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The Hartbeat

Cragmere and Ravensley Rejoin Hartwood



At this time Hartwood bids farewell to Edward and the council on behalf of the populous of Hartwood wishes to extend thanks to him for his time, care and efforts during his tenure.

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Welcome to the first issue of the Hartbeat.

We are celebrating the reuniting of the former Shires of Cragmere and Ravensley with Hartwood and I feel it was only fitting that we choose a new name for our newsletter so we can start fresh with issue one.

We have always had close ties with one another, and after some initial adjustments, I feel we will become a stronger group. This will take time and effort on all our parts. Where once we fought wars against one another, we shall now hold meetings, events and camp together.

I have heard much talk lately about how people just want to return to the old SCA and one way we can do this, is by returning the fun to our own shire.

While we still need to follow the rules and file our proper paperwork, there is also need for compromise. A council meeting can be organized and still allow for snacks and conversation afterwards. When we run an event it can be well planned and still have room for laughter and games.

I strongly believe that if we spend the time to get together regularly - both in person and through electronic means – we can become more comfortable in our newly expanded shire. And when we are all comfortable with each other, we can invite many new friends to join us, knowing they will also get to experience some of what makes us stay in the Society.

Although this issue was put together in a bit of a hurry, I have included an article by HL Marina on persona, and one by HL Halima on disguising your camping cooler.

If anyone wishes to contribute to the next newsletter please contact me and please keep in mind that release forms will be required in most cases. To view these forms please go to: http://www.sca.org/docs/library.html or write me and ask I will send the information to you.

Elizabeth Chatfeld (July 2011)

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Taken from the FAQ Document at: http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/PubFAQ.pdf

Hartwood Executive Council Minutes (June 12, 2011)

Minutes: taken by Elizabeth Chatfeld

Chair: HL Edward of York

Also in Attendance: Mistress Cecille, HL Zoran, HL Marina, HL Halima, HL Kjartan and Lady

Fjorleif.

Called to Order: 2:10 pm

Item #1: The Constitution

The document is discussed in much detail and proposed changes are to be presented at General Council for ratification.

Items needing more investigation:

- Confirmation on the lands north of Campbell River.

- Query the terms Cragmere, Hartwood and Ravensley

<u>Item #2:</u> Financial Policy - Tabled

<u>Item #3:</u> Ravens War – Rough financial budget submitted.

Item #4: Proxy Voting in the Future - None

The rest of the agenda items were Tabled -

Adjourned: 5:40

Note: Everyone on the Executive Council is expected to bring to the next meeting a report on their ideas and objectives for their jobs.

(Anyone wishing to view a copy of the revised charter may do so on the Insula Magna Blue Pages or contact me and I will send you a copy.)

Hartwood Financial Committee Meeting Minutes (June 26/11)

Minutes taken by Elizabeth Chatfeld

Meeting Commences: 7:07 pm

<u>In Attendance</u>: (Skype) Fjorleif, Zoran, Marina, Elizabeth, William, Dori, Halima, Kjartan, Edward, Scathach and Katrina (for Straight and Arrow Budget discussions)

State of Finances:

- 1. Paperwork all signatories must be signed up before the bank account can be opened at the Coastal Community Credit Union. We therefore have nothing in the bank. Financial policy does not apply in this situation.
- 2. Discussed Budget for the Armada Accepted
- 3. Straight and Arrow Need more information from Event Steward so Katrina was called and asked to come to the meeting to clarified certain expenses and the changes in rates. Change in youth rate was to avoid NMS. Family cap was also discussed. After discussion budget was accepted
- 4. Yule- Donation of Prizes was discussed Budget accepted.
- 5. Budget for Officers discussed Halima says receipts and reimbursement request forms needed if you need funds.
- 6. Income: \$985.50 Expenses: \$545.00 Income After Expenses: \$440.50

Financial Policy Changes

Financial Policy: Halima made some basic adjustments and we will go over them using a copy containing both the old and new for comparison.

