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Welcome Newcomers!

I realize that we have quite a few new people in the group as of late-welcome! The Society of Creative Anachronism is an awesome opportunity to experience history. Whether you are interested in martial or fine arts, cooking, crafts, etc... we have someone in the group that can help get you started. Check our facebook page regularly for updates, and go over to the SCA newcomers' portal (<http://welcome.sca.org/>) to see what the different facets of the society look like. Our chatelaine, Lady Muirenn, is also a wonderful resource for newcomers. Again welcome, and we are glad to have you in the Barony!





A word from your Baroness:

As we head into September, I am hoping each of you have had a good summer. It has been so oppressively hot that I have not wanted to go to fighter practice, so I have not seen many of you for a while. I apologize. It is not my way to just not show up but I have found that as I get older, my tolerance for heat gets smaller. Please forgive me and know that I will pick up as the days get cooler.

We now have some events in the near future that require your attention. Coronation is right around the corner and although it is a bit of a distance from the Cove, if you can attend, please do. Coronation is the “jewel of the crown” in my opinion and everybody should try to attend at least one in their lifetime in the SCA. Pomp and circumstance, tears of sadness (watching the outgoing monarchs say goodbye to Their staff) along with tears of joy (watching the new monarchs take Their place on the thrones) lots of pageantry and heraldic stuff also goes on. It is a fun time!

Following Coronation we have War of the Wings. This is a fun event that has become the “mini-Pennsic” for many folks. The weather is cooler (sometimes downright cold) and the camping is fun. Please consider registering on ACCEPS now so that we can get a good idea of the numbers that we may be looking at.

Finally, in December, we have the business meeting that is required for officers of the Barony. This is a “no garb” meeting and it presents the current business of the Kingdom. You are not required to attend if you are not an officer. Those of us who are - get ready for the day. It can be long but it is important to know what is going on in the Kingdom and in your special area within the Barony.

Finally, I want everyone to know that I am very proud to be your Baroness. We may be small, but we carry a big punch in the Kingdom! Keep up your good work. And remember - the most important thing is to **HAVE FUN!!**

YIS,
Katharine de la Vache
Baroness Raven’s Cove



From the Baron:

Greetings unto the Cove,

Time has come once again for your Baron to report his late monthly missive. The tourney season is upon us! Baronial Birthday will see a new feastocrat and new Baronial Champions. Following hard on this event's heels will be an exciting University, where I will be teaching. And then there is Mato- which is always fun. We do have some decisions to make concerning WOW. We need a kitchen steward. Being kitchen steward does not mean that you do all the cooking, just coordinating. Please consider this important opportunity to serve the Barony.

xxoo

Torquil



From the Seneschal:

Greetings from your Senseschal!

It appears that at times Mother Nature will be cutting us a break in bringing us some cooler temperatures. Fall is almost upon us and that means the fighting will be much easier for our combatants.

I cannot thank all of you enough for being patient with the transitioning of officers. Change is never easy but it appears we have adopted the "adapt and overcome" mentality of our beloved Marines!

It was discussed at the last meeting that a deadline date would be set for all officers to submit their missives. Please keep your eye out for what Rhiannon feels would be the best date for her to get her newsletter done on time. Please try very hard to meet the deadline.

Like all of us, she has multiple things going on in life and I want to make her job as easy as possible. Thank you all in advance for taking care of that.

Let's keep trudging on doing what may seem impossible and ensuring that our barony remains the best little barony ever!

In Service to The Dream,

Lady Edan



From the Knight's Marshal

Greetings Raven's Cove! I am pleased to announce that we have picked up three brand new fighter prospects. They have all taken well to the sword and will be in their own armor as soon as we can get an armor night scheduled. We also are looking at two of our glorious Shield Maidens getting authorized in combat archery come October. I see great things on the horizon for our Barony....Keep up the great work

L



From the Exchequer

It's been a while but I have a new figure to report this month. Our account stands at \$1185.49 as we have purchased a new deluxe kitchen and 28 cup coffee pot to have before WOW. We also have some expenses coming up in the next week to help pay for Baronial Birthday but hopefully we will be able to recoup all of it from the event proceeds. Please keep in mind the other items we have discussed wanting to purchase for the Barony and let one of the officers know if you see a good deal on any item. Hoping you all have a great September.

