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Monthly Newsletter of Barony Beyond the Mountain

May, 2019

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King's and Queen's Archery Championships— Summer Solstice Shoot

June 15th, 2019

Hosted by Barony of Beyond the Mountain
New Britain, CT

Lord Ruin Shi Tian and Master Colin Ursell invite all the Archers in the East Kingdom to the King's and Queen's Archery Championships in the Barony Beyond the Mountain. The theme this year is the Chinese Zodiac.

Details on the Championship shoots will be forthcoming.

Also, come celebrate the Summer Solstice! Spend the day in joyous company. In addition to the Championship Shoots, we will host:

- Outdoor games
- A June Pole (Because we love to dance even if May was last month.)
- Classes
- Heavy Weapons and Rapier
- SCA Yard Sale--Bring SCA-appropriate or adjacent stuff you want out of your house! Let someone else sit at the table selling it for you!
- Merchanting, both indoor and outdoor spaces are available.

Web site for the event: <https://bbm.eastkingdom.org/events/king-queens-archery-championship-summer-solstice-shoot/>

GAMES FOR ALL THE FAMILY

The June Pole - come dance and weave the ribbons.

Kubb - A possibly modern game with Scandinavian roots. All afternoon after June Pole Dance

Quiots was prohibited by Edward III and Richard II to encourage archery but today we can do both all afternoon after the June Pole Dance

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Marshal of Fence – Vacant

Marshal of Thrown Weapons – Vacant

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Web Minister – Lady Sisule Butler, webminister@bbm.eastkingdom.org

Youth Marshal - Vacant

Combat Arts

NOTE: Practices are subject to change without notice. Please call ahead.

Archery

CT: BBM - Tuesdays – 5:30 p.m. (weather permitting) Burlington, CT - Dorigen & Eloise's at 17 Bittersweet Lane, Burlington, CT. Contact Dorigen at 860-673-2240.

CT: Dragonship Haven: Sundays 12-3 pm (in season, weather permitting) Oxford, CT. DragonshipHaven@yahoo.com

Fencing

Thursdays, 7:30-10:00 p.m., Keefe Community Center, 11 Pine Street, Hamden, CT (hosted by Barony of Dragonship Haven). Contact the Fencing Marshal (Christophel) @fence@dragonshiphaven.eastkingdom.org.

Heavy-List Fighting

Wednesdays, 7 pm, Barony of Bergental at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 455 Island Pond Rd., Springfield, MA. Contact Knight Marshall of Barony of Bergental for more information.

Thursdays, 8-10 p.m., Keefe Community Center, 11 Pine Street, Hamden, CT, hosted by Barony of Dragonship Haven). Contact the marshal at heavy@dragonshiphaven.eastkingdom.org.

Thrown Weapons Practice

1st & 3rd Sunday, 64 Orchard St, Vernon, CT. Contact sisuile@gmail.com for times.

Thursdays (thru October), 7 Jacob's Hill Rd, Ellington, CT. Contact matthewsoucy@gmail.com for times.

Thrown Weapons Weekend - June 29-30, 7 Jacob's Hill Rd, Ellington CT, Royal Roundapalooza - This is a central region thrown

weapons practice open to anyone that wishes to spend the weekend throwing Royal Rounds. For more information please email bomber.kristin@gmail.com.

Baronial Champions:

Archery Champion: Baron Dorigen of Lewes

Fencing Champion: Sir Arnwult Aethelreding

Heavy Weapons Champion: Svafnir Thorvaldson

Thrown Weapons Champion: Lord Gwilym of Fflint

Baronial Meeting:

Monday, May 20, 2019, 7-9:00 p.m. at Jo-Ann's Fabrics, 3105 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT., in the 2nd floor classroom.

Arts & Science Middle-Eastern Dance

Sundays, 1-4 p.m., Authur Murray Dance Studio, Glen Lochen Marketplace, 39 New London Turnpike, Glastonbury, CT. Contact Mistress Su'ad (Nancy Barrett) at 860-228-6933 (before 10 p.m.); nancysuad@gmail.com.

Dance

First Tuesday of month – 8:30-10:30 pm - Camelot Co-Housing 46 Sawyer Hill Rd. Berlin, MA (Quintavia)

Sewing

Sewing & Throwing is the 3rd Sunday, bring your string-based projects, hang out, throw sharp objects at wood. 64 Orchard St, Vernon, CT. Contact sisuile@gmail.com for times.

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II Paleo Racing - we can't afford real horses, but you can participate in this exciting Medieval race on one of our fine stable of racing stick horses - with a few modern twists. Fun for both Adults and children!

Croquet - Though modern (1850s) in its current form, game of ground ball and stick have been popular in Western Europe since the later Middle Ages. "Tee off" all afternoon after the June Pole Dance.

