

SCA Shire of Darton

Medieval Armoured Combat

**It's a fun, energetic martial art,
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Heavy Fighter Practice and Rapier Practice

Sunday 10am-2pm, Northlands Hall, Woburn Road, Northland.
All welcome. Contact Sir Asbeorn on (04) 9760 220 for details.

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Medieval Crafts and Culture

**Ever wanted to learn about medieval history,
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Arts and Sciences Meetings

Wednesday 7pm-9.30pm, Pembroke Road, Wilton.

All welcome. Contact Lady Robyn on (0211) 504 876 for details.

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THE CLARION



The newsletter of the Shire of Darton, of the Kingdom of Lochac, July AS XLII (2007)

*“Had I been present at the Creation, I would have given some useful hints for the better ordering of the universe”
- attributed to Alfonso the Wise, C13th King of Castile*

From the Chronicler

GREETINGS To you all, from my second Clarion as Darton Chronicler. I note I am still awaiting confirmation of my warrant of tenure from the Kingdom Chronicler.

This month sees many of us travel to Southron Gaard for Midwinter Investiture, Lady Sancha and I amongst us. It should be an excellent opportunity to enjoy ourselves, and I for one am looking forward to a great many things thereat. Catching up with old and new friends, the Coronation of course, and the feast, a variety of entertainment, perhaps some modestly alcohol-driven frivolity, and if I'm lucky, time for a leisurely stroll to the square for a Souvlaki.

This month also sees Lord Miles Warde embark on his travels to Europe. He has been a willing and doughty warrior, an able tactician, an arranger of melees, and a good friend. As the French say, *bon chance!* And *bon voyage!* I am sure I say it for us all, that we wish you well, and miss you too.

Master Stefano

Regular Meetings

HEAVY Fighter Practice and Rapier Practice. Sunday 10am-2pm, Northlands Hall, Woburn Road, Northland. All welcome. Contact Sir Asbeorn on (04) 9760 220 for details.

DANCE Workshops. Held at the fighters practice hall from 12.30pm every second Sunday. All welcome. Contact Lady Francesca on (04) 4771 606 for details.

ARTS and Sciences Meetings. Wednesday 7pm-9.30pm, Pembroke Road, Wilton. All welcome. Contact Lady Robyn on (0211) 504 876 for details.

DARTON Council Meetings. Held at the arts and sciences meeting from 7.30pm every first Wednesday of the month. All Welcome. Contact Fru Murienna on (04) 9760 220 for details.

Events

CORONATION In Southron Gaard. Friday July 6th (from 6:30pm) to Sunday 8th (until 4pm), 2007. See <http://www.sg.sca.org.nz/events/coronation/index.htm>

A Spin-In will be held at Steven's and Tamara's on 28 July.

DARTON Anniversary A.S. XLII (2007). From the evening of Thursday 16 August until 5pm Sunday 19 August 2007, at Brookfields Outdoor Education Centre, Moores Valley Rd, Wainuiomata.

Darton Anniversary is the Shire of Darton's annual camping event. Traditionally, it has featured a lot of fighting, A&S classes, a market, dancing and a great feast. We would

encourage all combatants to bring mixed combat gear for the war scenarios.

Planned activities include: Heavy and Rapier Tournaments, Feasting, Target Archery, A&S Classes, Dancing, a Market. See <http://darton.sca.org.nz/index.php/standard/12/93>

Gottmark Four Winds Competition

This competition is inspired by the Four Winds A&S Competition held in *Colles Ardorum* each year. The goal of the competition is to produce a head-to-toe costume, a complete 'look' for your choice of style. There are two levels of competition, each with a prize of a SCANZ membership. The standard level is not primarily weighted for authenticity and documentation. There is no restriction on the amount of the entry that is your own work, but you must indicate which items have been purchased or otherwise created by someone else.

The advanced level: The goal of this competition is to produce a complete, well-documented and authentic outfit. 75% or more must be your own work. The scoring system is geared towards a higher emphasis on research and workmanship than the entry-level competition.

For further information please contact the Steward: Lord Bernard Stirling (Richard Dagger), phone (027) 273 4560, email dagger@paradise.net.nz

DARTON Has won the bid for May Crown 2008. Watch this space!

