

ARDANRUNES

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Calendar of Events

June 2	GA Live Weapons Championship – Axemoor (Vigil for Marion)
June 23	Birthday Bash – Loch Bais (Vigil for Sarah) (Wedding of Paul and Christiana)
July 14	Lugh (1-day) in Grey Niche
July 28	Barbearian Brawl (1-day) in Small Gray Bear
August 11	Baldar's Revenge/Shire Social - Ardanroe (1-day at Holy Cross Villas)
August 18	Aphar Faire - Lagerdamm
August 25	Gleann Abhann Scribal and Heraldic Symposium – Ardanroe

ARDANROE OFFICERS

Seneschal: THL Sarah MacGregor
Knight Marshal: Lord Johannes von Greifenburg
Herald: Lord James in les Breres
Exchequer: Baroness Medb ingen ui Mael Anfaid
Minister of Arts & Sciences: Lord James in les Breres
Chronicler: Barun Rory ua Riada
Chirurgion: VACANT

Minister of Children: VACANT
Web Minister: Sabine le Curter (acting designer)
Provost of RUGA: Amata Quentin Motzhart
Quartermaster: THL Sarah MacGregor
Chatelaine: Lady Branwen Ballard
Historian: Lady Ceara ynseyder kiaull
Constable: Lady Dana the Quarrier

OFFICES SEEKING TO BE FILLED - Chirurgion, Minister of Children, Web Minister (all vacant or Temp Staff at the moment). Deputies sought for most!

HARKEN YE!

Below is a tentative schedule of Shire activities for the month of June:

June 9 – Fighter Practice – 9:00 a.m. – Mike Woods Park (Saturday)
June 13 – Populace Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Branch Library (Wednesday)
June 16 – Fighter Practice – 9:00 a.m. – Mike Woods Park (Saturday)
June 27 – A&S Workshop – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Branch Library (Wednesday)
June 30 – Fighter Practice – 9:00 a.m. – Mike Woods Park (Saturday)

NOTE: Please see the Forum and Shire website for updates.

LETTER FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings, Ardanroe!

With the passing of Memorial Day and the end of school, we can officially say that Summer is Here! As the days continue growing longer and hotter, don't forget to keep yourselves well hydrated and cool as you enjoy our very full summer calendar.

May brought new Heirs to the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann, and six Ardanroians made the trek to Smythkepe to enjoy the day. Both Lord Blaec and Lord James fought well and did their consorts much honor, nobody actually froze to death (despite thinking we might), and we all enjoyed the celebration as Prince Uther and Princess Kenna received their crowns and took their places next to Their Majesties.

June looks to be a great month, as well. Many of our members are planning the trip to the Live Weapons Championship at King's Arrow Ranch on the 2nd as well as Loch Bais Birthday Bash later in the month. Between events and our own fighter practices, meetings, and A&S workshop, we've got plenty to keep us busy! Remember to stay cool and have fun!

In Service,

THL Sarah
Ardanroe Seneschal



TOWN FAIRE

Johannes hosted fighter practice with a Shire social on Saturday, May 12, at his home. Fighter Practice began at 9:00 a.m. followed by a BBQ lunch of chicken and pork ribs. Those attending were encouraged to bring side dishes, drinks, and projects to work on during the afternoon. Attendance was small due to being Mother's Day weekend.

The May A&S Workshop for the Shire was held Wednesday the 23rd at Aulds Branch Library from 7:00 – 9:15 p.m. The main activity was working on heraldic armory submissions, but there were also name documentation and tablet weaving. Ceara and Katharine documented names. Ceara, Katharine, James, Sarah, and Constanze (or Beatrix or Rosemunde – name yet to be decided) worked on devices, while Michael and Dana worked on badges. Ceara's name/device, James' device, and Dana's badge were turned in for submitting to Kingdom (sending to Ruby Herald) that night. Others present included Rory (provider of heraldry books and forms) and Medb.

Fighter Practice was held on Saturday, May 26, in the Mike Woods Park in south Bossier starting at 9:00 a.m.



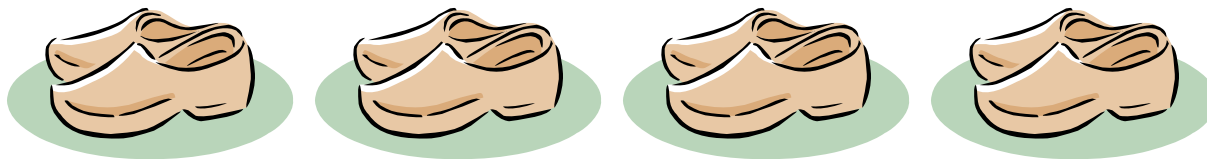
A LOOK AT THE PAST

The Shire of Ardanroe has a long history, being over twenty years old. This will be a periodic column featuring an office of the Shire denoting the dates it was active and names of those who served in the office. This month we look at the office of the Knight Marshal.

Knight Marshal

9/1981 - ?/198?	Ageranon Asteris
?/1983 – 9/1984	Guillermo D’Alacran D’Castile
10/1984 – 3/1985	Jock D’Orleans (originally Wayne D’Orleans)
4/1985 – 7/1985	Edward of Aristallion
8/1985 – 1/1986	Alreck Inglesson
2/1986 – 1/1987	Richard of Ardanroe (later Richard of Corby Rose)
2/1987 – 2/1988	Beorn Collen-ferth
Vacant	
5/1988 – 6/1989	Stephen Wolfe
7/1989 – 3/1991	Ricciardo de Barbarosso
Vacant	
6/1991 – 5/1992	Maximilian von Braun
6/1992 – 7/1993	Stephen Wolfe
7/1993 – 10/1993	Robert Owen Cynedeere
10/1993 – 9/1994	Petr Grigorii von Turheim
9/1994 – 2/1995	Godfried of Frisia
2/1995 – 5/1995	Stephen Wolfe
5/1995 – 10/1998	Conall mac Riogh
11/1998 – 12/1999	Christine O’Neill of Cork
1/2000 – 3/2000	Conall mac Riogh
Vacant	
7/2000 – 3/2004	Blaec le Dering
Vacant	
5/2004 – 11/2004	Stephen Wolfe
11/2004 – 12/2006	Maximilian von Braun
1/2007 – Present	Johannes von Gruefenburg

