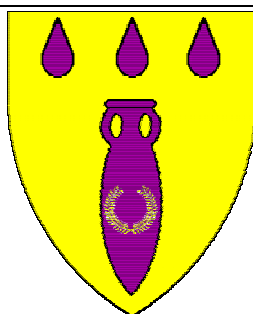




The Grapevine

Shire of Bacchus Wood Newsletter

January
&
February



AS-XLII
(2008)

REGULAR EVENTS

The
Shire of
Bacchus Wood

Meets every
Tuesday,
7pm to 9:30pm

At:
Eridani Hall
Eridani Avenue
Kingston
Queensland.

(Maps on back page)

Everyone welcome

OTHER EVENTS

Arts & Sciences, Archery,
Armoured fighting practice
and other activities - see the
Website Calendar for details

Come along !

Bacchus Wood Website:
http://sca.org.au/bacchus_wood/

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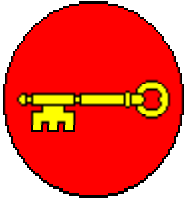
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1. EN'S SAY

Well, a lot of things have happened over the Christmas / New Year break. Mostly good things.

We had a nice Revel in Early December, a New Years party which although quiet'ish was enjoyable.

There has been a lot of discussion between the groups about which side to take at Festival - the King's or the Queen's. Great Northern War sounds like it's going to be great again this year. It is being Stewarded by Baron Giles of St Florians.

It's also great to see the spirit of cooperation now in the Northern Forces (or Queensland or Terra Regina as I prefer to call it).

His Lordship William came down and talked to us about period Tenting on a budget. I will be Following his guide and making a tent as soon as I am able.

Festival is only two weeks away - and nearly literally that very soon!

We also need an A&S officer to co-ordinate out A&S efforts. Victims . . . errr . . .
Volunteers welcome :)

We have a new Captain of Archery - lord Rastis, A Herald - Lady Kara and our Reeve is lady Ismena. Thank you to those officers.

The February Grapevine will be out within the week for the start of 2008.

This is looking like a good year for Bacchus Wood.

Yours in Service,
Madog Llwyd ap Madog

Proudly from the Shire of Bacchus Wood



Lord Madog Llwyd ap Madog – Festival 2007



2. Archery Captain

This is my last report as Captain of Archery.

I have handed over the CoA to lord Rastis Radoslav (Phil) who I know will do a great job. Whilst Rastis will be looking after the usual Archery gear and events for Bacchus Wood, I will be helping organise the monthly IKAC's.

It has been very quiet since last Novembers Riverhaven Baronial Archery Championship and the final results from the 'Keeper of the IKAC', 2007 (Lord Lorenzo il Confuso) are out. (See the article elsewhere in this issue). Bacchus Wood is well known for its archery – let's keep it going, and add to it's fame in other ways.

We need to get some more shafts for combat arrows – many have broken over the past year and need replacement. Some members are also after shafts for themselves so maybe we can combine this.

We will be having a few archery nights before Festival, weather permitting. I encourage people to come and shoot with their helms on for practice. House Drakkar needs competition ☺

Latest news in : St Florians have asked us to run the Archery at GNW. As I have already done considerable work on this, I will be emailing Baron Giles with my proposals.

Now it's over to lord Rastis. Please give him your full support.

Yours in Service

Llwyd

(Ex) Captain of Archery



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3. Bacchus Wood Meeting Minutes

Shire of Bacchus Wood – Meeting : 5th Feb 2008

Meeting opened 7:45pm

Present: Andy, Jenny Rimmer, Ben, Kitiara, Alison, Phil, Ra'chel, Chris

Previous Minutes : Unavailable

Seneschals report : Tabled (See Sens Say in this issue)

Festival War Side debated - we will likely defend the right of the Queen to not have to produce a heir before reigns end.

Great Northern War : Will be at BP Park, Samford. By all accounts we will have the park to ourselves. I have not heard back from St Florians if we are running or assisting with the archery.**

Herald:

Names - For name registrations you need to give information about where you got the name you have chosen. The importance of whether the spelling or the sound of the name is most important to you should also be made clear.

Captain of Archers:

See comments this issue, report from Llwyd as the old CoA:

New Captain of Archers - Rastis Radoslav.

No archery yet - too much rain. Willoughby IKAC was cancelled.

Next IKAC is on 1st March at Little Athletics club in Logan.

We could hold an IKAC on the 17th if the weather permits.

