18–20 – Fruits of our Labours V (Ayr, ON)
- 20 -- *Victoria Day (no practice)*
- 26 – Spring Crown Tournament (Barrie, ON)
- 27 – meeting/archery practice
- 28 -- **A&S night**

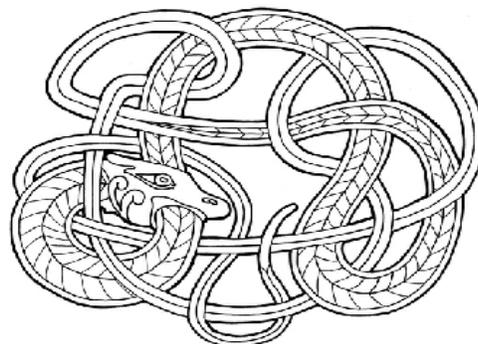
June

- 3 – fight practice
- 4 -- **A&S night**
- 10 – fight practice
- 11 -- **A&S night**
- 17 – archery practice
- 24 – meeting/fight practice

Summer schedule to be determined

October

- 27 -- **Fall Crown Tourney** (Merriton Hall, St. Catharines)





BARON & BARONESS

Greetings to the Barony of Rising Waters;



St. Valentines Day Massacre III was a great event, even with hazardous weather conditions. It was wonderful to see those of you who were able to travel out to the event. The Queen was thrilled on all counts by the fantastic step stool and the Rydderich Hael's presentation of the Throwing weapons. Her reaction was wonderful!

We were so pleased to see Archery up and running at the last meeting; we hope this will be habit. Thank you to Don the Duckman and Reynard for their efforts.

A&S nights at Ylaria's are wonderful times to hone talents and get great advice. If you can be there, take advantage of the time to work on projects. Thank you, Yllaria, for hosting these nights.

Richard and Annabelle

CHATELAINE

Greetings from your Chatelaine;



Prize for great recruiting goes to Liadin for her encouragement of King Textiles--awesome plan! As always, don't be shy about bringing a friend out to play.

There has been a request for a demo at the Smithville Library for a Wednesday at 1300 during July OR August. If there is anyone available please let me know, I will organize a particular day according to the response. If you need me to, I will simply choose a day and we can try to populate that day. Let me know, thank you.

Annabelle

SENESCHAL

Greetings unto the populace of Rising Waters.



We have had a quiet and warm winter, but spring will soon be here and we need to look forward to all the wonderful things it will bring. The Lady Mary Memorial Tourney is coming up, and we will need volunteers to assist with many positions. If you would like to help with something, please e-mail me privately.

We need volunteers to step up and take on some of the officer positions as well. There are many offices that have been held by the same person for a long time, and it would be great if they could take a break. If you'd like to help but don't know what is involved, let me know. We will be holding some sessions soon on what the various officers do.

Applications for officer positions should be sent to the officer, with copies to the seneschal and the baron & baroness.

On a related note, I will be stepping down as Seneschal at the end of June. I have served the Barony for three years, and look forward to serving again.

For those who have not heard, the lawsuit against SCA Inc. has been settled. You can find out more about it in the letter from the BOD. We have already contibuted our 18% to the kingdom. [<http://www.sca.org/BOD/announcements/settlement.html>].

We are currently holding archery practices every three weeks, and Don the Duckman from Ben Dunfirth has been coming out to shoot with us as well. Please check the schedule for updates.

Once summer arrives, we will no longer be at the Richmond Street School, as they do repairs and maintenance during the summer months. We will be looking at alternatives, but if you have any suggestions please let me know. Additionally, we will be having several mini-events/mega-practices at Finally Oaks during the summer. Please stay tuned for more information.

If you are a paid member and have not already done so, please send me your membership number and the expiry date. This information could determine whether we get to keep all the territory currently held by the Barony.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, suggestions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in service,
Ysabeau de Comport

HERALD

Greetings and salutations,



I submitted three names and devices that were done at Herald's Point at Pennsic and have received the results of them. I figured that I would share some of the information from this process. It has been a learning experience for me and will help with the other submissions that I am very, very slowly working on for others. These were submitted in September and since they were done at Herald's Point at Pennsic did not have to go through the internal letter of intent process here in Ealdormere. So it took approximately 5-6 months for the names and devices to go through the whole trip. If they had to go through the internal letter it would probably add at least a month or two. Of the three names and devices, all three names and two of the devices passed. These names and devices are as follows:

Sam Hardie

Name: Dmitri Kievskoi

Device: Quarterly per fess embattled sable and vert, in bend sinister an escallop and a bear's head erased Or.

Jennifer Etty

Name: Gema Krasil'nikova

Lorenna Hebert

Name: Morighane MacDermott

Device: Gules crusily Celtic, on a chief Or three boar's heads erased sable.

