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The Newsletter of the Barony of Endless Hills



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FROM THE CHRONICLER & WEBMINISTER

We do not publish a newsletter in September (as we have no business meeting in August because of Pennsic), so I want to make the October Across the Hills an extra special Italian-themed issue. June's Mongolian-themed issue was a hit, so I'd like to continue in this vein. So submit your Italian cooking articles, poetry and stories, artwork, and links of interest by September 15.

I would love to expand the "Around our Barony" and event photo pages - remember that because we are publishing electronically, we are not limited in page numbers (as long as the pdf doesn't get too large!), so send me your photos of Barony members - at events, at practices, wherever they may be!

On the web front, I would like to beef up our links page. Since there are so many sites out there of interest, I would like to concentrate our links on sites that have already been essentially developed as link sites themselves. There are a lot of them out there that have already done the links work for us and are valuable resources. A great example would be the Madrone Equestrian Guild site at <http://madrone.equestrianguild.org/dynamic/MEG/Resources>. I would also love to put in links to Barony members' personal sites. Send me your links - thanks!

Yours in Service, Tiercelin



Court of Ulrich Drachendonner, Baron of Endless Hills, opened soon after the torrential downpour at Melee Madness, May 31 XLIII (2008) by Robert O' Connor, court herald; this report by Barbary Rose.

Roland of Endless Hills was called into court. While waiting for him to become suitably garbed for his entrance, Failend Brecc O' Conail was also summoned. The Order of the Zule was called forth, and the two newest companions received the traditional hug from the Order. Failend's scroll by Ysabeau Tiercelin, Roland's by Barbary Rose.

Rhiannon le Meke, called Banshee, was called forth as last year's Baronial Equestrian Champion. She affirmed that a competition was held, and a winner determined, to which the Baron bade her fetch Ysabeau Tiercelin to court. Since the recipient was readying her horse for the Royal Procession into Court, a representative, Serena Finn, came forth to accept the award on Tiercelin's behalf. The belt favor and award scroll were presented to the representative for Ysabeau Tiercelin as this year's Equestrian Champion.

George Anne was called to court; in answer to His Excellency's query that an Open A&S competition was held, she answered in the affirmative--the winner of the Open A&S challenge was Master Baron Fridrikr Tomasson av Knusslig Hamn. In answer to the Baron's query about the outcome of the Seven Pearls A&S competition, the winner was announced as (surprise!) that same gentle, Master Baron Fridrikr, whose entry of period poetry was judged as the best.

Court was then closed--for about a minute!

Court re-opened to obtain the winner's list from the various fighting tourneys of the day. Murdoch Bayne, very eager to announce that the winners of the Warlord Tourney were the Useless Yurt-Toting Frisbee Tossing Chiba Monkeys... and that the contents of the Warlord Chest had already been distributed and enjoyed.

Po Silvertop the Rogue was called forth to announce the results of the Mad Madu Menagerie Tourney. The *Tourney* was won by Herr Joseph Kildonan, Her Majesty's Rapier Champion; Herr Joseph won a book on fencing techniques. The Madu competition for "Visual Esthetics" (voted on by the Jury of the Rose) was won by the entry of Lady Deianeira Rodriguez y Aragonés Award designed by Po Silvertop, illuminated and calligraphed by Barbary Rose. and finally the Madu competition for "Playability" (voted on by the tourney competitors) was won by Lord Po Silvertop the Rogue. Lord Po won an oil lamp.

All other planned tourneys were canceled by the inclement weather.

There being no further business, Court was closed.



Barony of Endless Hills Business Meeting June 1, 2008

Officers Present: Gregory, Kateryna, Euriol, Barbary Rose, Banshee, Tigernach
Populace Present: Gunnarr, Maria, Edward

Next Business Meeting: July 13th, 2pm@ THL Kateryna & Lord Gregory's house.

Old Business:

Shower Enclosure - Shall the barony buy or build one? Tabled for July Meeting.

Upcoming events:

Fasching - Need to find different site, last year's site is already booked.

Past events:

A discussion was held concerning Melee and how things ran. There were approximately 125 people in attendance at the event. A number of positive comments were heard by Tigernach and others concerning the how well things ran and the feast.

