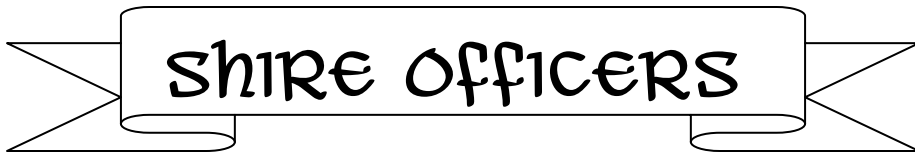


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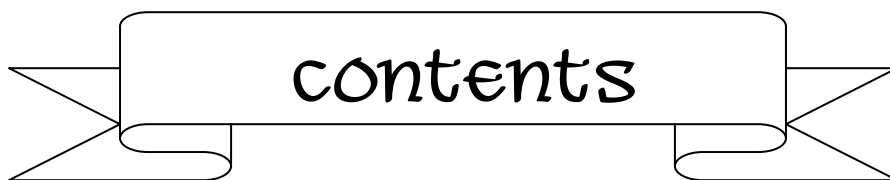
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Submissions of original artwork, short stories, poems, and tidbits of information are always needed. Please send all your talents to the Chronicler!

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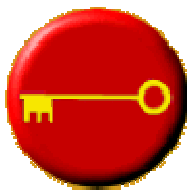
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From the Seneschal...

Greetings Fair Seawinds,

The New Year has begun and with it new beginnings. Our guild activity has waned in the past year, except for Herbal and Cooking and an occasional Drumming and Dancing, Metalwork and Equestrian. I propose we make it our New Year's resolution to increase our guild activity. In the past we have had archery, calligraphy, sewing, and weaving guilds. Is there interest enough to start those up again? What other guilds can we get going? How about brewing or armormaking?

A&S meetings are in the process of being scheduled, we hope to meet twice a month, once on a Wed evening and once on a Thur. so we can accommodate more people. We will be meeting at Hilltop Community Center as we have been unsuccessful in finding a location in Corpus. We can use these two nights to of course work on projects, and teach classes. What is everyone interested in learning? What projects do you need to work on, need help? We have some new folks that need some exposure to some of what we do. It is hard to get new people involved if nothing is going on for them to do.

Sooooooooo, let's get some activity going! My challenge to Seawinds...if you have had a guild in the past, get it going again, if you want to start a guild, do it, if you want to learn something new, attend a guild meeting. See there is something for everyone.

And BTW where are our fighters on Tuesdays!!!

Caitriona



From the Knight Marshal...

I invite all fighters to join me at fighter practice on Tuesdays! Let's get to fighting again. War is upon us (Gulf Wars) and Coastal Invasion is at the end of next month. So dust off your armor and weapons. I'll see ya at fighter practice.

Lord Owen
Seawinds Knight Marshal



From the Hospitaler...

This office is currently open for applications!! I welcome all the newcomers who have joined us in the past couple of months. It is good to see some new faces and I applaud you all for getting involved. I encourage you to get involved by either joining a guild, attending officer or populace meetings, going to fighter practice so you can meet other members and by attending events. Join the Seawinds email list so you can keep up with shire activities. You can find the link to join on the Seawinds website at www.seawinds.org. I hope some of you will consider becoming an officer at some point. If an office interests you, talk to that officer, offer to help, or maybe even ask to be their deputy. And remember to ask questions!

Caitriona
Interim Hospitaler



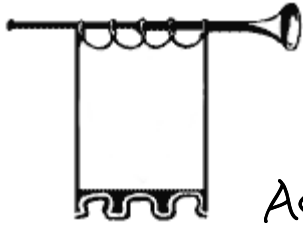
From the Chronicler...

As the new year rolls in, I would like to start a new tradition. Starting with the February issue, I will start making the Sandscrit available the first Fighter Practice of the month instead of at Populace Meetings. This will hopefully allow more information to be received in a timely basis. The deadline for submissions will be the last Sunday of the month. This will give me two days to compile the issue and print it for the first Tuesday of each month.

