

Skraeling Althing Chronicle

SKRAELINGS SEEK TRILLIUM GLORY

By Chronicle Staff

Two years ago, the strength of the Kingdom gathered to renew old friendships and rivalries at the first Ealdormere Olympiad at Trillium War.

In AS 43 (2008), the people of Skraeling Althing did our Barony proud.

From the performing arts to fencing, from armoured combat to domestic and technical sciences, Skraels won medals across the board.

This year, the skills of the populace of Skraeling Althing are once again needed. With blade and bow, needle and pen, the Barony is primed to do even better this time around.

The people of Skraeling Althing excel in many areas, and one person's success can take their Barony to the top of the podium. At the last Olympiad, Septentria's domination was fueled in no small part by just one person who's skills crossed many fields. The same could happen this year for Skraeling Althing!

"The best example of what one person can do was the crushing dominance displayed by Magistra Nicolaa de Bracton at the last Olympiad",



Lord Maunus wins silver at the 2008 Ulrich von den See Mead Competition.

Photo Courtesy of Lord Alexander

said Sir Siegfried Brandboern, this year's Autocrat.

"She won a number of A&S medals and the A&S Decathlon and Ealdormere Olympiad Pentathlon Gold Medal. Those points by one person could have swayed the standings considerably."

There will be categories covering all of the martial skills (armoured combat, archery, fencing and thrown weapons) and a triathlon (archery,

thrown weapons and either rapier or armoured combat). As well, there will be five categories of A&S competition, in addition to an overall Arts Pentathlon.

There will also be an overall Decathlon prize, with the winner being the individual with the most points across all of the categories.

Trillium war is hosted by the Canton of Ard Chreag and runs from July 1st to July 4th.

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TAKING THE A&S 50 CHALLENGE

By Chronicle Staff

The Knowne World has been challenged!

In honour of the SCA's upcoming 50th anniversary, Lady Albreda Aylese of the East Kingdom has laid down the A&S 50 challenge.

The goal – to encourage activity in the arts and sciences and to celebrate the upcoming golden anniversary.

The challenge started on May 1st AS 42 (2007), but people can join at any time.

The populace is challenged to complete 50 things in the arts and sciences between that date and the anniversary, May 1st AS 50 (2015).

There are three kinds of challenge:

The Depth Challenge - 50 of any one type of thing, in order to push your skills and knowledge to new levels.

The Breadth Challenge - do/make/learn 50 new and different things.

The Persona Challenge - make/learn 50 different things that your persona would know, have, or know how to do.

According to Lady Emelote of Calais, Ealdormere's coordinator for the A&S challenge, this challenge is something we should all take up.

“We need to show the Knowne World the excellence of Ealdormere! We have many proud traditions and extremely talented people. I would like us to show the other lands our riches within our kingdom; that we are proud of what we do, provide and create.”

For more information on the challenge and how to participate, you can contact Lady Emelote at Emelote.of.calais@gmail.com.

You can also sign up for the challenge on the Ealdormere yahoo group http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Ealdormere_AS50/.

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FROM THE QUILL OF THEIR EXCELLENCIES

Greetings unto the populace of Skraeling Althing from the Baron and Baroness of Skraeling Althing.

Maybe you've asked us 'how can I help make this Barony bigger, better, and stronger?' Maybe you've asked yourself. Maybe reading this will inspire you to ask that question.

We have suggestions for how you, as a valued member of the Barony, can make a difference, in your enjoyment of the SCA, for your local group, and for your Barony.

Here are some ideas for things you could try at least once.

In your service

Baron Giovanni and Baroness Lucia

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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- Come out to a fight practice to chat.
- Come out to a rapier practice to watch.
- Come out to an archery practice to try your hand.
- Come out to pot lucks to break bread.
- Come out to choir practice to sing, or just listen.
- Come out to a pub night and be merry.
- Come out to Arts & Science meetings or classes, to learn.
- Talk to your local Seneschal about how your group is planning on paying taxes at Feast of the Hare in November.
- Buy a membership with SCA Inc. to support the organization.
- Bring a friend to an event or activity, to help us grow.
- Write people in for Baronial or Kingdom awards, to help all our efforts be made public or recognized.
- Introduce yourself to someone you don't know at the next practice or event, because you might know what it is like to be new.
- Give your old garb that doesn't fit to someone who it might, and recycle.
- Go to a local business meeting, to see how things are kept running at the organizational level.
- Visit another Canton for one of their social gatherings.
- Take up an office for your local group, or for the Barony. Drop-dead deputies are always required.

And of course,

- Write a short article for the Chronicle.



WORD FROM THE CHRONICLER

Greetings unto the Populace of Chronicle!

Since this is my first issue as Chronicler, I first wanted to thank all those who have contributed their time and efforts in the past to produce such a wonderful resource for the populace.

In particular, I would like to thank THL Cristabell Wensleydale for her efforts as Chronicler for the past two years.

