

ACROSS THE HILLS

The Newsletter of the Barony of Endless Hills



MAY A.S. XLIII • C.E. 2008

BARONIAL OFFICERS:

This is the public version of Across the Hills. To get the full version free by email, with the officer information, please contact the Chronicler at carnabyservices@yahoo.com with your email address, and SCA and mundane names.

Official Barony Website:

www.endlesshills.aethelmearc.net

This is Across The Hills, a publication of the Barony of Endless Hills of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. Across the Hills is available from Phoebe Waller-Sharp, 15 North Church Street, Carbondale, PA 18407. It is not a corporate publication of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. and does not delineate SCA policies. Across the Hills is published 10 times per annum. All article copyrights remain with the original authors.

All illustrations, unless otherwise noted, are copyright from Jupiter Images and used with permission.



FROM THE CHRONICLER & WEBMINISTER

As always, I am looking for articles and content for this newsletter - and photos, too!

Next month's newsletter will have a Mongolian theme in honor of Their Majesties' visit to our fair Barony, and I would love to see your contributions on this theme.

Would you like to have your profile up on our Barony website? Just email me and I will send you the profile form to fill out - it would be wonderful to have everyone in the Barony on the site. I know that when Jock and I first became active here again, it was a good way for me as a "newcomer" (to this Barony anyhow) to put names to faces. You can send photos, and any or all of the information on the form.

Melee Madness will soon be upon us! Remember, this is a royal progress, and the first ever Kingdom Equestrian Championships. The event announcement is here in the newsletter, but full and complete coverage can also be found on our website. Bookmark www.endlesshills.aethelmearc.net and use it often!

I welcome your comments and suggestions on our newsletter and website...

Yours in Service, **Tiercelin**



This being the Report of the Court of Ulrich Drachendonner, Baron of Endless Hills. Court held at Moon Lake Park, site of Year's End Tournament II, Endless Hills on April 26, XLII (2008); Court Herald Sir Murdoch Bayne; this report by Lady Barbary Rose.

Lady Barbary Rose was summoned forth to accept the Baronial championship for the Arts & Sciences, received a scroll, cookies from the Autocrat, and a pearl-filled golden apple. Not quite done with her, His Excellency called forth the members of the Order of the Lamp--and inducted Lady Barbary Rose as the newest companion of the Order. Scroll in progress by Sir Murdoch Bayne.

Lady Deianeira Rodrigues y Aragonas was called to court as the winner of the Baronial Fencing Championship. She was presented a targe, cookies, and medallion along with a scroll commemorating her victory. Lord Gunnarr of Endless Hills was called forth to accept his medallion and scroll and Cookies naming him as newest Baronial Archery Champion.

Lord Lancelot de Molay was called forth to accept his post as the newest Baronial Champion of Heavy Weapons; he received a medallion, scroll, cookies, and a small rhino on a chain as tokens.

Lord Gaeth Conmaigh was called to court to accept the Champion medallion, cookies, and scroll as the new Baronial Thrown Weapons champ.

One other important order of business was the passing of the Golden Buzzard to the participant earning the most points in the day's challenges. Lord Tufa der Munthas was called to court to accept not one, but TWO Golden Buzzard trophies--the original solid brass one and its replacement from the previous year--both from the previous caretaker of the Golden Buzzard, Sir Murdoch.

Lady Tiercelin, as Webmistress and Chronicler, was called to court to take charge of the Baronial Guild charters for publication and then to give them to the Baronial Historian for recording in our books; she promised to do so.

The Autocrat of the event, Lady Julianna Woolworth, was called forth, thanked for a great event, and asked to summon her cooking staff, Lord Anton and his father. The cooking staff was thanked for a job well-done.

There being no further business, Court was Closed.

-Lady Barbary Rose, Herald-



Barony of the Endless Hills
April 13, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Officers Present: Tigernach, Barbary Rose, Tiercelin, Banshee, Kat, Ulrich, Gregory, Lumie

Members Present: Gaeth, Julianna, Gunnar, Maria P.

Important Dates:

- Next Baronial business meeting is May 4 at 2 pm at Gander Mountain. The June meeting will be June 1 at the Melee Site. The July 13 meeting will be at Kat's house.

