

# ARDANRUNES

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## Calendar of Events

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## ARDANROE OFFICERS

Seneschal: The Honorable Lady Kendra Dey  
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Herald: The Honorable Lady Evlaliia Sveneicha  
Exchequer: The Honorable Lady Joya la Normande  
Minister of Arts & Sciences: THLady Melisant of Exmoor  
Chronicler: Barun Rory ua Riada  
Chroniclers in Training: Marguerite and ‘Cecilia’

Chatelaine: Aedan  
Constable: Lord Jurgis Bebra  
Historian: Lord Ebrahim al-Jabal{i-}  
Quartermaster: THLady Joya la Normande  
Minister of Children: Lady Bride O Sullevan  
Web Minister: Lord Akimoro of Ardanroe  
Chirurgeon: THL Mateo Lopez

## THE END IS UPON US!

*The End is Upon Us!* Yes, this issue of *Ardanrunes* marks the ***end!*** ... of my eight year term as Chronicler. The new Gregorian year will mark the start of Marguerite’s term as the local chronicler of Ardanroe. Please give her your thoughts, news, and assistance. Cecilia (formerly Isabella) plans to assist Marguerite as co-Chronicler. Prepare for changes as Marguerite and Cecilia put their own spin on one of the longest running local newsletters; the first issue dating back to 1981 by Kenna McKenna.



## HARKEN YE!

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

- December 1 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – A. C. Steer off Youree Drive (Sunday)
- December 5 – Fighter Practice – 6:30 p.m. – Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church (3939 Pines Road, Shreveport, LA 71119) (Thursday)
- December 8 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – A. C. Steer off Youree Drive (Sunday)
- December 11 – Shire Populace Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)
- December 12 – Fighter Practice – 6:30 p.m. – Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church (3939 Pines Road, Shreveport, LA 71119) (Thursday)
- December 15 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – A. C. Steer off Youree Drive (Sunday)
- December 19 – Fighter Practice – 6:30 p.m. – Mangum Memorial United Methodist Church (3939 Pines Road, Shreveport, LA 71119) (Thursday)
- December 22 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – A. C. Steer off Youree Drive (Sunday)
- December 29 – Fifth Sunday Demo Tourney – 2:00 p.m. – Betty Virginia Park (off Line Avenue) (Sunday)

**NOTE:** Fighter practice held at Duck Pond off King’s Highway on Sundays when raining. Please see the Shire website and Ardanroe Yahoogroup for updates.



## THE GLEANN ABHANN LIBRARY

If you have not already noticed, we have just updated to a [new online library](http://docs.gleannabhann.net) (<http://docs.gleannabhann.net>). This new library offers more features and a better interface than the one we have been using. With this new system, I also want to introduce our new Librarian, Lady Sarra Mary Heryngton. She is a deputy to the Kingdom Webminister and will be handling the management of our online documentation henceforth. With more and more people turning to our digital presence for information, this has become a very important part of our online goals. So from now on, if you need a document updated in the Library, send your files to [library@gleannabhann.net](mailto:library@gleannabhann.net) and Lady Sarra will be there to assist.

-Kingdom Webminister Hassan al-Khalil



## TOWN FAIRE

Fighter practices were actually held in October for Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>. Gilbert, Isabella, and Symon fought on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Ciggy, Gilbert, Isabella, and Symon fought on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Sunday fighter practices were actually held at A.C. Steer off Youree Drive on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>. Ciggy watched while Isabella, Ryan M and Symon fought on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Akimoro, Álfráðr, Gaius, Jason P, and Symon fought on the 13<sup>th</sup> while Ciggy, Devin, Dylan, and Paula watched. Isabella and Ryan M fought on the 20<sup>th</sup> while Álfráðr, Ciggy, and Symon watched. Akimoro, Álfráðr, Isabella, Ryan M, and Symon fought on the 27<sup>th</sup> while Ciggy watched. Isabella and Symon tied with the most fighter practices in October they fought at, but Symon won in overall attendance, being at all seven practices held that month (Sundays and Thursdays).

November brought the true northern winds and a need for layers (under tunic, over tunic, coat, cloak, bantha). Fighter practice was held Sunday afternoon, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at A. C. Steer off Youree Drive starting around two o'clock. Symon, Gaius, Álfráðr, Isabella, Tralin, and Ryan M fought, while Devin watched.

Monday's Project night was held on November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Auld's Flower Shop near LSU-S starting shortly after five-thirty. Ebrahim sanded the game boards and other wood items for the games. James taught everyone how to string paternosters and create tassels to complete them. Katherine, Joya, and Rory strung the paternosters, while Jurgis sorted the beads. Kendra and Evlaliia created the tassels. New Curt (not Gaius who is Old Curt) observed.

Fighter practice on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> was cancelled.

Sunday fighter practice, November 10<sup>th</sup>, the day after Fall Crown List for the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann, found a large crowd at A. C. Steer off Youree Drive. While Ciggy and Paula P watched, Symon, Álfráðr, Isabella, Jason P, Akimoro, Brian, and Ryan M fought.

Thursday fighter practice on November 14<sup>th</sup> had just Gilbert and Isabella. They discussed armor instead of whacking each other with rattan.

Jason and Paula report that Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> went well. "The Prescott Pell Practice/Feast was a good turnout. Not too much pell work, but lots of crafting of weapons, shields, and rule readings with experimenting involved. After feasting and talks, we ended the night with videos of funnies and last weeks fights. Also note, I am having work status changes and will hopefully be freed for evenings. I would like to say that if you give me and Paula a heads up I will say anyone is welcome to come work on any armor, shields or weapons that you may need work on, or if you would like to go a few rounds with pell workouts. Well thanks again for the showing, it was lots of fun. See you all tomorrow, and next month." Attendees included Jason and Paula P and Dylan, Isabella, Álfráðr, Gaius, and Symon.

War practice was the plan instead of a regular fighter practice on November 17<sup>th</sup> at A.C. Steer. Notices were sent out to several nearby groups but only the Ardanroe residents came out. Unit fighting was done followed by regular practice of one-on-one. Isabella, Álfráðr, Jason P, Symon, Gaius, Tralin, Siggi not Ciggy (aka Sigmundur Agnarsson), and Brian H fought. Sarah, Paula P, Dylan, Evlaliia, Aedan, and Rory observed.

Monday's project night at the Auld's Flower Shop near LSU-S on November 18<sup>th</sup> was a very full two to two and a half hours of sewing, stamping, painting, and circuitry. Sarah, Kendra, and Evlaliia serged; Marcilla and Rory scissor trimmed; James stamped; Avice and Amata and Joya painted; and Gaius did circuitry. Attendees included Kendra, Rory, Evlaliia, Gilbert, Amata, Jurgis, Joya, Avice, Katherine, Marcilla, James, Sarah, and Gaius. Ebrahim

came early and dropped off some of the game boards. Aedan arrived at the end. 89 belt tokens for BAM were made and several dags on the Royal pavilion were worked on.



Due to BAM, Thursday evening's fighter practice November 21<sup>st</sup> was moved from the church to A.C. Steer under the lights by the tennis courts starting at 6:30 pm. Akimoro was in charge. Attendees were just Akimoro and Jason P fighting the good fight.