Tug of War - dating from Ancient Egypt, Greece and China, tug of war in its present form has change almost none at all to modern times. Challenge your friends - or foes - to tug of war!

Contact Mesterinna Ana Ilevna at ilevna@hotmail.com if you have questions regarding the Games.

HEAVY FIGHTING: If the heavy list is your preference, we have a novel tournament planned for the day--the Fortunes of War! As the season of war looms ahead, equipment fails, servants neglect their duties, and the gods may decide to have some fun. Will their attention be baleful or weal? As the combatants get ready to enter the list they will pick a fortune cookie to find out.

FENCING: Rapier activities will begin at 11 am. We will have inspections and authorizations until Noon. Tournaments will be run in the following order, but will be subject to change because of their Excellencies availability for the BBM Fencing Championship.

BBM Fencing Championship - Sir Arnwulf Aethelreding is ready to step down as the Fencing Champion of Barony Beyond the Mountain. He wishes to give their Excellencies as short and fun tournament so we will have a round robin tournament to determine the next champion. Bring your best and come show their Excellencies why you should be their next champion.

Gambler's Tourney - Are you feeling lucky? Let the roll of the dice determine which form you will bring. This will be a one and done fight and then we will move onto the next pairing. The tournament will be a double elimination tournament with opponents also being chosen at random, you may have to fight the same person more than once.

Short but Deadly - It's time to get up close and personal with your fellow combatants. Max rapier length is 32" single sword. If you don't have a sword that is that short, you may substitute for a single dagger. This will be a double elimination tournament.

Bear Pit Tournament - This will be a bring your best endurance test. How long can you hold the pit? There will be no max length of matches for keeping the pit. If you can keep it, you earned it. Wounds retained. This will be a 45-minute long tournament.

Site is damp. Beer, wine, mead or champagne ONLY. NO SPIRITS OR SPIRIT-BASED CORDIALS are allowed on site, not even as gifts.

No smoking or vaping on site. Not even in the parking lot. You must go outside the fence to smoke or vape.

No animals are allowed on site except Service Animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (guide dogs, signal dogs, or other animals individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability). Connecticut laws on assistance animals and guide dogs are summarized here:

<https://www.jud.ct.gov/lawlib/Notebooks/Pathfinders/Dogs.pdf> (This is a .pdf. See Section 4, page 25.)

Site is accessible with ADA-complaint bathrooms and a ramp to get into the building. There is ample designated handicapped parking. All activities take place either outside (the archery area is accessible through the paved parking lot) or on the ground floor. Changing areas are on the stage up a short flight of steps, but we also have an accessible changing area with no steps.

Site Open: 09:00 am - 09:00 pm

Location: HSC Community Center, 370 Osgood Avenue, New Britain, CT 06053

Directions:

North, East or West, take your best route to I-84, Exit 36 (Slater Road). From the exit, continue straight onto Sterling Road. Sterling ends in a T with a wood straight ahead of you.

At the woods, turn LEFT onto Corbin Avenue. The entrance to the site is on your RIGHT. It's a gate in a chain-link fence just before Osgood Avenue. If you get to the traffic light on Osgood you've just passed it.

From the South, take I-91 to Exit 22N (Route 9 North). Merge LEFT to Route 72 WEST towards Bristol. Take the Corbin Avenue exit. This is a right-hand exit off of Route 72. Turn RIGHT onto Corbin Avenue for ~1.3 miles. The entrance to the

site is on your RIGHT. It's a gate in a chain-link fence just before Osgood Avenue. If you get to the traffic light on Osgood you've just passed it. (If you miss the Corbin Avenue exit, then get onto I-84 East-bound and follow the directions above.)

Registration: The Site fee is \$20, with a \$5 discount for members of the SCA. Children 17 and under are free. This includes Dayboard. Please make checks payable to: SCA Inc.-Barony Beyond the Mountain. You can also prereg with PayPal using this link:

<https://surveys.eastkingdom.org/index.php/356219>. Please note that a PayPal invoice will be generated within 24 hours of submitting the online preregistration and that the preregistration is not complete until the PayPal invoice is paid.

Note the site will be open for set-up from 5:15 pm Friday the 14th to 8:00 pm and from 7:00 am Saturday the 15th. Tear-down ends at 9:00 pm Saturday (Or, hopefully, MUCH earlier!)

Feast: There will be no feast at this event.

Dayboard is included in the site fee. As is traditional, we will serve Dayboard both inside and bring some to the archery range during the day.

