



THE SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE ANACHRONISM AUSTRALIA

The Shire of Bordescros

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GRAPEVINE MARCH



CHRONICLER'S WELCOME



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

I hope you have all recovered from a fantastic Border War, slowly I am getting back to normal but it would be good to just stop for one day but we haven't.

In this months Grapevine our stories will be emails that are circulation about the great time everyone had at Border War. It is so great that so many people had such a good time that they want to keep coming back, with people wanting to book back in as they are leaving.

Another big thank you to everyone who helped make Border War XII such a success.

Yours in Service,
Arnora BloodAxe

<u>CALENDAR</u>	
<i>14TH MARCH</i>	<i>BORDESCROS FIGHTER TRAINING AND A&S</i>
<i>20TH MARCH</i>	<i>BORDESCROS TOURNEY AND FEAST</i>
<i>11TH APRIL</i>	<i>BORDESCROS FIGHTER TRAINING AND A&S</i>
<i>17TH APRIL</i>	<i>BORDESCROS TOURNEY AND FEAST</i>

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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

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

Next Sunday is A&S and Fighter Training, our monthly meeting will not be held until the following week at the feast. Come along we have a lot to discuss and do.

BORDER WAR Xii

We had favour with the gods, Odin and Thor blessed us with great weather, it was a little hot and it rained a little but not enough to stop anything for the weekend, there was even more war in the afternoon which is strange for Border War, it is usually too hot and last year it was almost too hot for war in the morning.

Friday did not take much time to set up at all and a good thing that was as our first guest arrived about 1:30pm and that was a lovely lady who has not been to visit for many years, Lady Katrin du Payne one of the original members of Bordescros. After that there was a slow but constant stream of arrivals until the final guest arrived about 3.30am.

Friday night had such a wonderful feel to it with one group of people enjoying the grassed lawn and another group enjoying the Mead Hall and telling stories of victories past and many debates about which is the best cider, sword, vodka, armour and many other useless pieces of information.

We had 2 visitors from WA who entertained us both on Friday and Saturday nights with fire staves. Friday night we were all waiting for Septimus to catch himself on fire or was that just me. Saturday night we were entertained by both Grey Ghost and Allatar, we definitely need more of that sort of thing at Border War. Both Grey ghost and Verso had a wonderful time and have vowed to come back again.

Saturday morning arrrh Border War and bacon & eggs, hand in hand to start the morning off. More visitors arrived for just the day, handy day trip from Canberra to the site. War began with a tree battle and over the morning they moved closer and closer to the fort. By the time I got down there to watch some war Gilligan was hiding behind a big tree and pop out every now and again to take out the opposition in the forts Archers, he was nearly gone at one stage when a lone fighter crept up on him, then fighting was on.

We were also visited by the ABC Radio and the Wagga paper, the paper took many photos and had a good spread in Tuesday's paper. The ABC Radio spent a most of the day with us and she recorded many interviews and took photos too. To hear the interviews either go to our Web Site or the ABC Radios web site.

There were a lot of children around this year and they had a great time, they made hats with Lady Astrid and she also helped some of them make bead necklaces. The most fun was watching the children beat up on the bigger boys, Adam, OJ and Karl, all the little kids were down one end of the lawn and the bigger boys down the other, the cry of charge went out and suddenly several small children descended on each of the bigger boys beating them to the ground with boffa swords.

Archery in the afternoon and the rain would not stop them, the children went first and they shot at our cardboard knights and our wild stuffed toys, the cardboard Aylen/carrot came out of it relatively unharmed much to Aylen's disgust. The adults were next and they too had as much fun as the kids if not more, they could run around and be big kids.

Saturday night the feast was on, it rained at the time we were setting up or we would have eaten outside, while the feast was on the rain had stopped. As it was the Baron and Baroness and several others ate outside it was such a pleasant night. Food, wine, good friends made for a great night, then came the entertainment, our wonderful play by Boean and we will be wanting another one next year so get the pen out Boean. Our cast of players were in order of appearance, Magdalana, Crimthann, Brenna, Aylen, Will, Skardi and Johanna, with a special guest appearance by Allatar who will pick on during the play. Very funny and the stand out performer was Will with his Club foot, his pirate accent and his evil brother.

Our fighter auction was a great success with fighters giving their services to their sponsor, in many different ways, we raised nearly \$2000 for Prostate cancer research, I have still yet to work out the final tally but it will be a substantial amount, I know I have been slack but my brain has only just started working again.

There were many weary bodies Saturday night and most of them retired early, the rain was soothing to sleep by but there was a small group who sat up until 2 in the morning singing, they however were not soothing. It was so good however to see so many people having such a great time even if they were singing badly.

Sunday and with 10 children in the boffa tourney, numerous archers and fighters to get through we started the tourney with the boffa, the final came down to Star and Sam, with Star taking victory, Star is Tim's Daughter and this was her very first SCA event. Archery was won by Jochen and I think the heavy was won by Duke Cornelius.

