

Border Grapevine

Newsletter of the Shire of Bordescros SCA

Spring 2017



GREETINGS unto the populace of Bordescros

As Spring begins to make her presence felt across the borderlands of the Murray and Riverina, I look forward to seeing more of you venturing out to upcoming events both in the Shire and away.

The Shire is growing well at the moment, and for the first time in many years we are having regular tournaments in both Albury and Wagga. Details of the current standings are included inside here.

Arts and Sciences are also having a resurgence under the leadership of Lady Kohlgrima. Competitions are being held every 2-3 months across the Shire, with email entries if you can't make it to the event. There are also targeted classes in Albury each month, but bring whatever you are working on.

October is a busy time for us, with Border Dimensions in Albury and Fusion Festival in Wagga Wagga.

Border War XX is shaping up very nicely, and is still our major event of the year. More events are going to be happening now across the year as well. It doesn't matter where you live, you are welcome to join in the fighting, fun and feasting anywhere in the Shire.

There is lots of information inside this newsletter. I encourage all to take the time to read it. Keep up with us on Facebook, and visit our website.

Yours in Service

CAIRISTIONA INGHIAN RAZHNAŁŁ

Seneschal

come help us grow our game in the murray and riverina

BORDER dimensions

Cosplay, Anime and More

Saturday, 7th October in QE2 Square, Albury

Outside Retro Cafe

9.30 am -4.00 pm

Set up from 8.30 a.m. Contact Cairistiona

fusion festival

Wagga's Multicultural Festival—Music, Food and More

Saturday, 21 October in Victory Gardens, Wagga Wagga

4.00 pm—9.30 pm

Set up from 2.00 pm

Contact James Douglas

We will be putting on a display of fighting, medieval games as well as Arts and Crafts.
Points in Tournaments at both events count towards our annual Shire Championships



FIGHTER Championship Tables at 1 September

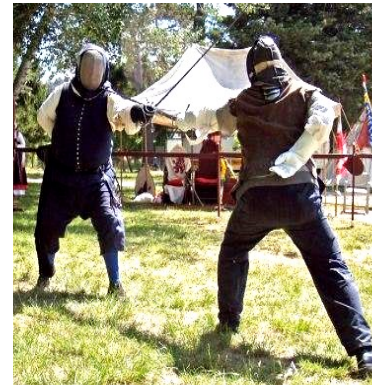
Heavy Armoured Combat



FIGHTER - As at 1 September 2017	Tournaments	Points
Aelfgar of Bordescros	5	14
Duke Eiríkr Thorinsson	1	5
Francesco Bon Amico	3	10
James Douglasson (unauthorised – training)	4	4
Baron James Douglas	5	13
Kolgrímr Hrafnisdóttir	5	5
Maelgwyn ap Gwilym	2	2
Master Magnus Thorbjørnson	1	4
Robert Campbell	4	18
Sigrun of Bordescros (unauthorised - training)	3	3
Sir Tomas Askelson	4	17
William Fitz Symon	2	2
Zofija Rawina	2	6

Rapier

FIGHTER - As at 1 September 2017	Tournaments	Points
Aefic von Ninedorm	1	4
Catalina de Montoya	2	3
James Douglasson	1	1
James Douglas	1	5
Tomas Askelson	1	1



There will soon be Archery as well as Arts and Sciences Competition tables to be added to these.



The spirit of healthy competition is alive and well in Bordescros





Something Worth Celebrating -

Our 15th Anniversary As A Shire

Our July Gathering in Albury was turned over to a celebration of our 15th Shire birthday. We have come a long way, with ups and downs, since 5 of us first gathered in Pemberton Street Albury and decided to form an incipient Shire in 1998.

We were very proud to be announced as the first new Shire in the Kingdom of Lochac at the First Coronation of Lochac in 2002.

It was wonderful to see so many former members and supporters come back to visit us, as well as new people who came along for the first time. We look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Our Shire Anniversary will now be celebrated each July, until such time as we become a Barony.



Come Join Us For Medieval Spring Celebration



The turning points of the annual calendar have always been important, no matter what the culture, place or dominant belief system. The Spring Equinox, when the day and night are of equal duration is one such point.

The Babylonians celebrated Akitu at the spring equinox. Ostara, German Goddess of Fertility, and Eostre, Saxon Goddess of Fertility, both represent the awakening of the earth. Christians celebrate Easter, the resurrection of Christ. Of course for us at the southern end of the world, the latter takes place in Autumn.

It seems that both the rabbit (hare) and eggs have a very long history as part of the spring celebrations that predate Christianity, and like many traditions it has very ancient origins, so it is appropriate for us to feature them in our spring celebrations, rather than simply at the traditional Easter time.

Join us in Albury for our spring celebrations on **Saturday, 16 September from 2 p.m.** There will be lots of fun and games, tournaments, and a fabulous feast all with a Spring Floral theme.

There will be Arts & Sciences competitions for Embroidery that depicts floral design from any period, and for Cooking with flowers in some form.

The Tournaments will be part of the Annual Championships, so join in and gain more points.

If you have an item of theatre, poetry or song about Spring, please come along and share that with us as part of our feast entertainment.

Children are encouraged to bring along their hobby horses for racing, along with painting and display of eggs.

An attempt at pre-1700 clothing is required, but we have some that you can borrow if you are only new to us. If you let us know in advance that you coming along, we can get it ready for you. Just email scabordescros@gmail.com

Don't forget to bring along a contribution to the feasting table.

We have some of the best feasts in Lochac, every month, in two locations.



24-26 February 2018 Camp Kurrajong, Wagga Wagga

Bookings are now open for Border War 20! There will be much to celebrate and we welcome all those who may have been in the past to return.