Seventeen people have served as Knight Marshal for the Shire of Ardanroe. Three of them have also served as an Earl Marshal or Deputy for the Earl Marshal as Marshal of a region or principality within a kingdom. Beorn was Earl Marshal for Meridies back in A.S. 14 (we are now in A.S. 42) long before moving to Ardanroe. Stephen was the second Western Region Marshal for the Region of Gleann Abhann from January 1997 to November 1998. Christine was the third Principality Marshal for the Principality of Gleann Abhann from May 2001 to May 2002. So far three of the seventeen people to serve as Knight Marshal for the Shire of Ardanroe were also Knights when they held the office. Beorn Collen-ferth, Stephen Wolfe, and Godfried of Frisia, were already Knights of the SCA when they held the office, though Stephen held the office prior to becoming a Knight. Of the seventeen people, sixteen were men and one was a woman. Christine is the only woman to have served as Knight Marshal of the Shire of Ardanroe. Three people have held the office more than once; Conall and Maximilian holding it twice and Stephen holding it four times. Petr Gregorii von Turheim (now known as Hugh du Lac) is one of nine people to have held the office for twelve months or longer. Only four people have held the office longer than twenty-four months; Ricciardo coming close with twenty-one months. Stephen and Maximilian are tied, having held the office for 37 months. Blaec and Conall are tied, having held the office for 45 months, the only two to have held the office for over three years at one time; Blaec serving for 45 months and Conall for 42.



LET'S DANCE!

We will continue for the next few months in Branles. For those looking, the May 2006 issue of *Ardanrunes* featured the Official Branle and the October 2006 issue of *Ardanrunes* featured the Maltese Branle. In addition to the Horses Branle last month there is the Washerwomen's Branle, Clog Branle, Montarde Branle, Single Branle, Tangle Branle, Cassandra Branle and Charlotte Branle, among others.

This month's dance is: The Clog Branle

But first, how do you pronounce branle? Countess Meaghan Arsmith of Ludlow writes, "The word 'branle' is pronounced 'brall'. It comes from the French word 'Branler' and means 'to move from side to side'."¹ The Clog Branle is also known as the Branle de Sabots found in Thoinot Arbeau's *Orchésographie* (*Orchesography* in English), first published in 1589. Mistress Signy Dimmridaela, in her article "Opening the Book on Branles" considers this dance to be as suitable if not more so than the Tangle Branle for demos.² It is a very easy dance to teach to children and is like "Follow the Leader" to music, which is what most of us consider the Tangle Branle to be.

The Clog Branle can be done in a line or in a circle, holding hands. This is not a couple's dance, so you do not have to worry about partners. Just line up! The leader of the dance can change each time the dance repeats. Whether the leader remains the same for the entire dance or changes each time the dance restarts should be decided beforehand, along with how the next leader is chosen. This could be one person after another down the line or around the circle. Or it could be that the current leader selects the new leader during the dance.

Remember that Branles use doubles, singles, kicks, leaps, hops, ornamentation's thereof, and occasional odd-ball steps The steps are to the side or forward.³

The choreography for the Clog Branle is:

(Holding hands)

Double left, double right

Double left, double right

Single left, single right

Men: Stamp right foot three times (or everyone stamps their right foot three times)

Single left, single right

Women: Stamp right foot three times (or everyone stamps their right foot three times)⁴

The dance then starts up all over again with a new leader. Each new leader replaces the stamping of the feet with a different motion. This motion is considered to be a miming. This is could be three kicks, three hops, or some other motion (example: do the 'wave') done to the beat of three counts.

Enjoy! -Rory

Notes:

¹Branles. In: Arsmith, Meaghan, comp. *Meridies Saltare Dance Collegium II*. [Ellisville, MS: Teresa Moss, 1994]; p. 2.

²Dimmridaela, Signy. Opening the Book on Branles. In: Street Jr. Bill, comp. *A Known World Dance Compendium: Being a Diverse Collection of Theory and Practical Aspects of Dance as it is Practiced Throughout the Lands that*

Make up the Society for Creative Anachronism. [Birmingham, AL: Bill Street Jr]: a publication of Saltare, the Dance Guild of the Kingdom of Meridies, 1997; pp. 81-89.

³Dimmridaela; p. 82.

⁴Dimmridaela; p. 85.



GET PUBLISHED!

Articles are being accepted for *Ceachtanna*, the Kingdoms new A&S newsletter. Here's your chance to share your knowledge and expertise with the populace.

We are looking for articles on the following topics: Early Period; Late Period; (anything in-between); Non – European; SCA Life; Legendary Stories of Gleann Abhann (people and events)

Articles can be of any length (at this point). Articles on specific topics are preferred over broad treatises. DEADLINE for submissions: July 1, 2007. The first edition will be at Kingdom A&S in September.

Articles can be emailed to kristinakelly@yahoo.com

If you have an idea for something or if your not sure about something you have written, send me an email. Let's talk!

In service
Rosalind Mihrimah

**Ceachtanna (pronounced kextuni) is Gaelic for Lessons.





FORTNIGHT

Eleven adults (James, Amata, Dana, Sarah, Rory, Ceara, Michael, Hugh, Katharine, “Constanza”, Tim) and two children attended the May 9 Populace Meeting at the Aulds Library from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Since Rory missed most of the meeting, the following notes do not necessarily cover all topics covered at the meeting.

