

## Month Council 2008

7:15pm start

### - Events updates:

#### o **Bard and a Banquet 2009:**

- Christine is still waiting until Jason sends her the copy right information.
- Sine: will be helping with liaison between Autocrat team and the players.

#### o **Winter's tourney 2010:**

- nothing discussed

#### o **Champion's tourney 2009: (See attached)**

- profit: \$95.79
- No injuries
- Flush toilets were great
- the layout: more shade around the erics are needed
- Expensive site: we need more people to make this a continual Lionsdale event site.
- Issue of day-sight fee was discussed.
- Gate issues due to miscommunication with Campground staff and Autocrating team.

#### o **Odin's Playground 2009: (See attached)**

- Advertising done and will do at Lionsdale Champions, and going to at AT War
- Email address not correct: [odins.steuards@gmail.com](mailto:odins.steuards@gmail.com)
- A & S will be up soon (seven different categories)
- Judges needed in the form of Laurels
- Has a feast steward
- Looking for Lionsdale serving dishes (Tamara may have them.)
- Christine: please look at your UTR classes
- Mary: you can borrow our banners

#### o **Fall Ithra / Workshop:**

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#### o **New Year's Masque:**

### - Old Business:

-Farspeaker update: meeting was postponed: We are meeting to start our own.

-June 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00. On Sumas Prairie rd at Sofia's

-5-10 black tabards being made for new gold key.

### - New Business:

#### - **Demo:**

-Mary: Albian fair grounds have a demo event and she is here to ask for help with performing and volunteering. Lots of volunteers needed.

-October 25<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> "ghost ridge"

-Mary -Thank you for bring the banners to Coronet!!!

-Tir Righ needs bids for Investiture February 2010 \*

-Gate box was taken care of by Sebastian.

-Melissa: Champion scrolls/charter: personally done scrolls given when stepped down.-This is a go!!! Please do!

-Discussion of what plaques are have: Fencing, Bardic, Heavy, A&S, Combat Archery, Archery.

- **Officer Reports:**

**-Master of Stables:**

- working on making a list of active fighters.
- can not make it to the next two councils.
- No incidences to report.

**-Mistresses of Arts and Sciences:**

- Everyone was very busy creating stuff for the A&S display.
- “Rhymes with June” was a huge success
- She has hope that the Sunday workshops are going to have more in attendance.

**-Dance:**

- Everything good.

**-Seneschal:**

*-She as council's approval to look for quotes for a new sanders-matt.*

- Please pre-reg for July Coronation
- Thank you all!!!!
- Does anyone in council have an issue with Christine staying one more year? Everyone welcomed her to stay.
- You don't need to be a member to be a deputy.
- Should we drop July or August council? -Yes July!*
- Should we drop July and December council annually? -Yes*

**-Chatelaine:**

- open

**-Pied Piper: (report attached)**

- report given

**-Gold Key:**

- open
- Things were sold at Lionsdale Champions to help fund new gold key.

**-Chronicler:**

- Nothing to report

**-Web Mistress:**

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**-Heraldry: (report attached)**

-open

**-Exchequer:**

-Meet with Principality exchequer and some feedback was given, but over all she is happy with the Shire's Exchequer.

-As a Shire in regards to funds we are in the good.

-Information needed on the website to encourage someone to fill the position.

**-Chamberlain:**

-Stuff was used.

-Our hay mates need some TLC.

-A new stand is needed.

-Sofia has put forth the idea to use her house to make another tripod.

**-Bardic: (report attached)**

-Report read

**-Next Council:** August Council 20<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 7:00 at Sebastian's house in Abbotsford.

-Motion to adjourn: Sofia

-Second by Rick

8:25pm

(We cannot publish personal information.)

Attached reports:

**Pied Piper:**

- four young Lionsdalers were recognised in court at May Coronet. Asa Einarsdottir, Leif Wulfstansson and Aoife Wulfstansdottir were awarded Glowing Embers, and Hrafn Wulfstansson was presented with a gift of receiving blankets and towels in Tir Righ colors by Their Highnesses.

- I would like to thank Lady Tamsyn leRous for taking care of Pied Piper activities at Lionsdale Champions, assisted by several of the parents at the event. I had hoped to be able to assist her but my duties as co-autocrat kept me quite busy. Seven children participated in her activities on the two days and clearly quite enjoyed them.

