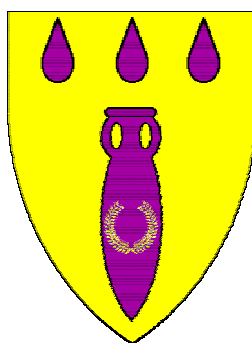




The Grapevine

Shire of Bacchus Wood Newsletter

Sept.



2007

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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1. Archery Captain

Archery Captains Report:

We have had another great month.

While there have not been much in the event side, I continue to see a huge improvement in the archery skills of you all. Your enthusiasm is great. Grahame has continued to help so many of us and we continue to build up our archery equipment and expertise.

Many of us went to Willoughbyvale on the 12th August and wow - wasn't there a few archers! We had to split into two shooting groups but it was great. Next time, we will see if we can have more targets set up. I understand it was the largest IKAC ever in Willoughbyvale. Well done everyone.

There is another set of Bacchus Wood sharps ready. That is the second set of Ramon Dowel sharps made and I want to make at least one more set so we don't have to loan out our own personal and precious arrows.

I will be re-packing the target butts in the next couple of weeks so they are a little easier to extract arrows from. I still need the sandbags so we don't have another 'butt over' incident in gusty conditions.

All the trial blunts are now sent out. I had just one person who I didn't have an address for but it's all-good now and they were dispatched.

The 'four person at the line' archery range (blunts) on Tuesday nights was a success. It made things so much easier to run and everyone seemed to have a good time. We still need the new range targets to be finished. I am also still working on more backdrops.

Good shooting!

Llwyd ap Madog



2. Chronicler / Webminister

The August Grapevine was put out with a revision due to technical problems with one submission. No big deal. So, that is 4 issues in a row - the best for a long time. Does anyone have copies of previous Grapevine's? I'd love to put them on the web site.

As always, I am after articles and/or photos. Please send them in.

The Northern Events Calendar has been updated with the latest available information. If you know of anything that should be in there too, please give me the details so I can update it further.

I am in the process of updating the officer's page with descriptions of each position. That will help new members understand the officer positions and possibly volunteer for or assist an office holder. The redesign of the A&S section is still underway and I haven't done much on it yet.

Llwyd ap Madog
Chronicler/Webminister



This is a Random Blank Space . . .

Or somewhere where you can contribute to future editions of

The  Grapevine



3. Bacchus Wood Meeting Minutes

Minutes of Shire of Bacchus Wood April Meeting 21/08/2007 were not available at the time of printing and will be included in next months Grapevine.



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4. WHATS ON

Important dates to remember from the meeting and Website Calendar

Sept 8th

Sept 9th

Sept 22nd

Riverhaven Championship and 21st Birthday

IKAC - J C Greenfields Sports Centre

Bacchus Wood Spanish Armada

See the Bacchus Wood Website Calendar for more details.

http://sca.org.au/bacchus_wood/Events/events.php



5. Tokens and Favours

Continued from last month

Ribbon Bands

In the Viking era, there are references to woven ribbon bands being worn around a mans upper arm. You could make this kind of favour by weaving a band in your colours on an inkle loom. This would be great for those who are Norse in their persona.

Veils

“Service of Ladies” Ulrich von Lichtenstein, 13th century German knight

“One knight, of whom I’d heard, was there
Who had with him his lady’s veil.
He’d want to tourney without fail.

Sir Otte von Spengenberg was he,
A noble knight, who rode toward me
With gleaming armour, richly dressed
As fits a lady’s suitor best.

His trappings glittered far and wide,
Around his helmet there was tied
A veil of an expensive kind,
And thus came he a lofty mind.

In “Erec et Enide” by Chretien de Troyes (written in the mid 12th century)
Many an ensign of red, blue, and white, many a veil and many a sleeve were bestowed as tokens of love.

Veils are another suggestion which you may prefer to tuck inside the armour rather than tying it on as these can be caught up in swords and shredded

Silk Shift

“Parzival” Wolfram von Eschenbach

Over his hauberk [Gahmuret] wore a small white silken shift of the Queen’s as it came from her naked body. They now saw no less than eighteen of them pierced by lances and hacked through by swords...She used to slip them on again over her bare skin when her darling returned from jousting

While this sounds awfully romantic, I wonder if you would really like to wear something that your fighter has just worn on the field..... Sweaty, dirty, tattered.....icky!