Due to the weather (cold outside, ground wet from 3+ inches of rain over the past 48 hours) and everyone returning from BAM very cold and wet, Sunday fighter practice on November 24<sup>th</sup> was cancelled.

There was no fighter practice on the 28<sup>th</sup>, it being Thanksgiving.



### **WANTED: WEB MINISTER DEPUTY**

Akimoro would like a deputy. The local web minister position is easy!! Contact Aki for details.





## CASTLE ADVENTURE COMES TO SCI-PORT

Sci-Port, Louisiana's Science Center in Shreveport, will host the traveling exhibit "Lego Castle Adventure" from October 5, 2013 – January 12, 2014. The exhibit will not only be fun and games, but information about real-world castles along with how to build and defend them. For more information about the exhibit see their website:

[http://www.sciport.org/index.php?cid=895529&src=gendocs&ref=Traveling%20Exhibitions&category=Exhibits\\_and\\_Galleries&curlid=173](http://www.sciport.org/index.php?cid=895529&src=gendocs&ref=Traveling%20Exhibitions&category=Exhibits_and_Galleries&curlid=173)



## GLEANN ABHANN OATH OF FEALTY

POPULACE:

I \_\_\_\_\_ (state your name)  
This day pledge fealty to the Crown of Gleann Abhann  
And vow to provide my arms in times of war,  
My art in times of peace,  
And my services in times of need.  
I promise to defend our fair Kingdom  
Against all that desire her harm  
With word, deed and force  
From this day forward  
As long as my Crown allows  
I am bound to be faithful  
Holding Honor and Courtesy above all.

CROWN:

Let all here bear witness, that We, (name), King of Gleann Abhann  
And (name), Queen of Gleann Abhann, hear and accept your oath of fealty, given in good faith,  
In turn, We vow to defend and support you and yours, with word, deed and force.  
Those that keep and hold this oath true will be rewarded with Our favor.  
Those that forget this oath and break faith shall be repaid with Our judgment and dreadful wraith.  
Now, arise and go, keeping Honor and Courtesy above all.



## **COSTUME COLLECTION CHALLENGE FOR KINGDOM A&S 2014**

Maistres Alysia and I are pleased to announce our Costume Collection Challenge for Kingdom A&S 2014. Participants in this challenge will be asked to do the following:

1. Make 3 costumes from the same culture/time period. This can be for you or 3 different people. Examples could be a family set of costumes, 16th ottoman Turk showcasing inside the harem, out in public and court wear or Roman - servant, soldier, and senator.
2. Participants will enter 1 full costume in Costume Review, 1 piece in Costume - single item and 1 item in costume accessory. Yes, those who decide to take this challenge all the way to KA&S could go for Champion as well.

We will offer non competitive opportunities throughout the next year to show off your progress such as Display/comments only and Runways. We will also be available for consultations to help you in any way we can to help you with any costuming questions.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Mistress Rosalind bint Mihrimah





## FORTNIGHT

The November Populace Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 13, 2013, at Aulds Library (3950 Wayne Avenue, Bossier City, LA 71112). The meeting began at seven o'clock and ended at eight-fifteen-ish. Twenty-two adults and four child attended.

Attendees: Álfráðr, Paul the Small, Gilbert, Marcilla, Aedan, Evlaliia, Isabella, Akimoro, Kendra, Medb, James, Ebrahim, Rory, Sarah, Gaius, Amata, Melisant and children (Eric and Elizabeth), Michael and Asa and children (Seth and Liam), Joya, Jurgis, and Harmony.

### Officer Reports

#### Seneschal

- Local reports due in November are Historian, Marshal, A&S, and MOC.
- If you have submitted a local officer report due in an earlier month, please be sure a copy has reached the Seneschal.
- Congrats to the newlyweds here tonight – Paul and Harmony.

#### Knight's Marshal

- Fighter practices are going well. We have had a few new authorizations. We also have some new faces – one being a fellow from Ansteorra (Amarillo, TX) here until Easter do to work transfer.
- Redoing the lamellar for the armor suits in loaner armor. Should be able to turn the two into three.
- One armor bag has fallen apart and needs to be replaced.
- Scraps of leather are welcome for loaner armor construction.
- Weeding the loaner stuff – have 6 left handed hockey gloves (example). Will be posting “weed-able” items to the list for members to purchase/lay claim to.
- This Sunday (17<sup>th</sup>) is War Practice instead of regular fighter practice. Will have folks outside the Shire coming. Isabella set this in motion and others have sent notices out to encourage folks to come. Kendra will try to put something on the Gleann Abhann facebook page.
- We have two new deputy knight marshals – Jason P and Isabella. Both were authorized at Havoc.

#### Herald

- Aedan has received his return letter on his name. He will get with Evlaliia to translate it.
- Gaius' submission was received by Ruby and should go into the next KLOI (internal commenting letter).

#### Exchequer

- The Shire has money.

#### A&S

- Report is done and turned in.
- Please start sending in for the next report anything you do in the arts and sciences.
- November and December Shire A&S Nights are cancelled due to the holidays.
- January Shire A&S Night will be “Panic Night” in preparation of Winter Wonders.

#### Chronicler

- Almost finished with my last issue of Ardanrunes as your local chronicler.
- BAM is the last event to write up. Send BAM info to me.
- Calendar changes – the Thursday fighter practice the week of BAM is cancelled. Currently no plans to have Thursday fighter practice the day after Christmas.

#### Chatelaine

- Aedan is now officially the local Chatelaine of Ardanroe.
- Sci-Port has been contacted and they are eager to have the SCA participate in the LEGO Castle exhibit and in future exhibits.
- Currently Sci-Port is planning an all-day LEGO Castle activity on Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. More info will be sent to Aedan and he will distribute to the group. Questions to ask Sci-Port: place for fighting and barriers to put up to keep crowd away from the fighters while they are fighting? What hours for the demo?
- A good source to give new folk about the SCA (prospective members and groups to demo for) is the new SCA New Comers Interactive Portal.
- Aedan moving into new house at end of month. Gold Key will then move to his place and an inventory will be done. Perhaps inventory one night in the Library.

#### Constable

- All is normal.

#### Historian

- Due to car accident the November 15<sup>th</sup> quarterly report will be late.

#### Quartermaster

- Does the autocrat/feastcrat need to see the Shire trailer before Winter Wonders? Yes. Michael will get with Melisant about a day/time (this weekend if possible) to go through the trailer in feast prep.
- Royal liaison stuff (royal bedding) will also be sent to Winter Wonders royal liaison via Michael when he goes through the trailer.

#### Minister of Children – not here

#### Webminister

- Sending server info to Kendra for next renewal.
- Plan from Society is that Kingdom Web Minister will have all local groups’ websites as part of the Kingdom website. People are now slowly moving their local groups to the Kingdom server. This will take a while.
- Many changes to Website Policies coming from Society.
- Looking for a deputy for the local office.
- Facebook has changes. From now on Facebook Event pages for SCA events all need to through the Kingdom Facebook page. Winter Wonders is the first to do that.

