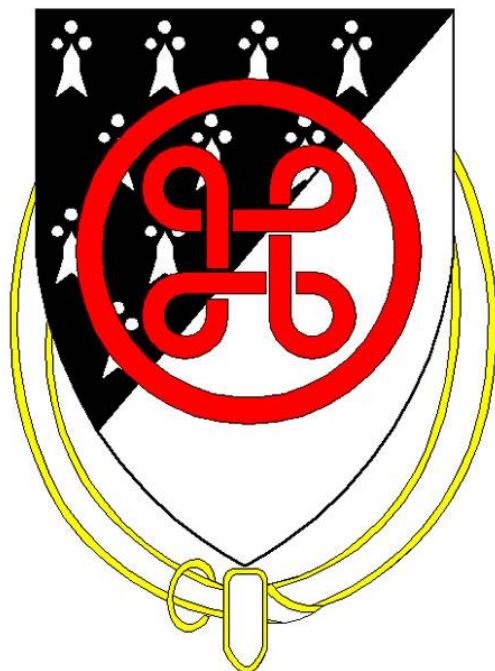




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PER BEND SINISTER COUNTER-ERMINE AND ARGENT.
A BOWEN KNOT WITHIN AN ANNULET GULES

The Chivalry of Sir-Righ Writes to:

DEFEAT BOLVERK OF
MOMCHILOVICH

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On the Cover: The new "Sport of Kings"

Hey YOU! Yah, you. Why isn't your photo on the cover? Cause you forgot to send in your photo (or drawing/painting/sketch/artwork), that's why. Get with the program already! :editor

The Baron's Column

Baron Griffin ap Bedwyr

Greetings people of Lions Gate. Summer has now begun and war season is well under way. We would like to send out our thanks and congratulations to the mighty forces of Lions Gate for a resounding victory over the army of Seagirt. The Seagirtians were a stiff test and everyone enjoyed a great war.

One issue I wanted to discuss this time around was service. We have a lot of very dedicated members who put in a great deal of work, but as is often the case many of the major tasks are being done by the same people over and over again. It takes a great deal of work to run an SCA group, whether it is day-to-day operations or running an event. So basically this is a long and involved request for people to get out and help. There are many areas where one can contribute. In Lions Gate we have a few vacant offices that need to be filled (anyone want to be a Herald?), events that need



autocrats, or just small jobs that need doing at events. If you are a first timer to some of these tasks that is okay as there are experienced people around who would be more than willing to help out. So consider helping out it can be fun and rewarding.

Some time ago we put out a call to the artisans of the Barony to produce new Baronial chairs and a Baronial coin. We now have the chairs but we have had little response regarding the coin, so I will send out a reminder. What we are looking for is a design and bid for producing that design. The Barony will cover reasonable production costs. So if anyone wants to put some thought into that it would make me very happy.

And did you know that on June 24th 1314 Robert the Bruce of Scotland defeated Edward II of England at the battle of Bannockburn. A little fact that should warm the heart of our Seneschal.



Council Meeting Highlights

June 2008

You will have to read about this month's Council meeting on the Website as the Chronicler was unable to attend this month's meeting.

As far as I know, most of the meeting was taken up with plans to stop the rampage of Bolverk the Giant who has been rampaging, as I am sure you know.

I did hear a rumour that the meeting was disrupted ½ way through by Bolverk who was rampaging in the area, and dropped in to disrupt council by pillaging a bit, then was distracted by something shiny and moved on to pillage elsewhere, but I can not speak to the truth or accuracy of that rumour, as I was not there to see it, and anyway I am responsible for starting the rumour.

After Bolverk left, the meeting probably got down to the nitty gritty planning of how to Vanquish Bolverk at the Avacal Tir Righ war.

As I say, I was not actually there, I am just making an educated guess....

For all the details on what was "actually" discussed at Council, visit the Baronial website for a complete copy of the meeting minutes.

Seneschal Scribbles



Wow. What a difference a month makes, no?

Last time we spoke, I mentioned several openings within the ranks of Baronial officers. Specifically those of Chirurgeon and Waterbearer. We'll start with the established, known and documented. Chirurgeon: I should have looked in the Rule Book. That's my job, when it comes down to it, right? The day after council, the Honourable Lord James Wolfden found the appropriate section in SCA documentation. From the Corporate Policy of the SCA;

“Section IX. Policy on First Aid at Events

“While organized first aid services are desirable at events, the Society and its branches may not be placed in the position of promising to provide these services. Therefore, while branches are encouraged to have qualified volunteer first aid personnel available, they are specifically prohibited from requiring the presence of a medical officer at events, and from in any way implying that the Society's sponsorship of an event depends upon the presence of organized first aid services.”

