



From the Quill of their Excellencies of Skraeling Althing

Greetings to the most noble populace of the wondrous Barony of Skraeling Althing!

This year finds us celebrating the 40th anniversary of the founding of Skraeling Althing, the canton that would grow to become the Illustrious Barony we all celebrate and hold dear. In celebration of this, at Practicum we announced the theme for this year's taxes, History. We are looking for all the stories that people have to tell about this Canton and Barony. We are looking for the distinct memories and stories that people have that have made this Barony great. We are looking for anecdotes, events, stories, celebrations, pivotal moments in people's lives, events or occurrences that have made the people who they are today.

We encourage members of the Barony to get together, share their stories and collaborate to ensure that no aspects of Our wonderful history are omitted or forgotten. Mistress Eluned has kindly agreed to be the compiler of all of these stories, and can be reached at skraeltaxes@skraelingalthing.com. These stories will be compiled and bound into a volume that will be available at Feast of the Hare for all to see, read and experience. The deadline for submissions will be August 15th, 2017.

In Service to the Barony
Shahid and Catherine
Baron and Baroness of Skraeling Althing

From the Seneschal:

To the Populace of Skraeling Althing, greetings.

As all know, the populace of a Barony is its lifeblood. As a vast and magnificent Barony, to better serve the needs of the populace, we have Cantons and Strongholds. Cantons are local branches of the SCA, reporting through a Barony directly to their Kingdom. When a Canton has a significant portion of its populace who are called to be in other places, it must adapt, according to the rules of the Society at large. The Canton of Greyfells have decided that to better meet their needs under the rules of our Kingdom, and the Society at large, they wish to have the official status of Stronghold, an institutional branch at a military institution. This has been approved at Society. Therefore, the Barony of Skraeling Althing will now include the Canton of Caldrihtig, Canton of Harrowgate Heath, Stronghold of Greyfells and the Stronghold of Tor Brant.

In Service,
Sorcha of Kilmongan,
Seneschal of Skraeling Althing.

An Important Notice:

This week is a profound week of change. We have just learned that our august Chatelaine, Sapphyrah Rozvardo, is stepping down from the post by the time these words are written. I know that I speak in accord with many when I say I am grateful for the fine work she had done for the Barony in this office. As she steps down, Lady Constance Payne has very generously agreed to step in as an interim Chatelaine, serving until such time as we are able to secure a full time officer for the position.

Let it be known, therefore, that we are now seeking someone who is willing to give of their time and their energy to take up the position of Chatelaine of the Barony of Skraeling Althing, as soon as possible. This is an important post, and we will need someone who can take up this mantle for a full term. Anyone interested should contact the acting Chatelaine (hopefully immediately) with any questions you have about what the duty entails.

In Service,
Constantin Breathneach,
Chronicler of Skraeling Althing.



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As well consider joining the Skraeling Althing Facebook group (Skraeling Althing Chronicle).

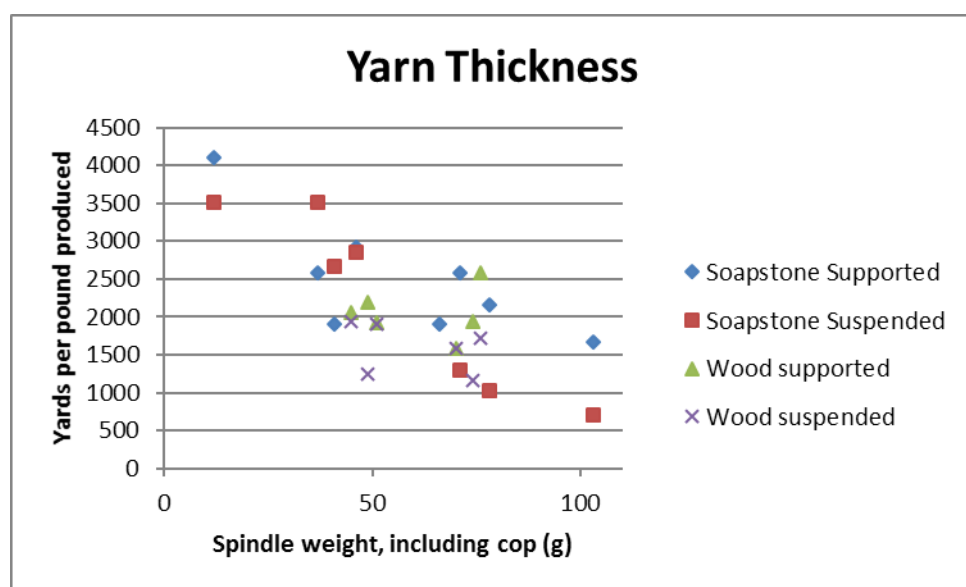
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This is part of a series of articles that will be appearing in the Chronicle this year describing the experiments I have been conducting as part of a White Wolf Fian challenge to quantify the performance characteristics of a variety of spindles.