Darton Council Minutes

DARTON Council Minutes 6 June 2007

Present: Maggie, Tamara, Dorian, Alistair, Robyn G, Sharon, Richard, Clare, Susan, Martin, Robyn M, Selwyn, Dominico, Anthea (late), Alan (late).

Apologies: William, Mel, Steve M.

Meeting Opened 7.05pm

The minutes of the last meeting were not read.

Officers Reports

Seneschal – Maggie

We have May Crown 2008 Event. Sharon is the Steward.

We received a copy of the new Chatelaines Handbook from the Kingdom Chatelaine.

We have requested a clarification of the ramifications of the St Florians truck accident from SCANZ.

We have requested a clarification of the ramifications of SCA groups applying for grants from SCANZ. [COGS was asked. The result is that an individual branch of a group's application for grants is not effected by another individual branch of a group's application for grants.]

We have finally forwarded the Shire's 6 monthly Kingdom report.

Deputy Seneschal for Recruitment – Robyn G.

Nothing reported.

Herald – Dorian

Kazamira (Tamara) has stepped down as Herald, and been replaced by Christopher (Dorian).

The Shire's group arms are still pending.

Reeve – Richard

April accounts opening balance 1819.29, + 331.00, -477.00 {Arabian Feast, DA fees, Kingdom fees}, closing balance 1673.29.

May accounts no change.

Seneschal required deposit slip.

[Sharon required \$442 payment in arrears for the Collegia feast.]

[Alistair required \$204 payment in advance for the Midwinter feast.]

A&S Officer – Robyn M.

The Collegia has happened, see event report.

A Spin-In will be held at Steven's and Tamara's on 28 July.

We are looking for DA Collegia teachers. Apply to Robyn M. (Robyn G. said she will teach bookbinding. Maggie said she will teach Embroidery. Martin said he will teach steel weapon training.)

Dancing – Sharon – Numbers at dance practice are a problem. If we don't get at least 8 participants Sharon will cancel dance practice on Saturday mornings by email. The next dance practices are 10 June and 24 June, and will be moving onto more complicated dances than the cut and mime brawles. There is a ball at DA. Dances taught before DA will be tailored for smaller numbers.

Deputy A&S Officer for Steel Weapon Training – Kerry

Absent.

Marshal – William

Nothing reported.

Lists – Sharon

Nothing to report.

Rapier Marshal – Selwyn

Class of 4 rapier fighters held Sunday before last.

Planning to authorise rapiers fighters before DA.

Planning to hold 1 day collegia for marshals wishing to become rapier marshals, needs the approval of the Kingdom Marshal.

Donation of Equipment – Robyn G. – William de Cameron from Ildhafn has donated 3 fiberglass rapier blanks to the Shire.

Which are the best fencing masks available –

Richard – Selwyn suggested Blue Gauntlet fencing masks from JG Fencing in Sydney, Australia, which are about AUD\$200 each.

Archery Marshal – Selwyn

Bowman's Gathering in Levin 16-17 June. Selwyn will ask Kerry or Douglas for details and post them to the email list. Mainly a target event. Selwyn and Robyn M. going if you need a lift.

Investigating indoor archery at Mana Archery Club in Porirua on Tuesday evenings.

Investigating further archery days at Steven's & Tamara's.

Richard – we will eventually be able to set up a short range at my property in Newlands.

Martin – would like to see more in armour archery training.

Constable – Alistair

Martin as Collegia Chirurgeon to send Shire Constable formal report on the hospitalisation that occurred at the Collegia. In brief, incident had happy ending.

Still looking for a successor. See the Clarion for more info.

Sharon – we need a small kitchen first aid kit (see other business).

Chronicler – Alistair

Published new look Clarion including Posters. Photos for posters from Selwyn, etc, gratefully received. People who don't want to be on posters please advise Chronicler. Noted that Tamara and Anthea should not be on posters.

Events

Collegia

Maggie – Made a profit ~ \$150 to \$300 to be advised. Turnbull House very happy with our tenancy. Much good feedback. Plan to do again next year with more teaching from non SCA people, out of town laurels etc. Kitchen was only bad point. Probably only do supper rather than full dinner next year.

Alistair – Some undercooked meat served.