Remember, all stories, poems, recipes, tidbits of info, songs, drawings, challenges, announcements, and more—no matter how big or small—are always welcomed by the Chronicler. A signed release must accompany your work.

I am also looking for a deputy to work with. If anyone is interested in this creative position, please contact me! I need a dependable individual with some creative abilities.

Apollonia



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Accepting Applications

The following offices are accepting applications...

Hospitaler

Rapier Marshal (requires marshaling class)

Seneschal (requires Seneschal's & Reeves class)

All positions require current SCA membership. Information about each position is available on the kingdom website at www.ansteorra.org under "officers". Applications are available as well under "forms". Applications are to be sent to the regional officer (names and addresses are found in the Black Star) and to myself as seneschal.

The deadline for all applications is the end of February. My warrant as seneschal is up at the end of March, currently we have no hospitaler and Diego is graciously taking care of Rapier Marshal until someone else steps up, he wishes to step down. If anyone has any questions concerning any of these offices you may call me at 992-1826 or talk to me at fighter practice.

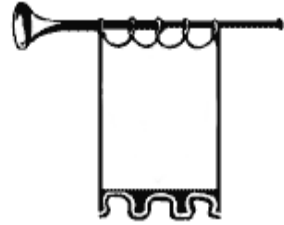
Caitriona

Work Weekends at Benavides

The last weekend of January and the first weekend of February have been deemed work weekends for Benavides park in preparation for Coastal Invasion. We need all able bodies to come help get the park ready. The focus will be on cleaning and painting the bathrooms. We plan to make it a camp-out for Saturday/Sunday. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided by the Autocrats. See you there!

FEZ OVEZ

Help Wanted



If you haven't committed any time to the Autocrats for the upcoming Coastal Invasion, please do so now. The Autocrats are asking for each Shire member to volunteer for at least 2 hours during the event.

Help is needed in the following areas: Set-up, Take-down, Kitchen/Serving, Troll, Field Marshals, Equestrian help, and Water bearing. Please contact the Autocrats as soon as possible.

Arts and Sciences Meetings

Beginning this month on January 11th, Arts and Sciences meetings will be held at Hilltop Community Center in Callalen. Bring any projects you have started or want to start, or just come to see what might interest you. Our intention is to get guilds going again.

We will have the room reserved each month on the 2nd Wednesday and the 4th Thursday.

A Seawinds Moment in History....

On January 18th through 20th, 2002 the last Siege of the Abbey was held. The event was one of the largest hosted by Seawinds. Lord Lowrens of Ross was the autocrat and Lady Mikela of Kiev and Lady Temair inghean Baetain were the feastocrats. Baron Emrys and Baroness Brianna from Bjornsborg presided over court. Maximillian von Rinn received his award of arms and Lord John Lightfoot was apprenticed to Corrinne Elizabeth Drake.

If you have any stories, pictures or memories to share from this event, please contact me!

The Shires of Seawinds and Stonebridge Keep present

COASTAL INVASION IV

FEBRUARY 24-26 2006

**Come help protect the King's coast from the invading horde of Norsemen!
Bring your army and your horses to the last Kingdom War Practice before Gulfwars
and compete for Seawinds Equestrian Defender!**

Site is Siege Engine and Combat Archery Friendly!!!

We will fight all day and revel all night. There will be a green card tavern, drinks are on the house when you present your current authorization card and proof of age otherwise a small donation.

Update: the tavern will be held in the honor of Lord Michael of Langley, a fallen star of Ansteorra, man of Rhoadd, squire to Sir Corwin and Syr Anton, husband, and father. All donations will be given to his family. If you would like to donate anything please contact Lord Gavin at ldgavin@gmail.com

There will be a Toys for Tots drive with a prize being a hand woven belt made with the winners name and colors on it for the one who donates the most toys.

There will be a kingdom-wide embroidery guild meeting and class hosted by Prudence the Curious.

Merchants are Welcome and Appreciated, contact the autocrats for further details.

There will be breakfast and lunch served tavern style provided by our kinsmen to the north from the Shire of Stonebridge Keep.

A Norse Feast will be provided by the Shire of Seawinds.

