

Baronial Meeting Agenda

20th September 2012

Attendees: David Beresford,

Apologies:

Meeting opens: 7.00 pm **Meeting closed:** pm

Minutes from the previous meeting tabled and found correct.

Approved: **Seconded:**

Words from Their Excellencies Lucas and Madeleine

Greetings unto the populace,

It is only a month until changeover so please make sure that you contact the steward and book if you wish to attend. Please forward any award recommendations to us or the Crown if you wish to see people recognised for their good works.

There is honour in service,
Lucas and Madeleine

Officer's Reports

A&S Officer: Drusticc inigena Eddarrnonn (Alice Finlayson)

People have been busy preparing for the Royal Hobart Show medieval crafts section. More info can be found at <http://ynysfawr.lochac.sca.org/home/arts-sciences/>

Information on competitions happening in the rest of Lochac: <http://www.sca.org.au/artsandsciences/>

NB: The Royal Hobart Show Medieval Arts & Sciences Entries have now closed, we have a total of seven entries I thank all those who supported this. YIS David.

Chatelaine: Wulfgar Jarinsiða (Dan Russell)

We have had 1 contact via the SCA phone.

2 people have become members of the YF facebook page

We have not undertaken any demos.

I have sent David a copy of the Newcomers e-mail notification sheet to take to demos so people can be notified of upcoming activities.

A discussion was had about starting a Hobart "IMOT"/"Baronial Day". A small semi-formal gathering / training / collegia once a month where people come in costume undertake one or more activities like collegia / training followed by a small pot luck dinner and end around 6-6:30. This gives a medieval themed gathering once a month for people to come to. I feel it would be best if this is held every month where possible so we can always tell new people that it is happening, like social night etc.

Iron Key:

I have sanded 2 pairs of elbows and sanded and hammered back in to shape a munitions vambrace. I need to paint these with kill rust, strap and pad them.

The 2 shield gloves that Dave and I worked on need to be sealed with wax and then have a buckle added.

I have not been able to make the trip to country leather to purchase more buckles and strapping leather. I also need to get to K&D to purchase a small container of kill rust - any preference on colour? Navy blue?.

Action: David Beresford to go ahead with purchasing Kill Rust, 20 Buckles and some leather suitable for strapping. Receipts must be supplied for reimbursement.

Chirurgeon: (Vacant) Please see the Seneschal

The Seneschal invites those people interested in filling this position to please email dave367@iinet.net.au

David Beresford has spoken to Her Excellency about the Baronial First Aid Kit, only a few things need replacing and David will pick this up when it is convenient.

Constable: Lothar von Dargun (Chris Belbin)

No Report received.

Beatrix Aetholsdottir of Jelling (Betty North) and David de Derlington (David Beresford) compiled the report.

See [Attachment 3](#).

Gold Key (South): Beatrix Aetholsdottir of Jelling (Betty North)

Banked – Sunday Fighter Practice \$72, Known World Handbooks \$113.85, Rattan \$16.00, Tarremah \$480

Herald: Hrölf Herjölfssen (Cary Lenehan)

Nothing to report!

NB: The Order of Precedence still needs to be updated?

Knight Marshall: Aidan Brock (Kevin Hotson)

Please see [Attachment 1](#).

Lists Officer: Elspeth Jamieson (Julie Lawler)

Nothing to report.

Reeve: Elspeth Jamieson (Julie Lawler)

I still haven't received a report from Lorix. I quite often have trouble getting reports on time. I was wondering if it would be a good idea to write a list of what is expected of someone running an event (not just the reeve things, but everything) and when it's expected to happen and give it to everyone who wants to run an event. It probably won't make much difference, but at least they can't say that they didn't know.

I have spoken to Jon in regard to the new rules for rapier training. He said that he has made everyone who trains join SCA. Also, rapier training has been suspended this month because of his work commitments. It should start up again next month.

YIS Elspeth

For a copy of the Reeve Report for August please see [Attachment 2](#).

