



# The Cataract

The newsletter of the Barony of Rising Waters,  
the SCA chapter for the Niagara Region

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Baronial meetings for the foreseeable future will be held either at the home of Baroness Rosalinda, 346 Jarvis Street, Fort Erie, or at Finally Oaks, 1468 Krick Road, just outside Smithville. These meetings are open to anyone, not just officers. The officers would love to have more input from the populace!

Mini-events: come in garb & bring food to share. Martial activities, A&S, and an in-ground pool. Sunscreen recommended. [finallyoaks.ca](http://finallyoaks.ca)

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Happy New Year!

25 Tavern Workshop, Brennisteinn Vatn (North Bay)

*June*

1 Pikeman's Pleasure, Petrea Thule (Peterborough)

6-9 Murder Melee, Ben Dunfirth (Binbrook)

9 **Baronial Champs mini-event & meeting at Finally Oaks, 12-5 p.m.**

Last day for Pennsic pre-registration

27 - July 1 Trillium War, Ard Chreag (TBD)

*July*

7 Baronial meeting at Baroness Rosalinda's, 2-5 p.m.

19-Aug 2 Pennsic

*August*

18 Mini-event & meeting at Finally Oaks, 12-5 p.m.

*September*

15 Mini-event & meeting at Finally Oaks, 12-5 p.m.

*October*

5 Library Demo, St. Catharines Public Library

6 Mini-event & meeting at Finally Oaks, 12-5 p.m.

*November*

10 Baronial meeting at Baroness Rosalinda's, 2-5 p.m.

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### Baron & Baroness

Greetings to the great People of Rising Waters:

What a spectacular Lady Mary Memorial Tournament! Thank you to everyone who pulled together to achieve the beautiful day. Congratulations to our newest Lord and Lady, Kallick and Chiara respectively; well done and well deserved. We were overwhelmed by the show of support by our neighbours to the South. Thank you so much to the Barony of the Rydderich Hael for being a big part of our event. Congratulations also to THBLiadin Chu for her induction into the Order of the Golden Chalice; we are so pleased to be able to recognise her tireless work on our behalf. On that note, our hearty congratulations also to Yllaria de Comport for her honour at being the newest person to carry Tancred's Tankard for the year. We really appreciate all the members of the Barony working so hard to bring this event to a successful conclusion. Their Majesties had a great deal of fun (for full verbiage see their letter).

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Baronial Champions Mini-Event in June. For the A and S challenge...please consider a dish made in French Canada in 1500's or so.

Regretfully, due to work and other commitments we will not be able to attend Murder Melee on the Saturday. We hope that others in the Barony will take the opportunity to attend this event in "our backyard". We will see you at Crown Tournament.

*Richard and Annabelle*

### Chatelaine

Hearty greetings to the Barony of Rising Waters:

It came to my attention at our recent tournament that we had several new people at Lady Mary and they were not idle. One of the children spent time volunteering in the kitchen, and the whole family was able to shoot Archery. It is great that they were able to attend. In addition, the gentle who performed two poems during the Bardic Challenge was also attending his first event. He quite enjoyed himself and looks forward to his next event. Welcome to them!

Both the Society and the Kingdom are looking for new Chatelains. If you are interested, see The Tidings or [sca.org](http://sca.org) for more details.

*Annabelle*

### Chronicler

The tragedy of the Boston Marathon and then the search for Tim Bosma reminded me of the old custom of the Hue and Cry. "In early English common law, term given to the procedure adopted to secure the arrest of a criminal. The constable of the parish, on information of a crime being laid, and any other person discovering a felony, might call upon the inhabitants to follow in the tracks of the suspected criminal, and when the pursuit reached the borders of the next parish the hue and cry was passed on in turn to its constable. No defense was permitted to persons taken by hue and cry if evidence of guilt was found on them. The hue and cry statutes were repealed in 1828. The term is now used in a figurative sense." Grolier Encyclopedia, © 1957

On a lighter note, Reynard told me, "People have been telling me that I pun too much, and I should stop punning. The problem is that I have been around heralds for a long time and I cant."

*Ariadne*

### Arts & Sciences

Good Gentles,

Having just been very busy getting Lady Mary items done, A&S evenings will be taking a short break and starting up again on May 26. There are plans to have classes in Feastocrating, silk banner painting and smocking. There will also be a few scribal days planned. Times and dates to be announced.

