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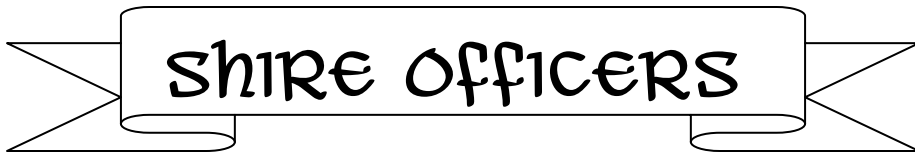
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 Please send all your talents to the Chronicler!

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From the Seneschal:



Greetings unto the populace of Seawinds.

In the next couple of weeks Stonebridge Keep will hold Golden Arrow X. I hope everyone is planning on attending as this is the first stop on the String of Pearls Tournament as well. I encourage everyone to support our sister shire by volunteering to help at their event as well. They are looking for help with troll, water bearing, set up, and serving feast. At the end of October Seawinds will be hosting our Defender Tournament. Again I call upon you to volunteer to help. I am in charge of the set-up crew and I need a crew. I will need help with set up on Friday and also during the afternoon on Saturday to set-up for feast. Let me know if you would like to be a part of my crew.

Sometime after the beginning of October there will be a workday scheduled at the storage unit. The trailer needs to be loaded for Defender and there is some repair work to be done on a few things.

Look for more details to go out on the Seawinds list.

I know that in the coming months, many Seawinders will be traveling to many other events around this grand Kingdom. May you have safe travels and lots of fun. Don't forget to tell us of your adventures when you return....hmmmm a good article for the Sandscrit?

In Service,

Lady Caitriona

Seawinds Seneschal

From the Historian:

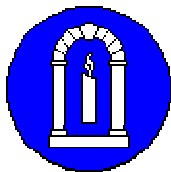
As always, I am still looking for more history. But old Sandscrits and photos don't tell all of the "story." I invite everyone to share their favorite Seawinds memory be it from way back or more recent. I know everyone has some great stories to tell. The Sandscrit is a perfect format to share with everyone. So come on everyone, dust off those memories and share!

Lady Caitriona

Seawinds Historian



From the Minister of Arts and Sci-



Greetings Artisans of Seawinds,

Our Seawinds Defender event is just around the corner. I would like to encourage everyone to consider an entry for the Arts and Sciences Competition. This year there will be two winners. We are having a Populace Favorite which does not require documentation, and a Seawinds Arts & Sciences Defender Champion, which will require documentation. This is your chance to enter your work without documentation. Entry into A&S competition will earn a pearl and each of the winners will receive additional pearls in the String of Pearls Championship. If you need help with documentation or if you have any questions about a project that you would like to enter, please don't hesitate to contact me or John Lightfoot who is our Coastal Regional MoAs or my deputy, Lady Apollonia de Avena. If you are interested in judging, please contact me. So get busy and show us your best. I look forward to seeing all of your wonderful work.

HL Katherine Brandon
MoAs Seawinds

From the Marshal of the Horse:



Greetings everyone,

Here is the low down so far on the Stick Horse Competitions at Golden Arrow, Seawinds Defender, and Tourney of the Black Stag:

Come one, come all, to the first ever Golden Arrow Stick Horse Tourney and Beyond. What does it entail you ask? Well, this is your opportunity to participate in an Equestrian event without ever having to ride a horse! This is a time when parents can participate with their children, fighters who think they are too big for a horse can compete....heck, even archers can do it! So these are some of the tentative rules:

1. You must have total control of your horse at all times...hehe
2. You must have designed and contracted the horse (prize for most creativity)
3. All course challenges normally done on horse will be there to do from Stickback, so if you have toys, bring 'em.
4. Kids are STONGLY encouraged to participate (prizes for age group)
5. Most importantly: have fun.

More to be announced later...

Lady Callana
Seawinds Marshal of the Horse

From our neighbors to the north:

Shire of Stonebridge Keep



Golden Arrow X



Come join Stonebridge Keep in fun and festivities as we celebrate our tenth anniversary.