St Gildas Seneschal: Lothar von Dargun (Chris Belbin)

No report received.

Seneschal: David de Derlington (David Beresford)

Membership Breakdown

Total Members:		72	(13 minors),	Expired: 54	(10 minors)	
Canton of Lightwood	-	Current Members:	17	(7 minors),	Expired: 1	(1 minors)
St Gildas	-	Current Members:	9	(0 minors),	Expired: 8	
Ynys Fawr	-	Current Members:	46	(6 minors),	Expired: 45	(9 minors)

8 new members.

The question was raised: How long do Expired Members stay listed before they are removed from the List?

Action: David Beresford to find out by next meeting. Answer from Lochac Seneschal "Forever"

Kingdom Seneschals Report please see [Attachment4](#).

The Canton of Lightwood Seneschal: Adelindis filia Gotefridi (Liz Williamson)

There have been no events held by Lightwood since the last report, other than an informal garbed excursion to see the movie Brave in Hobart. Fortnightly Imots have continued, with Morwenna de Bonnay (Jan Arnold) as the regular organiser.

Our membership numbers now stand at 10, with 7 minors. We have a new Lists Mistress, Helewyse de Bonnay (Christine Arnold).

The major focus for the Canton since the last report has been the plans for the Baronial Investiture. These are progressing well. We are also holding a potluck feast for members of the Canton at the home of Adelindis, Karl Faustus, and Orbei Qorchi, on September 29. Due to time pressures, the proposed schools program which was being organised for term three this year has been cancelled.

The canton is still without an official herald since Karl Faustus von Aachen has now been confirmed as Crux Australis Herald. Devices for Sir Guillaume d'Oze, Tony Burton and Libby Chick-Burton are in progress. Names and devices for Helewyse de Bonnay and Robert de Bonnay (Bill Arnold) are in progress. Names and devices for Morwenna de Bonnay and William de Bonnay (Terry Arnold) have been submitted. Change of device for Karl Faustus von Aachen has been submitted. Name and device for Orbei Qorchi have been registered. All the Canton's heraldic submissions are progressing.

Adelindis filia Gotefridi

Warden of Oestmark: Elspeth Jamieson (Julie Lawler)

Nothing to report

Web Minister: Karl Faustus von Aachen (Eric TF Bat)

Nothing to report

Events and Demos since last meeting

AS Workshop & Potluck

Action: Mistress Lorix (Louise McCoy-Caldwell) to supply a detailed report and receipts to the Reeve **ASAP**

Knife Making Workshop / A&S

Action: Mistress Lorix (Louise McCoy-Caldwell) to supply a detailed report and receipts to the Reeve **ASAP**

Action: David Beresford to continue trying to contact Lorix re these outstanding event reports.

Upcoming Events

Regular Events

A list of all our regular events are now located on our website please go to

http://lochac.sca.org/ynys_fawr/home/events/past-events/



The SCA in the North - The Ward of Oestmark

A get together held on the 1st Sunday of the Month all welcome.

Site Opens: Sunday 7th of October

Location: Lady Elspeth Jamieson (Julie Lawler) house

Cost: Free

Awaiting details



The SCA in the Huon Valley – The Canton of Lightwood Imot

Held every second Saturday all welcome.

Site Opens: Saturday 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Location: GeCo, 9b School Road, Geeveston

Cost: Free

Southern Rapier Practice

Held every Tuesday!

Site Opens: 8.00pm to 9.30pm

Location: Queens Head Hotel, (Upstairs Function Room) 400 Elizabeth Street North Hobart.

Cost: Free

Contact Declan on 0448 119 002 (He prefers a text as he drives a bus)



Great Southern Gathering IV (Krae Glas)

Friday 28th September 2012

The Great Southern Gathering (GSG) is a relaxed annual event offering a variety of classes for those interested in the Arts and Sciences, Armoured Combat and Fencing, with a mix of tournaments and Prize fights on the Sunday. GSG is an annual event which rotates between Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania and this year it's the Barony of Krae Glas' pleasure to host this regional event.