As well, I would like to thank all those who have contributed articles, photos and other content in the past. I hope that you will continue to share your thoughts and experiences with the Barony through the

Whether or not you have ever sent an article to the Chronicle, remember that this is Your newsletter.

Please send in your comments, article ideas, or news for the Barony to read.

Not a writer? That's OK. I can help with that. Or, think about submitting photos, artwork or other contributions.

Don't think you have anything to contribute that people would be interested in? I think you'll find that's not the case.

Everyone I've met in this Barony

has something unique that they do, or a fresh perspective on our game.

If you would like to receive electronic copies of the Chronicle or have any comments, suggestions or questions, please send me an e-mail at chronicler@skraelingalthing.com.

Yours in Service,

Lord Dafydd ap Alan
Chronicler,
Barony of Skraeling Althing



UPCOMING GATHERINGS IN THE BARONY

Practices and Meetings

Please contact the local group to confirm details about specific scheduled gatherings.

Harrowgate Heath

Armoured Combat Practice
Mondays at 7 pm

Archery

Schedule varies month to month

Canton Meetings

First Sunday of the month at 2 pm

A&S Days

First and Third Sundays of the month (time varies)

Tor Brant

Gatherings vary from month to month.

If you are interested in attending Tor Brant scheduled activities, please contact the group to confirm their next scheduled activity.

Greyfells

Canton Meetings
Meetings (which often include A&S and other activities) are held from 7:00 to 9:30 pm on Tuesdays each week.

Rapier Practice
Tuesdays at 7 pm

Caldrithig

Dance Practice
Wednesdays at 7 pm

Armoured Combat Practice
Wednesdays at 8 pm

Rapier Practice
Thursdays at 8 pm

Choir Practice
Sundays at 1:30 pm

Canton Meetings
Second and fourth Sunday's of the month at 4 pm

Instrumental Practices
To start soon

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UPCOMING EVENTS

In Skraeling Althing

May 15: Dandelion Festival
Hosted by Tor Brant
(Petawawa, ON)

June 11-13: Upper Canada Demo
Hosted by Skraeling Althing
(Morrisburg, ON)

June 26: Summer Siege II
Hosted by Harrowgate Heath
(Monkland, ON)

July 9-11: Autocrat's Day Off
Hosted by Caldrithig
(Perth, ON)

July 9-11: Osgoode Festival Demo
Hosted by Skraeling Althing
(Osgoode, ON)

July 16-18: Baronial Muster
Hosted by Greyfells
(Napanee, ON)

Out of Barony

May 28-30: Ealdormere Crown
Tourney
Hosted by Brennastien Vatn
(Bonfield, ON)

June 5: Pikeman's Pleasure
Hosted by Petrea Thule
(Millbrook, ON)

June (Date TBD): Coppers, Cross-
bows and Caravans
Ile du Dragon Dormant
(Montreal)



Lord Gavin becomes the new Baronial rapier champion at Break the Back.

Photo Courtesy of Mistress AEIlfwyn et Langanwuda

BARONIAL COUNCIL NOTES

The latest Baronial Council meeting was held during Coronation on April 24th.

Below you will find a brief report on the business discussed. For more information, including the full minutes, please contact your local Seneschal.

- The terms for both the Seneschal and Exchequer will be ending as of Feast of the Hare in November. Expressions of interest should be sent to [Lord Vodnikov](#).

- The Baronial chairs are beginning to show their age and need replacement. As a result, a bid

notice will be sent out to seek interested craftsman who would like to submit a bid for the project.

- Council unanimously supported the idea of making the Chronicle available online through the Skraeling Althing website.

- Lady Marguerite and Lady Gina are working on various badges for the Barony (Baronial Badge, Baronial Guard Badge, and the Black Hare Badge). The goal is to have them available on the website eventually.

The next council meeting will be held at Dandelion Festival.

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THE LINE OF THE NORTH RENEWED

By Lady Thora Volundsdottir

This was my first Coronation event and I had a blast.

The ceremony for the stepping down of King Nigel and Queen Adrielle was phenomenal.

Their final court was exciting with many awards given out in recognition of great deeds having been done with too many to place all here (please see the Kingdom of Ealdormere website for the correct list).

Some truly exceptional gifts were given to the kingdom: Special note on the contribution by Swans Keep.

And a wonderful surprise for Baroness Rozalynd of Thornabee on Tees, who was placed on vigil for her Laurel.

The truly heartfelt speeches from both our King and Queen brought tears to my eyes and made my heart soar to see such chivalry being displayed. Days like this are why I love playing this game.

The ceremony for our new King and Queen was both outstanding and fun.

A sense of being at court in the tenth

century was felt as our Highness, Prince Quilliam walked into court and laid claim to the throne that is rightfully his.

There were many people who stood for our new King and Queen, giving true testament of their loyalty, honesty, bravery and ability to serve their people.