Sarah, as Shire Seneschal, presided over the meeting. The calendar of events was covered for the months of May and June. The Shire website redesign is now in test mode for the officers to play with before it goes ‘live’. The pavilion day went well and the pavilion is usable, but needs some cleaning and patch work.

James as A&S Minister thanked everyone for attending the Viking Garb and Accessories class in April. May’s A&S will be on armory (heraldic devices) by Rory along with being an Open A&S Night for anyone to bring projects and work on them, teach, etc.

James as Herald encouraged everyone to attend May’s A&S Workshop to prepare devices for submission, if they do not already have one registered.

Michael reported that Johannes was studying for finals. Johannes wants to invite everyone to his house this Saturday morning for fighter practice and workshop/social time with lunch following. A message from Johannes about this should appear on the Forum shortly.

No report from the Reeve since she was not present.

Dana as Constable had nothing new to report.

The Chatelain was not present. Amata as Provost has given her information to the Chancellor of RUGA for the Provost Roster being created.

Ceara’s first “Over the Fence” column on persona stories from Shire members was in the May issue of Ardanrunes. It was on Olaf. The second one has been submitted for the June issue and a third is almost ready to be sent for the July issue.

Rory as Chronicler reported that the May issue of Ardanrunes is on the Shire’s web page. Members were encouraged to write up about events they attend for the newsletter. Also the Gleann Abhann Laurel’s have a web page that is part of the A&S webpage on the Gleann Abhann website.

The Hamilton Library demos were presented. It was decided to give notice about these on the Forum to see who might be available to participate in either of the demos.

The Shire events were then discussed.

The Heraldic and Scribal Symposium flyer was sent to Sarah for proofing before being sent (hopefully) to the Kingdom Chronicler. A final decision on using ACCEPS for this event is unknown. The rest of the Shire Finance Committee is leaving the final decision on testing this out to Medb, as Shire Exchequer and Reservation Steward. The rubber ducks ordered by Dana arrived and James will store them until needed.

Ceara had a preliminary flyer for the August social. Once a few corrections are made, it will be sent to Sarah for mounting on the Shire website and Rory for the newsletter. There are three contests and she had prizes for two. A third item which was not used previously will round out the prizes. A new Shire Defender token/favor will be made using the Shire’s ‘sunny badge’ as a template for the design.

Rory had requested co-autocrats for Winter Wonders XXII due to a possible conflict that weekend. Michael, Lorccan, and Medb have volunteered to assist as co-autocrats if needed. Work needs to be done to flesh out the designs that will go with the theme of the event (winter fair, murder mystery, English Civil war, etc.).

Katharine and Rory reported on the Benton on the Square Festival. It was successful and they demonstrated spinning and weaving and answered many questions. There is mundane interest in forming a Weavers ‘club’. Also based on the number of Shire members interested in fiber arts, discussion was held about having one night each month as an Open Fiber Night rotating between members’ homes.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Kingdom of Gleann Abhann



Order of the Laurel

Mistress Alysia Gabrielle de Fougères
(Barony of Grey Niche/Memphis, Tn)
Late Period Costuming

Mistress Anna Nikolaevna Petrakova
(Barony of Grey Niche/Memphis, Tn)
Illumination and Calligraphy
All things Russian

Mistress Anyeta the Wanderer
(Barony of Grey Niche/Memphis, Tn)
Metalworking (Non-Armor), Woodworking,
Ceramics

Mistress Arielle de Brabazon
(Barony of Grey Niche/Memphis, Tn)
Illumination and Calligraphy

Mistress Brigit Olesdottir of Loch Ree
(Shire of Troll Fen/Lafayette, La)
Textiles and Early Period Life

Maestro Damiano Elie Bellini
(Barony of Grey Niche/Memphis, Tn)
Gaming

Mistress Dametta (Deborah) of Arundel
(Shire of Tor an Riogh/NE Mississippi)
Cooking

Master Erik of Telemark
(Shire of Troll Fen/Lafayette, La)
Stained Glass, Metal work, Blacksmithing, Early
Period Life

Master Finn Normansson
(Barony of Seleone/Gulfport-Biloxi, Ms)
Wine

Mistress Isolde die Graue aus dem Lebendhertz
(Barony of Seleone/Gulfport-Biloxi, Ms)
Middle Eastern Dance

Mistress Jennet of Tewkesbury
(Shire of Wyrmegeist/Baton Rouge, La)
Calligraphy and Illumination

Meistres Julian ferch Rhys
(Barony of Small Gray Bear/Little Rock, Ark)
Western European dance, textile construction,
equestrian research, hats and head-things,
Welsh history, the church/religious history, women's
history, period pastimes

Master Loren Blackthorne
(Barony of Grey Niche/Memphis, Tn)
Calligraphy and Illumination. Pigments

Mistress Rebecca with the Greyhound
(Shire of Northover/Hammond, La)
Greyhounds

Mistress Sarita Vashti al Coya
(Barony of Grey Niche/Memphis, Tn)
Performing Arts

The above list of Laurels in Gleann Abhann comes from the Arts and Sciences page of the Gleann Abhann website, <http://gleannabhann.sca.org/artsandsciences/laurels.htm>. The Laurels listed are the ones who are active. There are other Laurels who are inactive at this time. For each Laurel listed, is their SCA name, local group they reside in, and their main areas of interest, which may not necessarily be what they originally received their Laurel in (example being Damiano). A new member of this Order will be created at the Gleann Abhann Live Weapons Championship on June 2, 2007 A.S. XLII.



SCRIPTORIUM SENDING

Their Royal Majesties need award scrolls. Below is the text to one of the many awards in the new Kingdom.