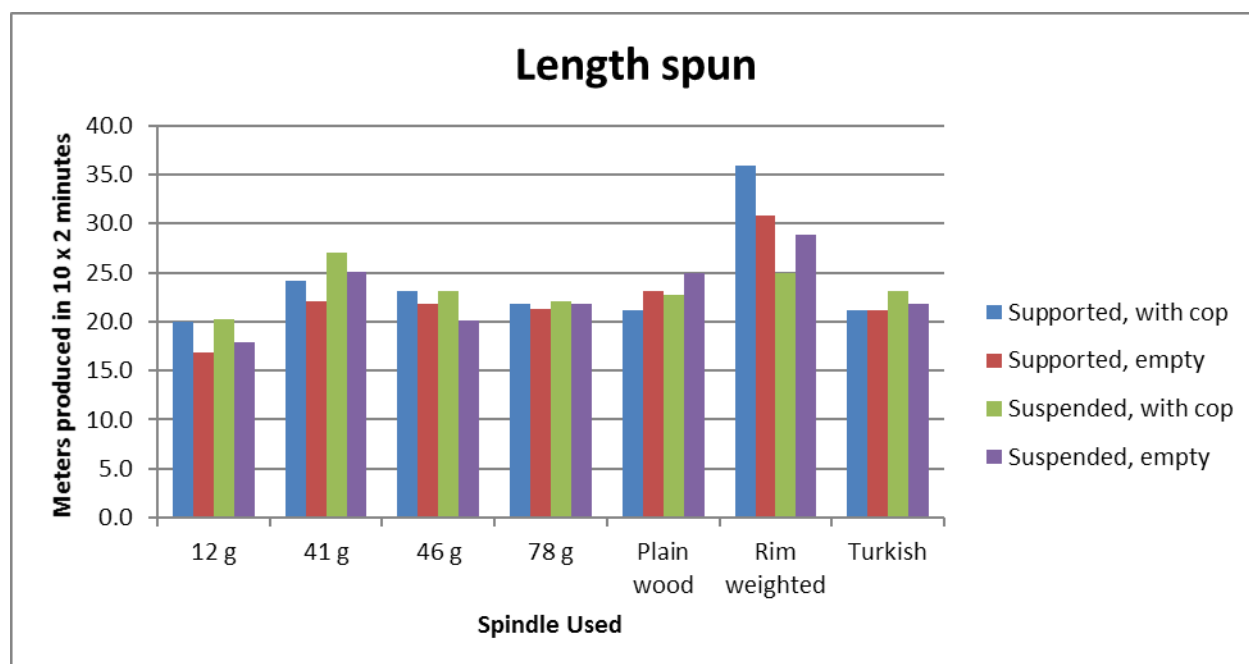
Since the last issue, I have weighed all the samples (thanks to Baron Raimund Constable for the use of his laboratory), measured how quickly each of the spindles rotate, and measured the twist angle in each sample.

To begin, I have some bad news to report. The increases in free spinning time from spinning suspended (rather than supported) and with a cop (rather than empty) that I reported in the previous issue turned out not to be statistically significant.

I calculated the thickness of each skein of yarn (measured in yards per pound, where thicker yarns have a smaller yards per pound) and found that, when used suspended, there was a clear relationship between the thickness of the yarn and the weight of the spindle for both wood spindles and soapstone spindles. Even when used supported, heavier soapstone spindles produced thicker yarn. There was, however, no relationship observed between the weight of the spindle and the yarn thickness when the wooden spindles were used supported. These correlations are all illustrated in the Yarn Thickness graph, below.



On most of the spindles, I was able to produce 20 – 25 m of yarn in each set of 10 two-minute trials. The exceptions are the lightest soapstone spindle, on which I was able to produce significantly less yarn per minute, and the rim-weighted spindle, on which I was able to produce significantly more.



The soapstone spindles all rotated at roughly 13 – 18 Hz under the various conditions, as did the plain and rim-weighted wooden spindles. The Turkish spindle was significantly slower.