Approval of Minutes:

March meeting minutes approved by Julianna with a second by Tigernach. Passed with majority vote.

Old Business

- The St. Patrick's Day parade was a success, with 4 horses, a large turn-out of fencers, and 3 heavy fighters. Need more pole people for next year, who are also trained up front in how to deal with crowds. The scroll was dropped off at the Credit Union.
- Still looking for officer's job descriptions. These will be posted on the group list file section as a reference.
- Bids for Fasching are due at the next Barony meeting on May 4. The preferred dates are November 8 and November 15.

Officer Reports

- Baron – Has received a letter from Tristan Sexwolfe looking for wood's battle combat archery places, and will talk to him about YE2. There are 3 people registered for the Baronial Pennsic encampment, and there is still time to register. We will be hosting the Baronial dinner at Pennsic a year from this year. All champion's regalia should be brought to YE2 to be passed on to the new champions. Will be attending Crown, Melee, Barony Wars and Pennsic. Still waiting for throne to be fixed; Gunnar volunteered to fix it. Will be bringing the guild charters to the Webminister, and then to the Historian.
- Herald/ Scribe's Guild – No events, nothing to report.
- Signet Office/Scribe's Guild – Nothing new to report.
- Equestrian Officer – The Parade went very well. Upcoming equestrian events are the Ladies Confed event, and Melee Madness, plus a demo event in Erie. More info on official practices coming soon. Equine related classes are wanted for University.
- Historian – no report, not present.
- Exchequer – Checkbook Balance as of 4/13/08 \$3965.07

Outstanding checks

#438 to Mary Reitz, written off as stale-dated after numerous attempts to reach her.

#522 to Michael Baron \$7.00

#527 to Phillip Smith \$7.00

#530 to Moon Lake Park \$85.00

#531 to SCA Inc \$50.00

Both returned items from 12th Night have now been recovered, although second returned item recovered is not reflected in 1st Quarter report, as was not received until 4/10/08. Has been deposited.

1st Quarter report completed, sending to Kingdom after signed today. Net change in worth \$72.36 loss. This includes payment out for both site fees without any income to offset as well as above return item. Only \$11.62 was used for expenses outside of events this quarter.

New deputy - Lady Juilanna Woolworth has been approved as Baronial Chamberlaine.

- Inventory Steward – Nothing to report.
- Chronicler – April newsletter out on time. Please send articles in for the newsletter. The Domesday Book May.
- Knight Marshal – No new authorizations. Monday will be the last practice at the CTTC in Carbondale, Tuesday 7:30-9:30 in Forty Fort is continuing. Will be announcing new practices soon. Spread the word about upcoming fighting events.

- Minister of Arts & Science – Recent Events & Workshops

4/6/2008 – Open A&S day at Failend's in Scranton. (no attendance)

4/26/2008 - Year's End Tourney. A&S & Baronial A&S competitions to be held. A&S competition is open.

Upcoming Events & Workshops

5/11/2008 - Open A&S day at Tiercelin's in Carbondale.

5/31/2008 - Melee Madness - Seven Pearls A&S competition, Baronial Youth A&S competition.

- Minister of Lists – Be on the lookout for Barony Tournaments. We believe they may be hiding with their co-conspirators (known as Barony Events). It is believed that both may return to the area before the end of the month. We must make sure to catch any and all tournaments and events that come to our Kingdom, and our Barony in particular. Thank you for your support.
- Chatelaine – Handed out fliers at the Parade. Will be at all local events – send newcomers to her. Newcomers meetings are continuing on their regular schedule.
- Chirurgeon – Vacant
- Captain of Archers – Not present, nothing new to report.
- Marshal of Fence – Not present, written report:

Authed: 17, The [Tuesday Night] training schedule is progressing nicely.

I am still in need of authorization / expiration information from the fencing community. I have repeatedly asked for this and (except for

the few who have provided the information at Tuesday night practices, no one is responding)

Though this is repeated from previous month's reports, it continues to stand true. The influx of new people interested in both rapier and heavy fighting on Tuesday practices continues to grow. Once the weather stabilizes, we will be looking at possibly some outdoor venues.