Reeve: No bank statement as yet. Need to check the mailing details. Will be going into bank on Thursday.

Looking at a direct debit from our account to pay the rent each month.

\$5/person per night - Looking at roll or passbook for people to sign

Webminister:

Website to be updated by the 10th February for the Officers page.

Would like someone/people to write some blurbs about the various A&S activities on our website and other pages if possible.

Looking for a list of ALL seneschals that have held office since Bacchus Wood was a Canton.

General Business:

Alison - fundraising, Membership drive. Discussion ensued about ways to do these including the need for blue cards for school demos.

Also spoke about fletching special arrows (or alternatives) for special purposes.

Ra'chel - Little Athletics have agreed to the arrangement for the use of their fields for archery.

Also, we need to be aware of the ramifications and legal risks of 'social software' on the web pages and our list. etc. Issues are copyright, defamation etc. If something is posted to the list that is one of these issues then as a group, we could be liable for damages. We need to have the list moderator check the list regularly to remove any posts that infringe the law.

Event - 'Ides of March Collegia' will be on the 15th and 16th March (Sat & Sun) at the hall. Cost is \$20 including a light lunch and a pot luck feast in the evening.

Chris : Drinks from the fridge - \$1 each - don't forget to pay.




Don't forget the Collegia event - it is only a week before Easter and Festival but there will be some great classes. It is unfortunate that it clashes with Easter this year.

Meeting closed at 8:42pm

** Latest news: Llwyd (Chris) is now the Archery Officer for GNW. Any assistance is welcome.

4. WHATS ON

Important dates to remember from the meeting and Website Calendar

March 21st-24th		Rowany Festival – Glenview Valley, NSW
March 8th		Riverhaven Baronial Championship Event
April 12th		Tis the Tale of the Vale – Willoughby Vale
April 26th-27th		Bacchus Wood Collegia. (Moved from March 15 th /16 th)
June 7th-9th		Great Northern War – BP Park, Samford. QLD.
Aug 8th-10th		North of the Border Rapier Fest V – Riverhaven

 = Royalty at this event

See the Bacchus Wood Website Calendar for more details.



5. IKAC Scores AS-XLII

Final Final IKAC results (and you thought I had a stutter didn't you ?)

Lord Lorenzo il Confuso, the Keeper of the IKAC, has compiled all scores and has the final, final scores (as opposed to the 'provisional final' scores) from all the Kingdoms, and Lochac has done very well this past season. Some of the success of Lochac was because of the efforts of Bacchus Wood and Willoughbyvale in 2007.

Young lord Colum Castille from Bacchus Wood came third in the Knowne Worlde in the Youth Division – a very creditable effort. Well done lord Colum! ☺

Lochac came second in the Period Division and third in the Open Division.

As well as that, Lord Lorenzo was so impressed with everyone's promotion of the IKAC and resultant scores that he has made a special award for up to three gentles that the Keeper recognises to have displayed exceptional support for the IKAC during the past season. Lady Sabine D'Antan (Politochopolis) and Lord Llwyd ap Madog (Bacchus Wood) came first and second respectively in this award for 2007.

The relevant results are:

Open division

1. AN TIR (WINNER - GOLD)
2. WEST (WINNER - SILVER)
3. **LOCHAC**

Period Division

1. OUTLANDS (WINNER)
2. **LOCHAC**
3. AN TIR

Youth division

1. (WINNER) Connor (CALONTIR): 102;
2. (WINNER) Kyle of Hawk's Hollow (OUTLANDS): 76;
2. (WINNER) Colum Castille (LOCHAC): 50; ← **BACCHUS WOOD !!**

KEEPER'S AWARD:

1. (WINNER) Sabine D'Antan (LOCHAC)
2. (WINNER) Llwyd ap Madog (LOCHAC)
4. (WINNER) Aelyn Kynydd ap Rhys (GLEANN ABHANN)

All in all, Lochac and Bacchus Wood did very well.

My congratulations to Sabine D'Antan, Mercurio L'Estranger, Ysabella Vitale and Sigmund Spelmann for their consistently good shooting to get Lochac into the top three in the Open and Period Divisions.



6. Bathing in Medieval times

When we think of the lives of our ancestors in medieval times, cleanliness is not something that springs quickly to mind. We hear about the smells and dirt of the times, but was it so?