I. Introduction expanded – accepted

A. accepted

II. A. And B. - accepted

III. A 1. accept and B. 1, 2, 3 – accepted C. - accept D. - accepted E.- accepted

IV. A. Accepted B.1,2,3,4,5 – accepted C. accepted

V. A. - accepted

VI. A. Accepted

VII. A,B,C – accepted

VIII - A, B, C, D - accepted

IX – accepted

X. - accepted

XI. A,B,C and D – Accepted

Meeting Dates:

General Council July 24^{th} 10:30 – followed by picnic Executive Council – July 3^{rd} 7pm

Persona in Parts

Joining a big new group can be a rush. All those fighters and everyone in costume and then you need to choose a medieval name. And after that a multitude of activities can pull you here and there leaving a big blank in your new persona.

Many people choose a persona that matches the times of their friends. And others choose to explore a part of their heritage. And for some it is simply a matter of finding the person who would wear this particular armour or gown. There is no wrong way to find yourself in the SCA. You can start out a Renaissance troubadour and later discover your inner Norseman.

A large part of the enjoyment of playing this game is keeping in character. And so, no matter who you are try to find out a few things about your life. Choose a piece at a time if you like and add more as you go along.

There are the obvious things like knowing the country and the year and what the local coinage is worth and what it is called. But fun comes from the details.

Do you live in a city or in the country? Pick a place and see if you can find a medieval map. If there are none, feel free to create your own. Be like the explorers of old and lay out the landmarks of your lands.

Are you rich or only comfortable? What sort of hovel/manor/castle would you live in? What sort of furniture, servants, guards and family surround you?

Do you travel often? Where and how? Is it on business as a trader or chapman or are you a pious soul who has gone on many pilgrimages? Maybe all your travel has been with the armies or as a mercenary.

Have you been taught to cipher and write a good hand? Were you trained up to be a cleric or keep accounts for a brother who would inherit the estate? Have you attended the great universities of Paris or Padua? And did you graduate or were the drinking and carousing much more compelling that the lectures?

Do you have skills, perhaps learned as an apprentice in a guild? Does this guild sponsor festivals or have a patron saint? Do you sell your goods locally or send them off to far away markets and fairs?

I hope some of these questions has sparked a glimmer of an idea for your persona. And one day I would be delighted to hear who you are and what your chosen world is like.

When you can't go period, go faux!

Linda J Doerksen SCA: Halima al-Rakkasa first webbed July 6, 2006

As I sat at my encampment at Cragmere's Armada, one item was especially glaring... The cooler. Oh, true that there was a cover over it, a cover that slipped at every breeze, never mind every time we opened it. A week later, I made my decision...

Go faux! (For those not familiar with French, pronounced GOH-FOH) That means, when you can't make the real thing, make the plastic thing less obvious.

Ingredients:

- cooler
- paper
- Weldbond white glue
- marker in black or brown
- plastic wrap (opt. for other people)
- Minwax PolyShades, stain and polyurethane in 1 step

Take one Coleman Cooler. In this case, a plastic one with molded-in-place handles. Add a couple of large brown paper bags, or some brown kraft wrapping paper, about twice as much as you think you need. Rip the paper into rough pieces about the size of a splayed hand. Mix up some goop: 2 parts water to 1 part Weldbond glue. Stir it well and pour into a small tray that'll take your paper bits.

Some people say you can duct-tape over the raised lettering, but I find that the glue might not stick well; I prefer to paper the bumpy bits first, and then go over the whole cooler.

At this point, you might want to use a permanent black marker (or brown) to color edges and such that might show; I colored the hinges, and chose to depend on my skill in papering for the rest. You might want to replace the hinges with leather or metal for additional brag-factor.

Be certain you've eaten recently, because once you start, your hands will get stickier than you could ever imagine.