So, we as a branch of the SCA are not *required* to have a Baronial Chirurgeon, nor are we mandated to have a Chirurgeon on-site during any event or demo or bake-sale or anything else we do. There is also no part of Corpora, the Corporate Policies, Kingdom or Principality law that forbids a Chirurgeonate. In no way is the Chirurgeonate dismantled, banned or otherwise done-away-with.

For anyone present at last month's Council meeting, I must admit to being misguided on the “mandatory” aspects of a Chirurgeon. It's not an office or position we “have to” have, but it is a great idea for a branch the size of ours.

On the subject of Waterbearers:

By now many of you have heard or read of the controversy regarding the position of Waterbearer. If you've missed it, here it is in a nutshell (taken from the Corpora revision post): The President of the SCA was asked to have a look at the various laws of states and countries related to waterbearing as an organized and official activity of the SCA. It was determined that the best way to do this would be to make waterbearing unofficial and unsanctioned by the SCA, Inc. The only other option would be to regulate waterbearing, and to regulate it such that it follows the various food safety codes of the various states and countries the SCA participates in. This would be unwieldy, impractical and expensive for the SCA to do. Further, it is likely that waterbearers

would not be able to continue to serve fighters using any of the current methods of waterbearing.

The wording of the proposed change to Corpora states:

“The activity of providing beverages to combatants and spectators at SCA Combat activities is not regulated, warranted, organized, controlled, or sanctioned by the SCA, Inc. or any affiliate or subsidiary entity. All warrants, authorizations, or other formal recognition of this activity are by publication of this change revoked. This document does not either address or restrict such volunteer activity or the methods by which it occurs.”

I don't wish to stir the emotional pot again, since there are strong feelings on both sides of this issue. It is my belief that this is not only a reasonable proposal, it's the only way we'd get to keep performing the job. In a world full of frivolous litigation and excessive judicial awards – albeit mostly south of the border – the SCA is allowing us to continue to do exactly what we were doing before, but without an Office. They're leaving it to us to determine which method works best within our laws.

It should also be pointed out that this is a proposal. The Directors have requested comments from the membership regarding this proposed revision, no later than October 1st, 2008. More information on this subject can be found at the SCA's website, under the subject of “Announcements from the Board of Directors” (<http://sca.org/BOD/announcements/>). Send any comments to:

Corpora Revision, SCA Inc.
Box 360789
Milpitas CA, 95036
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If anyone has a working idea on how to regulate and control waterbearing throughout all the countries, provinces and states within the SCA, I'm sure they'd like to hear it. Until the decision is made, and a directive comes down from on high, I'm not going to stop asking people to fill a Baronial office that's been vacant for years.

Baronial Stick-In-The-Mud,
Uilliam, Seneschal Lions Gate.

From the A&S Minister

A&S report for Jun 2008



Past events:

Jun 7/8 Lionsdale champions:
Congratulations to Dr Carus for his A&S
victory.

Jun 14/15 Sealion war: A huge thanks to all the
entries (Myrriam, Morweena, Iain ap Griffin,
Ronan of Lionsdale, Jayson and Edric) and an
additional thanks to all the judges who stepped
forward to assist: Jodan, Aelana, Algae. And
yes, we won.

Upcoming events:

June Bransle - nothing planned as it will be a
travel day for Atwar.

July 11/13 - Stranded Mermaid: Bardic Best
period-style performance using a Prop
Stranded Mermaid A&S: tribute to a
mermaid.

CLINTON (though I will be at
Raven's War)

Master John Macandrew
Lions Gate Minister for A&S

Lions Gate Bardic report

Bardic Officer's report... even though
OFFICIALLY I'm not yet the officer, seeing as I
haven't yet signed the paperwork... :)

The only thing I have been involved in is to
judge the Bardic competition at Lionsdale
Tourney, and encourage the new Lionsdale
champion to facilitate some Bardic STUFF at
SeaLion War... There were some Bardics that

happened here there and everywhere at Sealion
(singing was heard far and wide), in which I
participated as well.

There was also some discussion with various
peoples regarding a Lions Gate Songbook,
revival of other songbooks of old SCA
standards which have been forgotten (or were
never known especially by younger/newer
SCAdians who weren't around "back in the
day"... like ME...), and interest in
starting/reviving a choral group was also
discussed.

