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The Shire of  
**Bordescros**  
*MELIUS QUAEVIVERE, SANIUS CONVIVERE*

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CHRONICLER'S WELCOME



Unto the worthy populace of Bordescros and to all of the friends of the Shire, Greetings.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that this publication is not affiliated with any political, racial or religious bias. So if you think there might be a little too much stuff on one subject or medieval group i.e.: Vikings, then you need to send in articles to balance out the publication. I only publish the articles that I get sent and as I keep say we always need more, so if you find something interesting then maybe and most likely others will too.

When sending in articles that you may have got from the internet for example, please get the authors ok for us to publish it and let them know that we will include a link to their web site. So keep those articles coming in, for a well rounded newsletter.

Yours in Service,  
**Arnora BloodAxe**

| <b><u>CALENDAR</u></b>          |  |
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| <i>7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</i>  | <i>LOCH ALBA TOURNEY &amp; FEAST</i>           |
| <i>8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</i>  | <i>BORDESCROS FIGHTER TRAINING AND A&amp;S</i> |
| <i>14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</i> | <i>BORDESCROS TOURNEY AND FEAST</i>            |
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| <i>5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER</i>  | <i>LOCH ALBA TOURNEY &amp; FEAST</i>           |
| <i>13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER</i> | <i>BORDESCROS FIGHTER TRAINING AND A&amp;S</i> |
| <i>19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER</i> | <i>BORDESCROS TOURNEY AND FEAST</i>            |



## AT THE MARSHALL'S COMMAND

### Fighter practice

The Albury and Loch Alba Practice will be for heavy combat training and rapier training if sufficient authorised marshals are available for each discipline

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| ALBA LOCH | The last Sunday of each month between 2pm and 5pm.<br>Confirm with James Douglas as to where.   |
| ALBURY    | The 2nd Sunday of each month from 2pm until 6pm (i.e. sunset if that keen!) at The Albury Wodonga Sport fishing Club Riverina Hwy.  |
| ARCHERY   | Archery Training is at this present time at Thors Hof (Will's home) on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, until such time as we can set up the new location and then it will be held at the same time as Heavy fighter Practice. Please confirm with Lord William if you wish to train. |

Remember there is always the opportunity to train at Bordescros monthly bash if time permits.

*Don't forget to send in any articles  
from Loch Alba for your page in the  
Grapevine.*

*-- Editor*

## Group News

### Loch Alba

This months Loch Alba Tourney and Feast will be held this Saturday at 4 pm at the Lake Albert Hall. For more information contact James Douglas.

### From the Kingdom Seneschal

Greetings,

The Crown of Lochac has proposed the Kingdom Law changes described in this document, and intends to enact changes at November Crown.

<http://lochac.sca.org/laws/October09-ProposedLawChanges.pdf>

or

<http://tinyurl.com/yzv6jsh>

The full extent of the changes is the provision of the following names for the three "named" Grant of Arms awards which were introduced into Law at Midwinter Coronation this year:

The Lochac Order of Diligence (A&S)

The Lochac Order of Tenacity (Service)

The Lochac Order of Prowess (Fighting)

Under Kingdom Law, it is my duty to advise the Crown on proposed Law changes, and I will do so after perusing any feedback received. Thus, if you have any comments or suggestions that you would like either me or the Crown to consider, please send it to [seneschal@lochac.sca.org](mailto:seneschal@lochac.sca.org)

Your comments will be supplied intact to the Crown in several small batches during the comment period, which ends on Saturday November 7th.

In service,  
Bartholomew  
Lochac Seneschal

### Border War

Now that we are back we will be getting into full swing with our Border War preparations, we need all hands on board to help paint up our targets and any volunteers for Beoan's wonderful play we will start rehearsal this Sunday and at each A&S.

For all those who have indicated that they will be attending Border War I will have the booking forms available for filling out this month at all events. Border War can be paid for at any time either see Will or myself and remember booking is not secure until paid for, if you are having trouble finding the money come and talk to me.