- I would like to thank Lady Elora for the donation of a sizeable quantity of toys and craft materials for use as prizes and activities. Some of these have already been awarded, some were shared with Lady Tamsyn in appreciation of her work at the event, and some remain in my

inventory for future events.

**Bardic:** (submitted to HL Sofia for inclusion with A&S)

- Two Lionsdalers, Lady Agdta Xalbadora da Coruña and myself, and our former Bardic Champion, Lord Caemghen mac Garbith, were among the five bards who competed in the Tir Righ Bardic Championship held at May Coronet. I was victorious in the competition and sworn in as Skald of Tir Righ at closing court. My term as Skald will continue until the Tir Righ A&S/Bardic Championship event in October of AS 45 (2010). I am glad that my status as Lionsdale's Champion, announced by my word and regalia when I competed and was sworn in, reflected so well upon the Shire.

- I held a bardic competition at Lionsdale Champions this past weekend. This consisted of an accolade portion during which bards were to entertain the populace at their encampments throughout the weekend, and a scheduled judged component at which each bard performed a period selection for an audience including four judges. The contestants were Oberst Luther Magnus, Alysonne Welsea and Dæggar, and the judges Hlæfdige Thora Golvik, Lord Sebastian de Sandoval, Dr Carus of Burn Abbey and myself. All three competitors did very well, with Alysonne achieving both the highest ranked judging and the most accolade votes. Due to the wide disparity of experience levels represented, all three competitors were awarded prizes, and Dæggar was recognized as the competition's "brave new bard" and publicly given my personal bardic token in my dual capacity as Shire- and Principality Champion.

- I am hopeful that Lord Ernst and Monsigneur Richarde will be ready to hold the next Phoenix Bardic competition in the next month or so and will be in touch with them concerning this.

**Herald:**

- I have been approached by several members of the populace about consulting on their arms and device registrations and am working with those individuals on this.

**Odin's Playground:**

- will be reported on by my joint Event Steward THL Elspeth Selwode.

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Hlaford Wulfstan Hrafnsson

Scribal Report – June 2009

THL Elspeth Selwode

(mka Mellissa Kimberley)

- Scribal Night, June 9: A quiet evening, but we had a new painter! Dagny (“Daegggar”) tried her hand at charter painting and asked lots of questions.

- Champions' Scrolls: I designed a charter that has been used for all of the current champions of Lionsdale. Charters were presented to Savaric (armoured), Warwick of Ship Drakkar (combat archery), James Wolfden (target archery) and Tremayne de Clairvaux (rapier). Charters will be forthcoming for Dr. Carus (A&S) and Wulfstan Hrafnsson (Bardic). I have a proposal with regard to original scrolls, which I will address in New Business at the June council meeting.
- Champions Invites: I largely dropped the ball on this and for that, I apologize. They were finished too late to be of any real use. Note to self – don't agree to create anything that requires learning new skills in late pregnancy/early newborn stage. Mea culpa.
- New in Lionsdale Scribal: I have begun learning calligraphy! Right-handed! So has Wulfstan! And Leif! In addition to that, a small request at Julie-Anne's in Chilliwack (art and framing store) has got them carrying a small amount of gouache paints and a willingness to order it in. Huzzah!
- Coming up next month: Scribal Night on July 14<sup>th</sup>. I am considering having an earlier start time, in light of the summer holidays. More information will be posted on the forum, mailing list and the Facebook group as it happens.

Joyfully in service,  
Elspeth

## **Lionsdale Champions Tourney 2009 – Post Event Report**

Autocrat:

Geira inn hárfagra (mka Kim Kirby)

Date:

June 12-14, 2009

Location:

Vedder River Campground  
([http://www.cultuslake.bc.ca/vedder\\_river/](http://www.cultuslake.bc.ca/vedder_river/))  
5215 Giesbrecht Road  
Yarrow BC V2R 4R1

(604) 823-6012

**Budget:**

Expenses:

Site Rental (see breakdown below): \$1255.00  
NMS due to SCA: \$ 108.00

**Total Expenses: \$1363.00**

Income:

Site Fee: \$1265.05  
NMS collected: \$ 108.00  
Donation from Autocrat: \$ 85.00

**Total Income: \$1458.05**

**This event made a profit of \$95.05.**

Note: Upon suggestion from the seneschal and exchequer, the autocrat decided that the Baron & Baroness of Lions Gate and their two teenage children would be comped for this event. This would have increased the profit by \$50.00.

