

# **SCA Shire of Darton**

## **Medieval Crafts and Culture**

**Ever wanted to learn about medieval camping,  
cooking, arts and crafts, society and culture?**



### **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, September AS XLII (2007)

*"When pride and presumption walk before, shame and loss follow very closely."  
King Louis XI of France (1423-1483)*

## From the Seneschal

**F**OR the purpose of future event planning, please take a moment to fill out the survey below. You may remain anonymous if you prefer. Results will be shared with the shire, but comments will not be attributed to specific individuals.

How often would you like to attend local events?:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is cost a factor for you to attend local events?:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in attending more weekend camping events in Darton?:  
\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how often would you be likely to attend Darton camping events?:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in attending more one-day or one-evening events in Darton?:  
\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how often would you be likely to attend Darton one-day events?:  
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What are your preferences with regard to one-day events (e.g. feasts, tournaments, A&S workshops, etc)?:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you prefer short single-purpose events, or events that combine food, fighting and/or A&S activities and are therefore longer?  
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**Please feel free to write down and attach any additional comments. Thank you.**

*Fru Marienna*

## From the SCANZ Inc. Chair

**G**REETINGS To the Members of SCANZ Inc. The AGM of SCANZ Inc. for 2007 will be in Christchurch on or after 24 November. Members of SCANZ Inc. are invited to submit motions to the Committee for the AGM no later than 15 September 2007.

An official notice of the time, place, and agenda of the AGM will be sent to members of SCANZ Inc. no later than 29 September 2007. Please refer to the SCANZ Inc. website for the official copy of the rules as last submitted to the registrar of Incorporated Societies:  
<http://www.sca.org.nz/documents.php>

Please pass this message onto the other SCA lists in New Zealand. Chroniclers please place this notice in your newsletters.

*YIS, Lady Sancha da Sylva (Robyn Guy)  
Chair SCANZ Inc.*

## From the Chronicler

**G**REETINGS To you all, from my fourth Clarion as Darton Chronicler. I note I am still awaiting confirmation of my warrant of tenure from the Kingdom Chronicler!

I am pretty sure I enjoyed Darton Anniversary immensely. That is not to say that nothing went wrong. There were certainly trials and tribulations getting enough bookings for the event, for instance. And I did notice a certain Spartan attitude with regards to the hall decoration for the Saturday night feast. As an aside, I put up my wee banner in the hall, in case anyone was wondering whether no banners were put up at all!

But nothing **really terrible** went wrong. I mean, the forest didn't burn down around the campsite. I've been there. The toilets didn't flood. Yes, been there too, more than once. No-one pulled a blade in anger, and need to get carted away by the mundane police. Nor did anyone have to go to hospital, get their stomach pumped, snake bite antiodated or concussion monitored.

So overall it really was quite a nice event. It was convivial. It was friendly. There was plenty of satisfying food, and generally plenty to do. We played a variety of games, including Fox and Geese, shove half-penny, and a C15th card game called Basset. Yes, OK, I advertised Basset in the last issue, it just goes to show, **if you build it (within reason!), they will come.**

Actually, I think the above quote, from "Field of Dreams", is definitive about my thoughts about how all SCA events should be organised. I should probably write it down and submit it in Fru Marienna's survey.

For instance, with little much else happening on Friday afternoon, we devised a hilarious card game (for players and spectators alike) called Nomic Mau, now that was a lot of fun! Not terribly medieval, but I daresay at least conjecturally so. After all, someone during the Renaissance must have devised chess of the wild queen, instead of simply playing shantraj.

Let's see, what else? I did some fighting, that was fun but pretty hard work, not really being armour fit at the moment. I got in my cups a bit, did some singing, participated in a long and involved discourse on the new Marshalling standards. There were some classes, the Four Winds A&S competition, some archery, some fencing, the moot (yes, I really did get in my cups a bit), we put Lord Bearnard's tent up, and it was lovely to see a smattering of wayfarers from Southron Gaard, Ildhafn and Cluain in town.

All in all, a very, very nice, pleasant, laid-back, and relaxing weekend. Yes indeed. I did enjoy Darton Anniversary immensely.

How about you?

*Master Stefano*

## Regular Meetings

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

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

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

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

## Upcoming Events

**D**ARTON Has won the bid for May Crown 2008. Watch this space!

## Darton Council Minutes

**D**ARTON Council Minutes  
1 August 2007

These minutes also posted on the website. Comments on format, etc, are welcome.

## Officers' Reports

### Seneschal

COGS application sent in. Received confirmation and request for annual accounts. Maggie to action.

### Deputy Seneschal for Recruitment

Nothing new. Wants new posters, will take it up with poster boy (Stefano).