The Web Site is up and running and I have had a lot of time up here to do a lot of work on it I really hope you like it, please check it out and any constructive comments would be gratefully received. <http://borderwarxii.webs.com/>

### Armour

**"NEW GUY" ARMOUR, NO HELMET, \$175 USD + SHIPPING**

Posted by: "Columb mac Diarmata"  
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[kiely\\_colm](http://kiely_colm)

Mon Oct 26, 2009 1:29 am (PDT)

Hi All,

Since we're up to 92c in the US dollar at the moment, I thought this might represent a good deal for any new fighters or groups looking to buy loaner armour:

A poster on the Armour Archive is starting to make "new fighter" kits, in an attempt to provide a more period-looking alternative to the black plastic "dark victory" armour. Note, a helm is not included.

<http://forums.armourarchive.org/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?t=106544>

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Price for a full kit = \$175

You get:

Coat of Plates or char-aina

splint vambraces

gamboised cuisses (plastic splints)

demi gaunts, 1 pair

knees (steel)

elbows (steel)

brigandine gorget (plastic plates)

Regards,

Columb

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### *Notices*

If any one has any notices they would like to put in the Grapevine you can use this section to do that. Anything from announcements to items for sale, remembering it must of a medieval nature, so anyone with armour or rattan etc for sale, garb or braid, can put an ad here, just send me the details and I will include it in the next Grapevine.

Or anyone with a special announcement can also use this section.

### *Reminder*

This Sunday is A&S, Fighter Training and our monthly meeting. Come along we have a lot to discuss and do.

### *Demo In Wangaratta*

Our Demo in Wangaratta will now be on November 22<sup>nd</sup> the day after our Monthly Tourney and Feast. We have had a kind offer of assistance from Master Gwynfor and Mistress Nicolette and other, who will be in the area at that time.

These people have a lot of knowledge that even we can learn from these people. It should be a great day, come along to the meeting and learn more about what will be happening that day.

\* Lowry's post to Borders List.

Greetings all -

We have had an offer from Days of Knights [ie with Master Gwynfor, Mistress Nicolette et al...] who have volunteered to join us for the Wang demo on their way to a school demo in the North East.? I have accepted... so SUNDAY 22nd November at APEX Park, from 11:00 am AS OUR START TIME will be advertised in Wang...

It's the day after our bash, but it should be a very good demo with such SCAdian stalwarts (dinosaurs even) as Gwynfor, Nicolette and their troupe supporting us.

Details will be discussed at the meeting the previous Sunday at A&S.? As will Border War; Southern Principality; etc ?

Regards,  
Lowry

Greeting unto all members of the Shire:

My term of office officially ends on the 31st of this month. I had originally asked for an extension to my term as most of our members were already officers and most had only been in their new offices for about a year and were not due to changeover for 12 months. So I asked for an extension so I could match up and we could do the usual "officer's bransle" - you know what I mean - all offices vacated and we all step sideways into a new office. I also thought it would give me the chance to see the Deni group through to Incipient Group stage, with a name & officers etc.

HOWEVER, as often happens REAL LIFE has caught up with me - doing a double degree is way harder than just the one and way more time consuming, THEREFORE I hereby announce my intention of retiring from this position as soon as a replacement can be found.

THE POSITION: Seneschal is equivalent to President of a club. It is a position of service, those services include:

- legal representative for the group (liaise with Hall committee/Council etc)
- convenor & chair of meetings
- coordinator of group activities (events coordinator)
- reporting to the Kingdom Seneschal and Royalty

If deputy/minor offices are not filled you also are:

1. Hospitaller - advertising/ publicity/ care of newcomers/ manage care of Hospit garb & gear (in conjunction with Reeve who keeps Assets Register)
2. Historian - record group history
3. Keeper of Regalia - look after group banners, baldrics, etc... (in conjunction with Reeve who keeps Assets Register)

This looks like a huge list - but in reality it mean approx 4 to 8 hours a week work, depending on how organised you are. And of course you can always delegate: ask others to help with washing garb; ironing banners, etc. If someone in the group has mundane experience in advertising ask for their help with publicity, etc. [As we get more members we can also fill these minor offices.]

You will need internet access to be in contact with the College of Seneschals, CoS list is quite active and other Seneschals are very helpful with advice and knowledge based on experience.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICERS

*(from the Procedures Manual of the Kingdom of Lochac)*

"5.3 Appointing new officers is a tricky business. **The SCA is not a democracy**, [*emphasis their's*] and there are no provisions for election of officers...