#### Chirurgion – not here

- Kingdom Chirurgion reported that Adelaide in Axemoor is doing the Auxillary for BAM. 2L bottles are being collected.

- Gatorade has been committed for BAM by the Queen during final court at Fall Crown List.
- Shire votes to approve \$50 for water-bearer supplies (water, etc) for BAM.

### Old Business

#### Pell Practice

- The next pell practice to be hosted at Jason and Paula's will be this Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.

#### Monday Nights

- James plans for the next Monday Night "Ardanroe Toy Factory" to be November 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at the Flower Shop. Sergers and scrap cloth are needed for creating the bags from the games to go into.
- Belt pouches for BAM will also be made, so a lot of sewing will be occurring.
- Please come as lots of folks makes it all go faster and gets more done.
- Avice has the Kingdom pavilion Dag Project to be continued in painting as well.
- November 18<sup>th</sup> is the last official Monday Night for 2013.

#### Winter Wonders (January 17-19, 2014)

- After BAM Sarah will go over banners and tabards to see what needs to be touched up to finish on these projects.
- Kendra is doing the site tokens
- James is royal liaison. He needs a helper who can climb over beds for set up of the royal bedding stuff.
- Paul is working on the prizes – Viking style drinking horns
- A rapier marshal is needed for the Holmgang (bear pit rapier thing)
- The Crest tourney will be the TOC qualifying tourney at Winter Wonders
- Bridesmaid tourney is planned to be had but the name of it may change – send suggestions to Sarah
- Michael is head cook. Menu is done. Wassail (non-alcoholic) will be made for drinking while waiting for feast to start and during feast and after feast
- James and Kendra have freezers for the meat
- Fresh food shopping at Sam's will be Wednesday night, January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Asa is doing traveler's fare Friday night – taco soup
- People will be needed to help unload all the feast stuff Friday night and to work the kitchens the hour or two before feast and during feast.
- Regional A&S will take up one half (one side) of the hall on Saturday. Set up will be Saturday for Regional A&S – set up 8 am; judges meeting 9 am; judging starts 9:15; Regional A&S over and break down 2:30 pm
- Last Winter Wonders there were 26 entries in Regional A&S (highest number during the year at any of the Regionals). James is challenging nearby groups to enter Regional to see which local group can boast having the most entries at Regional.
- There will be a scroll and prize (VDH) for Regional A&S.
- Total of 6 scrolls and 6 prizes for all contests/activities at Winter Wonders
- Asa in charge of hall decoration Friday night
- Troll will be set up on the opposite side of the hall from Regional A&S.
- Would like braziers and tiki torches to have around the list field
- Four workshops are planned – 2 indoor and 2 outside – some instructors have committed and others are being sought
- Winter Wonders is Viking themed. If you want help making Viking garb, please ask! You do not have to have Viking garb to attend this event!

### New Business

#### Holiday Gathering

- Possibly make the Fifth Sunday Demo/Tourney (December 29<sup>th</sup>) also the Holiday Gathering. See Kendra.

#### Kingdom Event Bids

- We have to bid on a 2014 Kingdom Level Event.
- Send suggestions to Kendra.

- Will discuss at the January Populace Meeting (or Decembers?).

#### Rapier Gathering and Event Bids

- Think of when want the Rapier Gathering. Send thoughts to Kendra.
- Think about bidding on other events (not just official Kingdom Level Events). Will discuss in January.

Notes from the Populace Meeting provided by Barun Rory, Chronicler



## CARRIAGE CHATTER

### Havoc X, Shire of Loch Bais, October 11-13, 2013 AS XLVIII

(Written by Rory ua Riada)

What is the true number for Havoc? When asked this question by Isabel Winterbourne, Mistress Barbara Sterling, Kingdom Historian of Gleann Abhann, and Maistre Rory ua Riada, hoarder of crap (I mean keeper of lots of exciting stuff), did research on the event and discovered the following information. However, by the time all had been found, a number had been decided upon, for flyers cannot wait!

From searching through the old *Popular Chivalry* (newsletter of the Kingdom of Meridies) the following was found:

- 1999 - Loch Bais holds Birthday Bash in June and the GA Fall Coronet List in November. (The Coronet List was for the Prince and Princess of the Principality. Crown List is for the King and Queen of the Kingdom.)
- 2000 – The first Havoc is called Loki’s Holiday, held October 20-22, 2000 at Camp Grant Walker (Pollock, LA).
- 2001 – Loki’s Havoc is to be held with the GA A&S and COGA October 19-21. But a tornado damages the site and the event is cancelled. Axemoor hosts the GA A&S/COGA as part of Christmas Revel in December.
- 2002 – Now named Halloween Havoc with notice in the flyer saying “Replacing the event named for ‘He whose name will not be called’.” The site is Flatwoods, LA and the date is October 18-20, 2002.
- 2003 – Halloween Havoc II – October 17-19, 2003 at Caney Methodist Camp.
- 2004 – Halloween Havoc – October 15-17, 2004 at Caney Methodist Camp.
- 2005 – Halloween Havoc – October 21-23, 2005 at Caney Methodist Camp. And of course two hurricanes came and the event was cancelled.
- 2006 – Halloween Havoc – November 4-6, 2006 at Caney Methodist Camp.
- 2007 – Halloween Havoc – November 9-11, 2007 (originally the date was October 26-28, 2007) at Caney Methodist Camp.
- 2008 – Halloween Havoc – October 17-19, 2008 at Caney Methodist Camp.
- 2009 – Havoc (Heraldic Havoc) – October 30 – November 1, 2009 at Caney Methodist Camp. Heraldic Havoc “featuring the annual Kingdom Heraldic and Scribal Symposium”.
- 2010 – Havoc – October 22-24, 2010 at Caney Methodist Camp.
- 2011 – Havoc – October 28-30, 2011 at Lake Bistineau State Park.
- 2012 – Iain and Melisande got married so no event (perhaps not the reason but a good reason if not the real one).
- 2013 – Havoc – October 11-13, 2013 at Lake Bistineau State Park (again a date change; originally the last weekend of October, 25-27).

So the event name was Loki's Havoc in 2001 when the tornado cancelled it. The event was Halloween Havoc from 2002 – 2008 and held at Caney Methodist Camp from 2003 – 2008; in Flatwoods, Louisiana in 2002. In 2009 the name changed to just Havoc, but was called Heraldic Havoc in the flyer due to combining with the Kingdom Heraldic and Scribal Symposium. It has remained just Havoc since then and remained at Caney Methodist Camp through 2010. In 2011 it moved to Lake Bistineau State Park and was again being held there in 2013.

Numbering the years starting with 2000 when it was Loki's Holiday:

2000 – 1st  
2001 – Cancelled by tornado  
2002 – 2nd  
2003 – 3rd  
2004 – 4th  
2005 – Cancelled by hurricanes  
2006 – 5th  
2007 – 6th  
2008 – 7th  
2009 – 8th  
2010 – 9th  
2011 – 10th  
2012 – Not held due to wedding  
2013 – 11th

But 2000 did not use the word "havoc", instead being Loki's Holiday. So if counting the times the event was held and actually called 'havoc' in its name, the 2013 event was Havoc X.