Event Site : Clifford Park Activity Centre, 7 Clifford Drive, Wonga Park VIC 3115 AU
Site Opens: 4pm
Steward SCA Name : Everard Sefar everardsefar@gmail.com
Cost: Members \$100 - \$125, Non-Members \$110 - \$135 & Children : Refer website
Cheques payable to: SCA Krae Glas Pty
Booking SCA Name: Everard Sefar everardsefar@gmail.com
Bookings Required: Yes
Booking deadline: 14/9/2012
Event Website URL: <http://kraeglas.lochac.sca.org/great-southern-gathering-iv/>



Invest / Divest

Saturday 20th October 2012



All too soon, Their Excellencies Lucas and Madeleine, Baron and Baroness of Ynys Fawr, are stepping down. The newest Ynys Fawrian Canton, Lightwood, in the gorgeous Huon Valley of Tasmania, is hosting the Investiture of Their successors. In Heritage Park in Geeveston, home of the reborn Medieval Mayhem, they will be farewelled with a Tourney and Barbecue and diverse Entertainments. In the magnificent Glen Huon hall (no, really â€” Tassie has some amazing halls!) they will hand their Baronial coronets back to Their Majesties Henri and Beatrice. And then their successor or successors (we don't know who yet!) will step up, and a new age will begin in the realm's most buoyant barony! And since one day in the Valley is never enough, we will return to Heritage Park on the Sunday for a relaxed picnic and perhaps some archery.

Event Site: Heritage Park Geeveston (tourney, picnic) Glen Huon Hall, Glen Huon (feast)
Event Time: Tourney Noon, Feast 5pm, Picnic Noon Sunday
Steward SCA Name: Baron Karl Faustus von Aachen (Paul Sleight)
Cost: Members \$25 Feast, \$5 Tourney, \$2 Picnic / Non-Members \$35 Feast, \$12 Tourney, \$7 Children \$1.00 members +\$ 5.00 for Non-Members
Cheques payable to: The Society for Creative Anachronism Ltd - TAS
Booking SCA Name: Baron Karl Faustus von Aachen (Paul Sleight) eric@geeveston.net
Bookings Required: Yes
Event Website URL: <http://ynysfawr.lochac.sca.org/>
Booking deadline: 4/10/2012

NB: A big thank you to Terry Arnold who sent through accommodation details for around Geeveston, this will be posted to the list shortly.



Royal Hobart Show Demo

Thursday 25th October 2012

If you would like to be involved or have ideas David Beresford is putting together a team.

RHSD Team: David Beresford, Dan Russell, Nick Calabria, Wendy Calabria, Peter Apted, Kevin Hotson, Alice Finlayson, Betty North, and Cary Lenehan at this stage.

We are still looking for volunteers to help out over the week of the Show, everybody is welcome, but we will be limited to a maximum of 2-3 people on the display at one time due to space.

Setting up the our display on Tuesday afternoon on the 23rd of October

Willing persons to man the display in Garb from Wednesday 24th through to Saturday the 27th of October, even if it is only for a few hours, everything helps.

It would be great if volunteers could do a craft while manning the display, and talk to people about the different things we do in the group that would be a boon also.

I am hoping to be able to supply a number of free tickets to volunteers, but the number of these will be limited.

The Creative Craft Section is actually moving to the Show Pavilion, situated at the Main Entrance – Howard Road and at this stage we are moving with it, however it is all dependant on space. Peter Derkley has assured me that if there is a problem with space he will find somewhere for us. I have been in contact with Barbara who is in charge of the Creative Crafts Section and will know more shortly.

I have been in touch with Andrew Brassington, the Show's Entertainment Manger, and we are looking at, at least 1 - 2 Combat Display's on the Thursday and 2 Combat Display's on the Saturday in the same area as last year.