Breakdown of site cost:

The area consists of two group sites (#2 & 3). We were charged as follows:

One site @ 0-50 people: \$225/day (total \$450)  
One site @ 51-100 people: \$300/day (total \$600)

Shower (sewerage) surcharge:

One site @ 0-50 people: \$35/day (total \$70)  
One site @ 51-100 people: \$20/day (total \$40)

Reservation fee:

\$5.00 per site (total \$10)

"Day" use (to be on site past 11 am on Sunday): \$85.00 per site, however they agreed to only charge for one site.

## **Autocrat Team:**

Autocrat: Geira inn hárfagra (Kim Kirby)

Co-Autocrat (resp. for Gate & Heraldry): Wulfstan Hrafnson (Rick Kimberley)

MIC Heavy: Sir Oak (Neil Foulger)

MIC Rapier: Tremayne de Clairvaux (Daniel Merchant)

MIC Target Archery: Kenneth of Shaftesbury (Ken Dolphin)

MIC Combat Archery: Brynmor Raven (Kevin Sass)

## **New Champions:**

Heavy: Viscount Sir Savaric de Porte des Lions

(Dave Kelly – [sirsavaric@yahoo.ca](mailto:sirsavaric@yahoo.ca))

Target Archery: Archos James Wolfden

(Jim Welch - [jameswolfden@yahoo.ca](mailto:jameswolfden@yahoo.ca))

Combat Archery: Lord Warwick Drakkar

(Sean Penney – [seanp@ea.com](mailto:seanp@ea.com))

## **Planning:**

I started sourcing out sites in November 2008. I contacted several sites that were not viable (Cultus Lake United Church Camp, Kawkawa Camp, Wildrose Campground, Camp Elkgrove, Camp Kanaka, Stillwood Camp and Conference Center, Edenvale Retreat and Conference Center, Thunderhorse Ranch), before finding Vedder River Campground.

Vedder River Campground was able to accommodate the size of group we would have, allowed alcohol, and was available on the chosen weekend. In all of the above-mentioned sites, one of these three issues was always a problem (usually alcohol consumption and/or size)

Due to the pricing structure of Vedder River Campground, it appeared that we could break even, but I wasn't sure how much money we could actually make. It seemed worth the trouble to try to build rapport with a new site, as they had flush toilets and showers on site, which would lessen a lot of planning by eliminating the need to rent porta-potties.

I coordinated extensively with the site manager, Irene Lapointe, over the winter months. She was very helpful.

### **Set up and take down:**

For set up, I fell short of finding any volunteers (one person had volunteered, but had to cancel at the last minute, due to it being their move-in date for their new apartment). Since the Shire pavilion, the erics, and the archery butts would be arriving on site later with Oak and Thora (Neil and Christine Foulger), the only real set up was to measure out and tape off areas. This was easily done with the assistance of my husband Agmar (Scott Kirby).

The co-autocrat was unable to arrive before the site opened in order to set up gate, and Sebastian de Sandoval (Stuart Raven) and Mama Sofia (Brigitte Felgenhauer) arrived early to assist with this.

Take down went smoothly. The archery 'crowd' took down the butts, and the rapier 'crowd' took down the Shire pavilion. Oak/Thora and Sebastian offered to take the equipment back to the locker.

Take down was completed very quickly; unfortunately, some campers were late getting off-site. Some took up to an hour after the event had 'closed' (see recommendation below).

### **Event:**

The event ran smoothly, with few complaints (see below). Our event gate sheets had attendance at 102 people. The campground sign-in sheets tallied 112 people. The discrepancy could be due to children who did not sign the gate sheets, and 'visitors' who also did not sign in at our gate (further information below).

We had five merchants in attendance: Ea's Emporium (beads and gemstones), Sweets and Meats (food merchant), Alyn (beads and gemstones), Sir Kerrigan (leather armour), Stuff by Adam and Friends (hand-made wooden items, i.e. looms and chests)

The Champions tourneys were reasonably well attended, as follows:

Heavy: 14 entrants (including one late entrant). Sir Savaric was the winner.