Later this summer, I would like to work on
planning a monthly Bardic Fire. I don't know if
the Bransles are the venue for this, or if it
should be a separate venture in a more intimate
setting (at least in the beginning perhaps). More
discussion with interested parties will happen
and "meetings" will be planned in the near
future.

I have also been involved as Co-Autocrat in the
planning of Kingdom Bardic which LG is
hosting in September.

YIS,
HL Sionann in Ui Fhlaithbheartaig
Skald of Tir Righ
Bardic Officer of Lions Gate
Apprentice to Mistress Seiglynda

(WOW isnt she amazing.....John)

Games - Nothing to report at this time.

Dance - I am in discussion with a number of
dancers with the idea of booking a hall west of
the Fraser and rotating instructors. Dance in
Langley continues.

John Macandrew

From the Master of Blades

June Rapier Report

In preparation for SeaLion War, melee practise was held at most Thursday practises, as well as at Lionsdale Champions at the beginning of June.

The practise paid off with the troops fighting well together and Lions Gate being victorious at SeaLion War.

Practise is well attended, and has also had some cut & thrust fighters attending for training under Esteban de Ferrerio. As of June the cost for the hall rental has increased to \$20 an hour, but with the current number of attendees we should not lose money.

One injury was sustained during melee practise.



A thrust was accidentally given to the back of the head. The fighter was sent to the hospital and diagnosed with a spinal cord concussion.

Lessons in death from behind has since been reinforced. The fighter is doing well, and managed to fight in SeaLion War. The fighter delivering the shot was reprimanded and will be more careful in the future. A report was sent to the PRM.

Many of the local fighters are planning on attending Tir Righ Avacal War in late June, so we should do quite well.

~ Signora Sina di Andreas Valori
reporting deputy to Lord John Warrick Draker,
Lions Gate Master of Blades

From the Chronicler

So I have been much relieved to find that the response to our new "all electronic" format has been positive.

Subscriptions are way up, and the feedback is quite good. We are still looking for old copies of the North Wind to archive and burn to CDs (soon to be for sale!), and of course Blah Blah



Blah...we need copy for the NW, same old story.

Wouldn't it be neat if the story were different next month?

HE Aristophanes the Younger
LG Chronicler



Lions Gate Calendar of Events

Events with information included in this issue of the North Wind are indicated in **bold**.

June

27-29 Tir Righ Avacal War

July

3-6 An Tir West War

11-13 Stranded Mermaid Tourney

18-20 July Coronation

23 LG Council Meeting

25-27 Clinton Work Weekend

August

1-4 Clinton

15-17 SYG&C

29-1 September Crown

***Lions Gate Baronial Council.** All members are encouraged to attend. Council is held on the 4th Wednesday of the month, 7:30pm at Varying Locations. Check the Website for details.



“AT” War (Avacal Tir Righ War)

June 27th - 29th 2008



In the northern principalities of An Tir War has been declared! Avacal and Tir Righ will meet upon the field of battle and bring great word fame to their lands! Siege challenges for Arts & Sciences points ~University classes~ Youth challenges and activities ~Rapier scenarios~ Tournament ~ Party ~Join us near beautiful Wells Gray Provincial Park in Clearwater BC, just over 7 hours from Edmonton, less than 6 from Vancouver: the middle ground! Merchants are welcome. Site rules and details will be up shortly
Site fee: Adults \$18 (plus NMS \$3.00) Youth (13-18 yrs.) \$10 Children 12 and under free. Pre Register! First 25 adults to pre register get a FREE T SHIRT! http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/29_ATWar08.pdf



An Tir West War

July 3rd - 6th 2008



Their Majesties of the West invite the Known World to take part in the grand War against the great and noble Kingdom of An Tir. Because the cost of travel has greatly increased in these times, Their Majesties have chosen to lower the site fee to \$10 for members (\$13 for nonmembers) to encourage the populace from all over the Known World attend the heroic battle between the Warriors of the West and An Tir. There will be a cook's play day organized by Duchess Juanna and Lady Anne Serre, A&S classes organized by Sabrina de la Bere and two full days of fighting. Viscountess Rosewitha is soliciting battle scenarios from the different war units and households that are interested in "sponsoring" a scenario. The marshals would run the actual scenario on the day of battle, so the sponsor can participate. If there is a large set up or moving of hay bales, the marshals will ask the sponsor to assist in this. Please contact Rosewitha to submit a war scenario at zwitharose@yahoo.com. There will also be single combat tournaments and pick-up fighting after the war scenarios end, as well as an archery competition! Website: <http://www.phmoms.com/westantirwar>

WANT YOUR EVENT COPY HERE?