DAY BOARD:

Hard boiled eggs

Ham cubes

Cheese cubes

Raw vegetables

Fruit

Bread, both glutened and gluten free

Honey butter

Hummus

Kielbasa or other sausage

Pasties/hand pies--meat and vegetarian options

Quiches

Event Steward: Mesterinde Anarra Karlsdottir, OL (Terry Neill) 78914@members.eastkingdom.org, 860-223-6843

Send Reservations to: Ciara McRobbie (Anne Akin), 29 Fowler Road, North Stonington, CT 06359, 49908@members.eastkingdom.org

Other Contact Information: Merchants are welcome! Severin Lorenz (Larry Laudenslager) larry.laudenslager@att.net, 860-208-0394

BBM Meeting Minutes 4/15/19

Next meeting: May 20, 2019, Newington Joann's.

Officer reports

Seneschal

Two candidates for seneschal, Mistress Kay Leigh & Mistress Ciara. Voting of members present had Kay Leigh the winner.

Exchequer's report

Exchequer was not present; however, we have funds.

Baron & Baroness

Still looking for largess, as we are not done with investitures quite yet.

Award recommendations for Summer Solstice Shoot needed – send to their Excellencies and their Majesties

Knight Marshall - Llewellyn has found a site outdoor site on Saturday 11-4 at the Leffingwell Inn in Norwich, beginning May 4. He will be the Marshall of record. He is also looking for other marshalls to help out.

Archery practice

Weather permitting, we practice on Tuesdays - Balfar's is coming up on 27th in Dragonship Haven

-Ottar's Welcome in Carolingia on May 11

-Summer Solstice Shoot June 16

Thrown weapons practice

3rd Sunday - In Vernon

Thursdays starting in April - In Ellington

MoL - No report necessary

Chronicler - Send stuff to Johanna

Webminister - Working on the website - please review and send her feedback

If you want it on the calendar, please send any baronial events/practices/workshops to webminister@bbm.eastkingdom.org and chatelaine@bbm.eastkingdom.org, and cc the Seneschal

Chatelaine

1 contact, will be at Sheep & Wool

Demo Coordinator –

CT Sheep & Wool April 27th

Simsbury Maker Faire May 4

Herald - Nothing to report

MoAS - No report

Old business

Events

SSS/K&Q Archery - June 15

Budget for targets \$400, present to Collin & Kingdom

Paypal getting set up

2 tournaments
Classes -
Marshal track
A&S track
Popups and coolers - please bring
Yule - Dec 7
New Britain \$10, \$15 NM, 17 under free
Feast \$10 – Sisule
200 Dayboard – Kira
Music coordinator – Ciara
Yule Ceremonies – Eloise
Silent auction - Severin
Dancing?
Artifacts - Feb of 2020
Elizabeth for Autocrat
Looking for prizes
Golden Seamstress - On hold until 2020

New Business

Looking for an accessible site for quarterly potluck.

Archaeology News

<http://www.archaeology.org/news/>

4/29/19 - Byzantine-Era Structures Identified at Istanbul's Hagia Sophia - ISTANBUL, TURKEY—According to a *Live Science* report, researchers led by Ken Dark of the University of Reading and Jan Kostenek of the Czech National Committee of Byzantine Studies have found traces of Byzantine-era structures on the grounds of Istanbul's Hagia Sophia, first constructed as a Christian cathedral by the emperor Justinian I in the sixth century A.D. Team members uncovered a white marble courtyard they say surrounded the original cathedral, and a library that may have held thousands of scrolls under a structure now known as the large hall. The researchers suggest they have also found the remains of the Great Baptistry, where the children of emperors were baptized. Evidence that the building's northwest vestibule was built in the sixth century, and not during the rule of the Ottoman Empire, as had been previously believed, has also been uncovered. "The discovery of such a large 'new' part of Justinian's church of Hagia Sophia is unprecedented in recent decades ... and alters significantly the known plan of that world-famous building," Dark said. In the structure's northeast vestibule, the excavation revealed a disc-shaped piece of purple stone called porphyry embedded in the original sixth-century floor. It may mark the spot where the emperor

stood for ceremonies and liturgies. "As such, it is probably the only place where it is possible to identify anywhere the precise spot on which Justinian, the most famous Byzantine emperor, stood," Dark said.

<https://www.livescience.com/65350-emperor-baptistry-at-hagia-sophia.html>

4/24/19 - Section of Pictish Fort Uncovered in Scotland - MORAY, SCOTLAND—According to a report in *The Scotsman*, a section of eighth-century defensive wall has been uncovered in northern Scotland, on the coast of a peninsula that projects into the Moray Firth, by a team of researchers led by Gordon Noble of the University of Aberdeen. Preserved pieces of timber lacing were found in the ten-foot-long section of Pictish rampart. "It really reinforces the huge investment in resources that was undertaken to construct the fort at Burghead," Noble said. "The timber lacing is one of the best preserved in Europe." Beam slots in the wall supported the fort's wooden structure, he added. The abundance of charcoal at the site indicates the fort was destroyed by fire. A Pictish longhouse, coins, and pottery have also been uncovered. Coastal erosion now threatens the site.