A&S adult and A&S kids

Chivalry

Hapier

Boffer

Tran

Bardic

Archery

Thrown weapons

Stick horse Eques

We will have a tavern and general store opening on Saturday. Friday night we will have complimentary snacks followed by Bardic Competition.

Troll opens at 3:00 pm Friday and the site closes on Sunday at 12:00 noon

Site Fees: \$8.00 per adult \$7 per young adult (13-17) \$4.00 per child (5-12) 5 years and younger are free. Family max= \$32 (site only)

Feast: \$6.00 adults \$3.00 children

There will be only 75 feast openings. Make reservations now.

Autocrats:

William Killian and Corrine Elizabeth Drake

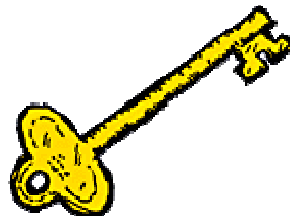
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Feast

Thick as London Fog – spit green pea soup.
Stored and aged Cheese served with fresh plundered Bread.
Scurvy preventive fruit salad.
Charcoal grilled marinated chicken.
The Spanish Armada – yellow rice.
Grilled Vegetables,
Squashes, Tomatoes, Onions, and Bell Peppers.
And for desert,
Captain Cook's pineapple upside down cake.



Seawinds Defender



October 22-24, 2004

Robb and Bessie Welder Park

Sinton, Texas

'Tis harvest time on the coast and an impressive Celtic New Year Celebration is at hand. Come join in the merriment of the season and test your skills at our many Defender Competitions! And do not forget this is the second stop in the grandest tournament upon the King's Coast: *String of Pearls*, hosted by the Shires of Stonebridge Keep, Seawinds, and La Marche Sauvage.

Titled Competitions:

**Chivalric Defender

**Equestrian Defender

**Arts and Sciences Defender

**Rapier Defender

**Archery Defender

**Bardic Defender

Other Activities Include:

**Crossbow Competition

**Stick-horse Competition

**Thrown Weapons Competition

**"Best Dandy" Gentleman's Competition

**Iron Chef Lunch

Children's Activities

Labyrinth

Youth Tournament

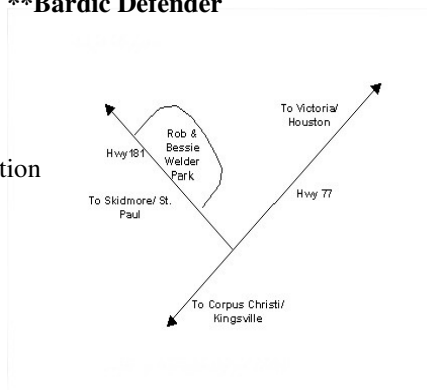
Friday Night Hospitality Table

Friday Night Dancing and Drumming

Saturday Breakfast (feast patrons only)

Saturday Celtic Harvest Feast (reservations recommended)

**indicates *String of Pearls* qualified Competitions



Directions to Robb and Bessie Welder Park: Take your best route to Hwy 77 and 181 at Sinton. Take Hwy 181 North. The park is less than a mile from Hwy 77 on your right. Look for the big arched sign with a cowboy and cowgirl on either side.
 -Site opens at 5 pm on Friday and closes at noon on Sunday.
 -Flush privies and cold showers are available.

For more information on any of the above activities, visit www.seawinds.org or contact the Defender Steward:

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If you don't come for the competitions, come just for the food!

Your feast ticket includes:

Breakfast (menu to be announced) and **Evening Feast:**

<p>Celtic Harvest Feast Menu: Course of Air by Lady Caitriona Bread with Honey Butter Farmhouse Cheddar Cheese Sliced Fresh Fruit Cabbage and Onion Potage Green Man Salad Nests Course of Water by Lady Apollonia Salmon Cream Loaf Blancmange of Shellfish Shrimp with Lombard Mustard Steamed Mussels Kale and Spinach with Oats Course of Earth by Lady Caley Spirited Chicken Egurdouce of Hare in Trenchers Coffins of Venison y-Stewed Minces with Herbs Spiced Mountain Mushrooms Blood Root with Cinnamon and Cloves Course of Fire by Lady Marguerite Oaten Cherry Potage Tarts Spiced Nuts Mulled Apple Cider</p>
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Contact apollonia_de_avena@yahoo.com (361) 242-3396
 for reservations or list of ingredients