New Auths: None (reported to me)

Injuries: none reported

Equipment issues: None - except (as previously reported) a serious lack of satisfactory loaner gear.

Monday night fencing: No reports submitted to me

Additional Notes: (regarding loaner gear)

Recently I posted to the Officer's List that I would like this issue addressed at this month's business meeting.

List-legal rapier gear can be found at: <http://www.zenwarriorarmory.com>

We are desperately in need of at least (2) starter sets - which include;

T253Tunic, 660 Newtons in single color (preferably white, blue, or green)

-OR-

S393TCA protective undergarment. This garment is made great attention to detail and two layers of a heavy cotton fabric to attain over 660 Newtons* of puncture resistance for the vital areas. Considerable research and testing has gone into this piece, and we hope you will agree it is an excellent product for theatrical productions and SCA fighting

(These should be ordered in size 48-52 -and- over 52)

Starter Kit also includes;

1999 Fine 12kg mask, (I would suggest Mens #5 - as the larger sized masks have historically been a problem area)

2384 light leather gloves available in black or grey (size L & XL)

The R3 Rapier with your choice of blade (our choices are...)

#T90 Extra Strong Epee (total starter kit price with this blade) \$195.00

--OR_

#T02 TCA Extra Wide Epee (total starter kit price with this blade) \$215.00 (my personal recommendation)

Once these kits are received, we can retire a lot of the current gear in the loaner bag. If we have Youth heavy fighting, I've been told (and a heavy marshal can verify or deny this) that the fencing jackets are good starter gear for the youth. As most of the jackets we have in the loaner bag are "small" sizes - and don't fit any of our fencers, I would recommend and suggest that any jackets that are still in good shape be given to the Heavy Fighters to assist in their training of youth fighters. Upcoming Events:

(In Barony), Melee Madness, Year's End (Out of Barony), 7 Pearls and of course, Pennsic

- Minister of Youth – Not present, no report.
- Youth Combat – Vacant
- Captain of Thrown Weapons – Will start practices soon.
- Webminister – Website is running smoothly and being updates regularly. Last month we had 196 unique visitors, 161 first time visitors and 35 returning visitors. Stats may not be indicative of actual web hits as the counter is only on the splash page, and the Barony events have their pages directly linked from the Kingdom site.
- Canton – Not present, no report. Tiercelin made a mention to save the date of September 27 for the Not Ready for Crown Tournament Tournament.
- Seneschal – Curia was held at Stormsport and full details will be posted soon. He attended Coronation. Khalek made some nice comments about unifying the Kingdom. He and Her Majesty are promoting a number of the other martial activities (archery, thrown and equestrian) and traveling to events not usually attended by the Crown. It was nice the way Khalek introduced recipients to the people as Lord or Lady. Tigernach will be attending Blackstone Raids.

New Business

- The Baronial tent will be stored at Tigernach's house after Melee. It may or may not go to Pennsic, but in any event, the permanent storage will be at Tigernach's. Gunnar volunteered to make any repairs necessary to it before Melee, and will pick up the tent at YE2.
- The issue of purchasing new fencing equipment was raised, per the report from the Marshal of Fence. Per Baronial policy, as the cost of over \$100, the issue was tabled until the next meeting. There will be a vote on whether to purchase 1 or 2 of the loaner kits at the May 6 meeting,

A suggestion was made that fundraising also be addressed to purchase the second kit.

- The exchequer's office will need more money this year than the allotted budget, due to printing costs of the necessary Kingdom reports.
- Tigernach will organize a gift basket for the Royalty at Melee.
- A motion was made by Gunnar to purchase a shower stall for the Barony to replace the heavy Baronial bathhouse. He will research prices for the next meeting.

Upcoming Events

- YE2: Everything is ready for YE2. The schedule and menu will be sent to the Webminister for posting on the Baronial website.
- Melee Madness: a torchlight archery tourney has been added. Needs people to help set up the site.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.



MELEE MADNESS

Madness in the form of battle fever has once again descended upon the Barony of Endless Hills! On May 30 - June 1, the Barony invites all to join us as Melee Madness returns.