### Quartermaster

Has collated lists from Tam and Maggie into a spreadsheet. Awaiting kitchen list from Sharon. Is taking an interest in Gold Key. Will sort out a list of things that need doing (repairs, replacements, additions) and take digital photos.

### Herald

Apologies. Written report read out. Care packages received from Astrolabe. Handover items still with Maggie and Martin for pickup.

### Marshal

Nothing much to report. Several newbies have been turning up and need training. Sir Asbjorn is feeling the pinch. After DA heavy fighting is going to be happening between 10-12 and rapier thereafter. Fighters want to sit down

together and discuss rule changes. A space in the DA schedule will be found.

### Rapier Marshal

Apologies. Nothing to report.

### Archery Marshal

Apologies. Nothing to report

### Lists Officer

Nothing to report.

### Arts & Sciences Officer

Apologies. Spin-in happened. Shoes may be happening again after DA. We will gauge interest and see.

### Constable

Incident report from Collegium still outstanding. Maggie apologises and will action. [Subsequently received, thanks very much!] Still looking for a replacement.

### Chronicler

Clarion published. Concern about the timing of the minutes being published. After brief discussion a new system will be trialed. Maggie will take minutes and try to get them published to web and mailing list ASAP after the meeting. Alistair offered to help with the typing.

### Reeve

June starting balance 1479.70, in 1409.50, out 963.65, closing balance 1925.55.

July starting balance 1925.55, in 231, out 124.30, closing balance 2032.25.

Bank has found it in them to permit online banking with viewing only. Richard has appointment to set it up. This will improve his ability to report accurately to council.

## Events

### Darton Anniversary

22 people have booked the whole weekend with 3 others coming for part of the event. The booking rate is very disappointing and stressful. We are currently looking at a \$350-400 loss on the event. This can be mitigated by canceling the Fletcher hall and accommodation. Richard will contact site.

A discussion followed on the reasons for the poor booking numbers and what our response could be. It was felt that the loss to the shire if we were to cancel the event would be greater than running it at a loss.

It is our main event, and we would still take a financial hit by losing the deposit. The decision was made to go ahead, with intensive canvassing for bookings in the next week.

Next Wednesday we will reassess the situation and see if we can further mitigate the cost by scaling down the food somewhat.

It was agreed that the issue was largely to do with the proximity of a very large, expensive and exhausting Crown event. A baker's dozen of people from SG who had indicated they were going to come to DA have all evaporated. Numbers of travelers from the North are also down. Even locals are failing to book.

Maggie will post stern email about the courtesy of booking and canceling in a timely manner. Kerry will remind our MLH friends to let us know if they intend to come/day-trip. All will remind everyone they know to book now.

### May Crown Tournament

All proceeding at good pace. Information has been forwarded to Peter for online booking forms. A brief discussion on where information should be sent ensued. On the whole nothing much to report this month.



## Open Business

The Cooks' guild of Lochac have a new guild master.

Some external comments on the usability of the shire website. Noted and will be actioned.

### Outstanding issues

#### Banners

Nothing will happen until after DA at this point.

#### Serving Gear

Seven platters were purchased and refunded.

## Darton Council Positions

**M**ASTER Stefano is looking for a replacement Constable to begin as soon as practicable. 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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## **The Flea**

*By John Donne (1572-1631)*

**M**ARK But this flea, and mark in this,  
How little that which thou deniest  
me is ;

It suck'd me first, and now sucks thee,  
And in this flea our two bloods mingled be.  
Thou know'st that this cannot be said

A sin, nor shame, nor loss of maidenhead ;

Yet this enjoys before it woo,

And pamper'd swells with one blood made  
of two ;

And this, alas! is more than we would do.

**O** Stay, three lives in one flea spare,  
Where we almost, yea, more than  
married are.

This flea is you and I, and this

Our marriage bed, and marriage temple is.

Though parents grudge, and you, we're met,  
And cloister'd in these living walls of jet.

Though use make you apt to kill me,

Let not to that self-murder added be,

And sacrilege, three sins in killing three.

**C**RUEL And sudden, hast thou since  
Purpled thy nail in blood of innocence?  
Wherein could this flea guilty be,

Except in that drop which it suck'd from thee?

Yet thou triumph'st, and say'st that thou

Find'st not thyself nor me the weaker now.

'Tis true ; then learn how false fears be ;

Just so much honour, when thou yield'st to me,

Will waste, as this flea's death took life from thee.

# SCA Shire of Darton

## Medieval Armoured Combat

**It's a fun, energetic martial art,  
and hardly anyone ever actually gets killed!**



### **Heavy Fighter Practice and Rapier Practice**

Sunday 10am-2pm, Northlands Hall, Woburn Road, Northland.  
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