Havoc X was held the second weekend of October by the Shire of Loch Bais at Lake Bistineau State Park Group Camp One in Doyline, Louisiana. The event stewards were THLord Iain O'Donnell and THLady Isabel Winterbourne. The head cook was THLord Bran Finn hua Néill. The class coordinator was Lady Auriana Ravenstein. Reservations were handled by THLady Melisande le Piryere. The event advertised a Shire Defender Tourney, TOC Qualifier, and A&S Classes. The site would open at five o'clock Friday evening and close at ten o'clock Sunday morning.

Further changes would occur besides the date change (the last weekend of October being Paul the Small's wedding to Harmony). THLady Isabel Winterbourne would become the head cook as Bran would not be able to attend, being far and away. Activities would include a rapier tournament along with Toss the Shire Rock and a scavenger hunt with prizes. Viking-themed A&S classes were planned. For:

*The days begin to shorten and the ships begin to return from viking journeys, heralding the coming days of winter. We bring in the harvests and prepare for the chill, but not all is work and toil! Games of skill are the order of the day; tournaments and contests, a scavenger hunt, fun and laughter. Beware! An unnamed trickster lies in wait - he has already dogged our steps with difficulties!*

Friday evening the site opened. Traveler's fare was laid out at seven o'clock and all were encouraged to bring their own feast gear. Dublin Coddle and vegetarian vegetable soup were served. Dublin Coddle is a layered dish composed of potatoes, onions, bacon, sausage, salt and pepper and chicken broth. Vegetable soup is soup made with vegetables. At midnight the main hall closed.

The Shire of Ardanroe was well represented at Havoc X with at least fifteen gentlefolk, being Jurgis, Joya, Isabella, Jason, Aedan, Marguerite, Wade and Maddy, Matt the Visitor, Paul and Harmony, Asa and Michael atte Harp, Gilbert and Marcilla. The event itself was small in attendance, SCA Trek the Next Generation being held the same weekend in Grey Niche. At least 50 folks attended, some from as far away as Seleone. Feast was planned for 60 to 64 max. At 50, Ardanroe composed 30% of attendees. At 64, Ardanroe composed 23% of attendees.

Fasts were broken Saturday morning, again with feast gear requested. Inspections of armor for the tournaments, heavy and light, were then held. Sir Grimbaldu Bacon won the TOC qualifier. After the tourneys Jason was authorized as a fighter. Yeah! He then convinced Isabella to authorize and not just hang out to do pick-ups. Thusly two more members of Ardanroe were authorized to hit people during tourneys and melees at events. Yeah!

Whether two heavy tourneys were held or just one, and whether a rapier tourney was actually held, I know not. The shire folk were not that specific. However, lunch was a fundraiser done by Clan Gambit, which raised \$65 from the 50 who partook of their meatball sandwiches.

In the afternoon Mistress Brigit gave a class on 'Viking Apron dress and Viking culture'. Master Erik gave a class on 'Viking Boats and Viking tools'. Lady Jorhildr gave a class on 'Pin cushions'. Lady Auriana gave taught 'Viking Embroidery'. It rained that afternoon, so indoor classes went over well.

The A&S contest held at the event had several entrants. These included a wooden box by Swete Rollo, mead by Meg, embroidery of a pelican by Isabel, leatherwork knife sheaths by Conall O Caindealbhain, Isabel's husband, and an Elizabethan motif embroidery by Auriana. Swete won the A&S contest with his box.

Viking Games may have been held in the late afternoon, depending on the weather. Either as a Viking game in the late afternoon, or during feast, each table of seated gentlefolk were asked to spell the word 'havoc' with Viking runes. The Viking runes were the site tokens, each site token representing a runic letter. Isabella's table completed the challenge first and won wine as the prize.

Feast set-up was around six o'clock with feast starting at six-thirty. Syr Loric, Mistress Diana, and Adalaide came up from Seleone and Axemoor to assist Isabel with feast and to do the lunch fundraiser. The gentle drink servers were Ishe Goblin, Alex, Ethan Jr, and Isabet who worked hard not only during the feast, but were constant helpers throughout the day. Ishe especially was instrumental in one of the most important ingredients for one of the first course dishes in the mushrooms.

The first course was Flampoyntes (spiced minced pork and cheese pies), bacon-wrapped dates, marinated olives, and roasted garlic mushrooms. The second course was venison and barley stew, vegetable and barley stew (alternative - sign up for this at troll please!), bread and butter, and herbed soft cheese for spreading. The third course was Balsamic and red wine roasted chicken, cabbage with bacon, roasted onions, and mixed harvest grains. A dessert table with varied and sundry delicacies followed feast. The desserts were brought by members of Loch Bais and others to share. Rave reviews were received from the Ardanroe attendees regarding feast.

During feast the children in the 'Babbs' family, possibly the big family who came up in court as their first event at Slay the Dragon, persuaded Swete Rolle to do storytelling. This was very amusing and entertaining and surely never to be forgotten, and quite possibly never to be repeated again.

One of the wondrous items to come from Havoc X is the Havoc X Feast Handbook created by Isabel Winterbourne to guide her in her first time as head cook. It contains the dishes for traveler's fare and feast, recipes for each dish, a precook schedule for the week leading up to the event, shopping lists for each precook day, other equipment needed for the precook, an ingredients list for those who might have allergies or dietary restrictions, a sign-up sheet for the alternate soup at feast, and a decorative feast menu fitting the Viking theme of Havoc X for displaying at the event. The tome of knowledge can be obtained from a search for Isabel in the great book of faces.





### **Diamond Wars: The War of the Meats, Barony of Small Gray Bear, October 17-20, 2013 AS XLVIII**

(Written by Rory ua Riada)

Baron James en les Breres was the sole representative for the Shire of Ardanroe at Diamond Wars this year. As Chancellor he was picked up by Their Royal Majesties carriage as it passed through the Shire, Baroness Medb and THLady Avice having breakfast with the Crown before Their Royal Majesties departed with James to deal with the Bovine Heresy.

The War of the Meats was the theme of this year's Diamond Wars, the annual event of the Barony of Small Gray Bear. The event was held the third weekend of October at Camp Cedar Valley on Boy Scout Road in Viola, Arkansas. This was an epic battle between the Barony of Weisenfeuer in the Kingdom of Ansteorra and the Barony of Grey Niche to determine which meat reigns supreme – beef (bovine) or pork (porcine).

The event started on Thursday, October 17 and concluded on Sunday, October 20. Fighting, fencing, A&S classes, competitions, equestrian, archery, and the famous Friday Night Fights were planned. THLord Brendan mac Sionnac was the autocrat. THLady Fronicka von Wieduwilt handled reservations.