Citizen of Gleann Abhann

Let all men know by these presents that one while not a subject of this Realm has earned Our esteem by [his/her] deeds benefiting Gleann Abhann and Our people. Therefore are We pleased to welcome _____ as a Citizen of Gleann Abhann. We are secure in the knowledge that so long as this good gentle lives and inspires others by example, so shall Gleann Abhann be nurtured and prosper. By Our prerogative We hereto set Our Hands and Seals, this (number) day of (month), Anno Societatis (Society year), being (year) Gregorian.

_Sovereign _Consort



The Shire of Ardanroe
Cordially invites you to the

Kingdom of Gleann Abhann Heraldic and Scribal Symposium

August 24-26 at Lake D'Arbonne State Park, 3628 Evergreen Road, Farmerville, LA

The event will feature classes for scribes and heralds alike, a grand Pas D'Armes hosted by (to be announced), and a fine succulent feast sure to satisfy all.

Pricing

Preregistered (before August 1st)

Weekend: \$20 (includes feast)

Daytrip: \$7 (no feast)

Children (6-12): \$7

Children under 6: Free

At the Gate

Weekend: \$23 (includes feast)

Daytrip: \$10 (no feast)

Children (6-12): \$10

Children under 6: Free

Child prices do not include feast or bed space.

If required, please add the following to child prices: Bed: \$5 Feast: \$5

Nonmembers add \$3 to all prices. As per Kingdom Law, no family will pay more than 3 adult prices as long as the children are 15 and under and all are paid members. This includes 3 bed and feast spaces. Make all checks payable to "SCA Inc. Shire of Ardanroe."

Please send all reservations to: Shire of Ardanroe, PO Box 44542, Shreveport, LA 71334.

The Group Camp will sleep 52 individuals in bunk beds arranged in two dormitories.

Event Steward: Lord Johannes von Gruefenburg
Reservations: Baroness Medb ingen ui Mael Anfaid

Feast Steward: Hugh du Lac

CARRIAGE CHATTER



Brother Knights Uther and Luther von Ziemer

Forest Maiden III, May 4-6, Shire of Blackmoor Keep

(Submitted by Lady Ceara ynseyder kiaull)

Forest Maiden Favor III was held the first weekend of May at the Kiwanis Club of Alexandria's Camp in Pineville, Louisiana by the Shire of Blackmoor Keep. Michael atte Harp, Ceara ynseyder kiaull, James en les Breres, Lorccan na Tuaithe, Danita and their children attended this event. 94 people attended this event. The Forest Maiden Tourney was a list of 18 fighters. Michael fought for his consort Ceara. The tournament was won by THL Effendi Sa'ad ibn Yusuf al Hilal, the autocrat of the event for his consort, Baroness Barbara Sterling.

Gabriel Bacon received a scroll for participation in Youth Combat, due to not enough participants for a youth tournament.

The populace chose Michael as A&S tournament winner with his leather pouch, his first A&S entry.

Lord Cornelius was given M&M's and Chap Stick as the winner of the hand kissing competition.

Lady Meadhbh of Vogelburg won the Quest.

Several classes were taught. Michael and Ceara took part in the Youth Combat Marshal class taught by Baroness Bethany Bacon.

Baroness Barbara Sterling was accepted as a member of The Order of the Cork, an award given to members of Blackmoor Keep for acts of great service. She was awarded a scroll and corks from THL Jean Louis and THL Effendi Sa'ad.

Baroness Barbara Sterling awarded Lord Nigel with a shire token of which there are only two others in existence. Many nice words were spoken on behalf of Lord Nigel.

Before feast, the Daughters of Scheherazade performed for the people in attendance. After feast there was an impromptu hafla in the feast hall. I believe we had 9 drummers and 4 dancers at one point.

Candlelight Camp: As You Wish, May 4-6, Barony of Small Gray Bear

The theme for this year's Candlelight Camp was "The Princess Bride", aka the Dread Pirate Candlelight. The event was held at Camp Taloha, located in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, a site not used before (or not recently) by the Barony. Activities were based on the book and movie and included giants, villains, and ROUS (rodents of unusual size). Sadly it appears no one from Ardanroe attended this event.

Wedding Event, May 11-13, Shire of Troll Fen

The Shire of Troll Fen hosted the Wedding of Alesia von Altmul and Friedrich Karl von Wolfstein at the South Louisiana Woodmen of the World Youth Camp in Abbeville. Love and romance was the theme for the A&S competition. Bride's Champion Tournaments were held in heavy, rapier, and youth combat. Syr Loric prepared the feast. The event was free due to the generosity of the bride's father. As it occurred during Mother's Day weekend, it appears no one from Ardanroe attended this event.

Spring Crown List, May 18-20, Shire of Smythekepe



Uther and Kenna, new Prince and Princess of Gleann Abhann

An Acrostic Poem in Honor of the Birth of the King's Heir
by Rory ua Riada, OP

Take the field oh noble warriors
Heed the marshal oh worthy combatants
Enrich the morning with your processions
Kneel in homage to the Crown
Incite the populace to cheer you on
Nod in acknowledgement of your opponent
Gentlewomen sigh at your bearing
Die with honor that ladies swoon
Off the field watch others battle
Make ready now for soon your turn it will be
Bow to the Crown and your favored lady
Armor up the last two warriors
Read are their names by the field herald
Displayed are their arms upon their shields
In the Queen's company their ladies watch
Shrieks of joy fill the air for our Prince

The Shire of Smythekepe hosted the fifth Crown List for the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann over the weekend of May 18-20, 2007 being the year Anno Societatus XLII (42) in the Society. Not only was this the first Gleann Abhann Kingdom event to be hosted by the Shire, but May 19 was the feastday of St. Dunstan, the Patron Saint of blacksmiths and adopted Saint of the Shire of Smythekepe. Around 219 people attended the event at Shoal Creek Methodist Youth Camp in New Blaine, Arkansas located in the Ozark Mountains. The site was dry, but had eight cabins with beds for 96 people, plus a private cabin hidden behind the main hall with a king size bed for two, and there were open fields amidst the trees for tents.