SUBMIT SOME AND WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO PRINT IT!

Local Events take precedence when space is limited, but it never hurts to try.

Public Service Announcement

THERE IS A BOUNTY AVAILABLE FOR DEFEATING THE NOTORIOUS

“Bolverk of Momchilovich”

Known Aliases:

“Bolverk the Giant”

“Bolverk”

“Hey You...” and

“Ouch, sorry, I didn’t see you there”

Contact Lions Gate Constable for information on payment and terms, not the Watch, The Constable. That’s right, a nonexistent Officer, who will tell you all about the nonexistent bounty. This ad is Humour.

Points of interest:

1. Bolverk of Momchilovich must be defeated for the good of the Realm. Any and all persons, fighters or otherwise who would like to help, please contact Aristophanes or Branwen at the Redwolf Pavillion on Merchant's Row at the Avacal Tir Righ War.
2. Many fine people have fought against Bolverk in the Past, and many of them are still fighting the good fight. Some of them are hoping to join up with the "Vanquish Bolverk" crowd at the AT War. How about you?
3. The Baron and Baroness are still hoping to receive a submission or two from the populace for the new coin they are hoping to commission.... Anybody out there? Come on people, the usual suspects are giving this one a miss,



looks like an unknown might be able to get in on the action.

4. Your refund from the Government's "Carbon Tax" plan will apparently buy you a set of lessons at the "Academie Duello" check it out! <http://www.academieduello.com>
5. Sea Lion War was a hoot and Lions Gate trounced the Islanders, fulfilling their wish to conquer us or "Die Trying". Many congrats to the Adversaries on a great and successful event.
6. We still have a number of Officer Vacancies. This is a problem that needs solving. Please consider chipping in your name, a little of your time, and most of all your experience, so that our barony can continue to put on the fine events it is justly famous for.



A Note from your Princess

Greetings Tir Righ!

We have decided that we need to squish in just a little bit more fun at our upcoming AT War. With that in mind, we would like to see a "Fun-Raiser" contest between Tir Righ and Avacal on Saturday night. Since the Princess of Tir Righ has a certain...fondness...for this particular drink, we are going to have a Sangria contest! There are so many recipes and so many ways to make it, and we have decided that we should narrow down which is really the best (and then Her Highness would like the recipe!!).

This will be a no-war-points, totally-for-fun kind of thing, with the sangria being a donation towards the evening's festivities, so there will be

no cost to try it. There will be a prize for the best recipe. Participants will have to provide their own "dispensing" system, and samplers would be expected to bring their own drinking vessel. You can enter a recipe individually or as a team of any number, with no minimum amount.

So grab that cheap red wine that's been sitting in your basement, channel Martha Stewart, do some research and development <grin> and bring the result to AT War!

**Safiye
Princess Tir Righ**

Sea Lion Rookie Tourney News!

Greetings to the lists,

There were five entrants in the Rookie Tourney on the Sunday of Sealion War:
Lord Caemgen mac Garbith, Alfgeir Gunnerson, Blair Driedger, Marko Ivarchark and Stephen Oullette.

The Rookie Tourney was fought in two styles: a Round Robin Tourney and a Double Elimination Tourney. The winners of the two then fought each other, best two of three.
Stephen Oullette was victorious in the Lists, having won best two of three over Caemgen mac Garbith. Alfgeir was recognized for his chivalry on the

field, and Blair for the best deaths. Huzzah!

My thanks to the fighters for their patience with this rookie list mistress.

Thanks also to Baroness Caitrin for teaching "How to Run Lists" at the University of Tir Righ this weekend, and then having the (wonderful) idea of making the practicum running lists for the rookie tourney.

Written this seventeenth day of June, AS XLIII

**Dame Elena de Maisnilwarin, OP
Rookie List Mistress**



VANQUISH BOLVERK THE GIANT!

A NEW (AND SOON TO BE ANNUAL) CONTEST IN TIR RIGH!
FOR ALL OF YOU FIGHTERS OUT HERE,
A NEW AND FUN WAY TO SPEND YOUR FREE TIME AT THE:
AVACAL TIR-RIGH WAR.

VANQUISH BOLVERK THE GIANT!