One course family style, seating will be in a round.

Roast goat with mustard and horseradish sauce on the side

Herbed fish

Glazed carrots

Lentils

Long grain white rice

Spiced custard

Bread with butter

Non-alcoholic warm spice cider

The feastocrats encourage the sharing of mead as the Norse did.

The site opens Fri. at 3 pm closes Sun. at 3 pm. More info available on www.seawinds.org

Adult site \$8.00

Feast \$8.00

Kids 6-17 site \$6.00

Feast \$6.00

Children five years old and under are free! Non-Membership charge will be \$3.

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 old or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver Form from the parents.

Pets Allowed with current vaccinations. Horses must have proof of a negative Coggins. Above ground fires are permitted. Site is wet in period container

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Take your best route to George West.
Take 281 south to Alice aprox. 40mi.
Exit 359/ 44 W to San Diego aprox 7mi.
Turn left on to 359 to Benavides aprox 17mi.
Continue on 359 aprox 5mi past Benavides. The site is on the right hand



Badu's Lesson— A Moshadoe Tale

by Wayland

Under the watchful eye of Varoun, Moshadoe & Mohirae quickly learned the finer arts of hunting with the pack. They were allowed to follow the hunters at a respectful distance at a much younger age than usual.

Sadly, not all the older wolves appreciated having two pups tagging along. One in particular, named Badu, took every opportunity to snap at the young pair. He wasn't very bright himself and he'd had a tough time learning the skills of a hunter. When he was young, he'd been picked on by Varoun for making mistakes that usually cost the pack a missed kill.

Badu's mistakes were pretty serious and as such, he deserved a little nip on the nose or a bite on his ear because that's the way wolves treat idiots who lost the pack a meal. Varoun wasn't being mean about it, he was just handling the situation in the traditional manner.

Some wolves hold a grudge however and Badu was one of them. In his dim memory, he remembered the bites and nips being much worse than they really were and he also imagined that his mistakes were not so very bad. So, when Varoun brought the pups along, Badu took much pleasure in biting them every chance he got.

If Mohirae breathed too loud, Badu would snap at her and loudly tell her to stop being too loud, "You'll scare away the rabbits!" Of course, Badu was much louder than her little puppy breathing would ever be.

If Badu was scratching an itch and he saw Moshadoe scratching too, he'd stop scratching just so he could bite Moshadoe's ear & tell him gruffly, "Stop scratching! You'll scare away the deer!"

All this the two pups endured and more, but the worst thing that Badu would do came after every successful hunt.

When a pack brings down a deer or elk, the older hunters get first turn at eating. Once they have grabbed what they wanted then the others could come take bites, according to each wolf's status in the pack. The youngest and smallest always had to wait till the last to get a small bite and Moshadoe & Mohirae knew this. They almost always waited to take

their rightful turns but, Badu would bite at them and drive them away, snarling that he still wasn't finished eating. He would eat slowly, sometimes not really eating at all, only gnawing noisily on a bone as he tormented the pups by announcing how tasty this deer or that elk was.

If Varoun noticed he would shake his head in disgust with Badu. He would sometimes still have some scraps left from his part of the kill and he'd let them finish it, but he couldn't stop Badu because that wasn't how things worked. If he tried to force Badu into letting the pups eat before all the other wolves were done, it would cause a terrible fight. The tradition of taking turns according to one's status in the pack was not a thing to interfere with and if Badu said he wasn't done then the pups had to wait. The trouble was that by the time Badu grew tired of his game, one of the other wolves would resume eating & the pups would still be sitting there, waiting with rumbling bellies. Several times the pups would get nothing at all to eat from the pack's kill.

One day the pack had brought down a deer that was too small to feed all the larger wolves so the pups knew they wouldn't even get a bone to gnaw on. Moshadoe turned to Mohirae and said, "Let's go see what kind of food we can hunt on our own. There might be some rabbits near the frozen lake."

As they made their way along the path, they noticed several other wolves were hunting up mice & rabbits in the area. "Let's go farther, we don't want anyone telling us we scared away the mice by making too much noise" said Mohirae.