Fighters: The classic Warlord tourney and five man melee team combat with broken field fighting. Enjoy a day of martial activities in preparation for Pennsic. If enough fighters arrive Friday evening there may be a torchlight tourney. Participants in the Warlord tourney are asked to bring something for submission to the Warlord chest.

Fencers, dare to test your mettle (and metal)? Start off with our morning Bearpit, and after a brief respite for lunch, launch right into the Tavern Brawls. The resurrection of the popular Triskele tournament in late afternoon will segue into the



Torchlight tourney and Elizabethan Footpad brawl through the evening.

Aethelmearc Equestrians! Tack up your mighty steed and prepare for the first ever Aethelmearc Equestrian Championships. Come challenge for the prestige of being the first ever Kingdom Equestrian Champion. All riders are welcome to participate and enjoy the day's competitions. Horses must have a current Coggins, which will be checked before unloading. Box stalls are \$10.00, plus a \$5 refundable deposit. Horse Information forms are available at the gate and can be downloaded from the Horse Info page. The Baronial Champion will be chosen by Baron Ulrich from the Barony riders competing that day.

The Annual Seven Pearls A&S Championship will again be held at Melee Madness. Open A&S and Bardic competitions will also be held for the glory of the arts in Aethelmearc. The theme is open, with documentation for A&S requested.

MERCHANTING is free. However, merchants must pre-register with the deputy autocrat; THL Maria Pienkneplotno (Linda Learn, Linda@classactfabrics.com (570-836-2318)). Merchants need to bring their own dayshades/tents, tables, and chairs.

Youth activities will take place during the day. Dame Aoife Finn will be coordinating them.

The site is the Wyoming County Fairgrounds, Route 6, Meshoppen, PA 18630 (no street address). The site is discretely damp, period containers please. Enclosed flame and portable fire pits are permitted. Banners and pageantry are encouraged! GATE opens Friday at 1:00PM and closes at 4:00PM Sunday. Tent camping is free. CAMPING sites with an electric and water hook-up for RVs are available at \$25.00/weekend. Contact the reservationist to reserve.

A DAYBOARD to satisfy a hungry fighter is included with your site fee. FEAST will be the usual fantastic and abundant Endless Hills gourmet production. Contact the Feast cook, Lord Anton (Eric Bruzugulis, ebrugulis@yahoo.com), or the Dayboard cook, Mistress Euriol of Lothian (Cassandra Baldassano, euriol@ptd.net) to address dietary concerns. A bake sale will be held Saturday morning.

For the full days schedule go to the Barony website: http://www.endlesshills.aethelmearc.net/index_files/meleemadness.htm

Site Fee: Adults \$8.00, Youth 13-17 \$7.00 Children 5-12 \$4.00, Under 5 free. Family cap on site fees \$30.00

Feast Fee: Adults \$8.00, Youth 13-17 \$6.00, Children 5-12 \$4.00, Under 5 \$1.00 for feast seat, or free if on an adult lap. \$3 NMS applies to adults without proof of membership at gate. Checks should be made out to "SCA, Inc. - Barony of Endless Hills." Reservationist: THL Kateryna ty Isaf, Isaf (thlkateryna@verizon.net) Karen Macek, 1119 Springbrook, Moosic, PA 18507 (570) 451-1386...do not call after 10 PM). Autocrat for the event is Lord Gunnarr of Endless Hills, (papagg350@yahoo.com) Dave Gable, RD 2, Box 501, Dalton, PA 18414 (570)-563-1684).

CONTACTS:

Autocrat:: Lord Gunnarr of Endless Hills, (papagg350@yahoo.com) Dave Gable, RD 2, Box 501, Dalton, PA 18414 (570)-563-1684)

Reservationist/Head Troll: THL Kateryna ty Isaf (thlkateryna@verizon.net)

Karen Macek, 1119 Springbrook, Moosic, PA 18507 (570) 451-1386...do not call after 10 PM)

Deputy Autocrat/ Merchant Coordinator: THL Maria Pienkneplotno (Linda Learn, Linda@classactfabrics.com (570-836-2318))

Heavy Melee contact:: Sir Murdoch Bayne, (Jason Robson), SirMurdoch@aol.com)

Fencing contact: Lord Stefan Legas, (Stephen Legas, stefanlegas57@earthlink.net)