There are general guidelines that should be used for all officer appointments, however:" The officer should:

- be a member of the SCA
- be over 18 years old
- be willing and capable of doing the job

- be acceptable to their Kingdom superior
- not have a criminal record in relation to the area relevant to the office
- have the support of a majority of the populace (*summarised*)

**HOW TO APPLY:**

*(from the Procedures Manual of the Kingdom of Lochac)*

The applicant should write an application for the position stating:

- Name and contact details (mundane)
- Name and group (SCA)
- The position being applied for
- Their real world and SCA experience relevant to the position
- That they are willing to take on the role (*summarised*)

Applications need to be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal and copied to me for our group files.

Yours in Service,





**Photos from last months Tourney, if you have any photos you would like to have included in the Grapevine just email them to me and I will put them in.**

## Eclectica



## Coke's Guild &amp; Receipts

By Lady Thomasina Freborn

Greeting all,

I that you all had a lovely month!

This month I thought I'd just give you a few period recipes that you could redact yourselves. A bit of fun for those budding cooks in the shire to try.

The recipes are from the *Das buch von guter spise* (the book of good food), also known as *ein buch von guter spise*, is the earliest known German language cookbook. It is dated from between 1345 to 1354. The household manual, which included *guter spise*, was organized by Michael de Leone, who was the proto-notary (chief clerk) of the Archbishop of Würzburg. The surviving portion of the manuscript is in the library of Munich University.

Have fun creating!

YiS,

Lady Thomasina Freborn, Journeyman Laurel, AOA, OGT.

Recipe12. *Ein gute fülle* (A good filling)

*Wiltu machen ein spise. besnide biern schoene und spalt in viere und lege sie in einen hafnen und bedecke den hafnen und beecleibe ez mit teyge daz der bradem iht uz müge. denne bestürtze den hafnen mit einer witen stürtzen und lege dar umme glüende koln und laz ez lang sam backen. so nim denne die birn her uz und tu reines honiges dor zu. also vil als der birn ist und siude ez mit ein ander, daz ez dicke werde. und gibz hin. Also mahtu auch von epfeln un von küten aber man sol pfeffers genau dar zu tun.*

This is how you want to make a food. Trim fine pears and divide in four. And lay them in a pot and cover the pot and coat it with dough, so that the vapor can get out. Then cover the pot with a broad cover and lay there about glowing coals and let it slowly bake. So take then the pears out (of the fire?) and add clean honey therein, as much as the pear is, and boil it together so that it becomes thick and give it out. So you can make also from apples and from quinces but one should add pepper enough thereto.



Recipe82. *Ein wissel mus* (A morella cherry puree)

*Der denne wölle machen ein kirschenmus. der breche die stile abe. und siede sie mit ein wenic wins. und slahe sie denne durch ein tuch mit einer semel brösemen. wol derwelet in eime hafen. und tu smaltzes genue dran. und rüerez denne mit eyer totern. und strauwe würtze doruf. so manz anrihten wil.*

He who wants to make a cherry puree, he breaks off the stems. And boils them (the cherries) with a little wine. And pounds them then through a cloth with *semmel* crumbs. Boils it well in a pot. And adds lard enough therein. And encourages it then with egg yolks. And strews spices thereon. So he wants it prepared.

Source- <http://cs-people.bu.edu/akatlas/Buch/buch.html>

**A&S Calendar:** Our A&S Officer is Banmaighster Cairistiona inghean Raghnaill

| <b>Shire A&amp;S Competitions – June to November AS 44</b> |   |                                |
|--|---|--------------------------------|
| November   | Monochrome embroidery (including blackwork) | Any item with a 'SPRING' theme |
| December   | Brewing a Cordial                           | Yule                           |

### Bordescros A&S Competition Entry Form

(to be completed by the Entrant and retained by the Bordescros A&S Officer)

Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Competition: \_\_\_\_\_

SCA Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry No: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Details: \_\_\_\_\_

(Address or Email) \_\_\_\_\_

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Time Frame / Location in Period: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you included Documentation with your entry?

Yes  No

I agree to have a photo of this entry added to the Bordescros A&S Web Site:

Yes  No

I agree to have a photo of this entry and documentation published in Bordescros Grapevine:

Yes  No

**INFORMATION FOR JUDGES:**

Is this your first attempt at this type of item / skill ?

Yes  No

I would consider my experience level in this skill to be:

Beginner  Intermediate  Advanced  Professional

*(A&S Officer, please check the Entrant's skill level is noted on the A&S Competition Judging Form).*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)