Cover the raised lettering first, dipping each piece of paper into the glue mix and smoothing it onto the cooler, working methodically. I do the top, go down one side, and then go around. I skip the bottom. Overlap a bit, smoothing the edges, and working out any air bubbles. Straight paper edges get used on straight cooler edges. Don't cover the hinges.

At some point, I find the lid keeps closing on me, and sticking edges together that ought not; that's when I put a layer of plastic food wrap along the edge to prevent sticking.

When everything is covered that should be, leave it alone to dry a day or two; when dry, the surface will no longer feel cool. If there are rough spots, take a bit of sandpaper to them to smooth them. I don't get very fussy about it, as my paper layer is usually flat.

Then get some Minwax PolyShades in a dark-ish color, like Antique Walnut Satin, and a foam brush.

Give the papier mache one thin coat, let dry thoroughly, and add a second. If you want a darker finish, add a third coat.

I wouldn't leave this out in the rain, but I wouldn't do that with an untreated

cooler, anyway. I do like the leather look, and I'm now planning to add some color to it. Heraldry, perhaps?

Upcoming Events

	August-2011				
Dates	Event Type	Event	Branch Locations	Autocrat	
05 - 07	Level 2 (Open)	The Armada	Shire of Hartwood Nanaimo, Campbell River, Port Alberni, BC	Kjartan kráka	
12 - 14	Level 2 (Open) No EIF	Lions Gate SYGC Trials	Barony of Lions Gate Vancouver, BC	Sergeant Laric Godwin	
12 - 14	Level 1 (Limited)	On the Straight N Arrow	Shire of Hartwood Nanaimo, Campbell River, Port Alberni, BC	Katrina of Skye	
20	Level 1 (Limited)	Seagirt Summer Tourney	Barony of Seagirt Victoria, BC	Finndabhair	
26 - 28	Coronet Level	☐ Tir Righ August Investiture & Warren War	Shire of Shittimwoode Bellingham - Whatcom County, WA	Signy Vilhialmsdottir	

September-2011					
Dates	Event Type	Event	Branch Locations	Autocrat	
09 - 11	Level 1 (Limited) No EIF	Odin's Playground	Shire of Lionsdale Abbotsford & Chilliwack, BC		
16 - 18	Level 1 (Limited)	Summer's End	Shire of Krakafjord Vernon, BC	<u>Varvara</u> <u>Dashkova</u>	
23 - 24	Coronet Level	Tir Righ September Coronet	Barony of Seagirt Victoria, BC	Tristan Seagirt	

October-2011					
Dates	Event Type	Event	Branch Locations	Autocrat	
07 - 10	Level 1 (Limited)	The Tournament of the Golden Swan	Shire of Appledore Okanagan Valley, BC	Crystal Hanah Rose	
15	Level 1 (Limited)	Ball of Masked Champions	Barony of Seagirt Victoria, BC	Anastasia Daysshe	
21 - 23	Principality Level	Tir Righ A & S and Bardic Championships	Principality of Tir Righ Western BC, Northern WA	Wulfstan Hrafnsson	

The Armada

Aug 5-7, 2011. AS XLV Camp Gilwell (Scouts of Canada) 5200 Comox Logging Rd., Courtenay, BC Gate opens 4 p.m. Friday

Avast, me hearties! Down yer tankards and join us, for the Armada is about to set sail. Kiss yer lover and spouse farewell, both; promise them booty if ye must but be here Aug 5-7, with yer letter of marque or no. Aye, there will be hand-to-hand combat on land and a-sea (trans.: heavy and rapier fighting, likely boat, plank, and tavern battles: mutiny? "Take on the Capt."? "salvage crew"?-), and archery. Vessels will be challenged in looks and in sailing (floating!) skills.

Arrrrgh! {cough, cough... ahem...} Please come join us!

Contests

Boat Contest and Boat Race Rules for making the Boats:

Boats may be constructed out of any materials; remember, they must float! The boats do not need to be to scale, but should be 12" to 18" in length. Boats must be of a period design. The race will be run in heats; the winner of each heat will advance to the finals. Boats are not to be powered by any means other than sail. Boat owners are responsible for the retrieval and removal of their own boat. The contest is open to all ages.

