

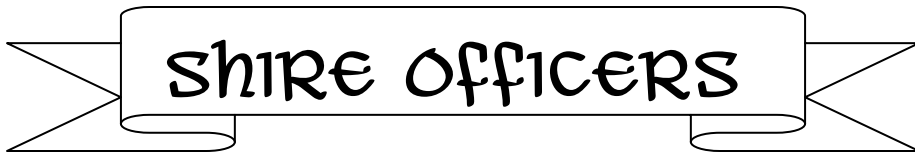
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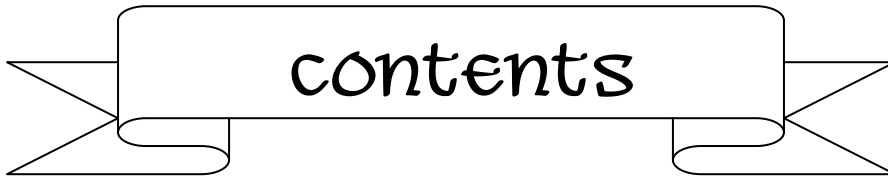
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Submissions of original artwork, short stories, poems, and tidbits of information are always needed. Please send all your talents to the Chronicler!

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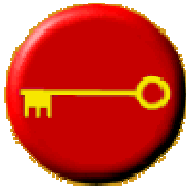
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## from the Seneschal...

**A**s most of you know, I am no longer your Seneschal, Lord Gavin Mac Giolla Rua was warranted at the recent Red Tape meeting and has stepped up as Seawinds Seneschal. I want to thank everyone for supporting me as your Seneschal these past two years. I especially want to thank the Seawinds officers for their support and for doing their jobs so well, it made my job easier. It has been an honor to serve this grand Shire of Seawinds. We have hosted some great events as well as gathered together to work on projects and revel. I am proud of what we have accomplished as a group. I thank you.

Coastal Invasion is at the end of the month and I know a lot of you are working hard to make sure we are ready. This event promises to be another grand one for Seawinds as Their Royal Majesties Abd-al Mahdi Jamal ibn Hakim and Valeria Richila Navarro will be in attendance. This event has been declared a Kingdom War Practice in preparation for the upcoming Gulf Wars, so there is promise of much fighting. I am looking forward to Coastal Invasion as I hope all of you are. See you there.

Caitriona



## From the Herald...



reetings Seawinds!

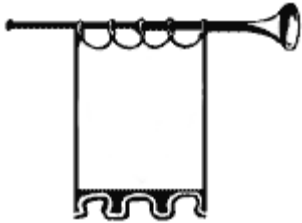
I want to apologize for my lack of appearance at fighter practices the past few months. I've changed majors in school, and Tuesday night classes preclude me from fighter practices. It looks like I will not be making another fighter practice for a long while.

However, this does not mean I am unavailable to you. If you need anything from me, do not hesitate to email or call me, [jpercer@gmail.com](mailto:jpercer@gmail.com) 361-232-1754 --I will gladly meet with you at officer's meeting, or any time I can (Half Price Books :-p) if you need name consultation.

Coastal Invasion is fast approaching, and I am in need of gentles to help with site/announcement heralding.

Yours in Service,

Jayme



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## COASTAL INVASION HOSPITALITY

Lady Isabella and I will be hosting the hospitality table Friday night at Coastal Invasion. The Norse menu includes:

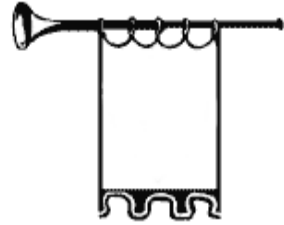
Chicken soup with cabbage, onions and apples  
 Hernerakkaa (Split Pea Soup)  
 Oat and Bran Bread  
 Sausages

We will also have sweets and hot drinks.

If anyone would like to help at the hospitality tent or contribute to the food, please contact me.

Caitriona

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## *Interesting Info...*

Days	German's Days	Anglo-Saxon Days	Roman Days
Sunday	sunnuntag	sunnandæg	dies solis (Sol's day)
Monday		monandæg	dies lunae (Luna's day)
Tuesday	týsdagr (Tiwaz's)	Tiwesdæg	dies Martis (Mars' day)
Wednesday	(Wodan's)	Wodnesdæg	dies Mercurii (Mercury's day)
Thursday	(Thor's)	Thursdæg	dies Iovis (Jupiter's day)
Friday	friatag (Frijja's)	frigedæg	dies Veneris (Venus' day)
Saturday		Sæternesdæg	dies Saturni (Saturn's day)

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](mailto: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](http://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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**Equestrian activities:**

**Lady Calena**

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The event is being held at the beautiful 200+ acre Duval County Park off 359 outside of Benavides.

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



## Ursa the Bear - a Moshadoe Tale

*by Wayland*

The rock outcropping was gray, with streaks of yellow lichen clinging to its steep face. Small green bushes with purple berries grew in the cracks on the level surface at the top of the cliff. Standing there on its very edge, looking quite small on such a large rock, was the wolf pup Moshadoe.

A chilly wind brushed against him, bringing with it the scent of the river which flowed a good thirty feet below him. He leaned out, looking over the edge to gaze into the water below. "Ooh, fish!" he said aloud, seeing the creatures darting about. He'd never seen so many fish at one time.