At this stage we will have the following Combatants for a Combat Display on Thursday 26th Dan. Should be good!

While on the Saturday we have Dan & Dave. Could be Funny!

To make this work we need at least four Combatants maybe even six each Display along with support.

So please lend your support!



Welcome To All Things SCA

Sunday 11th November 2012

This will be relatively simple affair with Heavy Fighter Practice, Rapier Practice and Target Archery to be held down on the Archery Field at Cambridge. Invite members to bring their assorted A&S Projects to the Cambridge Hall.

Free sausage sizzle. \$1 for Soft Drinks. This is to be a follow up after the Royal Hobart Show to welcome potential Newcomers, so please lend your support to this also.

Site Opens: Sunday 10.00am to 4.00pm

Location: Cambridge Hall & Archery Grounds, 989 Cambridge Road, Cambridge

Cost: \$5.00 (Flat rate for both Members and Non-Members)

Steward: Lord David de Derlington (David Beresford) dave367@iinet.net.au

Bookings: Not required but are appreciated please contact David Beresford via email or phone 0417 583 463 / 03 6278 1495

Action: Cary Lenehan to supply a price for 10kg of Sausages closer to the date



Oestmark Spring Fling

Saturday 24th November 2012

To celebrate the last of Spring, we are holding a Fling, with games and a quest to find the best, of those who attend. Water, bread and prizes will be provided, so bring a plate to share, loaded with either sweet or savory mediaeval yummys. Contact Lady Elswyth for recipes, if you can't think of anything or would like inspiration.

Event Site: The Park in Bells Pde, Latrobe TAS 7310
Event Time: Site Opens 12 – 5 pm
Steward SCA Name: Lady Elswyth of Bery (Louise Hollingbery) louise.hollingbery@dhhs.tas.gov.au
Cost: Members \$5.00 / Non-Members \$10.00 / Children Members \$1.00 / Non-Members \$5.00
Cheques payable to: The Society for Creative Anachronism Ltd - TAS
Booking SCA Name: Lady Elswyth of Bery (Louise Hollingbery) louise.hollingbery@dhhs.tas.gov.au
Bookings Required: No
Booking deadline: 24/11/2012



Summer Lark

8-10th February 2013

A weekend of fun and frolicking with lots to do, including Dancing Collegiums and Questing, Archery and maybe fencing, we may even do a bit of singing, pack boots 'cause at midnight we'll be walking. Games galore and perhaps some Heavy Fighting in between, we may do a bit of sleeping and of course there will be eating. So come along and join in our Summer Lark cavorting!

Event Site: 301 Gulf Road, Liffey TAS 7301
Event Time: Site Opens 10am
Steward SCA Name: Lady Elswyth of Bery (Louise Hollingbery) louise.hollingbery@dhhs.tas.gov.au
Cost: Members \$38.50 / Non-Members \$43.50 / Children 12 & under \$27.5 4 & under \$21
Cheques payable to: The Society for Creative Anachronism Ltd - TAS
Booking SCA Name: Lady Elswyth of Bery (Louise Hollingbery) louise.hollingbery@dhhs.tas.gov.au
Bookings Required: Yes
Booking deadline: 9/01/2013

Proposed Events

None!

Business Carried Forward

New Flyers and Newcomers Contact Details Form

It was suggested that we have flyers available at every event and training session with all our contact details. And a form to record any newcomers details so we can do follow up, put them in touch with our website, facebook and let them know when events are coming up etc.

This has been done and being produced.

Action: Still need to create a newcomers form. (Dan Has made progress with this.)

Grant

It was suggested that we place an application for a Grant from the Clarence Council.

It was suggested that we could expect to receive up to 50% reimbursement of the cost for an event, item etc.

Maximum of \$1500 for a \$3000 dollar outlay. It was also suggested that we approach the Tasmanian Government for the \$500 sporting Activities Grant.

Action: David Beresford to look into this.

