

# Border Grapevine

Newsletter of the Shire of Bordescros SCA

Summer 2017



## GREETINGS unto the populace of Bordescros

Summer has arrived, and with it potential for our Shire in many areas. The Shire continues to grow well, largely because of the demonstrations at Albury's Border Dimensions and Wagga Wagga's Fusion Festival. It is good to see people also inviting their friends along to share the fun.



**Have you voted on our poll on the future direction of the Shire yet?** If you have not received the voting information, and would like to have a say as a member, minor member or non-member please contact Deputy Kingdom Seneschal Master Nicodemus at [baronialpoll@lochac.sca.org](mailto:baronialpoll@lochac.sca.org) either myself at [scabordescros@gmail.com](mailto:scabordescros@gmail.com)

The big news this season has been the elevation of Baron James Douglas to the Order of the Pelican, so he is now also **Master James Douglas**. Congratulations, and it was pleasing to see some of the Shire being able to make it to Politarchopolis' Fields of Gold event for the ceremony.

Although there is no Gathering in Wagga Wagga until 3rd February, they will be continuing in Albury with **Yuletide** on 16 December, and **Arabian Nights** on 20 January 2018. Arts and Sciences continue to grow under Lady Kolgrima, with the assistance of THL Thomasina in the south and Lady Mathilde in Loch Corbie. Competitions are being held regularly across the Shire, with email entries if you can't make it to the event. There will be lots of A&S happening as we prepare for Border War in February, and November Crown Tournament in November 2018.

**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.

Yours in Service

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Seneschal



**Yuletide Gathering**  
**Saturday 16 December in Albury**

There will be lots happening for the enjoyment of all the Shire, friends and wagfarers

**Tournaments**   **Games**   **Arts & Sciences**   **Music**   **Singing**



# FIGHTER Championship Tables at 1 December

## Heavy Armoured Combat



FIGHTER - As at 1 September 2017	Tournaments	Points
Aelfgar of Bordescros	8	18
Duke Eiríkr Thorinsson	3	10
Francesco Bon Amico	3	11
James Douglasson—now authorised	0	0
Master James Douglas	7	17
Kolgrímr Hrafnisdóttir	7	7
Maelgwyn ap Gwilym	3	3
Master Magnus Thorbjornson	1	4
Robert Campbell	8	25
Sigrun of Bordescros—now authorised	0	0
Sir Tomas Askelson	6	19
William Fitz Symon	3	4
Zofija Rawina	4	10

## Rapier

FIGHTER - As at 1 September 2017	Tournaments	Points
Aefic von Ninedorm	1	4
Catalina de Montoya	3	6
James Douglasson	2	2
Master James Douglas	3	10
Sir Tomas Askelson	1	1
Isabel de Beaumont	1	2



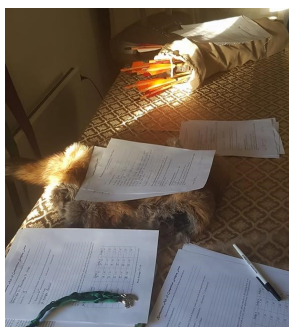
## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY AUTHORISED FIGHTERS

Lord James Douglasson (Heavy)

Lady Sigrun of Bordescros (Heavy)

We also have new heavy and rapier fighters in training in both the North and the South.

## Arts & Sciences Competitions



Each time there is a specific theme to the Gathering in Albury, there will be Arts & Science competitions. This photo is from our November Gathering although without Ardwen's winning wonderful cheese soup that we all enjoyed with the feast.

For Arabian Nights the competitions are: Middle Eastern or Persian Clothing

– Islamic Art (illumination, ceramics, jewellery)

– Open (poetry, performance, music etc.)

Even if you can't make it to the Gathering, you can submit electronically.

# Travellers' Tales

## Words from a Wayfaring Herald

Lord Gunther Boese

Wayfaring is what makes the SCA great and is an excellent way to learn things.