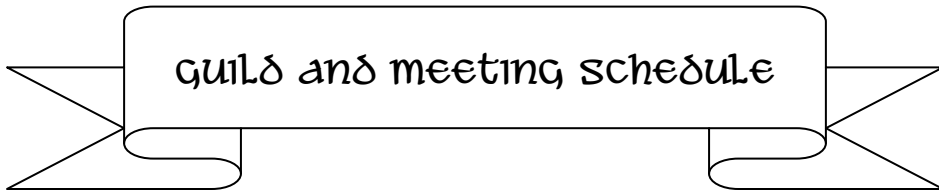
The two traveled on until they reached the very edge of the frozen lake. At the same instant, a large old rabbit emerged from his hole right in front of them. They stared at each other for a second before the rabbit leaped, heading away on the icy surface of the lake with two hungry wolf pups hot on his tail. They slipped all over the place but finally managed to trip up the rabbit and then the hunt was over. The pups began to sing the song of the pack to celebrate their kill, but the rough growls of Badu made them stop. Turning around, they saw him coming towards them over the ice. "Don't be singing over that rabbit, he's mine" growled the older wolf. It looked like he'd be taking their dinner, until the ice broke from under Badu and sent him into the freezing water below. He paddled around in

circles trying to pull himself back onto the ice. He called to them, "Help me out you little runts, my tail is frozen." Moshadoe told him, "We will gladly help you, just as soon as we're done with this tasty little rabbit."

As the two pups ran off with their rabbit, they could hear Badu snarling at them as he tried to pull himself from the water. "I'm going to have that rabbit, it's mine I say!"

The pups went back up the path a little way before they began eating near a thorny cactus. They'd almost finished when a very unhappy and frozen Badu caught up to them. Moshadoe dropped the rabbit remains and it landed on the cactus. He snarled in his little pup voice, "Leave us alone. That rabbit is so small that a big hunter like you could swallow it whole. Well I won't let you, it's ours!"

Mohirae looked at Moshadoe in shock, she couldn't believe he had just talked to an elder in that tone. He whispered to her, "Just watch, he'll eat it now for sure." The pup's torment worked. Badu was so angry that he pounced on the rabbit and indeed, he tried to swallow it in just one bite. That was all it took, for in his greed he had grabbed the small cactus in his mouth also. As he felt the long thorns stabbing at the insides of his mouth, Badu went cross-eyed and his ears went up in surprise. He tried to push the evil thorny rabbit from his mouth with his tongue, but the needles pierced that as well. He managed to pry the cactus and rabbit from his mouth with his paws, but they too suffered injury. Now he had thorns in his paws, his mouth, and his tongue. He was in no mood to cause trouble for the pups as he slunk away with his tail tucked between his back legs in shame. In fact it was days before Badu was able to eat anything and he never again tried to stop the pups from eating with the pack. He no longer snapped at them or bit their ears, for he had learned his lesson and lost his taste for rabbits, all in the same day.



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:

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Archery Guild:

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Middle Eastern Dancing and Drumming Guild:

Currently held every Tuesday at 6:00pm during Fighter Practice. All are welcome.

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Dancing contact Sahira Mahin: dmefend@aol.com

Herbal and Cooking Guild:

Meetings held monthly at Lady Apollonia's house. All are welcome.

Contact Lady Apollonia: apollonia_de_avena@yahoo.com

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3-5	Candlemas Feast - Bryn Gwlad (Austin, TX) *PED*
10-12	Academy of Defense II/ Guardian of the Gauntlet - Bjornsborg (San Antonio, Tx) Axeman III: You Axed for It!! - Skorragaradr (Shawnee, Ok)
17-19	Ice Axe XXV - Middleford (Killeen/Ft. Hood/Copperas Cove, Tx)   Kingdom A&S - Crossrode Keep and Bonwicke (Big Spring and Lubbock, Tx)   Out of Kingdom: Estrella War XXII - Kingdom of Atenveldt
24-26	Coastal Invasion IV — Seawinds/Stonebridge Keep (Corpus Christi/Victoria, TX)
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