David Beresford suggested that we could look at doing the Seafarers Event with the Clarence City Council and say we need a new Period Pavilion for say \$3000.00 with the Clarence City Council to put in 50% of the cost!

At the last Baronial Meeting a motion was carried to purchase a small pavilion through Lorix for \$100 along with \$48 for four weights. As yet this has not occurred.

Welcome Newcomers

Dan suggested that we make a welcome token or coin similar to the Rowany Tokens, (but with a boat and around the size of a twenty cent piece) to give to Newcomers. Dan also suggested we could approach Armour & Castings, Billy & Charlie

Action: Dan to investigate and report back at the next meeting.

Another suggestion was that we could make Hoods as the Barony has plenty of Wool.

Action: Lorix to Champion the Hood making project.

NB: How is this progressing?

David Beresford suggested that bottle bags were always a useful and welcomed gift to receive by any Newcomer. Alice Finlayson and David Beresford have both offered to make some in the future.

Insurance Policy on the Shed

It was suggested that as we now own the Archery Shed it may be wise to get some contents insurance against fire and theft at least.

Action: Wendt Calabria has offered to obtain at least two or three quotes for Fire & Theft for around \$10,000 coverage.

Wooden Tables from Ian

Ian has six large wooden tables for sale at a total cost of \$300, does the Barony want them?

It was suggested that we could make use of two of them for High Table, but we would not need more than this. This has not been actioned!

Action: Ian has accepted a \$100 for two of the tables could we please cut a cheque.

Boffer Training

David Beresford noted the drop in our minor membership, he has suggested we try to do more for kids on a regular basis, maybe boffer training in preparation for invest where we can have a boffer tournament first prior to the main event? Would anybody like to take this on?

Book Keeper

I would like to propose to the Barony the following; without the major offices such as Seneschal and Reeve, there is no official group, and any official group would be suspended if it did not have people representing these offices. The Reeve office is seen to be, by many people, a difficult office in that you are responsible for accurate account keeping

and reporting, and it is felt by many that it is a specialist field. Our current Reeve has held her position for at least 2 years and she is due a rest, and there seems to be nobody willing to take on the responsibility after her.

Past Reeves in the Barony have been able to do double entry book keeping, and it has been assumed by many that this is a requirement of a Reeve. While this seems appropriate as a desired skill, it is obvious there are not enough people in the Barony who are able to do this and represent a large enough pool of talent from which to represent the Office. It is simply unfair to expect this limited pool of people to stay caught inside this revolving door, we need to make the office easier to do so that anyone can feel confident about taking it on, with or without any book keeping experience or knowledge.

As a solution I suggest that the Barony should seriously (urgently?) consider it would be worth spending a small amount to hire a book keeper to do our quarterly reports. This would leave the Reeve's duties as similar to any event steward, to keep the receipts and invoices, bank moneys and keep everything (in a shoebox at worst) to give the accountant at the end of each quarter and know that the proper book keeping records will be done and keep the Kingdom Reeve happy. With taking out the assumed requirement of book keeping ability, the Reeve position becomes a lot easier and more open to a larger pool of people who may be willing to do the job.

Hopefully this might be a good idea? Please consider this proposal as a matter of importance.
Thank you for this opportunity.

Cheers,
Maddie

New Business

Pavilions

Closure at Cambridge

New Locations for Training



Dyns Fawr Baronial Knight Marshalls Report

For the period August

Prepared by: Knight Marshall Lord Aiden Brock (Kevin Hotson)

Member number 83034 Expires Nov 30 2012

Archery @ Cambridge

On Sunday the 5th August 1 Archers practiced Target Archery.

On Sunday the 12th August 5 archers practiced their Target Archery.

On Sunday the 19th it was too wet so no Archers practiced their Target Archery & combat Archery.

On Sunday the 26th August too wet and cold no practice at all

Authorisations: None

Incidents / Injuries: None reported.