As our new monarchs took their rightful places there was much rejoicing by the populace.

The weather held out for a great day of outdoor fun for the armoured combatants, the boffer fighters and the fencers. Many enjoyed the warm weather and took time outside to welcome in the spring.

Having so many fighters out was inspiring to see. The day went by so quickly too. Before we knew it, it was time for evening court.

Our new Royal Majesties sat at their first court; giving credit where credit was due to both the young and not so young.

A special surprise was given by the "Super Secret (Queen) Dagmar Fan Club": a monetary donation to the Kingdom travel fund, received with a smile by Her Royal Majesty.

The day was one of great fun had by all and a day I shall always remember.



The populace swears the Oath of Fealty at the coronation of Their Magesties Quilliam and Dagmar, new King and Queen of Ealdormere.

Photo Courtesy of Lord Dafydd ap Alan

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THE FIRST DAYS OF TOR BRANT

By Lord Duncan Gabh MacLeiod

In the very early days of Tor Brant, there were two of us, Lachlan McMallfinn of Egg, and myself.

He had been involved in the SCA out in An Tir. I had never heard of the group before meeting Lachlan.

He thought there was a group in Ottawa and eventually we made contact and started attending meetings and fight practices.

Word started getting around about us and a few friends and acquaintances started to gel.

Long before we started on any kind of paper work, we needed a name.

In a flash of inspiration, I grabbed the English-Norwegian dictionary and came up with Enfoldig Avgrunn. Please remember we were just on the military base at this time, so I thought that "Mindless Abyss" was quite appropriate.

We started having irregular meetings and traveling to a few events. Word came back to us that our original name was a little too self degrading for the Dragon Herald.

So some of the people knocked their heads together and came up with (sp?) Dalulian Dubh, or the valley of Black Wolves. This got bounced for being (a) too long and (b) sounds like somebody trying to talk with too much oatmeal in their mouth.

The next name that was floated was Dun Claidheamh, but somebody pointed out that our nickname would be Dumb Clam Heads... so Tor Brant was chosen instead.

By this time the group had put in the paperwork to become an official group.

That is how the present name and arms for Tor Brant came to be.

BARONIAL COURT REPORT

The following Kingdom and Baronial awards have been given out to members of Skraeling Althing at recent events. Wassail to all of the recipients!

Practicum

Bunny tails:

Adelyhayt Von Richter
Alienor the Spinster
Josh of Caldriithig
Tomas Pascoal
Lucie Pertier
THL Catherine Townson

Break the Back of Winter

Bunny tails:

Leah Pike of Greyfells
Annette of Caldriithig
Mateo of Caldriithig
Ulric of Greyfells
Debbie of Greyfells
Samantha of Greyfells
Isabella of Harrowgate Heath
Lord Manus Sataielkanpoika
Lady Thora Volundsdottir

Coronation

At the Coronation of Their Magesties Quilliam and Dagmar in Greyfells, the following Kingdom awards were presented to members of the Barony:

Baroness Rozalynd of Thornabee on Tees was put on vigil for the Order of the Laurel

Lord John Moran was given his Maiden's Heart

Lady Avienna Nordengel was presented with her Maiden's Heart

Lord Maunus Sataielkanpoika was given his Scarlet Banner

Lady Jane Greenhill received her Orion

Lord Louis Burger was awarded his AOA

Lord Roiberd of Eire received his AOA

Elizabeth the Fierce received the award of the Wolf's Cub

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THE CHRONICLE IN THE ELECTRONIC AGE

While we are a historical recreation society, we also have access to many of the advantages of the modern world.

With that in mind, over the past several months, the Chronicle has had an increased electronic presence in the Barony.

In the interest of making the Chronicle more accessible, and in turn a more effective information tool for members of the Barony, there are now many ways you can receive and share the Chronicle.

Starting with this issue, the Chronicle will now be publicly available on the Skraeling Althing web site. Groups will be able to use the

Chronicle as an information tool for demos or for new members.

This is just a new way you can get the Chronicle. If you prefer, you can still subscribe to our e-mail distribution by sending a request to chronicler@skraelingalthing.com.

As well, we will continue to distribute limited hard copies at events for those who prefer this to electronic copies.

To keep on top of news related to the Chronicle, and to participate in discussions and make suggestions, you can also join the Skraeling Althing Chronicle group on Facebook. We already have over 60 fans, and the numbers continue to grow.

SPRING CROWN 2011

In spring 2011, it will once again be Skraeling Althing's turn to host Spring Crown Tournament. While any other group can put in a bid, the Barony is expected to be prepared to host the event.

Why not put together a bid that will wow the Kingdom?

If you are interested in putting together a bid, or would like more information about what would be involved, contact the Baronial council. They can put you in touch with experienced people from across the Barony, and support your bid development.

Bids for spring crown 2011 are due to the Kingdom by August.

The vikings