The Vikings popularly portrayed by Hollywood as muscular, handsome but smelly hunks with unwashed hair and bodies were actually sort after by the local girls because they bathed on a Saturday, combed their hair and changed their clothes frequently. They washed their faces and hands at least daily. On the other hand, the Knights Templar vowed chastity, poverty service and never to bathe or not to ever remove their sheepskin drawers. This may have explained their success in keeping the vows for chastity...

Bathhouses

Public bathhouses started in Greece in 6BC where men and women washed near places of exercise. As time went on cleansing sands, hot water, hot air, plunges into cold water and aromatic oils were all part of the bathhouse ritual. Later, the Roman bathhouses were a place of social gathering and relaxation as well as cleanliness. A system of pumps drew water up into large pool areas from springs. Heaters maintained the warm temperatures. For the Vikings, bathing could be preformed in lakes or streams, or within the bath-houses found on every large farm while in winter the heated bath-house would be the primary location for bathing.

It is reported in the chronicle attributed to John of Wallingford that the Danes, thanks to their habit of combing their hair every day, of bathing every Saturday and regularly changing their clothes, were able to undermine the virtue of married women and even seduce the daughters of nobles to be their mistresses².

Bathhouses have been a part of the culture of many countries in medieval times, including Japan, Russia, and Turkey. The Turkish bathhouses were very artistic and expensive with rich hand-woven carpets, tapestries and ornate columns, and gold, silver, or brass fixtures. Moslems erected bathhouses where one could meditate, pray to Allah or think. One cleansed oneself at the public bath before going to the mosque to worship, so many mosques were in the same streets as the bathhouses.

In the late 16th Century, bathing lost its popularity, with churches becoming increasingly more outspoken about the sins of spending more time in the bathhouse than in church, working, or caring for family. Cleanliness was considered to be too sensuous and sexual with dirt the symbol of one's spiritual purity. It was also believed that dirt was a protection from the numerous plagues that had killed a large proportion of the population in England and Europe. Body odour was thought to be magnetic and attractive. Powders, perfumes, wigs, cosmetics, snuff and layers of clothing hid the grime and body scent. The first true public bathhouse was opened in England in the mid 1800's

Castles

According to Morris Bishop in his writings 'The Middle Ages', some castles had a special room beside the kitchen where the ladies might bathe sociably in parties. Hot water, sometimes with perfume or rose leaves, was heated on the fire in the Great Hall, brought to the lord or lady in the bedchamber and poured into a tub shaped like a half-barrel and containing a stool, so that the occupant could sit and soak long. In fair weather, one could also bath in the garden.

Rowany

This year at Rowany, I believe that the showers are quite a walk away, or so I heard. An alternative is a good wooden medieval tub. When looking for a wooden medieval bucket, I discovered Roll out the Barrell Cooperage at 299 MacDonnell Rd, Clontarf. They had a herb garden made from half a barrel. Minus the holes in the bottom, these make wonderful medieval tubs.

Bath and board; *Tristan*, Paris, 1494-95.

Further reading:

<http://www.vikinganswerlady.com/hairstyl.shtml>

<http://www.medieval-life.net/bathing.htm>

Article Submitted by Lady Genevieve the Wanderer





Who is this man? – Found at Nov. Crown 07.
Lord Aemon McGregor !



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**"North of the Border" Fencing Fest V
8th to 10th August A.S. XLIII (2008)**

Rapier Training, Tournament and Melee Weekend.
Open to all who have an interest in the Arts of Defence.

Fencing Fest is a total weekend devoted to the Arts of Defence. Spread over just

over two days will be training sessions, a tournament or two, melee sessions and a rapier game, a relaxed weekend of fencing and feasting. For the first time, the weekend will start with a discussion night on the Friday night before the event starts, included in the standard price. Lunch is served on both days, with a feast of simple foods on the Saturday night. Billets, booking and information can be arranged by contact with the Steward.

This weekend is open to all ladies and gentlemen who have an interest in the Arts of Defence. Current and future combatants, those who wish to watch and those who wish to learn. There should not be a time during the weekend where an enthusiastic lady or gentleman cannot find something interesting to learn or do. Need to brush-up on a weapon form? Need to authorise in another weapon form? Interested in rapier but did not know where to start? This is your best chance to get all of these things done. More to the point it is the chance to fence, and fence amongst others with the same interest. Also purchase your own limited edition Fencing Fest V long-sleeved T-shirt for \$25 ordered when you book for the event.