Baroness Barbara Sterling, Kingdom Historian, spent Thursday night at Rory's. They journeyed from Ardanroe to Smythekepe Friday, departing around ten o'clock that morning in the Baroness' carriage and beat Baroness Medb and Lady Ceara to the site, as they did not leave Ardanroe as early as they had planned.

Lady Bridget O'Fallon was the autocrat. THL Frederick Alton was the feast steward. Lady Alys Rhonwen, Seneschal of Smythekepe, was in charge of gate/troll, as Bantiarna Morin inghen Ruairc, Reeve, assisted her husband, Frederick (feast steward) in the kitchens for the entire event. Seamas Mac Daibhid, Shire Historian, was the site herald and did the morning wake-up calls Saturday and Sunday.

Maistir Rory joined Alys at the troll pavilion at eight-thirty and worked the nine to midnight shifts with assistance from Lady Bridget, Baroness Barbara, and Lady Alys. Light became an issue at nine o'clock Friday night as there were no electric lamps near the troll/gate pavilion. Lady Bridget secured a battery operated lantern and one of the merchants loaned an oil lamp. These on each end of the troll table provided enough light to remain open outside. A huge torch (British term for flashlight), helped with detail work on the troll sheets and flagging in vehicles, as there was no sign to indicate that the gate/troll was located at the round green and white striped pavilion.

Mistress Gabrielle and Lady Beatrix de Montecassino worked troll from midnight to six o'clock Saturday morning. When Lady Bridget offered hot coffee from the main hall to the troll staff, the decision was made to move troll to the main hall for the rest of the night. This allowed Lady Alys to sleep in the back half of the pavilion with both the front and back entrances closed and try to contain heat inside the pavilion. The hall was also warm, so that the troll staff was not stuck with an open door with cold air blowing in.

The weather predictions for the weekend were overnight lows of 55-60 with highs of 75-80 and rain at ten percent. Rain had fallen on Tuesday so things would be slightly damp but there would be no mud. However, the temperature dropped into the thirties and the low for Friday night was 38 degrees. It was as if the cold northern arctic winds of An Tir had settled in for the night. The dew formed icicles!

In the morning Rory located the tired but warm troll staff in the main hall drinking coffee. Breakfast of varieties of quiche and friendship bread was being laid out along with jugs of water and Tang. After all three had broken their fast, Gabrielle, Rory, and Beatrix moved the troll materials back to the round pavilion for the rest of the day. Gabrielle and Beatrix then departed site for a nearby manor to sleep. Rory with the awakening Alys operated troll until nine o'clock, when Lady Bridget relieved Rory, so he could prepare for morning court and the tournament

procession. At eleven-thirty Rory rejoined Bridget to begin closing troll, which took until twelve-thirty due to last minute arrivals. With the attendance sheets in hand, Rory and Bridget then hunted down a half dozen gentles who needed to sign in, including Their Majesties. With this task done and the addition of Lady Melandra of the Woods as the last person to arrive onsite, the attendance sheets were turned over to Their Majesties for use later that day before going into the keeping of Lady Morin.

While many of the entrant's day pavilions were set up Friday night, several were put up early Saturday morning, along with the royal pavilion and a populace pavilion brought by the Crown, it having red and black stripes. The populace pavilion was centered (effectively the 50 yard line) on the south side of the field. House Subrosa's pavilion filled the rest of the space to the right of the populace pavilion. THL Kat the Strange's Persian pavilion and Sir Loric's small day pavilion filled the rest of the space to the left side of the populace pavilion. The water bearers were set up under the House Subrosa pavilion and overseen by THL Nonnie Wlfraven as Lady Abigail Gryndley was a consort under James in les Breres' pavilion. THL Regne de Lyons was under the populace pavilion to answer any questions regarding a Crown List for those whom had never attended one.

Breakfast for the populace was laid out at six-thirty. Armor inspection was to begin at eight o'clock. His Majesty, King Havordh II with the Chivalry and tournament entrants would meet and walk the field at eight-thirty, while Her Majesty, Queen Mary Grace II with the Ladies of the Diamond and Ladies of the Rose and tournament consorts had breakfast in front of the royal cabin.

Lady Eva Helena Vettori, Smythkepe's Provost to RUGA, was in charge of the silent auction which began at nine o'clock in the morning and was to end at five o'clock that afternoon. Many items were donated ranging from fabric to games to books to glassware to jewelry. Rory donated several duplicate copies of *Compleat Anachronist* issues and a Candlemaking kit. He walked away with two fabric items and a set of goblets donated by Baroness Barbara. He lost out in the frantic bid war during the final countdown by Lady Eva at the end of the auction to Mistress Brigit Olesdottir for a set of glass mugs to be engraved by Sir Uther von Ziemer.

Their Majesties held a morning court at the tournament field starting around nine-thirty. Master Stephan of Durham received an Augmentation of Arms.



Robert von Flusswasser, 2nd Pelican

Mistress Broinnfinn inghean ú Chatháin then asked for the granting of a petition for one to join the Order of the Pelican. The members of the Order of the Pelican were summoned before the Crown. Those present from Gleann Abhann were: Master Erik of Telemark, Mistress Brighid Olesdottir of Loch Ree, Mistress Diana of the Isles, Mistress Linnet MacLeod, Master Loric Silvestris, Mistress Broinnfinn inghean ú Chatháin, Mistress Gabrielle von Strassburg, Mistress Meaghan Arsmith of Ludlow, Master Stephan of Durham, Mistress Crystyna Hyrundo, Mistress Jane Beaumont, and Maistir Rory ua Riada. Also present was Master Robyrt of Watersyde, father of THL Magdalena de Segovia, and a member of the Order of the Pelican from the Kingdom of An Tir. The new Pelican to be made that day, the second Pelican of Gleann Abhann, was to be Robert von Flusswasser, Magdalena's husband! Hidden in the audience were his relatives Raymond and Susan Scott, Magdalena's mom, and their children, whom had all snuck on site Saturday morning, quietly trolling in and then hiding.