No one was eager to leave they all wanted the weekend to keep going but finally the last guest left and we were able to finish cleaning up and leave ourselves. Vig and I travelled back to Wodonga with Oxx and Thorsten and those two boys were beaming from ear to ear and telling stories of their weekend at War and making plans for their next.

Praise the Gods Odin, Thor, Freyr, Buddah and any of the others who saw fit to grace us with a wonderful weekend.

Check out the photos at <http://picasaweb.google.com/bordescros09> there will be more to come.

Arnora

Greetings All!

On behalf of all those who traveled to Border War I wish to extend a hearty thanks unto the populace of that great shire for a fantastic event! The Food was fantastic, prepared by people who worked tirelessly throughout the weekend to keep us fed. The Kids activities were a hoot. The Fort was awesome to fight in. The activities were well planned and balanced. Duke Corneleus and Duke Siredian's challenge to the Fighters an inspired idea! The populace were warm, friendly and welcoming. Today I dropped two Anealeans off at the busport so they could continue their travels and they too were very impressed with the event.

For those who considered going but didn't commit I place my thumbs at temples, extend my tongue, waggle my fingers and go "putttt"

Highlights for me include....

Fighting in the fort, with at least 3 enemy archers, all of good calibre, trying to kill me!

Catching up with elements of House Radburne, Giving a young Banner bearer instructions without realising that it was Wolfstanus under that red armor.

Buying brave fighters in the Kids Boffer tournament auction, and watching them fight well!

Duke Sheriden meandering up behind me and gently letting me know that I was dead!

That impressive shot where someone drilled me in the chest in the Limited front battle!

Fighting Gilligan in the final round of the combat archery tournament and seeing him move with a fluidity and grace that you would find in a business that advertises with a pink neon sign and charges \$25 entry (which includes a complimentary beer).

Unto the Archers who were Auctioned off I ask that they too consider a gesture of service unto their Patrons (And no, for those of you were bought by their partners a naughty weekend away doesn't count).

I myself offer a Finished pair of archers 1/2 Gaunts, or equivalent item of Armor.

Oh and Gilligan, this better be good, I certainly DONT want a naughty weekend away ;)

Thanks again.

Your Humble Landsknecht

Jochen Schwalbe

Dear Friends,

This morning I had the pleasure of listening to Aylen, Gwynfor and Jochen on ABC Riverina as part of the breakfast show? Anne will continue to play interviews though the week, and will place this on the web when completed. She will also upload photos taken, and is going to give a copy on disk to me, for the group's archives?

Also, the Daily Advertiser has a magazine feature on the weekend, with DS Cornelius, CS Steven and Don Greybeard on the cover, with a further 2 pages inside.? The advertiser is available in larger newsagents in Albury.

Could whoever has the list of the weekends combatants please either scan or type it up and send me a copy please, so I can do my event report for Siridean?? If not, stick the list in an envelope and post it to me.

Cheers,

JD.

<http://www.abc.net.au/local/photos/2010/03/02/2834233.htm?site=riverina>

From the ABC Radio

Many a great knight has been slain in the Riverina region over recent days, during this the 12th year of the Border War in the Shire of Bordescros.

There's a lot of fighting, feasting and drinking - as with any war. But this is a war with a difference.

The Shire of Bordescros cover the lands from Wagga Wagga in the north to Wangaratta and Myrtleford in the south, Tumbarumba in the high country and west as far as Deniliquin.

The Border War builds to a climax at this time each year when heavily armoured knights, the finest archers, and of course all the Lords and Ladies converge on a ward in the shire - this year the main battles have been held in lands of the North Ward, Loch Alba (Wagga). We step back into the medieval times with traditions and activities from all across those periods and inspired by many regions of the European continent and British Isles.

The Shire of Bordescros is the home lands for this region's branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) which has members worldwide on every continent, even

Antarctica! The SCA is a pre-17th Century medieval re-enactment group with about 40-thousand people involved across the globe.

It's not just about the swords. The group immerses itself in the science and culture of the time, and includes activities like costuming, cooking, brewing, music, dance, calligraphy and illumination, woodwork, metal smithing, and embroidery.

During major weekend events like the weekend's Border War XII, members remain in character and stay as true to the authentic as 21st Century allows.

I spent a morning watching arrows flying, swords and shields clashing, and a final battle which saw the capture of a fort (with much blood spilt). As the fighting is real and the arrows are also real I was escorted by a very galant Aylan, my protector for the day.

All great institutions have mottoes and Bordscros is no different:

Nolite perturbari, pro omnibus vinum!
(Don't worry - there's enough wine for everyone!)

Hi All

Thanks to all who made Border War what it was. I hope everyone is home safely and suitably recovered after such a big weekend ;-)

We had a really good time and will be back next year, and possibly with the rest of our Household, we are making plans already!