Where: Artesanos Hall, Wesley St, Lutwyche

Time: Friday from 7pm until 9:30pm, 10am Start Saturday and Sunday, Saturday until 10pm, Sunday until the early evening

Cost: \$30/35 (M/NM) for the weekend, \$20/25 (M/NM) day rate

Steward: Don Henry Fox (Henry Walker)

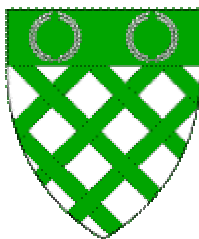
Phone: (07) 3219 6029 or E-mail: henry_the_fox@hotmail.com

Yours in Service
...Henry Walker



AKA Don Henry Fox
Steward, "North of the Border" Fencing Fest V

Tis the Tale of the Vale
Tourney and Feast 12th April 2008



Canton of Willoughby Vale

Ipswich Vigoro Club

Joyce Street
East Ipswich
QLD 4305
Map UBD 213 N13

Start time : 10am
Novelty Archery : 10:30am

Armour Inspection : 1-1:30pm
Heavy Tournament Starts : 2pm

Event Cost

All Day (M2N/M) : \$20
Lunch only : \$15
Feast Only \$25
Child (6-14yo) : Half price
Under 4 : Free

A BOOKING IS REQUIRED !!

Booking Officer: Eleanor of Cathenes (Pam)
(07) 32885160 or <mailto:terranu@ozemail.com.au>
Bookings must be received on or before the 5th April 2008

Tis the tale of the Vale. Come forth and celebrate the 20-year saga of the Shire of Willoughby Vale.

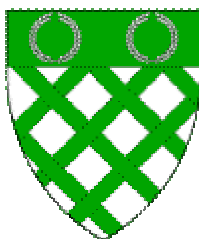
The tale itself has battles won and lost, intrigues, romances & Triumphs.

To honour our ancestors, we ask you to join us on a day of fighting, A&S competitions, Chariot Racing, Quests, Feasting & Merriment as we celebrate the last 20 years and we begin the next 20

A&S Competitions

Adults : Banner featuring old and new Canton Device (Separate or combined Device)
A Soltelte Themed 20 years

Childrens : A&S on the day



Other SCA Groups In Queensland

Baronies :

Riverhaven

Meet every Wednesday evening at 7pm at their hall in Wesley Street, Lutwyche.
<http://sca.org.au/RiverHaven/>

St Florian de la Riviere

Fighter practice - Monday evenings at 7pm at the Southern Cross Rugby League Club, Graceville Avenue, Graceville.
A&S – Thursday evenings - Scout Hall, Waterview Tce, Dutton Park. 7pm start
http://sca.org.au/st_florians

Cantons:

Willoughby Vale

Meet every Thursday, 7 - 10pm at the Guide Hut, Griffith Road (near Ipswich PCYC).
IKAC 1st Sunday of every month. 10am - 3pm at Ipswich Central School Oval.

Draks Fjord

Meet every 2nd Monday of every month.
Contact Seneschal for details.
Fighter practice - 2nd Sunday of every month at 29 Redbank Road, Redcliffe.

Burnfield

Meet every Monday at: Hallen's Hobbies, 34C Quay Street, Bundaberg.
Contact A&S Officer for more details

Castellum Montanum

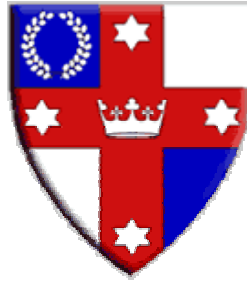
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month.
7:30 - 10pm. Contact Seneschal for details





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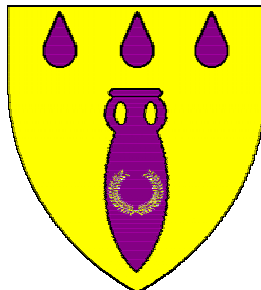
The Kingdom of Lochac



