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THE CLARION



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

*"Slander is a poison which extinguishes charity, both in the slanderer, and in the persons who listen to it."
- attributed to Saint Bearnard of Clairvaux, b.1091-d.1153*

From the Chronicler

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

This month sees Darton Anniversary upon us once again, and as the rain and wind howls outside, we can hope to relax awhile with bowls of hot stew, tankards of beer and goblets of wine, and the witty company of honourable lords and gentle ladies.

In very many ways DA is the SCA new year here in Darton: Too cold and wet to do anything much, warmer weather just around the corner but not quite here yet, the faire and tournament season almost but not quite ready to spring forth anew. It is I think, just like high summer was when I lived in St Florian: Too hot and humid to do anything much, cooler weather thoroughly awaited, Rowany Festival perennially two weeks away.

And as with all new years, DA is a time to where we may pause and reflect. DA is an extremely important event for Darton. It is our anniversary. And it is the customary time and place for the shire council to stand up and make account of itself to the shire's populace.

But that does not need to be all. Might we also, each individually, consider our own roles and activities within the society, and figuratively stand up and make account for ourselves too?

Can we resolve to make peace with ourselves and with others? Can we truly endeavour to treat ALL lords and ladies honourably, honestly, politely and forsoothly?

Even those whom we might otherwise scorn, or pity? Or whom we find dealing with uncomfortable, or infuriating? Or whom unfortunately refuse our requests for assistance? Or whom we must unfortunately refuse assistance to?

Our shire is very little. Yet we are running May Crown next year. Our shire possesses no clearly defined households or otherwise like-minded groups. Although this too shall come to pass. And all hopefully for the better, and not for the worse.

To paraphrase a latterday scholar, if we do not resolve to play together, we shall most assuredly play separately.

Thus perseverance and tolerance and patience and measure, these should be our watchwords. Which is as much to say, to do what one can for the shire where one can; but no more lest one becomes melancholy and disheartened at the effort; and to forswear rancour at others where they cannot do all we ask, and to hope others forswear rancour at ourselves for likewise failings.

Yes. A witty, honourable and gentle resolution, if I do say so myself.

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

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
4 July 2007

Attending: Maggie (chair), Alistair (minutes), Tamara, Steve M, Selwyn, Susan, Alasdair, Robyn G, Robyn M, Martin, Kerry.

Apologies: Sharon, Richard, Dorian.

Meeting opened 7.10pm.

Officers Reports

Chatelaine – Steve M – There is a new Chatelaine's handbook available. Some new people have been showing up.

Marshal – Alasdair – Tournament on Sunday 8 July. Armour an issue. Will email list regarding new armour & thrusting tip standard. People should check their armour versus the new standard.

Seneschal – Maggie – COGS grants applications have opened. We are applying for sporting and safety equipment for May Crown.

A&S Officer – Robyn M – Would like to take a temporary step back from being A&S officer for mundane reasons. Alasdair will organise A&S classes at DA. Kerry as deputy A&S officer is the next ‘go to’ person for A&S queries. There is a spin in Saturday 28 July at Steve & Tam’s – please distribute info about this.

Herald – Tamara – Files are ready to turn over to Dorian. \$180+ receipts from Astrolabe Herald (Lord Benedict) available to purchase heraldry specific assets, Maggie and Dorian have been in touch with Astrolabe Herald and everything is ready regarding this. Selwyn stated he has a copy of the Fox-Davies heraldry book available.

Rapier – Selwyn – Wishes to step down, looking for a replacement, not teaching students at present, would like to hand on the role for mundane reasons and to concentrate on archery. Prepared to run rapier stuff at DA & May Crown though.

Archery – Selwyn – Will try to scavenge cardboard to build butts. Will lead building stands. Asked how Darton archery butts and stands have been made. Robyn G stated they have previously they have been made of cardboard and painted. Steve M has leftover targets at farm.

Reeve – Richard (reporting via email) – Doesn’t have complete June figures to report, including midwinter feast details.

Constable – Alistair – Requested and awaiting incident report from Collegia Event Steward (Maggie) regarding ambulance callout incident. Still seeking replacement. No offers of replacement forthcoming to date, will continue in position as required.

Chronicler – Alistair – Published July Clarion at meeting.