(For actual use Lorenna would prefer people to continue to use Morrigan McDermott.)

Gema had her device sent back for redrawing. Although the artwork was done by people working at Herald's Point it was felt that the leaf did not contain enough detail and that the knitting needles were out of period as they had knobs at the end instead of being double pointed. I thought it would be worth including in this so that anyone submitting a device will know to try and be as accurate and period authentic in their drawing of the device to hopefully avoid a situation like this.

Until next time.

Yours in service,

Dmitri Kievskoi

FIGHTING



Fight practices continue at the Richmond Street School with usually Viscount Michel, Marcus and Baron Richard in armour. Recently Lord Dmitri joined us. He is a brave man fighting and playing hockey in the same day. Perhaps he is training for the NHL.

We tried for our first armouring session of the winter but folks had other commitments so we'll try again soon.

A few of us have attended practices in Ben Dunfirth on Monday and the Hael on Wednesday. Both are well-attended practices and there is a wide range of fighters so there is always someone there that you can beat and someone who can humble you.

Usually once a month there will be archery at the Richmond Street School. On those days I will still most likely be there to fight either in the foyer or out of doors. Please check the calendar.

I will be attending Winter War, and it would be nice to have some three-man Rising Waters teams so please bring your tabards.

I think that is all for now.

Richard Larmer

ARCHERY

Deputy Archery Marshal Report:



Happy to report that archery practices are underway again at Richmond Street School. Please see the calendar for dates; archery is now scheduled for every three (3) weeks.

Last Sunday we had five gentles doing archery practice and one useless marshal ... me! I'm still unable to draw a bow, and I can't help with much of set-up and take-down. I really appreciate the huge assistance given by various fighters and Ben Dunfirth archers!

Please let everyone know about our archery practices. We have loaner gear for use! Come on out and shoot little pointy sticks at big blocks of foam.

If someone could lay their hands on an eight-foot long 2x4 or 2x2 (maybe with a wee notch cut into one end), please give me a call or e-mail; we need something to prop up the line for the safety net so it doesn't sag in the middle. Thanks!

At your service,

Reynard de Foch

ARTS AND SCIENCES

Greetings from your A&S Minister:



This past month we have had 2 A&S classes. The first was naalbinding taught by Her Excellency Aibhilin. It was a fun class that had us spitting into our hands. My doily is progressing very nicely; it will someday become a hat. If you were unable to attend the class and would like to know what the fun was all about, let me know and I will schedule another class.

The second class was scheduled for a full day. We began by learning how to make bread and then Lady Gema demonstrated making meat-filled braids and fruit buns which we had for supper. Her Excellency Aibhilin then talked about cooking period feasts. As always, she was able to give us gems of wisdom to make our next feasts even better.

On another note, Lady Ysabeau has discovered a great new fabric wholesaler in Toronto who will sell to the public. Sultan's Fine Fabrics gives discounts based on the amount that is bought. Sultan is very knowledgeable and eager to please, according to Lady Ysabeau. It might be worth a few fabric geeks getting together for a road trip, even if it is only to drool on the more expensive fabrics.

Forward Into The Past is on March 31st this year at Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo. If you have never been, it is a great way to learn new and interesting crafts or more about things like "Torture" or "Sex and the Church" (just a couple of this year's topics). Also His Excellency Aeneas is teaching sausage making. The cost is \$15.00 for a full day of classes. (Some classes have an extra fee for materials.) If anyone is interested in going, let me know. We may be able to arrange carpooling.

March is rapidly approaching. If you have a class that you would like to teach or have taught please contact me at yllariadecomport@yahoo.com so we can schedule it.

YIS, Lady Yllaria

CHRONICLER



Remember to go to www.sca.org to fill in your application to discontinue your paper version of the kingdom newsletter. Help the Society save money and trees!

Thank you to all the officers for sending their reports/letters to me in a timely fashion. If anyone would like to send me an article, recipe, cartoon or artwork, please see the last page for particulars.

I still have several copies of the new edition of The Known World Handbook for sale at \$30.00.

Ariadne



SELECTED MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

February 12, Richmond Street School, Thorold. Sixteen gentles were in attendance, including Don the Duckman and his brother who were here from Ben Dunfirth for archery.