Our King: Sir Berenger of Nancy
&

Queen: Lady Bethan of Brockwood

Shire of Bacchus Wood



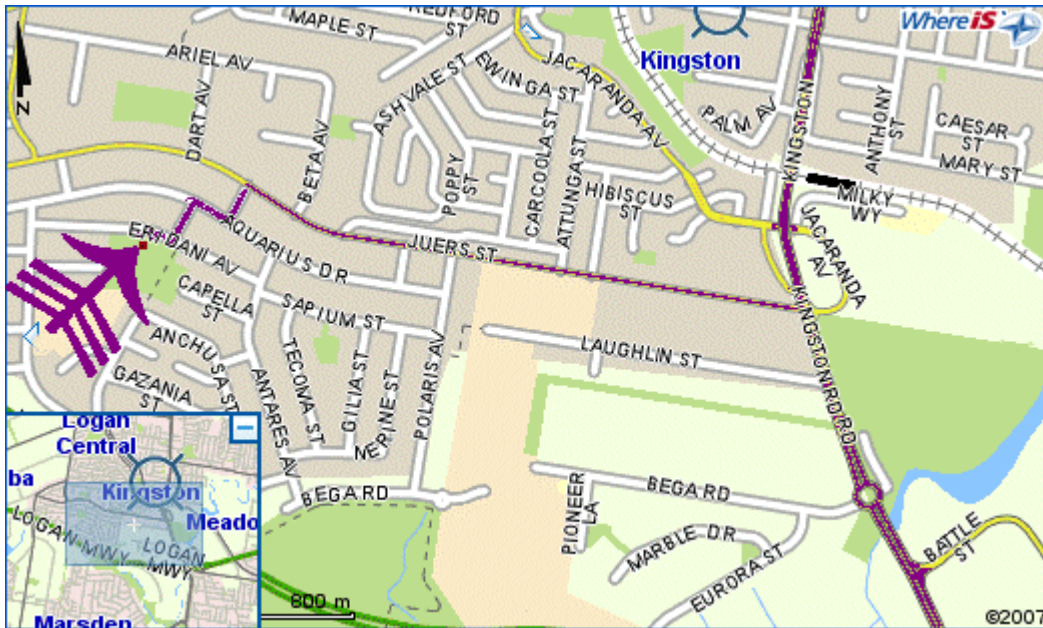
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Madog Llwyd ap Madog (Chris)
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Rastis Radoslav (Phil)
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Shire Website : http://www.sca.org.au/bacchus_wood/

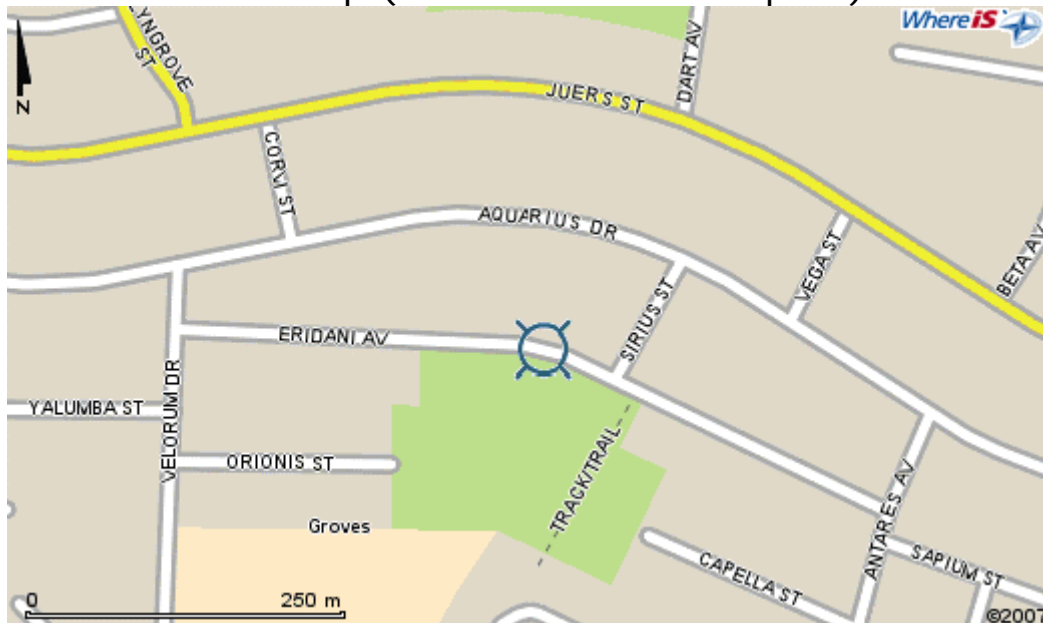
How to find the Shire of Bacchus Wood

MAPS



You can also come from the west (left side) via Third Avenue

Closer up (The circle is our carpark)



Maps from <http://Whereis.com.au>

The easiest way - From Kingston Road:

Turn into Juers Street and proceed until Vega Street,
Left into Vega Street
Right into Aquarius Drive
Left into Sirius Street
Right into Eridani Avenue
We are 70M up on the left side – pull into car park.