



THE SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE ANACHRONISM AUSTRALIA

The Shire of Bordescros

Nolite perturbari, pro omnibus vinum!

GRAPEVINE JANUARY



CHRONICLER'S WELCOME



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

Welcome to 2010, another great year ahead of us and a new seneschal to get to know, If you have not heard by now Jon Dai has been appointed as our new Seneschal and I personally look forward to working with him.

We all had a great time at Yule last month and it was really great to see a lot of people we haven't seen for a while. Lovely to see Siban from Shepparton there, as well as Magdalana back for a visit.

I have not produced a very big Grapevine this month as it is early in the year and we are all still coming to terms with the fact another year has gone by and we are all getting older.

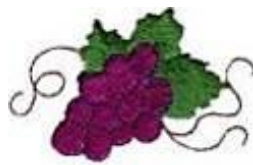
Please come along to A&S this month as we have a lot of things to get ready for Border War and your help would be appreciated.

Yours in Service,
Arnora BloodAxe

<u>CALENDAR</u>	
10 TH JANUARY	BORDESCROS FIGHTER TRAINING AND A&S
16 TH JANUARY	BORDESCROS TOURNEY AND FEAST
31 ST JANUARY	BORDER WAR PREPARATION DAY
6 TH FEBRUARY	LOCH ALBA TOURNEY AND FEAST
14 TH FEBRUARY	BORDESCROS FIGHTER TRAINING AND A&S
20 TH FEBRUARY	BORDESCROS TOURNEY AND FEAST
26 TH FEBRUARY	BORDER WAR XII COMMENCES

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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. 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 rd 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

Border War

We have a lot of work to get done in the next couple of months. We need all hands on deck to help build our fort wall and if anyone has any star pickets and wooden pallets at home that we could borrow for our wall we would be extremely grateful.

Also we have the children's bag of goodies to pack and Thors hammers to string and burn into and not to mention Boeans Play we need to rehearse.

I need a list from all those organising sections of Border War, i.e.: war lord, A&S, Archery . So I can start preparing the timetable and brochure for BW XII.

We will be having an extra work day for Border War on Sunday January 31st, to finish off the last few things so we will not be that rushed in February and we only have to pack then.

Armouring

I believe there is Armouring every weekend at Bears house, on Sunday for a time please contact Aylen for more details.

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.

Positions Vacant

After discussions with the Kingdom Earl Marshal (KEM), my time as Bordescros Knight Marshal is nearly up, and it is time to advertise for a replacement.

Position Description:

Must be a member or willing to become a member of the SCA,

Must have email access and be willing to join the SCA Marshals email list,

Must be willing and able to report 6 times a year to the KEM, and monthly to the Seneschal,

Must be able to administer the combat operations within the Shire, including in the first 6 months qualify as a Marshal.

Note, you do not have to be currently authorised to be marshal, though it would help. To apply, please email your brief application to me, and if by chance I get more than 1, I will forward a recommendation to the KEM.

Also note, that as Knight Marshal, you will receive the support of other combatants within the Shire, and I will also be willing to be your deputy in the North Ward.

James Douglas,

Knight Marshal Bordescros

Positions Vacant

Constable

For more information about this position Please contact either Lowry or Einarr.





Eclectica



Coke's Gilde & Receipts
By Lady Thomasina Freborn

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

Shire A&S Competitions – June to November AS 44		
January	A piece of armour (may be hard or soft)	Summer
February	Fighting tabard from any period Biscuits	
March	Item for camping	Autumn
April	Toiletry item (soap, oral hygiene, scents etc)	
May	Household item	
June	Dessert or subtlety	Winter

Proposal for Guardian of Bordescros

Remember this is just a proposal yet to be discussed and altered where needed.

Introduction:

During May's meeting I proposed a Joint Championship for the various groups within Bordescros; and with particular emphasis on creating a friendly but competitive feeling within the group. Centred on the basic title of Shire Champion, it is my Hope to create within each group a Single champion – tentatively called Defenders of "ward/group name", and then have the Shires fighters fight off into one (1) combined Shire Championship tentatively called: Guardian of the Crossing.

Essentially it is to promote group identity, skill in arms and a better standard of fighting within the shire as a whole.

Inherent to this, is promoting the ability to fight multiple styles with multiple weapons. Not just sword and Board, Florentine or Glaive, but an amalgam of styles to provide a "True Defender or Guardian".

As with any proposal, these ideas are growing and the terms of Reference will, with any given situation change or be added to.

Common sense should be used at all time, not attitudes such as: "that's not medieval", or "that's how we have always done it" for example.