Officer Reports:

Exchequer: Balance as of May 30, 2008 \$3286.07

Arts & Sciences: Competitions held at Melee Madness - Seven Pearls A&S Champion (Baron Fridrikr Tomasson av Knusslig Hamn), Open A&S Winner (Baron Fridrikr Tomasson av Knusslig Hamn). Open A&S Day on June 29 at the home of Mistress Euriol in Mountain Top. Open A&S Day on July 13 at the home of THL Kateryna & Lord Gregory. OMGarb II will be scheduled prior to Pennsic, see Lady Ysabeau Tiercelin for details. After Pennsic will be restarting A&S classes prior to Business Meetings.

Minister of Lists: Melee Madness Tournaments - Warlord Tourney (Sir Murdoch Bayne), Five Man (Useless Yurt-Toting Frisbee Tossing Chiba Monkeys), Fencing Tourneys (see court report on previous page). No incidents or injuries.

Herald: Court report forwarded online.

Chronicler: June special Mongolian issue out on time. The October issue will have an Italian theme, and any and all submissions are welcome. No ATH in September per regular schedule.

Webminister: Website being updated regularly. A reminder that for events to have the staff info listed, permission must be given if it is not already on file per kingdom policies.

Equestrian: Kingdom Champion (Rhiannon filia Catell), Baronial Champion (Lady Ysabeau Tiercelin)

Seneschal: Tigernach thanked everyone who made it to the meeting and assisted with the clean-up from Melee. Seneschal reports are due today (June 1st). Tigernach will be submitting his report to Kingdom later today. He did not receive a report from the Canton.

New Business:

BMT - New Ridge Pole & New Uprights constructed by Lord Gunnar. Replaced 4 side poles (Gunnar). Need transportation/storage tarps, canvas? Straps are needed for the poles.

Meeting was adjourned.

Pennsic Links

<http://www.pennsicwar.org/penn37/>

This is the official Pennsic website - tons of useful information!

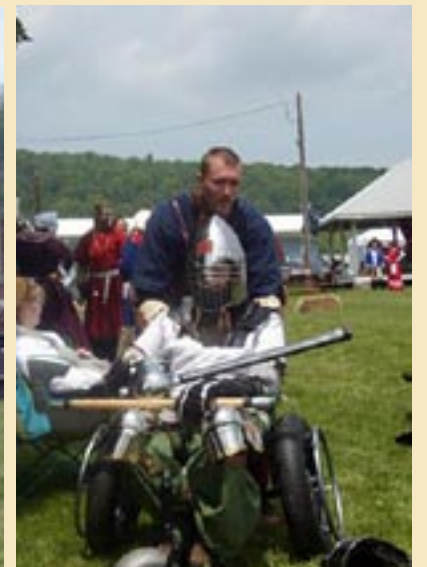
<http://www.pennsic.net/>

An unofficial site - with the added advantage of a translation tool at the bottom of the page so you can translate it into to cockney, redneck, moron, pig latin, or swedish chef.



photo by Rowan MacFairen

MELEE MADNESS 2008





The Not Ready for Crown Tournament Tournament

Canton of Riverouge
September 27, 2008

Think you're ready for Crown? Come and take a last chance at testing your mettle (or metal) against your fellow fighters in a tournament that will pit skill against wit for incredible prizes and much acclaim! You must have a consort to fight for – but unlike Crown, there are no limitations on age or sex. There will be a prize for the most “interesting” Consort; the only rules are that they must be wearing garb and be able to sit court alongside the winner, who will preside over High Table and present the other tournament awards in a moot court (Choose your retainers now!). Winner and consort eat feast free! We will be having a Valhalla melee in addition to the double elimination Not Ready for Crown List.

Fencers, come prepared to win the Rapier Xian Qi Tournament! In the spirit of the “Naadam” (an annual Olympic-style festival that traces its roots to the 12th Century Mongols led by Genghis Khan) we present our version of a Weiqi (strategy game) called Rapier Xian Qi - a modified game of Chinese Chess. Who can play? EVERYONE! For combatants and non-combatants alike. Rapier Xian Qi, is a game of teamwork, skill, and strategy - where the roll of a dice and a combatant's choice of moves can mean the difference between the sweet scent victory or the agony of defeat – it's a game where having skill with a blade just isn't enough! You'll step onto the game board a Falcon - will you walk away... the Titan? The prize will be a tabard emblazoned with your

device, custom-made by Tiercelin. The rapier marshal is Lady Deianeira Rodriguez y Aragones (rapiermarshal@comcast.net).