The next steps will involve producing a set of samples with a distaff and the spindle twirled in my hand, and preparing a class on what I learned for Trillium War. In the class I will probably discuss a variety of use cases – beginners, thin yarn, high twist yarn, etc – and suggest choices of spindles that will work well.

Events

For all events and gatherings, please contact the local group to confirm specific information.

More details on Kingdom events can be found on the Kingdom of Ealdormere web page at <http://www.ealdormere.ca/>

Around the Kingdom:

Saturday April 1st 2017: Forward into the Past: This is a demo being presented by the Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog. The event registration will begin at 8 a.m. The final session ends at 5:30 p.m. Details and directions are available at the event website: <http://www.fitp.ca/>. Details and directions can be found there, or on the Ealdormere event calendar.

Saturday April 8th: The Ealdormere Heraldic and Scribal Symposium. Hosted by the Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog. Details for the event can be seen on the Event website: http://bryniau.blogspot.ca/p/blog-page_16.html?m=1.

Saturday April 22nd: The Canton of Skeldergate will present the inaugural fighting event: A Warriors Path. The event will be hosted at: The Lindsay Rugby Club, 67 Vince Jones Road, Lindsay, Ontario. Details can be found on the event website.

Saturday April 29th: Spring Coronation. The Barony of Skraeling Althing will host the Coronation of Quilliam and Tangwystl. The gate will open at 8:30 a.m. The event closes at 10 p.m. Further details and directions can be found on the Event website, the Ealdormere Calendar or the Skraeling Althing Calendar.

Saturday May 13th: Lady Mary Tournament: hosted by the Barony of Rising Waters. Details are available on the event website or the event Facebook page. The event is to be held at the New Hope Church, 2360 First St. Louth, St. Catherines.

May 19th - 22nd: Fruit of our Labours X. Details To Be Announced Later.

Saturday May 27th: Spring Crown Tourney. This event is to be hosted by the Canton of Der Welfengau. The event is to be held at the Puslinch Community Center, ON. Further details TBA.

Saturday June 3rd: Pikeman's Pleasure. Hosted by the Canton of Petra Thule. The event will be hosted at the Little Britain Community Centre, 9 Arena Little Britain, On. Details TBA.

June 8th - 11th: Murder Melee. Hosted by the Barony of Ben Dunfirth. Details TBA.

Thursday June 29th- July 3rd. War of the Trillium. Details TBA.

From our Barony:

June 10th -12th. Upper Canada Village Demo. Location is in Morrisburg, ON. To participate in this demo, please contact the Chatelaine.

Baronial Gatherings

Harrowgate Heath

Canton Meetings

First Sunday of the month

Scribal nights

7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of every month

7:00 pm on the third Wednesday of every month

Sewing Nights

7:30 pm on the second Tuesday of every month

7:30 pm on the fourth Wednesday of every month

Armouring & General A&S

7:30 to 9:30 pm every Monday

Armoured Combat Practice

Thursdays at 7 pm

Archery

Schedule varies month to month

Tor Brant

Gatherings vary from month to month.

Please contact the group to confirm

Caldrithig

Armoured Combat Practice

Wednesdays at 7 pm

Rapier Practice

Thursdays at 8 pm

Choir Practice

Sundays at 2:00 pm

Canton Meetings

Second and fourth Sunday of the month at 4 pm

Instrumental Practices

Sundays at 12:00 pm

Dance Practice:

Tuesday Nights 8-10:00 PM

McNabb Community Center

180 Percy.

Greyfells

Canton Meetings

Held at the Canton Fight Practice and A&S Day, monthly on the following dates:

Canton Fight Practice and A&S Day

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Request for Content Submission

Our next edition of this Chronicle will be completed and sent out sometime in the middle of June of 2017. I would be most pleased to accept all and any submissions that you may wish to provide, for publication in the Chronicle. Do not forget our Taxes are due this year, and our Baroness has placed upon us the charge to collect and share the tales of our history. In addition, send me your tales of bravado, brags, studies in the fabric or other medieval arts; poems, drawings, memories. This new Medieval era is a nation built on doing, knowing and remembering. So share your own memories, and we will all be richer for it. Send me your upcoming events, or the lessons that living in this glorious era has taught you. If you have a new project you have been very proud of, share that as well. Send me your tales of the Society. I would only ask that you make such tales brief (perhaps 200 words) so as to help your often long winded Chronicler keep the issue of a comfortable size.

Yours in Service

Consaidin Breathnach