- Our part of the Society's settlement of the lawsuit has been given. There is a good chance that we will be getting at least some of it back as a result of a second action against the insurance company who refused to pay out their share. Bows of thanks to Drachenwald and Lochac for donating to the cause even though they didn't have to.
- There is a new move afoot to make fencing a peerage. Comments are needed.
- Two databases have been set up on the Rising Waters Yahoo group. One is for those willing to give rides. The other is to gather information on the Arts and Sciences skills of the members of the Barony, including whether a person is willing to teach something. Please visit those databases and add your information. It's easy!
- Not only do we need new members, we also need to get former members interested again.
- Lord Rusgain is willing to host armouring nights.
- Does anyone know if Gandalf ever placed the order for ethafoam for new archery butts?
- Neither Lady Gema nor Lady Morigan are able to be deputy seneschal at this time. Thanks to Baron Aeneas for being willing to take over as Seneschal in June.
- The Lady Mary Memorial Tourney still is without a site. Chiara is working her way down the list of possibilities. More suggestions are needed. Many halls that we used to use are now catering-only, or have raised the price.
- Our bid has been submitted to Kingdom for the Fall Crown Tourney. Since it is the only bid it has probably been accepted.
- Older issues of "The Cataract" have been moved to an archive in the Yahoo group to free up space on our website. Only the two most recent issues will be kept on the website.
- Lord John the Rude and Lady Morna the Saint have graciously allowed us to have mini-events at Finally Oaks again this summer. There will be one a month. Come in garb, bring a dish to pass and feast gear, bring your arms and armour, bring your A&S projects, remember the sunscreen. Dates to be announced.
- Although this wasn't mentioned at the meeting, I am putting it here. Editor's privilege. Both Mistress Marion of Heatherdale and our own Lady Ruadh have their own listings on the new CBC music website.
- <http://music.cbc.ca/#/artists/Heather-Dale>
- <http://music.cbc.ca/#/artists/CAROL-FARRAR>

FESTIVAL OF THE PASSING OF THE ICE DRAGON

Saturday March 28th, The Connecticut Street Armory, Buffalo, NY

Greetings from The Rhydderich Hael! It is with great joy and anticipation of spring that we invite each one of you to the Annual Festival for the Passing of the Ice Dragon. The event will be held at the Connecticut Street Armory, 187 Connecticut Street, Buffalo NY 14201.

Site will open at 0900 on March, 28 2012 and will close at 2200 the same day. Site fee is \$12 early registration (adult) \$6 early registration (child) and \$16 and \$8 at the door. 17 and under is half price, 18 and up is adult 5 years and under attend as guests of the Barony and pay no fee.

Early registration may be sent to Eric Belser, 353 Park Lane Circle Apt 12 Lockport, NY 14094, and must be received by March 10th. Non-Member Surcharge for the event will be \$5 at the door and will not be accepted with reservations. Checks should be made to SCA inc Barony of the Rhydderich Hael. Please include a separate sheet of paper with Mundane and SCA names of all persons in your party (including those under age) and a copy of your membership cards.

Your autocrat is Boudicea (Carrie M DeWeese 335 Pennsylvania St Buffalo NY 14201 716-597-1838 dicea. deme@gmail.com) and she would like to present an A&S Pent presented by Sir Aengus MacBain (David C Hassinger siraengus@zoominternet.net). The Ice Dragon Tavern will be run by Zoe Acropolotina (zoeakropolitina@aol.com). This year we will have available by preregistration only salon spaces available to the public for decoration and display of social and culinary decadence, spaces measuring ten foot by ten foot for \$10 and tables (max 2) are available for \$10 each. For more information please contact Phil (That Guy Phil) Martino at philm@buffalo.com Reservations for Salon spaces can be made through Eric Belser as with the event reservations and need to be in by February 28th.

Merchants can contact Linda Steffan atllsteffan@verizon.net and send reservation information \$10 per space plus \$10 per table (max 5) to L. Steffan 761 Main St Buffalo, NY 14203.

All visitors at the Armory are required to have Photo ID.

Directions: from the North and all entrances from Canada; Make your best route the NYS I-190 south-bound. Travel south to the porter Ave. exit. Exit there and turn left onto Porter Ave. Travel up Porter to Niagara St. Turn left at Niagara St. and go 1 block to Connecticut St. Turn right (at the really big castle) and you are at the entrance to the Armory.

From the South: Make your best route to NYS I-190 north-bound. Travel north to Niagara St. Exit (exit 8), follow the ramp to Niagara Street and turn left. Travel $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to Connecticut St. Turn right (at the really big castle) and you are at the entrance to the Armory.



Featuring the elevation of THL Augusto Giuseppe De San Donato (Joe the Just) to Pelican!

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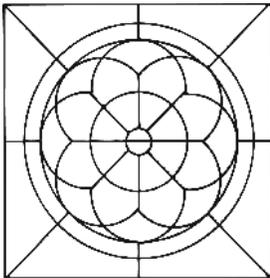
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A&S Champion: Lady Chiara Stella (Pasqua Terrone)

Bardic Champion: TBA

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