Heavy Combat Training @ Cambridge

On Sunday the 5th August we had a total of 1 Heavy Combatant train

On Sunday the 12th August Again no training due to baronial candidates discussion

On Sunday the 19th August we had a total of 3 Heavy Combatants train

On Sunday the 26th August we had no training due to bad weather conditions

Authorisations: None

Incidents / Injuries: None reported.

Rapier Training @ Cambridge

On Sunday 5th August we had 0 people doing rapier drills

On Sunday 12th August we had 0 people doing rapier drills

On Sunday 19th August we had 4 people doing rapier drills

On Sunday 26th August no training due to bad weather conditions

Rapier Training @ North Hobart with Declan of Drogheda

At this time I have no confirmation of any mid week training.

Authorisations: None

Incidents / Injuries: None reported.

Rapier Training @ Launceston

To date we have not had any input from training in Launceston

AUTHORISATIONS We are still working on 2 members heading for TAM

Other Business

OK all who enjoy doing archery and heavy or just coming along on Sundays for a chit chat? .It's time to start looking for a new venue .If you are concerned come to the meeting and find out more.

Yours in Service,

Aiden Brock

(Kevin Hotson)

Knight Marshal

Reeve Report

August 2012

Main Account: 100129535**Opening balance: \$7418.56**

Deposits:	14/08/12	\$ 60.00	A&S workshop
	31/08/12	\$ 72.00	site Fees
	31/08/12	\$ 16.00	rattan
	31/08/12	\$113.85	Knownworld handbook
	31/08/12	\$480.00	Tarremah - Demo

Total deposits: \$741.85

Withdrawals:	02/08/12	\$211.97	Cheque no. 836666 Site Fees – training (June)
	06/08/12	\$29.78	Cheque no. 692321 Archery ropes / light
	07/08/12	\$72.00	Cheque no. 836667 Postage – ballet polling
	29/08/12	\$175.11	Cheque no. 836668 Site Fees – training (July)

Total withdrawals: \$488.86**Closing balance: \$7671.55****Event Account: 100142933****Opening balance: \$275.97****Chatelaine Account: 100148992****Opening balance: \$ 50.02****Total: \$7997.54**



Ynys Fawr Baronial Constables Report

July 2012

Prepared by: David de Derlington (David Beresford)

Archery & Fighter Practice @ Cambridge Hall, Cambridge, TAS

Constable on Duty: Baroness Beatrix Aetholsdottir of Jelling (Betty North)

5/08/2012	8 am, 0 mm, 0 anm, 0 mnm	
12/08/2012	14 am, 0 mm, 1 anm, 0 mnm	
19/08/2012	11 am, 0 mm, 3 anm, 1 mnm	
22/07/2012	0 am, 0 mm, 0 anm, 0 mnm	No Training
29/07/2012	0 am, 0 mm, 0 anm, 0 mnm	?

No figures received from the North or South

To the Populace of Ynys Fawr I bid thee the warmest of greetings,
The Barony has a number of positions that are either vacant or will soon be vacant due to Officers who have stepped down or will be soon stepping down. I would therefore like to advertise the following.

Reeve: Our Reeve the Lady Elspeth Jamieson (Julie Lawler) has worked tirelessly as our Reeve for over two years, she has informed me that she wishes to step down sometime towards the end of this year and now wishes the position to be advertised. The Lady Elspeth has also said that she is happy to remain as a Deputy Reeve in the North.

For more information on what is required to be Reeve please click on the following link.

<http://ynysfawr.lochac.sca.org/files/2011/07/Office-of-the-Baronial-Reeve.pdf>

Chirurgion: Unfortunately we do not have a Chirurgion and while this Office is not a requirement to keep our Barony running, it may still be nice to have one.

For more information on what is required to be Chirurgion please click on the following link.