Combat Archery: 5 entrants. Warwick Drakkar was the winner.

Target Archery: 8 entrants. James Wolfden was the winner.

There were also informal Bardic, and Arts & Sciences contests, as well as a Rapier tourney. Each was run by the current Champion.

### **Problems and concerns:**

One merchant (Ea's Emporium) was disappointed that the event would not be open for non-SCA people to come through the gate freely. This was due to a misunderstanding in communication with the autocrat. As a result, I offered to waive her merchant donation.

There was also a concern raised by the Archery MIC that the area was not quite big enough, however it was pointed out to him that they could have angled themselves in a different direction which would have provided ample space. Upon reflection, he concurred with this.

Last but not least, some attendees had encouraged their non-SCA friends to 'drop by' for an hour or two. This was problematic as each person coming through the campground gate would be added to our tally, and factor in the calculation of our fee. On the two occasions that I encountered this problem at gate, the 'visitors' paid the site fee and signed the waivers. I know of at least two other people who came on site and did not pay the site fee, but were counted in our tally (one came solely to help with set up Friday night, and the other came by late on Saturday).

### **Recommendations:**

This site is expensive. It is an awesome location, with great amenities, and it garnered many compliments. However, higher attendance is a \*must\* in order for it to be a viable site, particularly since they have slightly raised the fees for the coming year (Reservations would have to be made before 2010 fees are set. Because I made reservations while 2008 fees were still in place, that is what we were charged).

If it were possible to draw between 150 and 200 people, the site could make money, even though the total cost of the event would run around \$1,600 for the weekend.

I hesitate to recommend a daytripping fee, as it would not have been possible to break even with the great number of daytrippers we had this year. However, it may resolve two problems: the lack of daytrippers due to the high site fee, and the issue of people 'stopping' by to visit with friends.

I wonder if it would be possible to negotiate rates, based on our non-profit status. I did not inquire about that, but it might be worth asking about.

Further to that, the site is closed during the winter months (October to May), and all arrangements were made with the site manager (who was lovely to deal with). Once the summer staff came on board, this gave rise to miscommunication over what had previously been agreed upon. If this site is used again, I highly recommend printing every email communication and bringing it to site, as proof for the summer staff. Most

of the campground staff was extremely kind and courteous. In all cases it was the same person who seemed to be a problem (Linda).

Regarding the event itself, I would recommend making the event closing time at least an hour earlier, as a contingency for people who are slow getting off site. The autocrat sat around for two hours waiting for the last people to be done, as both the Shire take down and the autocrat's encampment take down had long since been completed, and the site had been checked to look for lost & found and garbage.

-Geira

#### Event Report – Odin's Playground 2009

- Advertised at Lionsdale Champions and have had several people express interest in the event, including some non-SCAdians who stopped by gate. Advertising will also be done at AT War, both in printed ads and hopefully, as a piece of court business. Plans are also afoot to advertise at several other upcoming events leading up to Odin's.
- Email address on the Lionsdale website is incorrect: it should be [odins.stewards@gmail.com](mailto:odins.stewards@gmail.com), not odin.stewards...that one 's' makes all the difference!
- Enquiries have already been made by people interested in entering the A&S competition.
- A&S competition parameters will be submitted to the webmistress by June 22 for upload. This information will also be disseminated on the Northern Road, Lionsdale List, Lions Gate list, Steps, etc.
- Letter requesting Laurels to act as and recommend judges for the A&S competition is being written and will be vetted through our Laurel liaison in the next week.
- We have decided, at Hlæfdige Thora's suggestion, to look into the feasibility of having a potluck feast/mead hall. We have secured a Feast Steward in Æliþ Ravensdottir, a member of Hollyhouse who has recently come under the table tutelage of Mistress Rowenna de Roncesvalles, and will look into what is required in terms of tables, etc and submit a proposal to Council by our next meeting for any funds required for this. We will also be in touch with Lion's Gate regarding borrowing their serving gear.
- Event team is assembled and has been emailed to confirm their availability to serve in the capacities to which they agreed, in some cases several months ago. An event team meeting is being set up for Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.