Like our Shire and Groups, this proposal is meant to grow as the shire does.

My vision for the "Guardian of the Crossing" is to create an event that is unique within the Kingdom of Lochac... Our own, if you will, **"Crown Tourney Style event"**.

The basic idea behind this proposal is to encourage all within the shires boundaries to be active participants. Aspects of the Titles and the Mechanics are guides that I have envisaged has the overriding intent to improve aspects of our group by combining multiple areas of our SCA life into a central Event. Archery can be added as well, A&S and the addition of sharing the event between the groups can be seen as an attempt to share knowledge

Ultimately, I hope this proposal will inspire all Denizens of the Shire as a whole.

Making the Championship, a Special event in the Shire's Calendar.

These are suggestions and ideas to work on while we as a group make steps towards being a Barony/ Province, then this would become a Baronial / Provincial Championship... Hopefully?

Basic Concept and Rules.....

DEFENDER OF THE CROSSING / WESTERN MARSHES/ NORTH -SOUTH WARD

1. All fighters shall be Paid Members of the Society.
2. Have a Current Fighters Authorisation Card.
3. Each Authorised Fighter within the Shire is eligible to fight for the title of Defender/Guardian.
4. Fighters from others groups within the shire are eligible to fight in other groups Monthly Tourney. (Wayfare)
5. Point are allocated as follows:
 - 5.1 3 points for 1st
2 points for 2nd
1 point for 3rd
 - 5.1.1 1 point to Fighters who enter Tourney
 - 5.2 N.B ---1 point automatically to any fighters Home group tally who wayfare.
 - 5.3 Where a Tourney has only 2 (two) fighters, points will be allocated for only the 2 positions.

(Where a group has less than < 2 fighters and a Designated Marshall, these fighters may choose another group to fight with, until such time as enough fighters are authorised and a tourney may take place in their Locale.) See Rule 11

6. Way faring fighters who win the Tournament will be acknowledged Winner, but points revert to the Home group's fighter, who is next best placed.

***If this is a tie then it shall be decided, By a Final Round best of 3**

7. Rules of the List are to be observed.
8. The Championship is to run from **May to November - December to April** in line with Kingdom Reporting.
9. In case of 2 fighters each having the same number of points in at the end of any given championship period, The 2 fighters can fight a tie breaking round Best of three fights immediately upon the result being verified or at the next Months Bash and Tourney.
10. The Title of "Defender is Held for 6 (Six) Months.
11. Unless there is a clear outright Winner, Each final should be decided by the best of 3.
12. Growing wards may be included when they reach the Mandatory requirement for fighters to hold a tourney
13. The "Defender of the Crossing/ward", shall be rite of Arms be entitled to Wear a Special Insignia denoting his Status as "Defender" – **to be designed by popular vote.**
14. The reintroduction of the "Orbs of Granite" to the Shire of Bordescros and each ward can introduce their own version of the Orb's.
15. Updates of Championship Scoring for each ward can be includes in the Main web site and Monthly news letter.

*** Traditions of the Shire shall be documented and upheld with special emphasis on establishing The Shire of Bordescros and The Wards that make up Bordescros as a identity in this Kingdom called Lochac