*Ullaria de Comport*

### Herald

It's been a busy couple of months for local heraldry! In the current internal letter of intent, we have four devices and two names up for commentary. I lent a hand at the Herald's Point at Coronation, and had non-stop consultations on names and devices. Markers were flying to colour in new submissions.

Court Report For Lady Mary Memorial Tournament 26  
(11 May 2013, A.S. XLVIII)

Event Herald: THL Sciath ingen Chaennaig

Announcement Herald: Lord Grimmr

Field Herald: Her Grace, Duchess Jocea

Court Heralds: THL Sciath ingen Chaennaig & Lady Pesha the Gypsy

Awards granted in their Excellencies' Court:

Award of the Chalice's Crystal: Lord Gajin Suren, THL Sciath ingen Chaennaig, Lady Chiara Stella and Lord Kallikleas Lysias, Lady Morrigan McDermott, Augusto Guisepe da San Donato

Award of the Spider: Lady Ysabeau de Comport, Lady Chiara Stella

Award of the Order of the Golden Chalice: THB Liadin Chu

Tancred's Tankard has been passed from Her Excellency, Baroness Ariadne Athingana of Ravenglass to Lady Yllaria de Comport

Her Excellency, Liadin Chu read from a recently uncovered article addressing the relationship between apprentice and laurel (or equivalent relationship).

Awards granted in their Majesties' Court:

Award of Arms: Lady Chiara Stella and Lord Kallikleas Lysias

Award of the Orion: Baron Percival de la Rocque

King's Favour: Baron Richard Larmer

Our Favourite Things: Cameron, L'lyn, Amish Many Shields, Caleb, and Pereil. Presented with tokens and a toy for L'lyn.

Court ended after THL Justinian Clarus, Royal Battle Bard, led all in singing "We are a River" .

## **A Few Questions about Heraldry**

### **Why should I register my (name/device/badge)?**

This is an important question, and one with philosophical as well as practical implications. The answer given below is at best an outline of the various reasons why participants in the SCA should register their names and devices. Medieval heraldry had one major purpose – to uniquely identify the person the device (or arms) are registered to. Registering your name and device is encouraged by the College of Heralds to prevent someone else from registering the same name/device. The reason for having a name and device is to uniquely identify yourself within the SCA. If you are using a name or device that someone else is using, then it doesn't represent just you, but you AND someone else. By registering with the College, you ensure this uniqueness.

## **Can you register a name or device with the College before you had been given an Award of Arms by the King or Prince?**

Anyone can register a name and device with the College. The device will not become arms until you have been given an Award of Arms or other armigerous award. In some kingdoms, recipients of an award who do not have a name and device registered do not receive a formal scroll until they have registered a name and device. Instead they receive a promissory note which lets everyone know that they have the award. The College of Heraldry does not *grant* arms. They register devices. You must be given arms by the King or Prince.

If you are interested in putting together a name and device for your persona in the SCA, email me at [Gertrude.wright@gmail.com](mailto:Gertrude.wright@gmail.com) and we'll get started!

Yours in Service,

*Sciath ingen Chacmaig*

### **Archery**

Ben Dunfirth archery practices are at the Rockton Fairgrounds on Sundays, 2:00-5:00 for May 19 (maybe), June 16, 23 and 30. Check the Ben Dunfirth News blog for updates or contact Don the Duckman. Lady Rosalind Pax recently shot at one of their practices and won the winter competition with a score of 28. Well done, Roz!

Other than the archery we will hold at the mini-events at Finally Oaks, we have no other archery scheduled in Rising Waters. I am hoping that by September or October we will have located a suitable indoor archery range.

There was a great deal of fun and fine shooting at the Lady Mary Archery Tourney last weekend. Many, many new archers young and old (well, not that old!) came out to try shooting and the joy and excitement exhibited was totally wonderful! The winner of the Tourney was Baron Caleb shooting his deadly accurate crossbow, and of the rest shooting conventional bows, Magistra Nicolaa scored highest. Of the rivalry between the Violets (purple) and the Apple Blossoms (white), the Violets were victorious! I made up some new challenges for the archers, starting with the Flour (flower!) Shoot, featuring Robin Hood Flour and President's Choice All-Purpose Flour. Next came the "Bleeding Heart" shoot for all you Liberals out there! And finally came the Tudor Rose shoot with mixed-up scoring on the target. Was great fun had? I think!

I have to thank Augusto and Simian as well as some others that were terrific with the archery setup and teardown. Baron Caleb and Alexander

were great help with the archery during the day, and I just could not have pulled the archery tourney off without the amazing work done by MIT Jehanne from Trenton. She was running the line, fixing things that broke, coaching a horde of newcomers and shooting the Tourney to boot!