Prizes will be awarded for the best documentation the best-looking boat the overall winner of the race **WARNING** - fast moving river: mind your children!!! Bring swim clothes - or not, as you choose - so you can launch your boat.

The Details

Site fees: \$15.00 per adult; \$5 ages 6-18; under 6 free. Day fee: \$8.00 per adult; \$5 for 6 to adult. Make cheques out to "SCA - Shire of Hartwood".

Directions:

Camp Gilwell (Scouts of Canada) 5200 Comox Logging Rd., Courtenay, BC

Other info: http://scoutdocs.ca/Camps/Camps.php?camp=gilwell
Take the Inland Highway (not the coast scenic drive) to the Piercy exit, number 127 (for those coming from Victoria, this is past the Courtenay exit); you can only turn one way. Follow curvy road to Forbidden Plateau Rd. where you turn Right. Go to (more curvy road) Duncan Bay Main Rd. and again turn Right. Go about a city block to the Camp Gilwell Park entrance on the right.

NOTE: there are no stores within easy distance! Stock up in town!

Smoking is permitted by the pumphouse only.

Site opens at 4 p.m. on Friday, and closes at noon on Sunday.

Fire restrictions are as indicated by the fire marshal.

Event Steward: Kjartan kráka (Jamie Prowse); email j amazon@telus.net

"On The Straight n Arrow"

Archery tis the theme, Arrows 'N Apples is the Scheme!

Fri. Aug. 12 to Sun. Aug. 14, 2011 in the Port Alberni area Gates open Noon – close 4 pm.

Contests

Best useable archery target; Best Food with Apples (with recipe); Best Bardic: Using these words: ARCHERS, ARROWS, APPLES, HARTS, TOGETHERNESS (written copy requested)

Autocrat

Lady Katrina of Skye, katrinaskye@yahoo.ca Helen Berkeley 5711 Strathcona Street, Port Alberni, BC V9Y6X4 (250-724-0868)

Lady Erin Ada Thomas, lynnsheidaway@shaw.ca (Lynn Heid) home (250-723-9898), cell (250-720-6705)

Fees

Adults \$15, and youth \$13, under 15 free (Family cap \$30)

Adult day fee \$7

NMS of \$5 applies (checks payable to Shire of Hartwood)

Potluck Sat, we'll supply hams, Merchants welcome with donation to prize basket.

Directions to the Site: 5221 Kingston Street, Port Alberni, BC

From Lower/Middle Island – From the Inland Island Hwy take the Port Alberni side of the Qualicum Beach/Port Alberni exit and merge onto Hwy 4.

From Upper Island – From the Inland Island Hwy take the Port Alberni exit and turn right onto Hwy 4.

Follow HWY 4 as it enters Port Alberni, past Coombs Country Candy.

Keep right till you pass Walmart/Extra Foods parking lot.

Turn RIGHT onto CHERRY CREEK RD, thru 4 way stop.

Turn LEFT onto COWLEY and follow the road as it becomes BEST RD,

Stay on BEST RD.

Turn RIGHT onto KITSUKSIS RD.

Turn LEFT onto KINGSTON ST.

Proceed to the end of this gravel road, slowing down as you reach the gate at the end. Proceed slowly as there are children and animals around. Go to the end of the winding drive and you will find the castle site. Signs will be posted

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Tir Righ August Investiture & Warren War

August 26, 2011 to August 28, 2011 **Shittimwoode**

Bellingham - Whatcom County, WA

Autocrat: Signy Vilhialmsdottir

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Site Info:

Name: Hovander Homestead Park

5299 Nielson Ave.

Ferndale, WA 98248

Directions to Site:

Last Event's Directions:

Event Directions:

Hovander Homestead Park, in Ferndale WA, is about half an hour south of the Canadian border on I-5. Take your best route to I-5. Take exit 262 and go west on Main Street. Go 1/2 mile and turn hard left onto Hovander Rd. **IMMEDIATELY** after going under railroad trestle. (If you cross the bridge, you have

gone too far.) Turn right on Nielsen avenue after 1/5 mile. Go to the very end of the road (turns into one lane dirt road prior to "Gate".