Fees and Regulations

Site: \$8 adults, \$4 children 7-13, <6 free, Site fee family max=\$24

Feast (includes breakfast and evening feast):

Prepaid reservations by Oct. 15: \$8 adults, \$4 children 7-13, <6 free

After Oct. 15 and at the gate: \$10 adults, \$5 children 7-13, <6 free

Iron Chef Lunch (to eat and vote):

\$2 adults, \$1 children 7-13, <6 free

****Make checks payable to: SCA Inc./Shire of Seawinds****

Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21 year or older adult with a signed and notarized *Minor Event Waiver Form* from the parents. Under-aged drinking will not be tolerated.

Pets allowed only with written proof of rabies vaccination and must be attended and on a leash at all times. Horses must have written proof of negative Coggins test.



THE COYOTE AND THE DRAGON

A long time ago, when this land was much younger, there was a dragon who dwelled here. He was a magical creature and could transform himself at will into whatever he wished. Although he was a generally peaceful and lazy creature he was magnificent and ferocious when angered or hungry.

One day Coyote was out walking, he was bored and looking for some mischief to get into (for that was his nature), when he came upon Dragon sleeping in the sun.

"Aha!" Said Coyote. "This should be fun!" So he approached the dragon and called out to him.

"A-ho, Dragon!" His voice sounded very small in the presence of the enormous dragon.

"Who dares to wake me?" The rumble of the dragon's voice shook the ground and made small stones cascade down the hills.

"It's only me....Coyote."

"Have you come to be food for me, foolish little animal?" Rumbled the dragon, annoyed at having his nap disturbed.

"Why, no!" Coyote quickly replied. "Actually, I'm the one who spreads all the news about who everybody is and I was just wondering what to say about you."

"Don't annoy me!" growled the dragon, smoke starting to curl out of his nostrils.

"Go away!"

"OK." Said Coyote. "I guess I just tell everybody that Dragon is big and lazy and likes to sleep in the sun." He said with a sly glance over his shoulder as he turned to go.

"Wait a minute!" A hint of fire embraced the words.

"What would you have me do to convince you of my superiority?" He asked after gazing menacingly into Coyote's eyes.

"Let me see..." Coyote rubbed his whiskers and looked thoughtful.

"Why not turn yourself into something grand, like, perhaps, a mountain?" Asked the wily coyote.

"That's easy enough!" chuckled Dragon and became a mighty mountain with his head in the clouds. While standing sleepily in the sun, he remembered that he was a dragon and with a rumble and a shake, he turned to stand before Coyote.

"So there! Does that not prove my magnificence?" Asked Dragon, peering down his nose, proud of his own importance.

"Why, yes!" Smirked the mischievous coyote.

"I'll tell everybody that Dragon is lazy, big as a mountain and likes to sleep in the sun." and, chuckling, he turned to go.

"Hold on there!" Growled Dragon, the smell of fire and brimstone growing on his breath.

"That's not fair! Name something else!" He commanded.

"Sure. Why not." Said Coyote, warming to the game.

"How about something that moves...like a river?" As soon as Coyote had spoken, Dragon turned into a mighty river and flowed lazily past the Trickster.

Soon Dragon remembered that he was a dragon and returned, once again, to normal.

"So now what will you say about the magnificent dragon?" He spat angrily at Coyote, who yawned and said in a bored voice, "I'll tell them that dragon is big and lazy, likes to sleep in the sun and is all wet."

"What do I have to do to convince you of my greatness, other than eating you?" Dragon's patience was wearing thin.

"Let me think." Coyote sat on a rock and thought for a moment.

"I've got it!" He yelped and leaped off the rock. "How about something invisible, like the wind?"

Dragon looked at him with malevolent intent and turned into a raging tornado. Coyote feared for his life and screamed at Dragon how he shouldn't kill the messenger, when Dragon remembered that he was a dragon and returned angrily to challenge Coyote's description.