Sir Aengus spoke for the Chivalry; Master Erik read a letter from Master Iefan Colledig ap Dynfwal Abertawe, Robert's Peer in Trimaris from whom he was an apprentice, as the voice for the Laurels, Master Stephan spoke for the Pelicans, and Mistress Meaghan for the Royals. Mistress Broinnfinn presented the Pelican's medallion which the Crown placed around Robert's neck. Mistress Diana presented the cloak of the Pelican which she put upon Robert's shoulders. Mistress Brigit read the scroll as court herald. Robert then swore fealty to the Crown upon the sword of state. And then he was greeted by all of the Pelicans in hugs and handshakes. The morning court was then closed and the procession of entrants in the fifth Crown List of the Kingdom prepared.

Eighteen noble warriors had been accepted to compete in the fifth Crown List. Unfortunately, due to mundane work, one of the entrants had to drop out. THL Edward of Lyonsmoor and Mistress Eilidh nin Choinnich were unable to attend the event. The seventeen who did compete and their respective ladies were:

Count Aengus mac Owein and Countess Meaghan Arsmith of Ludlow
Viscount Caillin MacLeod and Viscountess Danielle de la Roche
Viscount Uther von Ziemer and Viscountess Kenna nic Aherne von Ziemer

Sir Loric Silvestris and Mistress Diana of the Isle
Sir Robert Gethin Albrit and THL Celestine Albrit
THL Drogo of Axbridge and Mistress Crystyna Hyrundo
Lord Khalil ibn abd al-Rahman and THL Magdalena de Segovia
Baron Fergus O'Kelly and Baroness Rosalind Mihrimah
THL Martin von Augsburg and THL Gwyneth Cearr
Lord Blaec le Dering and THL Sarah MacGregor
THL John of Widcombe and Baroness Anna Genevieve of Ancyra
THL Jon the Tall and Lady Adrianna Nicola Brighton
THL Dante di Piro and Lady Ceara inghean Lasair
Lord Dagan and Lady Mahsheed Leily
Lord James the Holy and THL Luca Sacchetti
Lord William of Glen Lyon and Lady Marisa Symmes of Berewik
Lord James in les Breres and Lady Abigail Gryndley

A variety of heraldry competitions were held to encourage the pageantry of the procession and look of the list field. These were Best Heraldic Dress for a Combatant and Consort; Best Heraldic Showcase by a Household or Group; and Best Heraldic Performance during the Procession. All three were sponsored by Their Majesties. Everyone was encouraged to bring banners and their heraldry, even if not participating in the tournament. The populace was also encouraged to show their support by wearing the colors of their favorite combatant and consort.

THL Sarah MacGregor as Obsidian Herald organized the procession in order of precedence (as listed above). Being one of the consorts in the procession, others had to run the actual procession. Ian O'Donnell played the trumpet before each entrant and consort was announced. THL Bronach ua Mochonna held the cards listing the names of the entrants, consorts, and arms, and handed these out to the respective announcing herald as each entrant's retinue reached the eastern opening to the tourney field. The horn sounded, the entrant's herald announced the entrant and consort, they and their retinue processed across the tourney field to the royal pavilion, the retinue breaking off and returning to the day pavilions and the entrant and consort making a presentation to their prospective parents, King Havordh II and Queen Mary Grace II.

Master Stephan announced some of the entering couples. However, since he was in charge of the field heralds and would be doing a lot of the field heraldry during the tournament, he was happy to have others announce couples, thus sparing his voice for the tournament itself. Aron the Dane announced at least two – Jon the Tall and Martin von Augsburg. Rory announced three – Loric Silvestris, Khalil ibn abd al-Rahman, and Fergus O'Kelly. Mistress Diana had brought a heraldic sash sent by Mistress Daphne, Diamond Principal Herald, whom could not be there as her husband was recovering from back surgery. The sash was worn by many of the heralds during the procession and by the field heralds during the tournament.

Duchess Broinnfinn inghean uí Chatháin was the list minister for the tournament. Her pavilion was set up to the right of the royal pavilion and finished out the space along the west side of the field (Small Gray Bear pavilion, royal pavilion, herald pavilion). Under it she had a table for the list tree, chairs for staff and visitors, and tables with food for the staff and to celebrate Master Robert's elevation, as a vigil had not been held. One dangerous food item was the 'beverage-which-shall-be-nameless' cakes made by Baroness Medb, which almost sabotaged Her Grace's ability to count straight.

Duchess Broinnfinn had preprinted labels of each entrants name to peel and stick on the paper list tree as it progressed. Each card for the field herald had the entrants name, consorts name, and blazon of their arms. THL Ariadne de Ravenna and Baroness Lyzianor were in charge of the shield trees. There were two metal shield trees so that the arms of the entrant and the consort could be shown. Duchess Broinnfinn prepared the list tree shields from the responses of the consorts so that each consort had her arms on a paper shield $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ the size of the wooden shields used on the shield tree. Three pairings (armor up, make ready, take the field) were shown on the three rods on the two trees, thus each opponent in the pairing was on a separate tree. You looked at the two trees to see the two entrants and the two consorts for each match.

After the procession the entrants and their consorts gathered before Their Majesties to take the sword oath and oath of fealty. The tournament then began with Duke Tar Radu as the substitute Earl Marshal, Sir Rey not being there. The first round of fights was made by the entrants themselves. When the entrant and consort had finished presenting themselves to the Crown during the procession, they went to stand along the north or south sides of the field. Those on one side then challenged an opponent on the other side, thus forming the first matches of the first round of the tournament.