Omnes – Rest of feast was fine.

Sharon – Kitchen too small. Could have used other areas for prep work though.

Alistair – Kitchen does however have a residential stove, a fridge, a double sink.

Midwinter Feast 26 June

Alistair – event night booked out. Money arranged for event float.

Fourth Darton Champions Tourney 1 July

Martin – at Fighter Practice. Christopher will act as Herald. Request participants come in costume.

Darton Anniversary (DA) 16-19 August

Richard – Event is on schedule. Need people to help Maggie cook and serve breakfasts and lunches. Event is being run as a three day event. Basic plan of events is as follows:

Thursday 16 June – Daytime arrive and pitch tents, Evening tavern revel and dinner.

Friday 17 June – Morning heavy tournament, Afternoon rapier and archery, Evening ball and dinner.

Saturday 18 June – Morning heavy tournament and market including judging of four winds costume competitions, Afternoon rapier including rapier championship and archery, Evening moot and feast.

Sunday 19 June – Morning melee fighting, Afternoon pack up and go home.

A&S Classes throughout – Robyn M. needs more A&S class teachers.

Selwyn needs a target archery range marshal. [Alistair – will definitely be able to cook and serve Tavern food Thursday night, Ball food Friday night.]

[Sharon is doing feast on Saturday?]

May Crown Tournament 2nd Weekend in May 2008

Sharon – Timeline and work plan of fundraising, making things, etc, to be advised. Making calico hospitality bags with a logo to be advised.

Send your brainstorming ideas to crown organisation team {Sharon, Maggie, Martin, Richard}.

Cost starts at \$70 including Feast, +\$10 increments over time. Price at door for event excluding feast only.

Fundraising ideas include tournaments and banner placement at event. Plan not just to concentrate on Darton people.

Alistair – suggested fundraising at Manakau Medieval Market, e.g. 'Whack a fighter' for \$1
Dominico – suggested hire and sale of movie theatre.

Martin – fundraising to provide free mead and beer, need ~\$100 for 25 litres mead x 3 or 4

Sharon – please send me all ideas.

Maggie – main theme is 'hospitality'. No specific medieval theme.

General Business

Richard – purchase of silk and dye from Dharma Trading.

Various cost issues were discussed.

We will look at mechanisms for hanging banners in large hall at DA.

It was noted this is capital expenditure by the shire, not part of the Crown event.

Maggie – Inclined to buy 2 bolts of silk and sell remainder after purchase. Omnes – Yes.

Tamara – Can we get access to an overhead projector? Sharon – Yes.

Tamara – We also need to build or source more banner frames. Omnes – Yes.

Meeting agreed that Richard shall arrange a quote for 50 yards x 36 inches of [number] 5 silk, 50 yards x 36 inches of [number] 8 silk, 16 ounces of red, blue, green, yellow and black dyes, 4 ounces of purple, brown and flesh dyes, and 4 ounces of clear resist. Richard shall report result of quote to email list for final agreement.

We will also approach Baroness Katherine (Vicky) to buy her remaining black dye.

Maggie – we need a Quartermaster to keep track of the shire's assets, although not necessarily to store them.

Robyn G. volunteered. Everyone holding shire assets should make a list and email it to Robyn G.

Maggie – we need a small kitchen first aid kit.

Meeting agreed – Maggie to purchase dettol, antiseptic cream, kitchen plasters.

Sharon – Report on \$400 Kitchen equipment purchased. Purchased serving equipment including platters, carafes, ramekins, breadbaskets, ladles, tongs and bowls. Also purchased 2 plastic storage bins.

Meeting closed 8.35pm

Darton Council Positions

LORD William has replaced Lord Miles as Group Marshal. The official handover will be at Darton Anniversary.

MASTER Christopher has replaced Lady Kazamira as Herald. The official handover is expected at Darton Anniversary.

MASTER Stefano has replaced Lady Sancha as Chronicler. The official handover will be at Darton Anniversary.

MASTER Stefano is looking for a replacement Constable to begin at Darton Anniversary. The Constable's position involves looking after health and safety issues, lost property, security, the good behaviour of participants at events, and periodicity issues at events. All applications should be emailed directly to Master Stefano, Fru Marienna and the Kingdom Constable.

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