I, for one, was just so amazed and pleased at the young people that were being inspired by mundane movies like "Brave" and "Hunger Games". Several Merida-to-be archers were displaying exactly the sort of dedication that it would take to turn out some first-class archers for Ealdormere. If at all possible, please please please continue to encourage young people to come to archery practices and enjoy the sport!

*Baron Reynard de Foch*  
*XLVIII*

*May 15th, 2013, A.S.*

### Signet

Are you owed a scroll? Let me know.

*Lady Gema Krasil'NiKova*

### Minister of Children

The children spent the day playing outdoors at Lady Mary and did not take advantage of our Children's Corner.

### Lady Mary Report

I would like to thank profusely all those gentles who helped make the event run smoothly. However, a special thanks needs to go out to the crew from the Hael who helped set up and tear down.

Feast was a great success for first time feastocrat, Lady Ysabeau. Very tasty and beautifully presented.

The Marshalled activities appeared to go on without a hitch. The winners of the four martial activities at Lady Mary XXVI are:

Archery: Baron Caleb

Armour: Duke Roak inspired by his daughter Elizabeth

Rapier: Alexander du Lac inspired by Lady Beatrice de Winter

Thrown Weapons: Daniel of Whitby inspired by his wife Catriona

Entertainment at feast was lovely with 2 bardic competitions and a finale by Pankratz the Illusionist.

The children spent most of the day outdoors on the play equipment. (and doing archery! - Reynard)

I think an enjoyable day was had by all.

Some of our trophies have run out of space for more plaques so Their Excellencies will be taking them to the shop to have an extra layer added and to add the new names (a lot of previous winners in the above list).

*Lady Yllaria de Comport. Autocrat*

Greetings,

We are the representatives of the King and Queen within the Barony and as such we, at times, must convey Their Royal Majesties' words to the people of the Barony. Today we have been asked to do so. Below are their words.

Richard and Annabelle,  
Baron and Baroness of Rising Waters

"Greetings Unto Baron Richard and Baroness Annabelle of Rising Waters, and the Good People of Rising Waters:

We thank you for hosting Us at the Lady Mary Tournament this past Saturday. It was a marvelous day, full of martial merriment, music, inspired muses and even actual magic.

The event ran very smoothly, an amazing accomplishment with so many martial activities all occurring simultaneously. The feast was plentiful and totally tastey. The staff were very welcoming. We were truly treated like Roylaty.

Thank you for all your efforts.  
Trumbrand, Rex                      Kaylah, Regina"

"We had such a good time and we were so happy that you recognized the service of our very industrious Augusto! Thank you and your entire Barony for such a wondrous good day!

Isolda, Baroness of the Rhydderich Hael"

### **Minutes of the Meetings**

A summary of the recent meetings held at the home of Baroness Rosalinda.

March 3: 13 attending. Rather than have to answer the door multiple times, perhaps a sign could be made to tell people to come in without having to knock. [done]

#### Reports

- \* Baron/Baroness: Make sure to cross-post to the Yahoo, Facebook and Ealdormere lists; also the Hael.
- \* Signet: Gema has spoken to Gandalfr and is waiting for further communication.

- \* Exchequer deputy: we are solvent. The Kingdom exchequer has been made aware of Rois' situation and has granted an extension on the Domesday.
  - \* Can signing authorities have access to get statements if the principal officer isn't available?
- \* Marshal: There is still no word from Count Malik about a fight site. Baron Richard is contacting the members of Thorbjorn's Hammer to get marshals for Lady Mary.
- \* Chronicler: The last Cataract had some errors on the calendar.
  - \* The Baronial web-page needs to be kept up to date. Perhaps a memorial to Celeste could be added.
- \* Herald: Corrections are being made to the Order of Precedence. The new tabard was received well at Winter War, but couldn't be shown off in court due to a timing conflict. The new Trillium Herald is Cainder (pronounced Connor), mka Kelly Wyatt. The voice herald class is still in the works. We should have a consultation table at all our events, and a College of Herald's banner to go with it. Dmitri has a thumb drive to transfer the files to Sciath (pronounced Skya), who is planning a persona development workshop.
- \* Quartermaster: the feast-boxes inventory is complete, and some items need to be replaced. The stock-pot which we had went missing after the last event; perhaps Ludwig has it. Valdr has undertaken to engrave anything metal, and a new stamp should be made to identify other items as belonging to the Barony. The banners should be rolled on poles with eyelets on the ends. The autocrat box still needs to be checked.
- \* Chatelaine: Dean and Mike have been contacted.
- \* A&S: The "new" banners need to be checked and repaired. Work is continuing on the Herald's tabard. Thanks to the committee for the work done so far. Several talks and work sessions have been scheduled.
- \* Lady Mary Memorial Tourney: The theme is Welcome to Spring — the battle of the flowers. Details of what will be needed and who will do what were discussed. Rosalinda donated several items as prizes.
  - \* A main problem has been the method of seating people for feast. One person, perhaps the head server, will sign people up.
  - \* Their Excellencies wish to see the finals for all tourneys.
  - \* A proposal to comp all merchants for site fee. Passed.