The tournament lasted until two o'clock. There were double kills, sometimes occurring several times in a row within one match. The battles were clean and the kills were sometimes swift and sometimes long and drawn out.

When each entrant took the field, his consort was asked to stand so that all might see whom he fought for as the next possible Queen of Gleann Abhann. Several consorts had decorative umbrellas to protect against the sun as they stood by the field during their entrants fight. At one point as a break in the tournament, Their Majesties opened court again and presented Avaline la Cheviere with the Onyx Chalice.

Lunch occurred during the tournament. The meals were prepared in a buffet line inside the main hall from eleven-thirty to one-thirty. Everyone could take a plate with a sandwich, chips, and cookie to the field to eat while they watched the tournament. Some ate inside the hall or on the covered front porch before returning to the tourney field. The entrants and consorts were asked what their sandwich and chip preferences were so that lunch could be delivered to them just as it was delivered to the Crown. Sandwiches ranged from peanut butter and jelly to ham, turkey, and bologna. Unsweetened tea, lemonade, water, and Tang were available to drink.

THL Sarah assisted Duchess Broinfinn in sorting the name labels between rounds one and two. On the field the end of the second round and the entire third round were announced by Lady Melisande of Loch Bais, thus sparing Master Stephan's voice for part of the tourney. Baroness Genevot and the Compagnie of Gleann Abhann Herbalists served herbal refreshments to the Consorts during the tournament. Lady Bridget O'Fallon with assistance from others rolled linen napkins dipped in cold herb water to distribute to all upon the field to cool off from the heat of the sun.

Jon the Tall was defeated by Uther von Ziemer as the last battle in the winners, or no-loss, tree. James the Holy came in fourth being defeated by Aengus mac Owein. Jon the Tall came in third, also defeated by Aengus mac Owein. The finals were between Count Aengus and Viscount Uther. Countess Meaghan and Viscountess Kenna joined Queen Mary Grace II at the royal pavilion as the Chivalry gathered around the inner ring of the tournament field and King Havordh II joined Duke Radu to marshal the final fight. The final fight was announced by Master Stephan and was best two out of three. Count Aengus won the first fight. Viscount Uther won the second fight. Uther won the third fight and was proclaimed the victor and Heir of the throne, the new Prince of Gleann Abhann. King Havordh II presented Uther with the ring of the Heir, which Uther placed upon his left hand. The King then placed the new Coronet of the Prince of Gleann Abhann upon Uther's head. The new Coronet of the Princess of Gleann Abhann was given to Uther by the Queen. He then placed that coronet upon the head of Kenna. There was much cheering followed by applause and hugs and handshakes. The heralds quickly announced that it was time to pick up children from the children's activities pavilion, it now being ten minutes after two.

At three thirty the Gleann Abhann Herbal Guild held a meeting in front of the main hall. It was run by Baroness Genevot, secretary and head of the guild. Also at this time on the front porch of the main hall, the Her Royal Majesty and Her Royal Highness observed the competition for Kingdom Bard and Poet Laureate. Original and/or period works were preferred along with minimum documentation. Her Majesty alternated between the two competitions with a Bard performance of song followed by a poem, song, then poem, etc. until all whom had signed up to compete had done so.

An impromptu RUGA (Royal University of Gleann Abhann) meeting followed the Herbal Guild meeting outside. It was run by Baroness Brianna, Chancellor of RUGA. At four o'clock inside the main hall a meeting was held to discuss starting a textile guild. This was lead by Mistress Brigit. The Chivalry also held a meeting at four o'clock. It was located under the permanent outdoor pavilion.

The silent auction was then brought to an end at four-thirty instead of five o'clock as the afternoon court was to be held at five o'clock on the tourney field. The winning bids were combined together by names of the winning bidders. All funds collected from the winning bidders were turned over to the Queen as the Pennsic Fund, useable for purchases not permitted by SCA funds, such as alcohol for the Pennsic party. Near these tables were placed flyers by Baroness Rosalind for the new Arts and Sciences Newsletter, *Ceachtanna*, being developed for the Kingdom, and flyers for Fight Club, the Wolfe Pit fund raiser being hosted by Maison des Animaux to improve the Animaux Gulf Wars Camp during the Hunt for the Prize event in June.

The afternoon court of Their Royal Majesties began at five-thirty. Mistress Brigit Olesdottir continued as the court herald for the day, announcing the Crown and Heirs entrance. Looking at the royal pavilion, seated from left to right were Princess Kenna, Prince Uther, Queen Mary Grace, and King Havordh, the Crown's thrones being center under the pavilion. The royal rug and kneeling pillows were present for those summoned before the Crown.

The Oath of Fealty was offered and given to all wishing to swear it at this time. Kenneth Frazier of Smythkepe then received the Onyx Chalice with an Award of Arms. Easa of Smythkepe received an Award of Arms. The children of Gleann Abhann were given gifts of smelly bubble stuff or Princess Frisbees. These were also given to the Crown's Heirs. The Smythkepe Herbal Guild or representatives composed of eight people presented a gift basket of perfumes and other herbal items to the Crown.

Drogo of Axbridge received the Banner of Valor from the King. The Banner of Valor was presented to an entrant in the tournament who had fought above and beyond what was expected. The recipient had the honor of

carrying the banner until the next Crown Tournament and adding their arms to the banner. Already the banner bore the arms of Blaec le Dering and Caedmon of Jorvik.

Sarah MacGregor was then summoned. Her Majesty said that the discussion at the breakfast table of consorts included 'the Sarah dress.' For her efforts in period dress and encouraging others in period dress, many ladies making 'the Sarah dress' dating to the 14th century, Sarah was presented with the Silver Ram.