"Don't tell me you weren't impressed with *that!*"

"OK. Then the bottom line is; that Dragon is a big, lazy, blowhard who's all wet! Is that it?" Baited the clever Coyote.

"NO!" Roared the Dragon.

"You must admit that you haven't shown much versatility." Up to now Coyote had asked Dragon to become elemental powers, larger and grander than he himself.

"You only seem to be able to turn yourself into something bigger than yourself. Can you even turn yourself into something small? I think not!" Challenged Coyote, with a superior snip and a toss of his bushy tail.

"Of course I can!" Dragon was now angered beyond reason. Fire was building in the depths of his belly, held in check only by the challenge.

"Name your small creature, Coyote, and behold the Dragon's power!" Hissed the Dragon with a snarl.

"Something tiny, like a fly. Of course... a *dragonfly!*" Yelped Coyote.

"Done!" Screamed the enraged Dragon and turned into a small, brilliant, green dragonfly, darting through the air. In the tiny dragonfly body, with his tiny, dragonfly brain, Dragon soon forgot that he was ever a huge, fire-breathing dragon, who was the grandest and most fearsome of creatures and has, ever since, been a tiny, green, dragonfly with only tiny, dragonfly thoughts.

"Stupid Dragon! He shouldn't have let his temper get the best of him!" Chuckled the crafty Coyote.

"He should have remembered that by pretending to be smaller than yourself, you forget that you were ever great and magnificent and you become that which you were pretending to be."

Coyote laughed hysterically at his great joke and ran off happily, looking for new tricks to play on other un-suspecting folks.



by Raina of Wolfstar
(Based on an ancient tale)



A Brief History of the Kilte

By kuroSH al-dimashQ

At every event, there are people attempting to portray a Scottish Persona. Some even wear contemporary Highland dress and think it will pass as Medieval. This article is meant primarily for educational and instructional purposes. It will describe the evolution of the kilt and a method on how to wrap it. Others will disagree with me, but no one has ever shown me any evidence.

Firstly there is no solid evidence of the kilt before 1594. In 1578 and 1581 there are a few sketchy mentioning that might be the kilt. The kilt actually begins as a cloak, not a skirt. The name comes from a Norse word meaning “to fold.” So if you are portraying a Scottish persona prior to the late 16th C please wear the plaid as a free falling cloak. By that same token, and in the spirit of anachronisms, if you must wear a kilt than wrap it in the traditional manner. Least of all wear contemporary highland dress. Just because it is Scottish, does not mean it is period.

For the most part, Scotland took after the attire of its contemporaries in England and France, that is with a Celtic touch. The principle distinct Scottish garment was the *sagum* (rectangle/trapezoidal cloak). Both men and women wore a saffron shirt/dress *leine* [lay-nah]; knee length for men, floor length for women. The plaid was more of a peasant/military garment. I have never seen a picture of Robert Bruce or Mary Stuart in a plaid.

Masculine Garb (Kilte)

Knee length leine

Plaid wool; 5 yds x 60” (you do not need more than 5 yards, but no less than 4)

Belt and brooch

Feminine Garb (Airisaidh)

Ankle length leine

Stripped or Plaid wool 3 yds x 45” (your waist line and twice your height)

Belt and brooch

Instructions

1. Of course, after you have donned your leine, put your belt on the floor (face down) and fully spread out your plaid over it. Men should have both the plaid and belt parallel in lengths. Women should have the belt and plaid perpendicular to each other.
2. For the kilt, pleat the plaid from an arms length until only an arms length remains unpleated. There are two types of pleats; to the sett and to the stripe. Pleating to the sett is so they look like the rest of the tartan. Pleating to the stripe, a military tradition, is so they look the same color, which looks much better. For an airisaidh, you needn't pleat as heavily- if at all. It should only be as wide as your waist.
3. After you have put in your pleats, lie down on that part of the plaid. Yes this is a practical garment as they used to actually sleep in them. Men make sure the bottom hem grazes the back of your knee but do not allow your leine to show. Women are the opposite; do allow the hem and front of your leine to show.
 4. Carefully fold the side aprons over your front and smooth them out. Keep the hem straight and level.
 5. Fasten your belt, again keep all hems aligned. Stand up and let it all hang down.
6. Men, grab the lower corners of the aprons and twist them behind you.