<https://www.scotsman.com/heritage/incredible-find-made-by-archaeologists-at-elite-pictish-power-centre-1-4914589>

4/19/19 - Possible Sons of Crusaders Identified in Medieval Burial Pit - CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND—According to a report in *The Independent*, a genetic study of remains recovered from a Crusader-era mass burial pit in what is now Lebanon indicates that even though some of the fighters were descendants of Western Europeans and local people who lived on the eastern Mediterranean coast, the Crusaders had little overall genetic impact on the population. The burial pit, located near the ruin of a Crusader castle in Sidon, contained the burned remains of at least 25 individuals. The bones bear evidence of violent injuries and have been radiocarbon dated to the Crusader period, between A.D. 1025 and 1283. A thirteenth-century Crusader coin from Italy, and five buckles with designs typical of medieval Europe, were also recovered from the pit. Of the nine individuals whose remains were analyzed, three are thought to have come from Western Europe—perhaps Spain and Sardinia. Four of the individuals were eastern Mediterranean locals, and were probably recruited to fight in the religious wars by Crusaders from Western Europe. The remaining two individuals whose DNA was analyzed may have been the product of relationships between Crusaders and local people. Marc Haber of the Wellcome Sanger Institute said that once the

fighting was over, this mixed generation joined the region's local population, and the genetic traces of the Crusaders in the Near East eventually disappeared.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/archaeology/crusades-genes-white-europeans-population-dna-lebanon-a8876411.html>

4/12/19 - Medieval Bones Unearthed in Northern Ireland - COUNTY DOWN, NORTHERN

IRELAND—*BBC News* reports that archaeologists and community volunteers led by Brian Sloan of Queen's University in Belfast discovered the remains of 14 people next to Down Cathedral, known as the burial place of the fifth-century Christian Saint Patrick. An earlier investigation at the cathedral unearthed traces of a thirteenth-century Benedictine monastery nearby, and, at first, the current researchers thought they might have found the monks' cemetery. However, the oldest skeleton uncovered during the new excavation belonged to a child of about six who died about 1,000 years ago. The remains of a teenaged girl who suffered from severe tooth abscesses and may have traveled to the monastery for medicine and prayer have been dated to between 1317 and 1429. <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-47895990>

4/5/19 - Medieval Helmet Unearthed in Belarus - MINSK, BELARUS—*The Belarusian Telegraph Agency* reports that construction workers uncovered a well-preserved helmet dating to between the late ninth and early eleventh centuries near the river port in the city of Bobruisk. Igor Marzalyuk of the Committee on Education, Culture, and Science of the Belarusian House of Representatives reports this is the first time that such a helmet has been found in Belarus. "Similar things were discovered in Ukraine, in burial mounds for warriors," he explained. Plans are being made for further excavation of the site during which archaeologists expect to find additional medieval artifacts. To read about the recent discovery of a helmet in Russia, go to "Hellenistic Helmet Safety." <https://eng.belta.by/society/view/unique-1000-year-old-helmet-discovered-in-bobruisk-river-port-120061-2019/>

4/5/19 - Medieval Structure Uncovered in Southwestern England - NEWTON ABBOT, ENGLAND—According to a *Devon Live* report, workmen discovered traces of a medieval building, including whitewashed and plastered stone walls, as well as what may be a bay window or the threshold for a door, while renovating a church built in 1830 in southwestern England. A cobbled passageway or courtyard was also found. "The cobbled surface seems to be contemporary with

one of the walls which the later church seems to have cut through," said archaeologist Stuart Randall. The thick walls indicate the medieval building may have been a church or served some other public function in the heart of the town of Newton Abbot. The archaeological features will be carefully recorded before they are removed for the renovation of the Victorian church as a public space. <https://www.devonlive.com/news/devon-news/incredible-medieval-remains-discovered-devon-2721170>

4/1/19 - Lost Medieval Gravestones

Rediscovered - GLASGOW, SCOTLAND—Three sculpted gravestones that archaeologists had presumed were lost have been recovered during a community dig at Govan Old Parish Church in Glasgow, *BBC News* reports. Mark McGettigan, a 14-year-old volunteer on the excavation, hit upon a solid surface that turned out to be one of 46 gravestones known as the Govan Stones, which date to the tenth or eleventh century. The stones were originally discovered in the nineteenth century, and until 1973, 15 stones from the collection, including the three newly recovered ones, had been displayed against a churchyard wall. They were believed to have been destroyed in the demolition of an adjacent shipyard. Stephen Driscoll, professor of historical archaeology at the University of Glasgow, said that the stones' recovery bolsters the case for Govan's significance as an early medieval religious center. Govan Heritage Trust archaeologists will continue the excavation with the aim of finding and conserving the remaining lost stones. <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-47748026>

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*Congratulations to
Kay Leigh Mac Whyte
who will be stepping up
as our Seneschal at this
year's Yule*



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