The principals of the war were the Barony of Wiesenfeuer, lead by their Vicar and Vicaress, Ciaran Mac Giolla Bhrighde and Branislava, and the Barony of Grey Niche, led by Baroness Linnet MacLeod. Lady Sula organized the food. Sir Rey Ribeauumont, Mistress Ceridwen, and Centurion Johan provided pork and beef barbeque for Saturday's festivities. Baron John the Bellringer was the war-crat aided and abetted by Lord Wulfric Hoebrake and Stiggs. A hound course was put together by Lord Jac. Equestrian was overseen by THL Christiana Breakspear. Lady Aoibheann and Lady Fleur Stewart arranged the Ball. Lord Giacomo ran a herald consulting table and evidently crafted the Porcine Creed for the event. THL Katryne MacIntosh the Strange was the site herald and submitted the award report from court. Merchanting was arranged by THL Edrei.

The incipient Shire of Pilgrim Fount held their first fundraiser, Saturday lunch, at Diamond Wars. Anastasia Krejocva was the feastocrat and Gunthor Brandson was the awesome chef, with many, many Shire folk working on chicken and cheese and grape kebobs and baking cookies.

Saturday breakfast was also a fundraiser, this one by first by the incipient Shire of Ravenshold. Sviddag Skyldissonn was the chef and chief cook assisted by Walter at the stove to make eggs, biscuits, sausage gravy, pancakes, and cocoa and coffee and marketed and cleaned and all sorts of other work by Lady Brenna Froggie O'Duynie, Lilo, Martin Ashwell, Sula, and Baron Liam Devlin.

During the court of TRMs Ashikaga and Kimiko held Saturday, several members of the populace were recognized. An Onyx Chalice was given to both Fronicka von Wiederwult and Sula. The third Rams Heart was given to John the Bellringer. Sir Erick Holdstar was inducted into the Order of the Combattant Rams. And Sir James the Holy, who had been plugging this event for months as the voice of the Barony of Grey Niche and the caller-outer of the Bovine Heresy and general promoter of the event, received the King's Order of the Condatis. HRM Aaron MacGregor of Ansteorra was also present.

### **Knight's Academy, Shire of Dragoun's Weal, November 1-3, 2013 AS XLVIII**

(Written by Rory ua Riada)

Knight's Academy was hosted by the Shire of Dragoun's Weal the first weekend of November at Flynt Creek Water Park in Wiggins, Mississippi. THLady Gentile d'Orleans and Groza Novgorodskaia called Skaia were the autocrats. Reservations were handled by Baroness Isabella d'Arques. Feast was to be a potluck arrangement with each attendee asked to bring a dish to share. The site was tenting only. Private cabins could be rented from the Pat Harrison Waterway District.

James, Medb, and Kendra represented the Shire of Ardanroe at the event.

Friday night traveler's fare started around six o'clock and consisted of minestrone soup and beef vegetable soup and cornbread. At ten o'clock there was a fire pit discussion with the Chivalry.

Fasts were broken Saturday morning followed by armor inspection and the Knight's TOC Qualifer tourney. During this tournament the Ladies of the Rose and Ladies of the Diamond gave a panel class entitled 'Any Given Day: the art of being a consort'. THLord Mika'al al-Rashid won the tournament to receive the Knight's Golden Ticket to TOC V.

Lunch was a fundraiser to support the Gleann Abhann hosted social events at Gulf Wars XXIII this coming March. It was strictly donation. Pulled pork sandwiches (a small amount of BBQ chicken will be available to those with allergies), homemade coleslaw, raspberry white chocolate bread pudding, and lemonade and tea were prepared under the direction of Mistress Magdalena de Segovia.

After lunch the Roses and Diamonds TOC Qualifier tournament was held. Her Royal Majesty also planned to pick her heavy champion from this tournament. Twenty-eight gentlefolk competed in the tournament. The winner of the tourney was Lord Christof d'Wynter, who received the Roses and Diamonds Golden Ticket to the TOC. Her Royal Majesty, Queen Kimiko, named Faelan Haraldsson as the Queen's Champion (aka Her Heavy Weapons Champion).

Following the Roses TOC tourney was the Sentry Tournament. Results on this are not known.

That evening grills were provided by the Shire of Dragoun's Weal for the potluck to reheat or warm the food for the potluck. A Knight's discussion was held during dinner.



## **Fall Crown List, Barony of Seleone, November 8-10, 2013 AS XLVIII**

(Written by Rory ua Riada)

The eighteenth Crown Tournament for the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann, being the eighth actual Fall Crown List) was hosted by the Barony of Seleone at Camp Camilla (formerly known as the Woodsman of the World Camp) in Hattiesburg, Mississippi the second weekend of November. Mistress Daphne of Colchester was the autocrat. Odhran Fhionn was the feastcrat. Baroness Eugenie Griffon de Seleone handled reservations.

With over 100 gentlefolk pre-registered to attend the event, the Shire of Ardanroe was well represented with at least nine present including Gilbert and Marcilla, James and Medb, Avice and little James, Kendra, Gaius, and Mistress Sarah.

Due to the expected large turnout a call for tables and chairs was made, the site having reduced the number it now had.

On Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> the site opened at five o'clock in the afternoon. Traveler's fare was laid out in the feast hall in the evening and ideally TRMs Ashikaga and Kimiko walked the list field with the combatants around eleven o'clock that night.

At eight o'clock the 'wake-up' herald was set loose. She received compliments on her delivery of the waking notice, though she humbly placed the credit upon the script written by Mistress Daphne which she followed. But as noted by Mistress Barbara, wake up calls are the start of an event day and this one was noteworthy for being 'plain, understandable, and just the right volume'.

Breaking of the fast for populace was held in the feast hall starting at eight o'clock. The Consort's Breakfast was held in the small pavilion located between the cabins. Among the delights served appear to have been eclairs. There were thirteen entrants in the Crown Tournament and as such thirteen prospective Consorts, twelve ladies and one gentleman. THLord Ali al-Badawi al-Maghribi and THLady Fatima al-Naqidah fought for each other. I know not if Ali attended the breakfast.

While the Consort's Breakfast was being held, classrooms one and two were in use for a Newcomer's Class by the Kingdom Chatelaine, THL Kendra Dey, and a Seneschal's Meeting for all local seneschals by Prior Gilbert des Moulins.

At nine o'clock the arts of the day began with set-up of the Arts and Sciences Display and set up of the Silent Auction, both in the large pavilion. Their Majesties had asked that all entrants in the Tournament provide a display or sponsor an artisan's display. In addition, Their Majesties invited all artisans to bring a display for viewing to add to the pageantry of the Crown Tournament. Some of the items included three embroidered associates' arms by Isabel Winterbourne, associate to and sponsored by Syr Loric; a handmade wool embroidered pouch by Baroness Joan of Ooc sponsored by Lord Aron Harcourt; tablet weaving by Eowyn de Weaver; 11<sup>th</sup> century Spanish tunic and under tunic, both embroidered by THLord Inigo; and a pair of linens each with two embroidered Celtic knotwork dogs or other type beasts, again I believe by THLord Inigo.

The Silent Auction was being held to benefit the Gleann Abhann Social which would be held at Gulf Wars. The populace was encouraged to bring items to the auction and to bid, bid, bid!

Armor inspection began around nine o'clock with procession line up to start at ten o'clock. The tournament would follow the procession.