Lest you think the Arts are forgotten, there is an A&S contest for the best heraldic display (banner, surcoat, subtlety; the ideas are as endless as the hills).

The site is open from 9 am to 9 pm. Except for service animals, pets are not allowed. The site is discretely wet, please police your empties.

A field lunch is included with the site fee. Dame Aoife Finn of Ynos Mon is coming out of retirement to cook a wonderful evening feast, which is limited to 48 gentles, so reserve early! Email her at mtnlion@verizon.net with dietary questions.

Autocrat is Lady Ysabeau Tiercelin (Phoebe Waller-Sharp) 15 North Church Street, Carbondale, PA 18407 570-282-3927, carnabyservices@yahoo.com.

Reservations to Master Brion Donul Gilbert (John Gelatt), 106 Dyberry Drive, Honesdale, PA 18431, jrgelatt@hotmail.com. Make checks payable to SCA Inc - Riverouge. There will be an NMS fee of \$3 per person charged at the door if you do not have proof of membership.

Merchants are welcome. Crash space is available; contact the autocrat.

Costs:

Site Fee: Adults \$7 until September 20, \$8 at the door, 8-16 \$5 until September 20, \$6 at the door, 7 and under free. There is a family cap of \$20 on the site fee.

Feast: Adult \$8, 8 and under \$5. Babes on laps are free.

Site is the Browndale Fire Hall, 520 Marion St., Browndale, PA 18421. It mapquests easily.

Directions:

From the North (it is only 50 miles from Binghamton):

Take 81 south to the PA-92 exit, exit 211 toward Lenox. Turn right on PA-92, then left on PA-106 for 6.7 miles. Then turn left on PA-2008 for 2.5 miles, then left on PA-247. Take a slight right to stay on PA 247 for .04 miles. Turn left on PA-2023 for 1.6 miles, stay straight to go onto PA 247 for 3 miles. Turn right onto Main st/PA 171/PA 247 for .04 miles, then left on PA-247 for .6 miles. Slight left on Marion St/PA-247 for .02 miles. End at 520 Marion St.

From the South:

Take 81 north to exit 187 toward I-84/380/US6. Take route 6 toward Carbondale (Casey Highway). Take exit 7 to Carbondale (this is the second Carbondale exit). Go down the hill, turn right on 171 to Forest City and Simpson. Go 6.1 miles, and turn right on 247 just before the Turkey Hill. The road takes a slight left – stay to the left on 247. The fire hall will be on your right. If coming from some parts of Scranton, it may be quicker to go up business route 6 through Carbondale – turn left on Main street (this is still route 6) and turn left onto 171 to Forest City.





Early Scottish torture techniques, No.17:
"Burning the Campbell at Both Ends."

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LINK OF THE MONTH: SEARCH THE MFA COLLECTIONS!

<http://www.mfa.org/collections/index.asp>

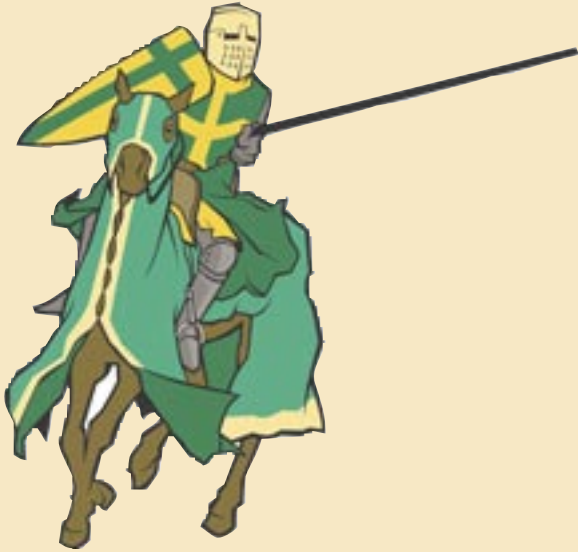
The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, has an incredible collection of items within our time period - and they are searchable online. Good search terms include Roman, Elizabethan, embroidery, etc. Check out the Elizabethan Fruit Trenchers!

Enjoy and happy hunting!



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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