Camping and Dorm accommodation available on site. Great fighting, much War, Archery, Heavy and Rapier Tournaments. Arts & Sciences Competitions, Bardic Excellence, Feasting, Fun and Games for adults and children alike.

Details and Booking form at

<http://bordescros.lochac.sca.org/annual-events/border-war/>



Some Music Links of Interest:

https://www.sca.org.au/bardic/bardic_links_page.htm

Gives access to a wide range of music and songbooks

<http://flurf.net/files/2009/04/tkw2011.pdf> Lochac Words—filk songbook (familiar tunes, Lochac words)

http://rowany.lochac.sca.org/files/2011/07/Rowany_XL_Songbook.pdf

– Music and words for those of a more period bent

Officers Needed Now

Lists

If you want a good excuse to watch every tournament up close, this is the role for you.

You will need to gather the results from Albury and Wagga, although you don't have to be there, and report to Kingdom Lists and Bordescros Seneschal prior to 15th February, May, August and November. Reports will also be required at each Shire meeting.

There are plenty who have experience that can assist you, including Gunther who has just stepped down to concentrate on his Kingdom role.

DEPUTIES NEEDED

In an effort to share the load, it would be great if we could have a deputy in Wagga for the following positions, as the Officer is from the south:

Arts & Sciences

Constable

Herald

Marshal

FUTURE SENESCHAL

As I am now halfway through my term as Seneschal, I would be interested to hear from anyone who may be interested in taking over next August. It would be good to have a deputy (or 2) to take time to fully acquaint you with the role.

If you are interested in any of these, please email me at scabordescros@gmail.com

Cairistiona, Seneschal

Still Needing a Name or Device?

If you are new to the SCA, you probably wonder why we all have unusual names, that are not our names in the 'real' world.

It is all about the game, and the atmosphere that we build around playing.

This is our chance to choose a name for ourselves, work out what your 'story' is and find a device that people can recognise you by, whether it is on the battle field, in your tent, or just walking around.

In the Society we can be a Saxon, Celt, Viking, Elizabethan, Moor, Italian, Tudor, Lancastrian or whatever we like. We don't even have to be the same all the time.

If you would like help with your name and device, consult our Herald, THL Lowry. Baron James, Mistress Cairistiona or Lord Gunther can also assist

Upcoming Events

September

Sat 2	2.00 pm	Loch Corbie Gathering —Tennis Courts, Beckwith Street, Wagga Wagga
Tue 5	6.00 pm	Loch Corbie Fighter Training—Tennis Courts, Beckwith Street, Wagga Wagga
Sat 9	2.00 pm	Wodonga Fighter Training—Les Stone Park, Wodonga
Sun 10	12.30 pm	Bordescros Shire meeting via Skype
Sun 10	2.00 pm	Albury Arts & Sciences/Fighter Training—Lockheed Drive, Albury— MAKING HOODS
Tue 12	6.00 pm	Loch Corbie Fighter Training—Tennis Courts, Beckwith Street, Wagga Wagga
Sat 16	2.00 pm	Albury Gathering —Albury Wodonga Sport Fishing Club, Lockheed Drive, Albury
Tue 19	6.00 pm	Loch Corbie Fighter Training—Tennis Courts, Beckwith Street, Wagga Wagga
Tue 26	6.00 pm	Loch Corbie Fighter Training—Tennis Courts, Beckwith Street, Wagga Wagga

October

Tue 3	6.00 pm	Loch Corbie Fighter Training—Tennis Courts, Beckwith Street, Wagga Wagga
Sat 7	9.00 am	BORDER DIMENSIONS Demo—QE2 Square, Albury
Sun 8	12.30 pm	Bordescros Shire meeting via Skype
Sun 8	2.00 pm	Albury Arts & Sciences/Fighter Training—Lockheed Drive, Albury— TUNICS
Tue 10	6.00 pm	Loch Corbie Fighter Training—Tennis Courts, Beckwith Street, Wagga Wagga
Tue 17	6.00 pm	Loch Corbie Fighter Training—Tennis Courts, Beckwith Street, Wagga Wagga
Sat 21	8.00 am	FUSION FESTIVAL Demo— Victoria Gardens, Wagga Wagga
Tue 24	6.00 pm	Loch Corbie Fighter Training—Tennis Courts, Beckwith Street, Wagga Wagga
Tue 31	6.00 pm	Loch Corbie Fighter Training—Tennis Courts, Beckwith Street, Wagga Wagga

Please note that there is no Gathering scheduled for Albury or Wagga due to external demos. There may be some social time after each of these is completed.

November

Sat 4	2.00 pm	Loch Corbie Gathering —Tennis Courts, Beckwith Street, Wagga Wagga
Tue 7	6.00 pm	Loch Corbie Fighter Training—Tennis Courts, Beckwith Street, Wagga Wagga
Sat 11	2.00 pm	Wodonga Fighter Training—Les Stone Park, Wodonga
Sun 12	12.30 pm	Bordescros Shire meeting via Skype
Sun 12	2.00 pm	Albury Arts & Sciences/Fighter Training—Lockheed Drive, Albury
Tue 14	6.00 pm	Loch Corbie Fighter Training—Tennis Courts, Beckwith Street, Wagga Wagga
Sat 18	2.00 pm	Albury Gathering —Albury Wodonga Sport Fishing Club, Lockheed Drive, Albury
Tue 21	6.00 pm	Loch Corbie Fighter Training—Tennis Courts, Beckwith Street, Wagga Wagga
Tue 28	6.00 pm	Loch Corbie Fighter Training—Tennis Courts, Beckwith Street, Wagga Wagga

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