Armour

In the time of Elizabeth the first, Sir Henry Lee wore his mistress’s initials engraved in the decoration of his breastplate.

This again is a very personal type of favour and not necessarily one within everyone's budget but oh how very impressive. You can be assured that your fighter would be more careful and protective of this type of favour.



Miniature Portraits (Limning)

Begun by Lucas Hornebolte in the reign of Henry VIII. These were tiny portraits framed and strung on either chain or ribbon. They were gifts between husbands and wives, Royalty and their subjects and members of families.

These portraits are beautiful works of art and can be quite stunning. I would suggest that this kind of favour be one you give to your spouse or love interest. They do take many laborious hours but are well worth the effort

Aside from the favours and tokens listed above with period references there are others which may or may not be period but are used in the SCA. Again use your imagination and make these personal.

Garters, sword hangers, locks of hair, jewellery, gold rings, armbands and bracelets, for those of an early period Ermine skins, pouches, belts, gloves, sleeve cuffs, tunics, staffs, and an interesting one I recently heard of.... One lady gave her lord a small card with a love note on it. Her lord keeps this note tucked safely away inside his breastplate.

The giving and receiving of tokens and favours can certainly add a lot of pageantry to an event. If a favour or token is found on the tournament field after a bout it is handled with the utmost care and all efforts are made to restore it to its rightful owner. Woe betide the gentle who loses a favour through carelessness for his is a burden of great weight. To lose a favour or token is a great insult to that person who gave it to you. The punishment for such an offence is left to the giver of the favour.

Anyone, male or female can give a token or favour. The important thing to remember is that it be given in the spirit intended. If you are giving someone a token of friendship you need to make it known to the receiver that that is the purpose of the token or there may be confusion as to its nature. Another thing to remember is that you should put as much effort into a favour as feels right for you. Just because Lady Pointy Needle has made a blackworked Tudor sleeve of linen and silk does not mean that your hand woven band of inkle loomed fabric is any less valuable.

The amount of effort and time you put into a token or favour may vary according to a number of factors. Would you spend three weeks solid, finely embroidering a cloth for a "for the nonce" token, which will more than likely end up being tattered by the end of the day or would you be better putting the time and effort into doing something beautiful and special for your loved one as a court favour?

When considering a token of championship, you should only ever give one of these. It is unseemly to have more than one gentle defending your honour on the field of honour. It can also be quite confusing.

"Tirant lo Blanc "

"My knowledge, sweet lady, of the beauty, grace, wisdom and other virtues that dwell within a body more angelic than human, obliges me to serve you, and therefore I beg you to grant me that brooch between your breasts, which I shall proudly wear in your service and honor, fighting to the utterance with any knight, on foot or horseback, armed or unarmed, in the manner of his choice."

[she accepts and :] "I permit you to take the brooch with your own hands."

Next day, a knight named Lord Barrentowns visits Tirant and tells him to relinquish the brooch, willingly or by force, as he has "loved, served and worshipped this lady who is worthy of all good things" since he was a lad.



Tirant, being a stickjock, refuses : "Should I ever do such a thing, may I be crowned with a flaming helmet."

[There is a brawl, in which twelve knights and gentlemen are slain before the two are separated.

Barrentowns challenges him to a duel. There follow three pages of ludicrous courtesy, offering each other choice of weapons, judges, etc. Eventually they agree on conditions : "I propose that the duel be fought on foot with French linen shirts, paper bucklers, garlands of flowers, and nothing else. The weapons shall be double-edged Genoese knives, a foot and a half long and with well-sharpened points."

[The usual "If you don't want to fight, you can pull out now" - "No ! I'm better than you are !" By the way, a paper buckler is exactly what it sounds like.]

They fight; Tirant hits his foe on the ear, almost reaching the brain; the other stabs him in the thigh and left arm, eventually Tirant stabs him through the heart; as he's dying Barrentowns drives his knife into Tirant's head, nearly killing him. Their friends rush over and start killing each other for possession of the body and the near-corpse.

This is a period example of what can happen when a person is too free in the giving of favours or does not consider their choices well.

"Lay on!" calls the Marshal and the two great fighters clash in a flurry of weapons and shields. Just before this great spectacle began, one of these fine gentles approached a lady seemingly unattended by a lord of her own. Unbeknown to him, the lord he is now battling, was indeed this fine lady's champion. He did not cause offence by using a rough and unseemly manner. Indeed he did speak most sweetly to this great lady and offered many a compliment upon her fair visage. It was upon his request that she grant him the honour of bearing her favour on the field that the offence was to come about.