Recently I travelled to Fields of Gold in Polit, I caught up with many good friends and was the Politarchopolis baronial court herald for the weekend. It was a good weekend, if a bit wet.

As you will have already read James Douglas was elevated to Pelican, which I was able to watch from the excellent vantage point behind the baronial thrones. The event was at least half filled with wayfarers just like me.



Being baronial court herald was a great learning experience for me personally, but as a wayfarer I can bring that knowledge back to our fair shire. I also took the opportunity while at Fields of Gold to teach my own class on Heraldry in the SCA. I had a good sized class of about 10 to 16 students. This was my way of giving back to the SCA.

The sharing of ideas is what wayfaring is all about. In a small way it is similar to the Journeyman tradesmen from period. We live in a small shire with just one big annual event, and so the only way to truly experience what the SCA has to offer is to wayfare.

*If you haven't already seen the Youtube video make by the King at Fields of Gold, please have a look at it. There are members of our Shire that can be seen in it. **In defence of spiced honey mead wine.***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vRZEIC2SUfw&feature=youtu.be>

## Wayfaring Opportunities Coming Soon

The idea of carpooling to attend away events is a great one that makes it less expensive for everyone involved. It is also more fun than going alone.

**Twelfth Night Coronation** in Rowany (Sydney) 6-7 January 2018

<http://rowany.lochac.sca.org/twelfth-night-coronation-2018/>

**Congregatus Australis** in Krae Glas (Melbourne) Easter 2018

<http://kraeglas.lochac.sca.org/category/event/upcoming-events/>

**Rowany Festival** in Rowany (Mittagong) 18-22 April 2018 (NOT Easter)

<http://festival.lochac.sca.org/>

There are also regular trainings in Melbourne and Canberra for anyone who is interested and able to attend.



# In honour of the Greatest Knight

Kolgríma Hrafnisdóttir

The last weekend of November, four of us from Bordescros made the journey down to the William Marshal Tourney held by the Barony of Stormhold. Just before six in the morning, myself, Lord Robert Campbell, Mistress Cairistiona and Lady Thomasina hopped in the car and arrived at the site just in time to help set up. Following the welcoming and friendly opening court, we fighters donned our armour and reported to Lists.

The tournament began with a brief warmup for everyone on the list field, then commenced as a single kill double elimination tourney. In a very fun first for me, I even faced a mace! Next up was rapier, then the heavies took the field once more for the ransom tourney.

Between tournaments, as we all had a rest, we watched as the Baron and Baroness honoured members of the Stormhold populace taking up office, and we were treated to a herald's tale of William the Marshal. A potluck lunch was also enjoyed by many; the Lady Thomasina brought her beautifully moulded Springerle biscuits, which somehow tasted exactly of marzipan. The day was really heating up—and it does strike you a bit when you've been fighting in armour—but our kind hosts provided fresh cold water as well as reminders to keep hydrated. Finally exhausted, and several kilos lighter having sweat it all out, the ransom tourney ended and we all shed our armour. The relief! The freedom! The utter bliss!



In closing court we learned of the victors, and were all made incredibly proud to hear our own Lord Robert Campbell declared victor of the ransom tourney, and called before the Baron and Baroness. The Mistress Cairistiona also spoke on behalf of Bordescros, extending invitation to all to Border War in February; we hope to see our friends there, old and new! We must also thank the Baron and Baroness of Stormhold, the event stewards, and all those gathered on the day for their kind hospitality.

Happily exhausted, we finally found ourselves at home. Though we were also sorer and slightly more bruised—nothing worth having is lightly won!—we counted ourselves made far richer by our fights fought well and kind friends made.

Join us for a journey to the lands to the east

## Arabian Nights

**Saturday, 20 January 2018 at Albury Wodonga Sportfishing Club, Lockheed Drive, Albury**



Rather than fighting the summer heat, we are making the most of it. Enjoy the tournaments, food, music, dance and cooler clothing of the regions from the Ottoman Empire to Persia, or be an Ambassador.