<http://ynysfawr.lochac.sca.org/files/2011/07/Office-of-the-Baronial-Chirurgion.pdf>

Chronicler: Unfortunately we do not have a Chronicler and while this Office is not a requirement to keep our Barony running, it may be advantageous to have one. In the past the Chronicler has published the Barony's Newsletter, however I would see this position more as keeping the groups calendar up to date, uploading event information to the website, sourcing, cataloguing and uploading photo's, posting stories on the Baronies Blog.

For more information on what is required to be Chronicler please click on the following link.

<http://ynysfawr.lochac.sca.org/files/2011/07/Office-of-the-Baronial-Chronicler.pdf>

Lists: Besides being our Reeve for a number of years Lady Elspeth Jamieson (Julie Lawler) has filled the Positions of List Officer, Gold Key in the North and the Warden of Oestmark. It is time to pass the Office for the Lists and therefore advertise this position also. The List Officer is a Deputy to the Knight Marshal. For more information on what is required to be the Lists Officer please click on the following link.

<http://ynysfawr.lochac.sca.org/files/2011/07/Office-of-the-Baronial-Lists.pdf>

Web Minister: Baron Karl Faustus von Aachen (Eric TF Bat) has served as our Web Minister for a while now, but due to his increased commitments to both the Barony and Kingdom it has become time to pass some of his duties on. Eric has done an excellent job creating our new site and made it an easy site to maintain and manage for any newcomer to take the job on.

For more information on what is required to be the Web Minister please click on the following links.

<http://ynysfawr.lochac.sca.org/wanted-webminister/>

<http://ynysfawr.lochac.sca.org/files/pdf/Office-of-the-Baronial-Web-Minister.pdf>

Constable: Lothar von Dargun (Chris Belbin) has decided to step down from the position as Constable. For more information on what is required to be the Constable please click on the following link.

<http://ynysfawr.lochac.sca.org/files/pdf/Office-of-the-Baronial-Constable.pdf>

For those people who are interested in applying for these positions please email your applications to dave367@iinet.net.au

In Service,

David de Derlington
Seneschal, Ynys Fawr

Kingdom Seneschal Report

Greetings all,

Welcome to the September state of the nation.

The Good News

Numbers: Lochacs numbers jumped by 17% in the last quarter - 19% in AU and 4% in NZ.

This is very encouraging after the downward trend in both countries over the past few quarters. I was going to attribute Australia's jump to the recent changes to event memberships but the numbers have been increasing steadily all quarter from well before those changes were announced.

Most groups are showing positive growth for the first time in several quarters and also good activity levels and somewhat less grouching. Marshallate authorisations are generally up a bit too.

The baronies numbers are also interesting. Lochac has 12 baronies.

Rowany is again the largest with 150; they have been trading top spot with Aneala for some time now.

Aneala and Politarchopolis round out the super-baronies with 141 and 140.

Then we have River Haven and Stormhold both over 100, then a large gap to the standard baronies.

We have five baronies in the 60s with another just below that.

So the baronies are fairly evenly split into two distinct sizes: large 110-150 and standard 55-75.

Make of this what you will.

Pegasus: Following the changes to the way members can access Pegasus made earlier in the year, and a couple of tweaks since, Pegasus downloads have almost quadrupled meaning the newsletter now ties with the Announce mailing list for our most widely read publication.

Blackfox Awards: Lochac did quite well with several finalists in the Blackfox awards:

Best Overall Newsletter: From the Tower, Barony of Southron Gaard, Kingdom of Lochac, Chronicler: Mrn Johansdottir.

Best Special Issue: Foli Roani, Barony of Rowany, Kingdom of Lochac, Chronicler: Lady Dragana Rzsa (Newsletter for newcomers).

Best Article: Making easy fabric ties by Alliette Delecourt, Stormscroll, Barony of Stormhold, Kingdom of Lochac.

Honourable Mention: Lady Rosamond de Montfort, The Rhol, Canton of Abertridwr.& Lady Dragana Rzsa, Foli Roani, Barony of Rowany.

Were still waiting to hear who actually won.