The Lady did say that she had an honorable lord to defend her honour and declined his request. The young gentle did suggest that this fine Lady's honour was not being upheld as her champion seemed to be nowhere about. He suggested that he challenge this "so called Champion" for the right to defend so fine a Lady in a manner most fitting for one possessed of such wondrous virtues.

And so gentle reader we find ourselves again witnessing a great battle to defend the honour of a Lady. And so I leave you here with the visions of lords and ladies and the great pageantry associated with the practice of giving tokens and favours. Make them. Have Fun and most importantly enjoy the experience!

Yours in service to the dream
Lady Valeria de Borgia



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Are you an invader or a defender?

Find out! By joining the populace of Bacchus Wood on September 22nd ASXLII
Be you fighters, swordsmen or archers, all manner of combat provided.

Site: Eridani Hall, Eridani Ave Kingston

Time: 10am 22nd September 2007

Lists: 10.30-11.30am Sharp!

Armour Inspect: 11- 12 Noon Only

Auction: 12 Noon Sharp!

Lunch: 12 Noon

Tourney: Immediately After Auction

Archery: 2-4pm

Cost Feast: \$20 Mem; \$22 NonM.

Kids: under 5 FREE, 6-14 ½ price.

Day Only: \$7 – includes Lunch

Bookings Required by 15th Sept 2007.

Numbers for feast capped at #50.

Any Dietary Requirements please inform

Booking Steward: Kara of Kirriemuir

Ph 32904183 (Not after 9.30pm)

Heavy Tourney: Pas D'Armes over the ships railings, melee and individual.

Rapier Tourney: Melee and individual coat on the ship, round mast etc.

Archery Tourney: Wand shoot (to simulate ship mast) and Sail shoot (to scale size)

***Sides will be chosen randomly on the day.**

*Menu by Mistress Baroness Eleanor
Of Caithness*

Lunch: Bread, Cheese, Onion, Olive Gherkins, Ham, Beef, Fruit, Cordial

Feast: Consists of 16 mouth watering dishes of Spanish and English fare.

Inc: Ham & Mushroom Tarts, Spanish

Tortilla, Mediterranean Pie, English Garden Soup, Meatballs in Sauce, Spanish Churros.

Please Note: No English Dog will sit with Spanish Infidels at the Feast



SCA Groups In Queensland

Baronies :

Riverhaven

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

St Florian de la Riviere

Meet every Monday evening at 7pm at the Southern Cross Rugby League Club, Graceville Avenue, Graceville for Fighter practice and at the Scout Hall, Waterview Terrace, Dutton Park for Arts & Sciences
<http://sca.org.au/StFlorians/>

Cantons:

Willoughby Vale

Meet every Thursday, 7 - 10pm at the Guide Hut, Griffith Road (near Ipswich PCYC).
IKAC 1st Sunday of every other 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

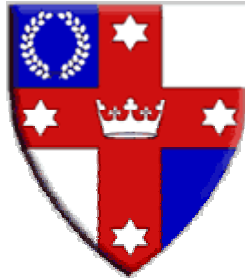
Castellum Montanum

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



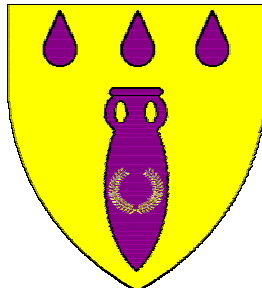
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The Kingdom of Lochac