2 p.m. to 10.30 pm with the Feast from 7 p.m.

**BOOK NOW**



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/>



### Local suppliers

This space will in future provide details of SCA members who can assist you with supplies such as garb, accessories, armour, etc.

For example Lady Thomasina and Mistress Cairistiona are both able to assist with garb.

If you are interested in advertising here, please email [scabordescros@gmail.com](mailto:scabordescros@gmail.com).

### 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 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. Master James, Mistress Cairistiona or Lord Gunther can also assist you.

Feel free to ask others about their 'persona'.

## November Crown AS53

**10/11 November 2018**

**at Wodonga Racecourse**

Witness some of the best Heavy Fighters in Lochac as they enter combat to have the honour of being

**King and Queen**

**Join the Stewarding Team—ask Mistress Cairistiona how**

### Officers of The Crossing

<b>Seneschal:</b>	Cairistiona inghean Raghnaill
<b>Deputies:</b>	James Douglas (North) Thomasina Coke (South)
<b>Herald:</b>	Lowry verch Gwynwynwyn
<b>Reeve:</b>	Gunther Boese
<b>Marshal:</b>	Robert Campbell
<b>Arts/Sciences:</b>	Kolgrima Hrafnisdottir
<b>Deputies:</b>	Thomasina Coke (South) Mathilde de Lilleburn (North)
<b>Constable:</b>	Undewyn Maccuswell
<b>Lists:</b>	Vacant—please someone
<b>Hospitaller:</b>	Thomsina Coke
<b>Chatelaine:</b>	Eleanor Gardner
<b>Webwright:</b>	Sigrun
<b>Chirurgeon:</b>	Isolda Deye (pending)

Any group is only as good as its officers. Where there is only an officer listed, without deputies, it would be great to have at least one deputy for each role.

## Upcoming Events

### December

Sat 16 2.00 pm **Yuletide Gathering**—Albury Wodonga Sport Fishing Club, Lockheed Drive, Albury

### January

Sun 14 12.30 pm Bordescros Shire meeting via Skype  
 Sun 14 2.00 pm Albury Arts & Sciences/Fighter Training—Lockheed Drive, Albury  
 Sun 14 5.00 p.m. November Crown Team meeting—Albury  
 Tue 16 6.30 pm Loch Corbie Fighter Training—Tennis Courts, Beckwith Street, Wagga Wagga  
 Sat 20 2.00 pm **Arabian Nights Gathering**— Lockheed Drive, Albury  
 Tue 23 6.30 pm Loch Corbie Fighter Training—Tennis Courts, Beckwith Street, Wagga Wagga  
 Tue 30 6.30 pm Loch Corbie Fighter Training—Tennis Courts, Beckwith Street, Wagga Wagga

### February

Sat 3 2.00 pm **Loch Corbie Gathering**—Tennis Courts, Beckwith Street, Wagga Wagga  
 Tue 6 6.30 pm Loch Corbie Fighter Training—Tennis Courts, Beckwith Street, Wagga Wagga  
 Sun 11 12.30 pm Bordescros Shire meeting via Skype  
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 Tue 13 6.30 pm Loch Corbie Fighter Training—Tennis Courts, Beckwith Street, Wagga Wagga  
 Sat 17 2.00 pm **Albury Gathering**—Albury Wodonga Sport Fishing Club, Lockheed Drive, Albury  
 Tue 20 6.30 pm Loch Corbie Fighter Training—Tennis Courts, Beckwith Street, Wagga Wagga  
 Tue 27 6.30 pm Loch Corbie Fighter Training—Tennis Courts, Beckwith Street, Wagga Wagga

### March

#### Lochac Newcomers Month

Sat 3 2.00 pm **Loch Corbie Gathering**—Tennis Courts, Beckwith Street, Wagga Wagga  
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