Feast head cook: Lord Anton, (Eric Bruzugulis, ebrugulis@yahoo.com)

Dayboard head cook: Mistress Euriol of Lothian (Cassandra Baldassano (570) 332-6194; 503 Stone Hedge Place, Mountain Top, PA 18707; euriol@ptd.net or euriol@yahoo.com)

Local hotel available is the Shadowbrook Inn and Golf Resort. It is located in Tunkhannock Pa and is approx 10 miles from the fairgrounds. Phone number: 1-800-955-0295

Directions:

From the South: Take your best route to Interstate 81. At exit 194, Clarks Summit, take Rt 6 west. (*) At Factoryville, watch for signs as Rt 6 splits off to the right. Continue about 27 miles (adhere to the speed limit in Meshoppen!). Approximately 1 ¼ miles west of Meshoppen turn left at SCA sign. Go ½ mile, turn right, up the hill, and follow sign to troll.

From the North: You can follow I-81 to Clarks Summit as from the south or you can shave some miles and time with a pretty road. Get off I-81 at exit 230, Great Bend/Halstead, and follow Rt 11 south to Nicholson. About 4.5 miles past Nicholson turn right and follow route 6 west. Follow from (*) in 'South' directions.

From the East: Find your best way to Rt 6 West. From Clarks Summit, follow the South directions at (*).

From the West: Find your best way to Rt 6 East. About four miles after Laceyville you will see the Wyoming County Fairgrounds on your right. Go past the Fairground's entrance about ¼ mile, turn right at SCA sign. Go ½ mile, turn right, up the hill, and follow sign to troll.

Around our Barony



Above: The thank-you scroll done by Lady Barbara Rose for the Credit Union.

Above right: Lord Gunnarr presenting the scroll to Joe Talarico of the Credit Union.

Right: Lord Tufa getting the Golden Buzzard at YEII (photo by Fru Ellisif).



LINK OF THE MONTH: SUMMER'S COMING - BE A ROMAN!

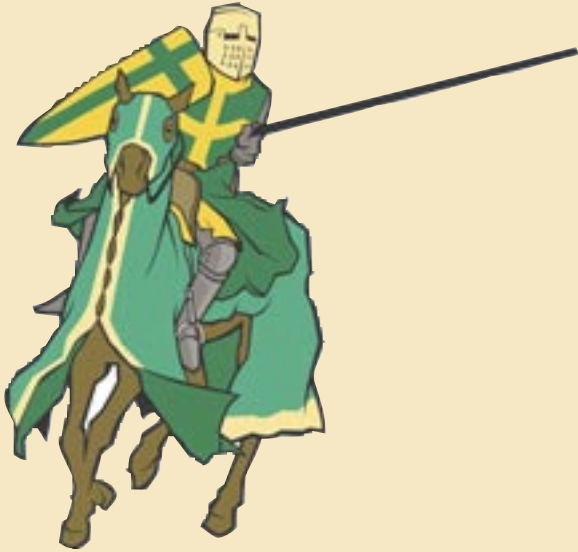
<http://www.larp.com/legioxx/>

For those of you who want to avoid the "bog dress" look at hot summer events, this site will help you dress like a Roman. Go to the civilian clothing section if you are not interested in the military garb. Lots of other helpful links on all things Roman, too. Even I, the queen of brocade and pearls, am working on my tunica....

SEND YOUR FAVORITE LINKS TO
CARNABYSERVICES@YAHOO.COM



ACROSS THE HILLS
PHOEBE WALLER-SHARP
15 NORTH CHURCH STREET
CARBONDALE, PA 18407



REGULARLY SCHEDULED BARONIAL ACTIVITIES:

First Friday of the Month:

Woodworker's Guild - contact Lady Dawn

Tuesdays:

Fencing and Heavy Practice at Forty Fort Borough Building
8 to 10pm

Wednesdays:

Newcomer's Meet & Greet : 7:00

Borders in Dickson City (Week 2-ea. month)

Barnes & Noble in W-B (Week 4-ea. month)

Thursdays:

Armorer's Guild Meeting at Lord Tufa's home

First & last Thursday of the month