*******DEFENDER OF EACH SHIRE REPLACES THE SINGLE SHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP.**

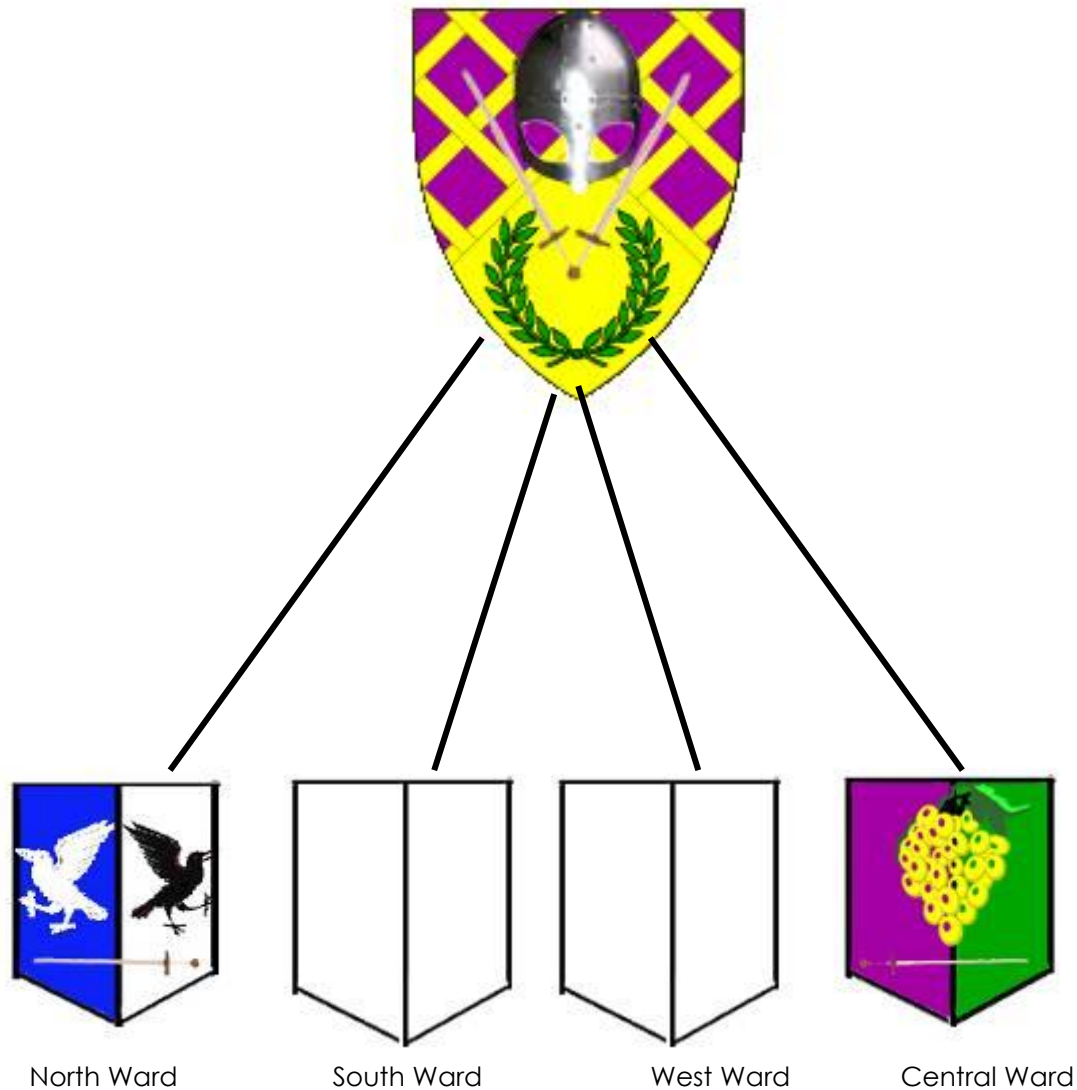
RULES FOR "GUARDIAN" OF "BORDESCROS"

1. Rules of the List take precedence.
2. Rules for Defender of the Crossing apply equally.
3. All Authorised fighters with the Shires Boundaries are eligible to participate.
4. Title of "The Guardian of the "Bordescros" is for 12 months. (October to October)
5. Each group within the Shire will take Turns to Host "Guardian of Bordescros Tournament" (This is meant to help each group learn how to host events on a small scale with the view to learning how to organise a larger event like Border War and what entails in organising a successful event. also to share the wayfaring between group's)

6. Host group will decide what style / format will be fought (e.g. Chivalric, Valhalla, Single Kill Double elimination)
7. The Guardian shall; by rite of Arms be entitled to wear a Special Tabard / Insignia denoting his Status as "Guardian".

With the Guardian and Defenders chosen by Rite of Arms, we will now have a Hierarchy for which to build the Army of the Crossing and institute War Training.

A Visual Idea of what is proposed



These are examples only.... Ideas I came up with; as with the designs something Visual to see.

Please Note this is a DRAFT Proposal.

As with any ideas this proposal is to be put before **All** members of the shire (Bordescros Central, North Ward, West Ward and South Ward?)

Discussion is welcome as long as it is constructive. If you have some thing negative, then come up with a solution and share both.

Thanks for taking the time to read.

Look forward to your comments

Lord Einarr Death Bringer Thorsgrimsson/John Drewe/Vig

BORDESCROS REGNUM



King & Queen

King Edmund and Queen Leonore



Prince & Princess

TBA



Seneschal

Lord Jon Dai of the Lane



Hospitaller

Position Vacant



Herald Pursuivant

Position Vacant



Reeve

Lord Crimthann MacFiachac



Knight Marshal

Lord Aylen de Hammeldone



Arts & Science

Banmaighster Cairistiona inghean Raghnaill



Constable

Position Vacant



Chronicler

Lady Arnora BloodAxe



Web

Position Vacant