Aine ingen Gabhainn (sounded like Anya Inga Ingahand), gave a shameless event plug for Aphar Fair XV.

Baroness Medb ingen ui Mael Anfaid for her work and organization of teas and luncheons, being head troll of Gulf Wars, and other service to the Kingdom, received a Grant of Arms.

Her Majesty presented Dagan with the Wreath of Chivalry and named him as the Her Majesty's Armored Champion. His name would be entered in the rolls as the Queen's Champion.

Master Erik of Telemark was summoned to announce that there was a change in Kingdom Law. His Majesty, Havordh, a certified speed reader, read the law change rapidly, which dealt with the Family Rate.

Master Rory ua Riada was summoned. He asked a boon, as the first Pelican of Gleann Abhann on this special day when the second Pelican of Gleann Abhann was made, to take his first associate, THL Nonnie Wlfraven. Rory then received the sash of the Poet Laureate, as winner of the Poet Laureate competition that afternoon.

Their Majesties then announced the winners of the sponsored heraldic competitions. Count Aengus and Countess Meaghan won the "Best Heraldically Dressed Couple". Unfortunately they had just left site. Dagan and Mahsheed won the "Best Heraldic Group Display". Aron the Dane won the "Best Heraldic Performance during the Procession".

Alina nic an Bhaird was named the new Kingdom Bard. She received the sash of the Kingdom Bard from Princess Kenna, whom was the outgoing Kingdom Bard.

Lady Bridget O'Fallon, autocrat, thanked everyone for coming to the Spring Polar Event which had temperatures of 38 degrees last night. Everyone who paid for feast would be able to sit inside the main hall. Sir Kane with Shadow Legion was also doing a backdoor feast near the tenting area. Dancing, gaming, and bardic would occur after feast.

Baroness Barbara Sterling revealed the answer to her Guessing Game. She had an anachronistic roll of film and the game was to guess the number of holes/shadows/windows in the roll. The answer was 635; Magdalena was one over with 636; and Ian O'Donnell won with 633. He received a bag of M&M's. The Baroness also had several cards which she had spent the day having people sign or write notes on for Baron Thaddeus of Camberwell. Mistress Diana would take these cards home with her to give to the Baron, who was recovering from back surgery.

Amber Rhiannon Morgan received a Grant of Arms and then court was closed.

Feast was held inside the main hall shortly after six-thirty. Sir Caillin MacLeoid led the toast to the Their Royal Majesties. Sir Rashid ibn Hilal led the toast to Their Royal Highnesses. Between the second and third remove THL Dante di Piro played auctioneer for a second fund raiser for the Pennsic Fund. Viscountess Brenna had brought from home one of Viscount Michael of the Mace's beautifully crafted real swords, not rattan, which bore a notable fact in Gleann Abhann history. The young Aidan Frazer won the auction with the highest bid. Between the silent auction and the sword auction, just over \$400 was raised for Gleann Abhann's Presence at Pennsic and for the Party the Kingdom will co-host with Meridies.

At the end of feast, a dessert bar was set up for the evening revelry that was to include dancing, games, bardic circle, and Middle Eastern dancing. The dessert bar was fabulously decadent in the amount of chocolate sweets ranging from cakes and brownies to fudge. A large pot of coffee was present to help wash down the gooey yummiest morsels.



Over the Fence



If any shire member should be in need of medical attention, or just of new wares, they should hope to find themselves in the company of Rovena of Bri Leith.

This lovely Irish woman and her Highlander husband are traveling merchants who dabble in herbology and brewing, and travel as far as the Isle will allow them to go. They often find themselves guests in monasteries. They learn the news of the wider world from local gentries who beg thier company.

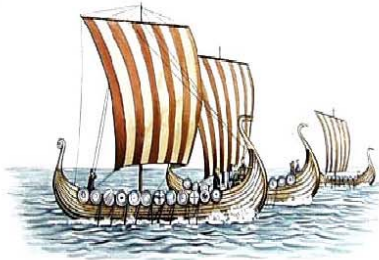
From her education at the covenant, she speaks Irish, Scottish, English and Latin. Rovena of Bri Leith tries to get by as comfortably and simply as she can.

So next time you hear their wagon coming up the road, be sure to have a look...you never know what treasure you might find.



Rovena of Bri Leith (right) with Conor the Black and Susannah Eisenrose

Baldar's Revenge



A little shrub by blind man's hand
Took the life of the beautiful man
And so was Loki and his family cursed
And so came the winter worse
Yet Thor was peeved
and with thunder hammer
Took away the clouds and rainy day banter
So that the lakes and streams went dry
Crops wilted and cattle die
And under the midnight sun
Day continued never done

Please the angry Thor
Smash giants and traitors galore
And hear his approval rumble
As thunder and rain for the humble
To take vengeance for Baldar's loss
End summer at all costs
Bring back cool breezes and autumn leaves
And appease the gods who for Baldar grieves

The bright rays of the summer sun are upon us and we must revenge Baldar's death and bring back the autumn winds.

All are invited to join the Shire of Ardanroe for a FREE Social Event that will last from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.
August 11, 2007
Holy Cross Villas
Bossier City, LA

There will be two tournaments held. The Ardanroe Champions Tourney is restricted to Ardanroe fighters. The Viking Weapons Tournament is open to all fighters. Weapons allowed will be six foot or shorter spear, five foot or shorter axe, one-handed axe, shields, short sword, dagger (seax) or hammer.

There will be an open Viking themed A&S competition

All are invited to take part in an assortment of fun Viking games

The Shire of Ardanroe will be providing hamburgers and hot dogs for Lunch. Please bring your favorite side dish to share.

Please contact Lady Ceara ynseyder kiaull at historian@ardanroe.org for Directions to these lovely lands

Please provide a count of who will be attending and the type of food that you will bring for all to sample.