The entrants, competitors and their prospective consorts, as lined up for the procession (barring any changes based on unknown awards received) were as follows:

Duke Uther von Ziemer and Mistress Brigit Olesdottir  
Count Loric Silvestris and Countess Diana of the Isles  
THLord Carson Wynne and Mistress Sarah MacGregor, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Pelican of Gleann Abhann  
Sir James the Holy and Baroness Joan of Ooc  
Sir Grimbaldus Bacon and Mistress Bethany Bacon  
Baron John the Bellringer and THLady Sara le Turk de la Val  
THLord Ali al-Badawi al-Maghribi and THLady Fatima al-Naqidah  
THLord Griffin FitzWyse and THLady Belisencia le Sawnyng  
THLord Neil Gray and THLady Gentile d'Orleans  
THLord Inigo Juliano Montoya de Castilla and Lady Inga Knarrarbringa  
Lord Phlorianos Kavallarios and Lady Maerwynn uxor Floriani  
Lord Aron Harcourt and Lady Kolfinna Wolfheart

As Ali and Fatima were fighting for each other, they processed as one couple once. Queen Kimiko gave paternosters to the consorts when greeted by them under the royal pavilion. The sword oath may have been sworn by

all the entrants, competitors and consorts, prior to the procession. Following the procession were the challenges to determine the combatants in the first round. With thirteen entrants, there would be six pairings with a bye for the seventh challenger or remaining unchallenged. The line-up for the challenges was split in two with the first seven with the highest precedence on one side (those to be challenged) and the six with the lowest precedence on the other side (those to be the challengers).

The seven challenged were:

Duke Uther von Ziemer  
 Count Loric Silvestris  
 Sir James the Holy  
 Sir Grimbaldus Bacon  
 Baron John the Bellringer  
 THL Ali al-Badawi al-Maghribi  
 THL Carson Wynne

The six challengers were:

THL Griffin FitzWyse  
 THL Inigo Juliano Montoya de Castilla  
 THL Neil Gray  
 THL Fatima al-Naqidah  
 Lord Phlorianos Kavallarios  
 Lord Aron Harcourt

The challenges made which formed the first round of the tournament were:

Lord Aron challenged THL Ali.  
 Lord Phlorianos challenged Sir Uther.  
 THL Naqidah challenged Sir Grimbaldus.  
 THL Neil challenged Sir James.  
 THL Inigo challenged THL Carson.  
 THL Griffin challenged Syr Loric.  
 Baron John received a bye.

The bye fighter was THLady A'ishe Qilichlu Qari. The tournament itself was an open weapon style, double-elimination, with each round being the best two out of three. Therefore each pairing (or match) would be fought at least twice before either competitor could advance to the next round. In the first round there would be at least twenty-six fights and possibly thirty-nine.

This was also the first time the tournament would be 'broadcast' to the populace through the use of the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann facebook page. Mistress Rosalind bint Mihramah coordinated the uploads from home, receiving the content from THL Kendra on-site.

Round 1	Round 3	Round 5	Round 7	Go to Round 11
Aron	Aron			
Ali	Bye-A'ishe			
Phlorianos		Aron		
Uther	Uther	Uther		
Fatima	Grimbaldus			
Grimbaldus			Uther	Uther
Neil			James	
James	James	James		
Inigo	Inigo	Loric		
Carson				
Griffin				
Loric	Loric			
John	John			
Bye – A'ishe				

Round 1, 3, 5, and 7 were the no-loss rounds. Round 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, and 10 were the one-loss rounds. Round 11 was the final with best two out of three.

Round 2	Round 4	Round 6	Round 8	Round 9	Round 10	Go to Round 11
Carson	Phlorianos					
Griffin	John	John	Inigo			
		Carson	Loric	Inigo	Inigo	
Neil	Neill			John	James	James
Fatima	Inigo	Inigo	John			
		Bye – A’ishe	Aron			
Phlorianos	Carson					
Ali	Grimbaldus					

It was just after three o’clock when the post on the Gleann Abhann facebook announced that the finals were going to be between Duke Uther von Ziemer and Sir James the Holy. Mistress Brigit Olesdottir and Baroness Joan of Ooc joined the Queen to watch the final. The Chivalry surrounded the field to see the final. At 3:39 pm on the Gleann Abhann facebook it was announced that Sir James won the first bout. At 3:44 pm it was announced that Duke Uther won the second bout. At 3:47 pm it was announced that Duke Uther won the third bout to be proclaimed the victor of the tournament and Prince of Gleann Abhann. Mistress Brigit was crowned by Prince Uther as Princess of Gleann Abhann.

The list tree and cards for the tournament were set up beforehand by the Emerald Herald, Mistress Bethany Bacon. Since she was a consort in the tourney, Mistress Linnet MacLeod, Baroness of Grey Niche, was asked to be the list minister. The shield tree, located in the Kingdom’s trailer, was set up by Baroness Judith Wilkinson, THL Thomas Wilkinson, and Conall O’Caindealbhain. Judith had created instructions on how to set up and use the shield tree for tournaments. This Fall Crown List was the testing of the instructions with operating procedure to be sure they matched and to make adjustments in the instructions as needed.

A new tradition was begun at the tournament. As the Roses and Diamonds of Gleann Abhann had desired to increase their presence in the Kingdom, they proposed a pavilion set up on the field called ‘the Consorts’ Watch’. To aid the fighters in knowing where their consorts were for the salutes and recognition, the Roses and Diamonds proposed that when the fighter’s name is called to take the field, the consort escort the fighter to the field and then stand at ‘the Consorts’ Watch’ with the other consort. It gives one place for everyone to look to see the consorts. The members of the Rose and Diamond would be on hand to offer advice, provide refreshment, and general moral support during the bout. After the bout concluded the consort and fighter could retire to their own pavilion until the next round.

This appeared to be seen favorably by the majority of the consorts and was tested during the tournament to much success. It may continue. Time will tell.

Lunch was a fundraiser to go to Their Majesties Discretionary Fund. Cost was by donation. The options were beef stew (gluten free), honey whole wheat rolls and pumpkin chocolate chip muffins. A small pot of vegetable soup was available for the vegetarians, vegans, and non-beef eaters. This was prepared by Baroness Tegan.

After the tournament TRMs and the new TRHs met with the Kingdom Finance Committee. The Diamond Chalice meeting was held, Silent Auction ended, Knight’s meeting was held, Arts and Sciences Display ended, and Order of the Aries meeting was held. These all may have been in a rush between four o’clock and six o’clock, or actually occurred while the tournament was still going on. A class on the heraldic submission forms and on woven seamless pouches may also have been held.

Eventually court was held by Their Royal Majesties where they recognized Their Heirs. Their Excellencies Aleyn and Ellyn, Baron and Baroness of Seleone, also held court. Their Royal Majesties Ashikaga Hiromoto and Kimiko recognized the following gentlefolk:

- Gabriel Bacon - Order of the Combattant Lamb (Principal of the Order)
- Nicholai Burletai - Order of the Combattant Lamb
- Daphne of Colchester - Order of the Ram’s Heart
- Maerwynn uxor Floriani - Order of the Combattant Rams
- Aine ni Shuilleabhain - Grant of Arms
- Wreath of Chivalry - James the Holy
- Banner of Valor - Inigo Juliano Montoya de Castilla

When Sir James the Holy received the Wreath of Chivalry, Baroness Joan of Ooc was gifted with a gorgeous veil from Her Majesty for her inspiration as a consort and her attentiveness to her fighter.