His Excellency **Aristophanes the Younger** offers a Challenge:
Bolverk has returned to our fair land and is rampaging mightily.
Pillaging and slaying with indiscriminate glee.

I challenge the entire Chivalry of Tir Righ to fight against her Horde of Brigands and Sellswords.
We can not let **Bolverk's Rampage** continue!

BOLVERK MUST BE VANQUISHED!

Any and all Mercenaries will be paid TOP COIN to fight on the side of Right! (**against Bolverk**)
SPECIAL PRIZE FOR THE MOST INNOVATIVE "DEATH TO BOLVERK"
SCHEME CARRIED OUT (SUCCESSFULLY).

Double Mercenary pay to any of **Bolverk's Squires** who will fight **against Bolverk** on the Battlefield.
A Bounty for the Brave Warrior who **pins Bolverk the Giant and makes her cry out "Milo, you win"**.
To sign up and/or receive your Pay, come by Merchant's Row and see Branwen or Aristophanes.

This will be a separate battle, no War Points.

Pure Altruism here,

BOLVERK MUST BE VANQUISHED

for the good of the Principality, and the World.

No SH*T, There I was...

(a continuing story)

So there I am, at Pennsic, and the entire An Tirian population at Pennsic is 7 people.

It took very little time for the Duchess and the Kingdom Champion to argue about who would decide what army the single Heavy would serve in.

Then we got down to party planning.

Which Parties would we deign to honour with our presence? As it turned out.... All of them, from the Ansteorra Chilli cookoff to the private household Single Malt and Cuban Cigar Extravaganza.

While we were at the Zombie Party on Friday night, an idea was floated through the haze of half naked slave servants... "the Westie encampment is undefended...let's invade!"

There were 2 Westies in earshot and they started to run, screaming "To Arms, To Arms, The West Is Invaded!" as they tried to find the West Crowns, fighters and general hangers on.

As the next 15 or 20 minutes progressed, we ended up at the Westie encampment, and we were quite a crowd. There were Knights, Squires, (Landless Barons) and Kingdom Officers, all eager for plunder.

But when we arrived, we found the West encampment not only guarded (albeit by 2 children holding shields) but fortifications were being hastily constructed out of whatever sticks, firewood and beer cases came to hand. There was a woman, dressed in a West tabard who solemnly intoned "You Shall Not Pass, the West Shall not Fall to Barbarians and Drunken Brigands, Now Disperse!, or feel the Righteous Wrath of the West Kingdom Fall Upon You!"

Naturally, no one dispersed.

There was one guy, however who had thought to bring a Flour Cannon. He immediately set it up and began bombarding the "battlements" and defenders with his prepared charges.

Valiant Knights of the West (who were busily sneaking in through the back door as they were found and roused from their revels) had their arms blown off by the cannon, and entertained us all with their over dramatic and Shatneresque death cries.

There was among the West Contingent a Holy man, a Paladin if you will, who went about summoning the Powers of Good and raising the dead back to life in the Righteous name of the Westie King.

"Zombies!" we shrieked, and shot them again with the cannon.

The West eventually had to buy us all a round of drinks, and we went back to the Zombie party to continue drinking.

A good time was had by all, and at the next West Kingdom Court.... The Paladin was given an award of valour and the twice killed Knight was made a Court Baron for his service to the West that went "Beyond the call of Mortal Men".

BA "Never piss off a Bard"





- * **Their Royal Majesties of An Tir** – King Cedric Rolfsson and Queen Elizabeth Owles (crown@antir.sca.org).



- * **Their Highnesses of Tir Righ** – Prince Savaric and Princess Safiye (prince@tirrigh.org, princess@tirrigh.org).



- * **Baron & Baroness of Lions Gate** - TE Griffin Ap Bedwyr and Caitrin ni Cingeadh (griffcait@shaw.ca). 12159 – 222 St. Maple Ridge, V2X 5W4

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- **Games - Vacant**



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- **Waterbearer - Vacant**

Seasonal reminders:

**BOLVERK OF MOMCHILOVICH MUST BE
STOPPED!**

Have a great Avacal Tír-Rígh
War (VANQUISH BOLVERK!)

*Tír Rígh Brewer's Guild seeks members to ^{fill} ~~(Drink in)~~ the Secret Clubhouse.
Contact ghmargaret@yahoo.com for more information.*

WEAR SUNSCREEN AND A HAT OUTDOORS

Clinton is Coming!

*Bolverk the Giant is a Menace!
Join the Fight for Glory!*