In Service,

Amira



From the Chiurgeon

The Society BOD had put off the meeting regarding the Chirurgeonate until after Pennsic....they are now scheduled to meet and determine our official fate. Keep up the work in supporting each other through this time of extreme heat.

L



From the Chatelaine

Greetings to the Populace!

It was a pretty good month! The marketing flier was updated with my information, as well as modified so it could also be printed in pamphlet form. The demo at Barnes and Nobel was a success! There was a lot of interest, pictures taken, and contact info shared. I saw some of them at the fighter practice, as well as at Peasants Revolt. We even had a few new contacts from the event! Next project is getting the gold-key inventory completed.

In Service,

Lady Muirenn



From The Chronicler

Hello everyone! Please remember to take lots of pictures at events/demos and send them to me to make the cry even prettier! I will have lots of picture release forms handy at both RCBB and WoW, please fill one out just to be sure.

YIS

Rhiannon



From the Herald

Nothing new here. Quiet month.

YIS

Lady Rowan



From the Minister of Arts and Sciences

We are still working on completing sheet walls in anticipation for WoW. Check the facebook for dates and locations.

In Service,

Emrys



Game Instructions - Asalto (Siege, or Officers & Sepoys)

Lord Simon de Spaldying

Asalto is a European strategy game for two players, which evolved from the much older game Fox & Geese in or around the 16th Century. The game was revived in the 19th Century under the name “Officers & Sepoys”, and again in the late 19th Century in a larger, elaborated version sold commercially as “Siege”.

The game is a contest for control of a “fort”, nine spaces marked off at one end of the board. The fort is defended by two “officers” who begin the game anywhere within the fort. The officers can move one space per turn; forward, backward, sideways, or diagonally. The officers can capture foot soldiers by jumping over them to an adjacent empty space, as in Checkers. Multiple jumps are permitted. The officers have the option of moving and jumping along the unmarked diagonals: however, they are not permitted to move outside the confines of the board by “leaping” from one arm of the cross to another.

The attackers are twenty-four foot soldiers who fill the field in front of the fort. The foot soldiers also move by one space: the foot soldiers may only move along the marked diagonals. The attacking player still needs to pay attention to the unmarked diagonals, however; both to safeguard his pieces against capture along an unmarked diagonal line, and to watch for opportunities to “huff” the officers (explained below). Soldiers may not move away from the fort: most players allow them some sideways motion.

“Huffing” is a feature of many French and other Continental games from the 14th Century onward, in which a player may remove an opponent’s piece if he can demonstrate that the piece failed to make a possible capture. If an officer makes no capture when he could have made one, the attacking player may, on pointing out the error before he makes his move, remove that piece. Huffing does not take the place of his move, and it must be executed before the attacking player moves. If the defender made a move capturing two soldiers when he could have made a move capturing three, he is liable to be huffed by the defender. In every case, the officer who is huffed is the one that failed to make the move resulting in more captures. For simplicity’s sake, huffing can be omitted when playing Asalto with younger players.

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The game begins with the attackers occupying every space in the field, and the two officers occupying any two spaces in the fort. The first move is therefore made by the attackers. Each player moves one piece per turn.

To win: The object of the game is to control the fort. The attackers win if they occupy every space within the fort. They also win if they trap the officers in the fort, or if both officers have been “huffed”. The officers win if they capture enough soldiers to make it impossible for them to occupy the fort.

A game board may be made of wood, paper, or leather: pieces may be made of wood, coins, flat glass marbles, or other materials.



Upcoming Events of Baronial Interest

The following listing includes events that members of the barony have expressed interest in attending as well as events being held by the barony itself. If you are a newcomer interested in attending any of these events please let a member of the barony know so that we may attempt to find car/crash space for you.

- Raven's Cove Baronial Birthday (Richlands, NC) September 6
- Atlantia Fall University (Apex, NC) September 20
- MATO: Vikings at the Oasis (Apex, NC) September 26-28
- Fall Coronation (Street, MD) October 3-5
- War of the Wings (Boonville, NC) October 15-19
- Fall Crown Tournament (Virginia Beach, VA) November 1

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