King: Baron Sir Hugh the Little
&
Queen: Baroness Therasa Comins

Shire of Bacchus Wood



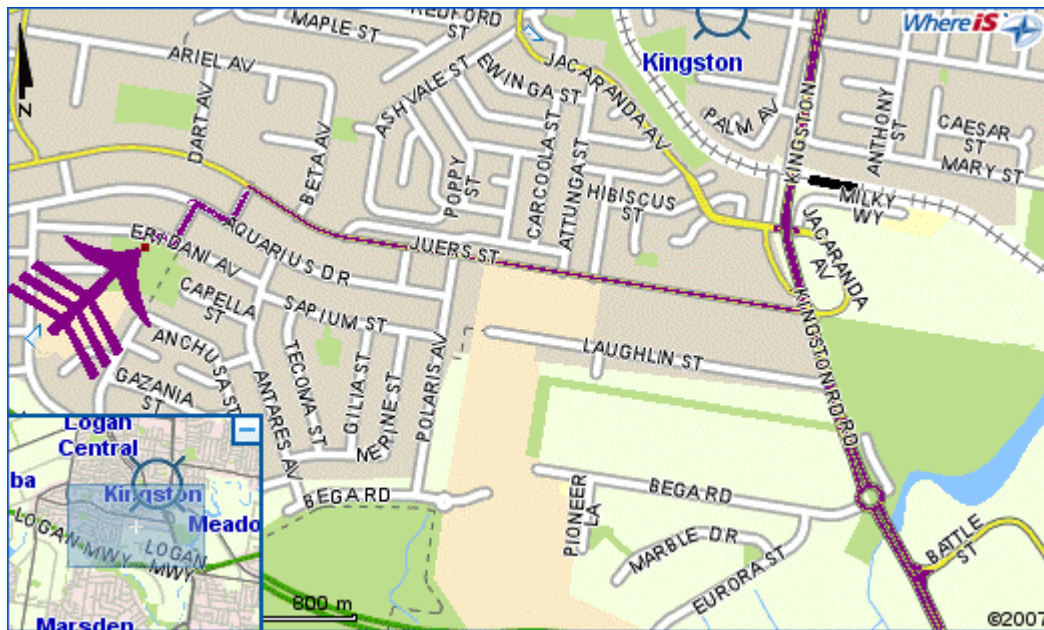
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Herald
Reeve
Arts & Sciences
Group Marshall
Archery Captain
Hospitaller
Chronicler
Quartermaster
WebMinister

Lady Catherine Alicia of Sarum (Kim)
Lord Turin Orsini (Jimmy)
Lady Kara Kirriemuir (Ra'chel)
Lord Jory Liskerret (George)
Lady Catherine Alicia of Sarum (Kim)
Lord William Castile (Steve)
Lord Llwyd ap Madog (Chris)
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Shire Website : http://www.sca.org.au/bacchus_wood/index.html

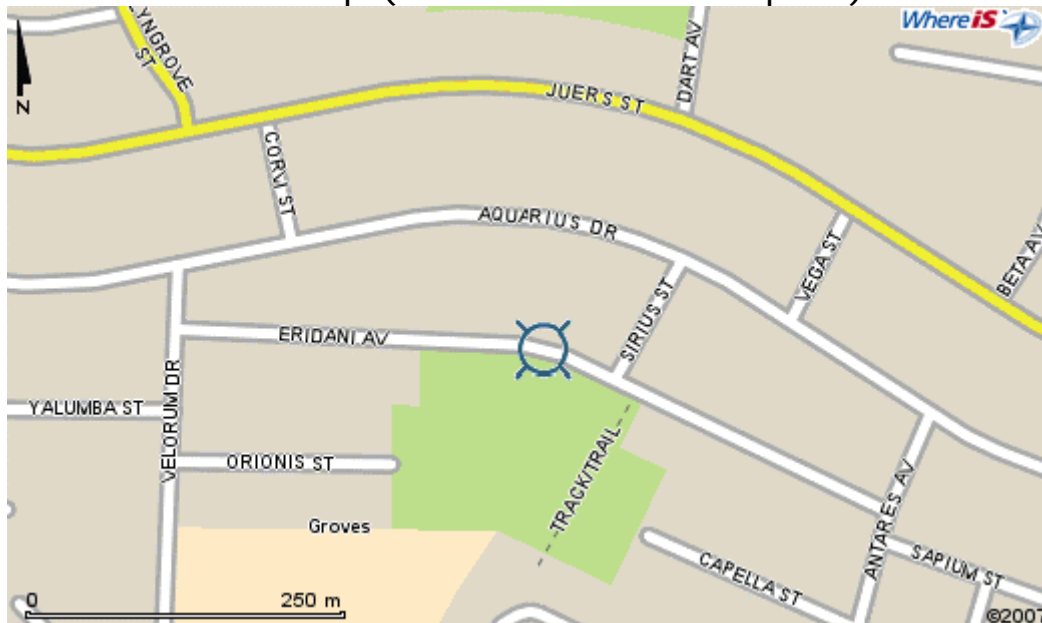
How to find the Shire of Bacchus Wood

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.