Equestrian: The Board of SCA Ltd and the Equestrian Marshal have added Jousting, Crest Combat and Mounted Combat to the list of activities covered by our insurance.

GST: We've made it through our first reporting quarter with GST and submitted our BAS. Some groups did it in style, some did it with less style and a few barely made it through BUT, as far as I've heard, no-one died and I'm counting that as a win. Well done!

Insurance: So far, it seems most groups are adapting to the changes, which is a credit to the officers who have managed them. I would very much like to know if you have had any difficulties with the new systems or if there are any questions about them.

The Bad News

Arrowsreach

The Board has, with great sadness, made the decision to close the Shire of Arrowsreach. The Board's decision was that the lands and assets of the Shire revert to the Barony of Stormhold. The shire has been struggling to maintain its core officers and its enthusiasm. The group polled on its status and, while the majority would have preferred to become a canton of Stormhold, a significant minority voted to close the group and return to Stormhold. Since the group could not fill its required offices, the Board had no choice but to close it.

Financial Reporting

The Board has just placed two baronies, two shires and a canton on probation for poor financial reporting. The idea is to provide closer monitoring and extra mentoring to help these groups get up to speed.

SCA Ltd has to report on the financial activity for all of its groups every quarter. We have 30 groups in Australia, not including colleges. If every one of them misses only one report in 30 (one every 7.5 years), then SCA Ltds report will never be complete. Too many incomplete reports and we attract the attention of the ATO, which is bad. Were in the big leaguenow.

Other News

Law Changes:

Their Majesties, Siridean and Margie, proclaimed changes to the entry requirements for Crown Tournaments at Midwinter Coronation and added a reference to the Crown Travel Fund policy.

Their Majesties, Henri and Beatrice, proclaimed changes regarding Event Memberships to bring Kingdom Law into line with the SCA Ltd Boards new policies as required by the insurer.

The current Laws of Lochac and the changes can be found at <http://lochac.sca.org/laws/>
The Laws now have a contents page that takes you to the page you want with one click. It also updates itself when the laws are changed. It's the little things

New Seneschals:

Barony of St Florian de la Riviere Steffan Glaube, 23 July 2012
Shire of Boesenberg Isabella of the kelderash, 16 July 2012
Barony of Rowany - Iseabail inghean Domhnall mhic Donchaidh, 26 July 2012
Canton of Stowe on the Wowld - Alfeirr Agnarsson, 14 August 2012
Shire of Bordescros Arnora Bloodaxe, 9 September 2012

New Kingdom Officers:

Web Wright Oswyn Fitz Gibbon, 1 September 2012
Provost of Scribes Katherine Rischer, 25 August 2012
Arts and Sciences Catalina da Gata, 29 September 2012

Commendations:

Every baronial seneschal for reporting within two days of the deadline, which is an excellent effort. Thank you.

The Board of SCA Ltd for the sheer volume of really tough work they have got through in the last quarter and making things work again with the massive changes required.

The SCA Ltd Treasurer and Kingdom Exchequer who have dealt with the implementation of GST in Australia.

The Provost of Scribes who has just stepped down having massively overhauled the College, raised its profile and prestige significantly, and reduced the backlog of scrolls by more than a decade.

Bartholomew who has recently and rapidly changed the Registry software to make it possible for us to work with the new requirements of our insurers and without whom I would not have made it this far.

All the reeves who successfully made it through the first report with GST.

Interesting Ideas to Think About

Do you know someone who might be Lochacs next Exchequer? We need one or we don't get to be Kingdom anymore.

New groups come with a level of enthusiasm that can be infectious but they are hard work.

It's possible to get a medieval section added to your local agricultural show.
Ynys Fawr have just done it –

<http://ynysfawr.lochac.sca.org/files/2012/08/The-RHS-Medieval-Arts-Sciences.pdf>

This could be a useful way to raise a bit of profile in a new crowd.

In service,

Catherine de Arc
Lochac Seneschal