- \* Several people are interested in how to become a list minister.
- \* The Barony needs electrical cords.

April 7: 9 attending, but the seneschal could not.

#### Reports

- ◆ Exchequer deputy: the Domesday is in progress.
- ◆ Marshal: We still have no fight practice site. Ruskin has offered his yard when the weather improves.
  - ◆ A discussion of why our previous sites are now unworkable.
- ◆ Finally Oaks will not be available in July, so the meeting will revert to Rosalinda's.
- ◆ Chronicler: The May/June "Cataract" will be published after the Lady Mary Tourney.
- ◆ Quartermaster: The ugly green bridge on Central Avenue is going to be under construction this summer, so we must approach Jarvis Street from the other direction.
- ◆ Reynard will post bridge traffic reports when needed.
- ◆ A&S: The tabards are on hold until after Lady Mary. Three people were at the A&S night on Friday. The schedule of activities has been modified. Saturday is banner repair day in the community room at Sciath's, 151 James St.
- ◆ Herald: Friday evening is the Persona Development workshop. Could we do a personal armorial like Aethelmarc's? The new Heraldic Handbook is being developed.
- ◆ Lady Mary Tourney: Aethelmarc royalty are planning to attend. The marshals are lined up. Viscountess Moria has agreed to put instructions on-line for how to run the Lists. Joe the Just (Augusto) wants to autocrat next year. Rosalinda and Yllaria are going on a shopping expedition for kitchen items and cloth.
- ◆ Baron Richard talked about his family's recent trip to England and showed pictures on his smart-phone.

May 5: 11 present, including the seneschal.

#### Reports

- A&S: Most of the activity has been related to Lady Mary, including a scroll-blank-making day.
- Signet: Most of the scrolls for the Event are complete.
- Chronicler: Officer letters are needed right after the Event in order to publish before May 18.

- Archery: Augusto knows where to set up the net, in front of the marsh. The shoots for the tourney are planned. It would be nice to run an IKAC.
- Herald: Worked at the consultation table at Coronation. Would like to put in a bid for the Known World Scribal Symposium, with Niagara Falls as the venue, and is willing to coordinate. There are six (6) submissions for names and arms. The banners are repaired. There will be a consulting table and a voice herald workshop at Lady Mary.
- Quartermaster: The Baronial shopping trip was a success, but we need serving dishes for 16 instead of 12.
- Exchequer: The new Kingdom exchequer (Dafydd) has yet to sign. The Domesday is done, so the BOD is happy with us again.
  - Yllaria has too big a workload now, and needs someone else to be deputy.
- Seneschal: Asked Ieuan to be deputy seneschal pro tem.
- Lady Mary Tourney: The site tokens are mostly done, the Battle of the Flowers ribbons are done, the feast tokens are almost done. Rosalinda bought a new serger and embroidery machine, but asks that the cloth for future embroidery projects be more than 6-inches wide. The feast is on track. The Allanburg Bridge is still under construction, with possible long wait times to access the road to the site. The trophies are up to date. The new seals are being made at Duffy's. The lunch table will not supply any eating gear – plastic and Styrofoam are not Period. Valdr will take charge of assigning feast tables. Pankratz will perform his illusions during feast. Rosalinda will run the A&S contest; there will be pins with beads on them for populace judging. The items for the silent auction are phenomenal – furs, garb, armour, banana bread and more. The carnations are ordered. The first aid kit will be at troll.
- Baroness Annabelle congratulates everyone on their hard work. Baronial Champions will be determined at the Mini-event at Finally Oaks on June 9.



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**Thrown Weapons Champion:** Lady Selwyn of the Wood (Melody Green)

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

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