Deputy Seneschal for Recruitment – Robyn G – Put some posters up.

Quartermaster – Robyn G – Received two lists of shire equipment by email.

Past Events

Collegia Event Steward – Maggie – Some overdue monies, however final event surplus \$427.85.

Midwinter Feast Event Steward – Alistair – Very successful small event. Reports and \$235 cash inwards available, will forward to reeve. \$18 final event surplus.

Future Events

Spin In Event Organisers – Robyn M & Tamara – Saturday 28 July, Steve & Tam’s place, starts 10am, BYO food, BYO equipment and fleece, some alpaca fleece available for sale.

DA Event Steward – Richard (reporting via email) – Bookings low, book now please.

May Crown Event Steward – Sharon (reporting via email) – Has created a ‘to do’ list and a preliminary timetable. Wants to run a monthly ‘shire day’ to work on equipment for May Crown, e.g. hospitality bags, etc. July shire day at the Spin In. August shire day time and place TBA, will notify shire via forum. Booking form done, will coordinate with Baron Bartholomew in Southron Gaard to setup an online booking system. Advertising to be published for Crown very soon.

General Business

COGS grants – Mel & Martin – Plan to request funds for a first aid kit including instant ice packs. Kerry to look at pricing via St Johns website and NZ Safety bulk purchase pricing. Also plan to request funds for Marshallate equipment, including list corners, a list tree, and helmets, tabards and poles for marshals, etc. Steve M stated he has many helmets available, they just need padding.

Brewers Guild – Martin (& Richard) – to do another round of brewing after July Coronation. Testing evening time and place TBA. Selwyn stated he is getting a pot still.

Meeting closed 7.55pm.

The Card Game of Basset

BY Baron Modar Neznanich, based on research by Lord Brusten de Bearsul.

Basset is a multiplayer gambling game.

The number of players determines the number of standard 52-card decks used. The first deck allows for play by a dealer and up to three players. Each additional deck allows up to four additional players.

“Basset (bassette) seems to have been created in C15th Italy”

Thirteen cards dealt face up to each player.

No cards are dealt to the dealer.

Each player then decides which of his own cards he will bet on.

Betting is done by placing the wager upon the card being bet on.

Any or all the cards a player has may be bet on.

Wagers may be of any value (although ‘House Rules’ can set a limit on the wagers).

Bets have to be made by all players before the next step in the game is taken.

Next the dealer turns one card face up from the remainder of the deck, dealt from the bottom.

The dealer wins all bets placed on cards that match this card’s rank.

The dealer then deals two cards off the top of the deck, face up.

The dealer wins all bets placed on cards that match the first card’s rank.

The dealer pays all wagers that match the second card.

Once a wager on a card has been lost, the card is taken out of play.

Once a wager on a card has been won, the player has a choice: He may take the card out of play and keep the wager won, OR leave the card and the wager (the original amount only) in play.

To signify that a winning card and bet is left in play, a corner of the card is turned up.

If a card is left in play after winning and it loses, the dealer gets the original bet on the card (only), and the card is then taken out of play.

If a card is left in play after winning and it wins again, it is paid off at 7 times the original bet.

A card that has won twice can be taken out of play or left in play, with the original bet on it.

To signify that a 2-time winning card and bet is left in play, two corners of the card are turned up.

If a 2-time winning card is left in play and it loses, the dealer gets the original bet on the card (only), and the card is then taken out of play.

If a 2-time winning card is left in play and it wins again, it is paid off at 15 times the original bet.

A card that has won three times can be taken out of play or left in play, with the original bet on it.

To signify that a 3-time winning card and bet is left in play, three corners of the card are turned up.

If a 3-time winning card is left in play and it loses, the dealer gets the original bet on the card (only), and the card is then taken out of play.

If a 3-time winning card is left in play and it wins again, it is paid off at 30 times the original bet.

A card that has won four times can be taken out of play or left in play, with the original bet on it.

To signify that a 4-time winning card and bet is left in play, all four corners of the card are turned up.

If a 4-time winning card is left in play and it loses, the dealer gets the original bet on the card (only), and the card is then taken out of play.

If a 4-time winning card is left in play and it wins again, it is paid off at 60 times the original bet.

A card that has won four times is taken out of play.

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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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