Seagirt Summer Tourney

August 20, 2011 Seagirt

Victoria, BC

Autocrat: Finndabhair

Come One! Come All! Come to the Seagirt Summer Tourney! Everyone is invited!

Please join Their Excellencies, Baron Ming and Baroness Elina as Seagirtians compete for Championships in Heavy and Rapier. The Archery Championship will take place at Seargents, Yeomen and Gallants on Sunday July 24.

Schedule TBA

Site Info:

Name: Rudd Park 3259 Irma Street Victoria, BC

Directions to Site:

Last Event's Directions:

Coming from Down Town Victoria - Drive down Douglas, Heading out of town. Turn Left onto Harriet. (Near the new uptown mall) and then left onto Irma.

Coming from Langford (up Island) - Drive down the Highway into Victoria, Turn Right onto Harriet, (Near the new uptown mall) and then Left onto Irma.

Tir Righ September Coronet

September 23, 2011 to September 24, 2011 Seagirt

Victoria, BC Autocrat: <u>Tristan Seagirt</u>

The Seasons turn and once more the time for Tir Righ's September Coronet draws near. Their Highnesses of Tir Righ and their hosts, the Baron and Baroness of Seagirt, welcome all to compete for and witness who will be the next Prince and Princess of Tir Righ. Also, there will be the principality archery championship tournament to choose the next Scorer of Tir Righ. As well there will A Rapier Tourney, Youth Combat, and other children's activities.

Pets are welcome, An Tir leash laws will be in effect.

Merchants, please contact the Merchant Liaison, HL Morgaine Essex at: morgaine@ramst.ca to arrange merchant space.

Site Info:

Name: Mountainaire Campground and RV Park 1094 Spruston Road Nanimo, BC V9X 1R2 1-866-311-2267 http://www.mountainairervpark.com/

Fees: Adult: \$20, Youth (13-18): \$10,Children 12 and under: FREE, NMS of \$5 applies to all non-member adults. Make cheques payable to the "Barony of Seagirt"

Site Info:

Name: Mountainaire Campground and RV Park 1094 Spruston Road Nanimo, BC V9X 1R2

Directions to Site:

From the South Island - head north on Island Hwy/Tran-Canada Hwy for roughly 100 km. You cannot turn left from the highway to Spruston Road, so you will need to go past the road that leads to the site. A few minutes north of the Cassidy Inn there is a U-turn route (also the exit for the Bungee Experience). Take the U-turn route under the highway and head south. Turn right on Spruston Road. Site is approximately 5 km in from the highway, on the right, just past a V in the road. Follow the signs to the site. (approx 5kms).

From the North Island - head south on Highway #1 and turn right onto Spruston Rd. Follow the signs to the site (approx. 5kms).

From the Mainland - Take the ferry to either Duke Point or Departure Bay, then make your way south and follow the directions from the north island.

Ball of Masked Champions

October 15, 2011 Seagirt

Victoria, BC

Autocrat: Anastasia Daysshe

Welcome to the Ball of Masked Champions

Date is Oct 15 2011

ALL Info is Tentative currently. Will be set as date gets closer.

Time Start 3 pm

Time End 11 pm.

Dancing Starts 630 Pm.

Sets are at 630, 730, 830 and 930.

Baron and Baroness Court - To be announced.

Arts and Science Championship

From the Champion herself.

The time comes once again for Seagirtians to show their mastery in the Arts and Sciences. This year's format shall be the same as the past couple of years, that being 3 items required – 1 example of an art, 1 example of a science and a 3rd item that can be either finished or not and of either category. Written documentation is required, but there will also be a verbal session with the judges. If presenting a work in progress, documentation can also be "in progress", but some written support is required.