- Feast followed court in the feast hall. A ball followed after feast.
- The site closed at eleven o’clock Sunday morning.



**Bordermarch Autumn Melees – BAM: War of the Rams II, Barony of Bordermarch, Kingdom of Ansteorra, November 21-24, 2013 AS XLVIII**

(Written by Rory ua Riada)

BAM: War of the Rams II was held from Thursday – Sunday the fourth weekend of November. The event was held at Border Keep, Ansteorra's stone castle located on the Jones Country Campground on Private Road 7350 off Recreation Road 255 in Colmesneil, Texas. The site opened at noon on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> with set-up of the different areas of the event from one to three o'clock.

The Event Stewards were HE Dona Leah, with co-Stewards HL Isabella della Rosaa and Lady Mary Whytehorne. The Merchant Steward was Lord Phocas of Bordermarch.

This was a jam-packed event full of activities ranging from tourneys and melee battles to competitions and classes. Archery, siege weapons, rapier, heavy weapons, youth combat, and even equestrian were planned. Coordinators of the multitude of activities were:

Seneschal	HE Don Armand de Lacey
Chivalric MIC	Lord Biau-Douz and Sir John the Holy
Rapier MIC	HE Don Armand de Lacey
Youth Combat	Lod Germanicus de Atlan
A&S Competition	Mistress Hillary Greenslade
Chirurgion MIC	Lord Thorgeir
Combat Archery MIC	HL Jean-Paul DeCalmont
Targwet Archery	HL Gavin Mac Giolla Ruaidh
Class Coordinator	HL Willoc mac Muiredaig
Bardic Liaison	HE Amberlea
Equestrian MIC	Eule
Gate	Isabel de La Vega
Gate Book	Lady Pandora Penncraft
Prizes & Gifts Baskets	HE Elizabeth and Lady Jillian
Cry Herald	Mistress Jalali of Salamis
Hafla/ME Dance	Mistress Asiya
Ambiance	Countess Mistress Tessa of the Gardens
Hospitality	Bordermarch Staff
Invitations	HL Elene Kirchenopf
Parking	The Amazons/Mistress Charla du Lac
Public Works	Lord Phocas
Merchants, Taverns	Lord Phocas

Site set-up	HE Count Sir Simonn of Amber Isle
Site Take down	HE Don Armand de Lacey
Site Tokens	HE Santiago and Lord Phocas
Transition logistics	Bordermarch Staff
Toilets	HL Isabella and Lady Mary Whytehorne
Waterbearing	Lord Vaclav Slovaczek and Lady Adalyde of Axemoor
Saturday Lunch at field side:	Ansteorra's Auxiliary Army: Barony of Stargate - HE Ihon

For the shopper there were at least 22 merchants and 3 taverns scheduled to open their tents and pavilions of wares to the masses. The merchants included Red Dog Forge (Lord Fergal the Smythe), the Briar Patch (Lady Kasinda of the Briar), All the Trimmings (HL Edrei the Quiet), the Treasure Nest (Thomas the Peddler), Phoenix Garb (Lady Safira), Brute Force and Ignorance Ironwerks (an ogre?), Three Pines Supply (Lord Jean-Michel de Meaux and Lady Marie de Meaux), wyrd Weaver (Hrefna in hvita), Puss 'N Boots Emporium (Boots Shadizar), North Star Armoury (Master Peter of the Golden Isles), Ye Old Hot Glass (Vicki Ellis), Calontir Trim (Andrixos Seljukrotonis), Darkwood Armory (Earl Sir Brian Mac Brand), Nichecraft (Lady Ellen), Longship Furniture/Barefoot Boxes (Lady Katrina Alyse Argo), Silver Drum Bedeworks (Mistress Shanahan the Fey), Asad's Silk Road Caravan (Sir Asad ud-Din), Eric's Ironworks (Lord Eric Grayfox), Bayou City Treasures (David), Fire Horse Pottery (Cera the Pottere), Today's Leather and Chain (Redg the Leatherseller and Czina Angielczyk), and Laurretta's Loot (Lady Laurretta de Avenporte).

The three taverns were Kimbo's (Jay and Teresa Kimmons), Odyssey Coffee (Lord Daid Mac Ahn Ghail), and Queen's Table (Lord Thomas and Lady Sharon of Conway and Wolf Derganger).

Once again Ansteorra and Gleann Abhann jointly held a Scribal Competition at BAM for pre-print designs for selected awards in each Kingdom. This was coordinated by HL Lillias MacGuffin, Ansteorran Star Signet, and HE Baron Jacques-Phillipe d'Avignon, Gleann Abhann's Fire Opal Herald. The Ansteorran awards were the Compass rose, Sable Flur, Sable Sparrow, Award of Arms, Sable Thistle, and Sable Comet. The Gleann Abhann awards were the Jewelled Ring and the Sovereigns Letter of Endorsement and the newly created Order of the Rams Heart. One prize would be given for the winner chosen for Ansteorra, one prize given for the winner chose for Gleann Abhann as well as a prize given for the very special new category only this year, being for the newly created Gleann Abhann Order of the Rams Heart.

Due to the weather the turn out for the inter-kingdom scribal competition at BAM was very low. Gleann Abhann had two entries from Mistress Jane Beaumont and Ansteorra had no entries. Mistress Jane was the unanimous victor.

Classes would not start until Friday, but there may have been an introduction to blacksmithing Thursday afternoon and a Medieval Movie Dissection gathering Thursday night. Classes were held in four areas of Artisans Row. The locations were the Hot Pavilion, Cool Pavilion, Wet Pavilion, Dry Pavilion, Solar, Open Hearth, and BFT1 (big fellowship tent 1). Hot were fire-based classes. Cool were wind-free, low-dirt classes. Wet were basketry, cookery, etc. Dry were dirty, messy fibers, etc. The Solar will be between Hot and Dry and on Friday open for any ad hoc classes desired.

Barring any changes due to the weather, Friday classes began at ten o'clock that morning and concluded at four o'clock that afternoon. The ten o'clock classes included Making Soft Cheese by HL Isabella della Rosa, Medieval Beekeeping by Baron James ens les Breres, Easy Mongolian Del Construction by Lady Broinninn inghean Aindriasa, and Beginning Woodcarving and Wood Burning on the cheap by Lord Jon Luthersson.

The eleven o'clock classes included Trapezoid Medieval Shoulder Bag by Lady Mabry Gardiner, Basic Basket Weaving by Avelyn Blakenye, Beginners Sgraffito by Lady Mariana Garcia, Basic Blacksmithing – Bodkin Points by Lord Fergal the Smythe, and Chirurgeon 101 by Lady Marie de Meaux and Lord Thorgeir.

Medieval Handsewing Techniques was offered at noon by Duchess Kenna nic Aherne von Ziemer.

At one o'clock there was Aesopica or Aseops Fables by Baron James ens les Breres and Drop Spindle – Learn to Spin not Drop by Lady Ysenda de Gray.