Women, pull the outer hem over your head/shoulders and brooch them in front.

* These instructions are only guidelines; the best method is the one that works for you.

Nomenclature

Airisaidh (Erisah)- woman's plaid

Brait – plaid/ tartan mantle

Breacan- cross striped

Plaide- roughly means “blanket”, does not refer to the color or material

Tiretaine (Tartan)- light wool or wool blend

*However you may continue to use the “common” terminology.

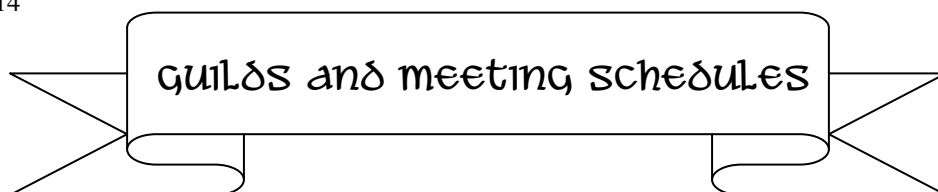
Recommended websites

<http://www.marariley.net/celtic/scotswomen.htm>

<http://www.reconstructinghistory.com/index.html>

<http://www.scottishtartans.org/kilt.html>



**Officer's Meetings:**

Officer's meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm, place to be announced. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Populace Meetings:

Populace meetings are held on the Tuesday following Officer's Meetings at 7:00 pm at the Helicopter park on Shoreline Boulevard. Everyone is encouraged to attend in garb.

Fighter Practice:

Tuesdays at 6:00 pm at the Helicopter park on Shoreline Boulevard.

Arts and Sciences General Meetings:

Held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Hilltop Community Center in Calallen.

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Sewing Guild:

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Or Lady Caitriona: prand@swbell.net

Archery Guild:

Held the 2nd Saturday of the month. All are invited to attend, combat and target archers alike.

Contact Lord Jean-Paul: paulthorne@eathlink.net

Dancing and Drumming Guild:

Monthly meetings schedule to be announced

Contact Lord Dan: dan_the_artisan@yahoo.com

Herbal and Cooking Guild:

Meetings held the Wednesday night after populace at Lady Apollonia's house at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.





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September 2004

- 10-12   [Queen's Champion](#) - Northkeep (Tulsa, OK)
- 17-19 Defender of the Fort - Ravens Fort (Huntsville, TX) *PED*
 [Mooeschadowe Guardian XXIV](#) - Mooeschadowe (Stillwater, OK)
- 24-26    [Elfsea Defender XXVI](#) - Elfsea (Ft. Worth, TX)
PED
Golden Arrow X/String of Pearls - Stonebridge Keep (Victoria, Tx)
Known World Costume Symposium – Alderford (Canton, OH)

October 2004

- 1-3  Crown Tournament - Trelac (San Angelo, TX)
March Queen's Champion Bids Due
- 8-10  (His Majesty)  Namron Protectorate - Namron (Norman, OK) *PED*
[Cour d'Amour](#) - Gates Edge (North Houston, Tx)
-  (Her Majesty)  [Known World Academy of the Rapier](#) - Bryn Gwlad (Austin, Tx)
- 15-17  [Deeds of Heroes II / Baronial Investiture](#) - Bjornsborg (San Antonio, TX) *PED*
Battle for the Run – Rivers Run (Ponca City, OK)
[Battle of the Pines](#) - Graywood (Lufkin, Tx)
Western Sentinel - Blacklake (Midland/Odessa, TX)
- 22-24 [Seawinds Defender](#)/String of Pearls - Seawinds (Corpus Christi, Tx)
Hunters Moon Tournament of Champions - Emerald Keep (Waco, Tx)
-  SCA [Board of Directors Meeting](#) - Kingdom of Ansteorra - Dallas, TX
- 29-31 [Samhain Celebration](#) - Eldern Hills (Lawton/Ft. Sills, OK) *PED*
 [Bryn Gwlad Baronial](#) - Bryn Gwlad (Austin, TX)

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