Please feel free to submit items for comment from the judges, even if you do not feel ready or willing to compete for the title of Champion.

Sharking Championship

As usual, the best one to shark gracefully, and skillfully into the dance, gets the prize and to wear the banner for a year.

More info to come

Autocrat - Anastasia Daysshe (Randie Anne Dey)

Email - Anastasiadm@hotmail.com

Phone 250 474-6174

Site Info:

Name: Eastern Star Hall Chapters 5 - 17

3281 Harriet St. Victoria, BC

Directions to Site:

Last Event's Directions:

From Westshore and up island: Head up the Highway towards town. At outskirts of town, Turn Right onto Harriet st. About a minute down, there is a hall and grassy fields on the left. Turn Left into the Hall.

From Downtown: Head down Douglas towards Westshore, turn left onto Harriet and then left once more into the hall. Parking is limited.

Tir Righ A & S and Bardic Championships

October 21, 2011 to October 23, 2011

Tir Righ

TH TUSH

Western BC, Northern WA

Autocrat: Wulfstan Hrafnsson

Come witness history made as the next Scholar and Skald of Tir Righ are chosen.

-OR- if you've got a mind to stand a champion of your Principality, come and contend for the honour of being Tir Righ's new Champion of the Arts & Sciences or the Bardic Arts. Either way, come and cheer on those who put their knowledge and skill to the test.

Parameters for the A&S Competition can be found here:

http://as.tirrigh.org/championship/

BUT WAIT... THERE'S MORE...

That very evening, stay to celebrate the new Scholar and Skald with a fabulous feast created by HL Kenzie McBeighn (and if previous Kenzie feasts are any indication, this is NOT to be missed!!!)

DATE:

Oct 22, 2011

HOST:

Shire of Lionsdale(Mission/Abbotsford/Chilliwack B.C.)

SITE:

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church,

8469 Cedar St

Mission BC

SITE FEES:

Adults (19+): \$15 CAD*

Youth (13-18): \$10 Children (0-12): Free

Family Cap (modern nuclear family): \$50

* A \$5 Non-member surcharge (NMS) will be in effect for all non-member adult gate fees.

FEAST FEES: (tickets available soon) Feast Tickets: \$10 (numbers are limited!)

Off-board: \$5 (as seating allows)

Event Steward: THL Wulfstan Hrafnsson - wulfstan.hrafnsson@gmail.com - 604-792-

4335 (no calls after 9pm please)

Co-steward: HL Sionann in Ui Fhlaithbheartaig - songstress1973@gmail.com - 778-

242-0464 (no calls after 9pm please)

Site Info:

Name: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church 8469 Cedar St.

Mission, BC V4S 1A1

Directions to Site:

From all points in Canada:

Take Hwy #1 to Abbotsford/Sumas exit #92 NORTH onto Sumas Way.

Continue straight.

Turn RIGHT to go NORTH on Gladys Ave/Abbotsford-Mission Hwy #11.

Continue straight to intersection at Lougheed Hwy #7. (about 15mins)

Go straight through the intersection. You are now on Cedar St.

Continue straight up the hill. Church is on the left just past Cherry Ave./22nd Ave.

From all points south of the CAN/US Border:

Take I5 NORTH to Blaine WA. exit #275.

Go through the CAN/US border at Blaine/Truck Crossing (make sure to have your passport ready).

Continue straight NORTH on 176th St./Pacific Hwy #15, through Cloverdale. (about 15mins)

Turn RIGHT onto Trans-Canada Hwy #1 EAST to Hope.

Take Hwy #1 to Abbotsford/Sumas exit #92 NORTH.

Continue straight up and over the hill.

Turn RIGHT to go NORTH on Gladys Ave/Abbotsford-Mission Hwy #11.

Continue straight to intersection at Lougheed Hwy #7. (about 15mins)

Go straight through the intersection. You are now on Cedar St.

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