At two o'clock 16<sup>th</sup> Century Ottoman Turkish Costuming by Lady Behiye bint Kismet and Charcoal Cooking by HL Willoc macMuideaig were offered.

The final three o'clock classes were SCA Fabric 101 by Mistress Nina of the Lost Caverns and Basic Cordial Class by HL Isabella della Rosa.

At five o'clock an Intro to Chirurgeon for Marshals was held at the Chirurgeon-in-Charge campsite and taught by Lady Marie de Meaux and Lord Thorgeir. The light night Medieval Movie Dissection was coordinated by Lady Jennette Makepays.

Barring the weather classes again started at nine o'clock Saturday morning and ended at four o'clock in the afternoon. The nine o'clock class was All Purpose Fiber Arts by HL Elsa von Schammach. At ten o'clock was Armor Extraction for Chirurgeons by Lady Marie de Meaux and Lord Thorgeir and Basic Handsewing Stitches by Lady Helene Dalassene.

Charter Painting by HL Devin O'Donnabhain, Basic Basket Weaving by HL Avelyn Blakenye, and Basic Blacksmithing – Bodkin Points by Lord Fergal the Smythe began at eleven o'clock.

At noon a Lacemaking Demo was given in the Solar by HL Delphina de Champeaux.

All Purpose Fiber Arts returned in the afternoon with HL Elsa von Schammach along with Drop Spindle – Learn to Spin not Drop by Lady Ysenda de Gray. An Introduction to Stained Glass also began at one o'clock that afternoon lead by Lady Jeanne-Marie la Verriere.

At two o'clock there was Tassel Making by Lady Mabry Gardiner and Charcoal Cooking again with HL Willoc macMuiredaig. Another Chirurgeon Meet and Greet was held Saturday evening at the Chirurgeon-in-Charge campsite by Lady Marie de Meaux and Lord Thorgeir.

Of course there was a lot of battles. For the youth there was boffer and rapier combat. Friday was authorization fest and information on what it takes to become a youth combat marshal. Saturday was battle day. A ravine battle would be held in the morning and after lunch a siege of Border Keep followed by field and bridge battles, Squirrel Ball and the Rubber Duckie battle. Ansteorrans Germanicus oversaw youth boffer and Rixende youth rapier.

For the adults rapier was structured to prepare for Gulf Wars. Friday was inspections and authorizations. At three-thirty was a tournament sponsored by Armand de Lacy for Single Bout Single Elimination. Your skill with point control determined your weapon style.

Saturday morning the rapier community had a timed castle battle with unlimited resurrections followed by a Ship to Ship battle with no resurrections. After lunch there was Open Field battle with last one standing best two out of three wins followed by capture/control of the flags with limited resurrections in a timed event. These were followed Ravine. The first scenario was Victory by killing the other teams' captain. The second scenario was Dons versus the World or Dons/Cadets versus the World. Finally there was the Field. Units were formed and it was Unit versus Unit tournament style.

For heavy weapons the theme was Total War. Thursday was exploring the campsite and learning the layout of the castle and ravine. Pick up fighters were possible near the castle that afternoon or evening depending on the weather.

Again barring the weather, armor inspection began at nine o'clock Friday morning. Authorizations were possible during the day. Battles were also possible starting with Early Morning Beat and Greet, an open weapons bear pit run by Sir James the Holy. Blood Brothers Tournament was next by Sir James the Holy and was a 3-man melee round robin found on the bridge, each team composed of members from at least two kingdoms and all using daggers.

After lunch Caius of Bordermarch, Lord Biau-douz de la Mere and one other held a 14<sup>th</sup> Century Deed of Arms, being a Pas de Armes. Elsewhere on the field Sir James the Holy ran Sword Wounds Retained Meanest Mother in a pit fight free-for-all where the weapons are all waiting in the center of the pit. A Champion tournament and Barroom Brawl concluded Sir James' scenarios, while Lord Biau-Douz de la Mere and HL George le Breton held a final Viking Raid – 9<sup>th</sup> century Viking persona Pas deed of arms. That evening would be Beer, Boones and Bocce as the Riders of the Aporkalypse provided Pork-stravaganza. As announced by Sir James:

*Greetings to the sons and daughters of the Aries lands. War is upon us and soon we will move to liberate those to the west of us whom are drawing the long breath, waiting and dreaming of glorious feats and epic actions. None of this however can be done on an empty stomach so once again, house of the holy and house rayrey bring you THE APORKALYPSE. Friday night of BAM we will be hosting a porkstravaganza along with Boones beer and bocce to show the bounty of the Gleann Abhann crown. In this show of love we will be serving over 200# of pork and are asking that any that wish to help make this year's gathering more spectacular to bring a side of sorts and come share in all the festivities.*

Saturday would bring many scenarios, starting with the burning village gauntlet followed by the drawbridge massacre and counterattack. After lunch there would be the barbaric barbican blitz and counterattack followed by the Playing for keeps and counterattack. This was all depending on the weather.

A chili bard-off was also held Friday night. A Grand Procession with horses was Saturday morning followed by a morning court near the Border Keep castle.

Depending on the weather other champions and competitions originally planned were the Bordermarch Adult Bardic and Youth Bardic Championships, Bordermarch Equestrian Championship, Bordermarch Youth Archery Championship, Bordermarch Adult A&S Champion, War of the Rams Populace Choice A&S Competition (adult and youth), Kingdom of Ansteorra Middle Eastern Dance Championship, Her Majesty Ansteorra's Cut and Thrust Championship, the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Chili Bard-Off, and the Inter-Kingdom Brewers Guild Competition.

Final courts were held Saturday night. In TRM Gleann Abhann court, King Ashikaga and Queen Kimiko with Prince Uther and Princess Brigit recognized several members of the populace and one from another kingdom.

Yoric of Delvingrim in the Shire of Wyrngeist received an Award of Arms. Manuel Labore from Grey Niche received the War Horn. Neil Grey from Dragoun's Weal was inducted into the Sable Banner and the Order of the Aries. John the Bellringer from Small Gray Bear was inducted into the Order of the Aries. Galen Edwin Kirchenbauer of the Kingdom of Ansteorra received the King's Order of Condatis as did Sir Rey RiBeaumont from Grey Niche. Ali Al-Badawi Al-Maghribi from Grey Niche received the Order of the Rams Heart.

Of the many Gleann Abhanns at BAM, the Shire of Ardanroe fielded 18 or more, of which at least four armored up for the heavy weapon battles. Attendees from Ardanroe included Aedan, Evllallia, Gaius, Symon, Avice, Álfráðr, Cecilia (formerly Isabella), Sarah, James, Medb, Kendra, Amata, Gilbert, Marcilla, Amelia and the two little ones – James and Zoe, and Sigmundr known as Siggí. Due to the weather, which was cold and wet with lots of rain and lots of freezing temperatures, Joya and Jurgis did not attend. But the group had a good time camping out in their tents. Sarah and Gaius served as heralds. James was Chancellor to TRMs of Gleann Abhann. At minimum Symon, Sigmundr, Cecilia, and Álfráðr fought.



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