Cheers

Katrijn, Terry, Conrad, Wolfstanus and Gryffen House Radburne

Gwynfor Lwyd <gwynforlwyd@gmail.com> Mar 02 03:14PM +1100 ^

Congratulations to KGers for Bordscros's Border War! We had the largest wayfaring contingent to the event, and members took part in the veritable slew of activities with notable results.

We had archers and heavy combatants on the war field, where the South (us) defeated the Northern aggressors.

In the roving archery shoot, Erin Leifsdottir won the junior division, and Gwynfor Lwyd the adults section. Miguel re-authorized as a light combatant, and he and Tom performed admirably in the combat archery tourney, with Tom coming third. In the Fighter Auction boffer tourney, Erin and Peregrin represented the Shire with great skill and chivalry, while Lief and Gwynfor were amongst the field of 31 for the heavy tourney, with Gwynfor coming third to Duke Siridean and Duke Cornelius.

Mistress Gwir was a stalwart in the kitchen, and Mistress Nicolette kept the

lists for the martial competitions as well as assisting with the fighter auction that raised nearly \$2000 for prostate cancer research.

Congratulations to Einarr and Arnora, and Lowry, for running what is always a fun, exciting event. Hopefully next year we can again show up en masse and demonstrate the glory that is the Shire of the Blue Strand.

Gwynfor

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Baron Gwynfor Lwyd, OP, OLM, OWL, OGS, OProm etc
House Woodrose
Shire of Krae Glas
Kingdom of Lochac

We have had many glowing emails and reports like these, everyone was so impress with the site and our fort.







Eclectica



Coke's Guilde & Receipts

By Lady Thomasina Freborn

Greetings all,

Since I have a glut of zucchini's that weren't home grown but given to us.
I thought a vegetable dish would be appropriate this month; zucchini with fennel seeds.

YiS,

Lady Thomasina Freborn, Journeyman Laurel, AOA, OGT.

Original recipe-Zucche Fritte*(libro de arte coquinaria)*

Togli de le zucche et nettale bene. Et dapoi tagliale per traverso in fette sottili como la costa d'un coltello. Et dapoi gli fa' trare solamente un boglio in acqua, et cacciale fore; et dapoi le poni a sciuttare. Et poneli de sopra un pocho pocho di sale et involtale in farina bella, et frigile in olio. Dapoi cacciale fore et togli un pocho di fiore de finocchio, un pocho d'aglio et di mollicha di pane; et pistali bene et distempera con agresto in modo che resti ben raro, et passa per la stamegna, et getta questo tal sapore sopra le ditte zucche. Le quali etiamdio son bone ponendogli solamente di sopra agresto, et fior di finocchio. Et se voi che 'l ditto sapore sia giallo mettevi un pocho di zafrano.

Direct translation-

Fried Gourds

Take gourds and clean them well. Then slice then across in slices as thin as the blade of a knife. And then give them a single boil in water, and remove; and then allow them to drain. And sprinkle on them a very small amount of salt and toss them in flour, and fry them in oil. Then remove them, and take a little fennel seed, a little garlic and the inside of a slice of bread and grind these together and blend with a very little verjuice, and pass through the sieve, and sprinkle this sauce on the gourds. They are also good seasoned simply with verjuice, and fennel seed. And if you prefer the said sauce to be yellow add a little saffron.

Redacted recipe-Zucchini with fennel seeds

500g zucchini
 1 cup flour
 1 teaspoon salt
 4-6 tablespoons olive oil
 1 teaspoon fennel seeds
 1 clove of garlic, roasted*
 1 slice dried bread
 A pinch of saffron threads
 Verjuice

Wash zucchini, trim off ends and slice into thin rounds (about 2mm) bring a pot of salted water to the boil, drop the zucchini slices into the water, as soon as the water returns to the boil tip them into a colander to drain. When slightly cooled, pat dry between tea towels, and then toss them in flour mixed with salt.

Heat oil in a large frying pan, add zucchini slices and toss over moderately high heat until crisp and brown. Drain zucchini on absorbent paper and the place on a serving dish. Process the dried bread to fine crumbs. Lightly crush the fennel seeds in a mortar and finely chop roasted garlic. Blend the bread crumbs, fennel seeds, garlic and saffron together with a little verjuice to make a light sauce. Sprinkle sauce over the zucchini and serve immediately.

* Garlic can be roasted in the oven at 180 degrees. The cloves need not to be peeled beforehand but can be tossed in a little oil to aid cooking. The result is a sweet sticky garlic flavour.

Source-

- Original recipe- <http://www.uni-giessen.de/gloning/tx/martino2.htm>
- Translated recipe- The Original Mediterranean Cuisine by Barbra Santich. Published by Wakefield Press. ISBN – 1 86254 331 3
- Redacted recipe is an adaption of Barbra Santich and me.

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

Shire A&S Competitions – June to November AS 44		
March	Item for camping	Autumn
April	Toiletry item (soap, oral hygiene, scents etc)	
May	Household item	
June	Dessert or subtlety	Winter

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