There were so many that he thought he might be able to walk across the river on their backs without getting his feet wet.

Moshadoe had never been to this spot before, but on his way to the river this morning, he'd caught a strange scent. It was a very musky, rotten smell. It had the taste of wet fur and decaying meat. At first it had been very faint as he followed it's traces up the path, but now he could smell it more strongly. It had the smell of something big, something dangerous. For the first time he began to think it may have been a mistake to follow the scent into a strange area all by himself. It had not been a easy path to travel. There were some large trunks of fallen trees laying across it that he'd had to squeeze under or walk way around and there was a small crevice that he'd just barely managed to safely leap. He realized that if some large beast were to attack him, he'd never be able to outrun it through all the obstacles he'd passed.

The breeze died down and everything around seemed to hush, the sudden silence had an eerie feeling about it. Moshadoe cocked his head to one side, puzzled. He wondered what was wrong, then it hit him, the birds had stopped singing, even the crickets were quiet. "Yes", he thought, "It's time to leave." Just as he decided this, he heard a powerful snorting, whuffling breath behind him. He tensed up, the fur on his back bristled. He slowly turned around to find himself facing a creature of gigantic size and it was walking towards him. It's paws were bigger than Moshadoe's head and it's teeth were huge!

It stood up on its back legs until it seemed as tall as the trees and it let out a roar, "I am Ursa, Lord of the bears, and it looks like I've found my dinner!" Moshadoe's mouth went dry and he tried to speak, but he could only manage a whisper, "Why? Why would you want to eat me? I'm really not very tasty, in fact I don't have much meat on me at all." "True", said Ursa. "You won't fill me up, but you'll do nicely as a start." Moshadoe began backing away from the bear, looking for a way around it, but there was no hope of escape.

"I umm, don't suppose you'd be willing to let me live?" asked the wolf. Ursa just laughed, "Why, would I do that? Why let you go, when I could just eat you and quiet my belly for an hour?"

Moshadoe was aware of the sudden drop off just behind him. He thought briefly of getting Ursa to charge him and then jumping out of the way so that the bear would fall, but then abandoned the idea. It seemed more likely that Ursa would just walk up to him and gobble him up in two or three bites. Even if the bear did charge, he was much too wide to easily sidestep. Another plan quickly formed in Moshadoe's head. "I'll get the bear to look over the edge and then try to push him off the cliff or at least try to run," said Moshadoe to himself.

The bear lumbered closer, its breath stank of death. Suddenly, Moshadoe cried out, "Wait!" "Before you kill me, I want to show you something"

Ursa stopped, looking puzzled. His dinner usually didn't talk to him, instead his meals were usually too scared to do anything more than whimper. He thought for a second and his curiosity got the better of him. He stopped baring his teeth and said flatly, "Ok, show me. . . and then I'll eat you"

Moshadoe stepped sideways and looked over the cliff's edge. "It's down there, hiding in the river," he said, backing up slowly past the bear as Ursa moved forward. Ursa stood at the drop off and leaned out, looking

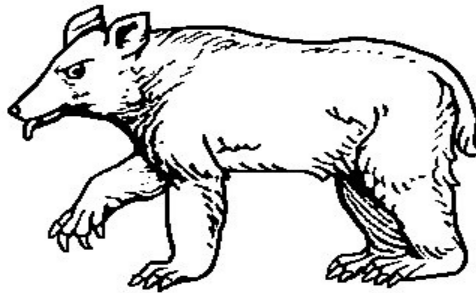
down into the river. He felt a slight bump as Moshadoe head butted the bear's large behind, of course it was like trying to move a mountain. The bear ignored him and just stared down at the river. Next Moshadoe tried to bite the bear's thick stumpy tail, but his small teeth were no match for Ursa's thick hide. The bear only grunted and said, "Yes, this is definitely something good you have shown me. Why just look at all those enormous, tasty fish swimming down there." He looked over his gigantic shoulder at the wolf pup, who at this time was still biting the bear's tail. "Uh, what are you doing back there?"

Moshadoe let go of the tail and trying to look as innocent as he could, he said sweetly, "I'm trying to hold you back from falling over the edge." Ursa rolled his eyes in disbelief. He spoke sternly to the pup, "You have shown me a wonderful place, where I can catch fish till my belly is full. I have decided that I won't eat you after all, you silly wolf child." At that, Ursa walked away on his powerful legs, leaving a very grateful Moshadoe alone on the cliff.

Later, back at the den, while Moshadoe was resting from his long walk and adventure, a hunting party returned, bristling with exciting news. He could hear the adults talking about the huge bear that had moved into their valley. At first the other wolves were afraid that it would eat their pups or at least eat all the deer, but the leader of the hunters explained that they had talked to the bear and it didn't attack them. It had in fact been very courteous and had told them to give his thanks again to the young pup that showed him where to find fish. Garoun looked at Moshadoe and stated, "You've had a busy day, haven't you, little one?"

Moshadoe waited for the usual lecture about wandering too far from the den, but it didn't happen. When he realized he wasn't in trouble this time, he just smiled and asked, "Is that elk we're having for dinner?"

Garoun gave Moshadoe an extra helping of meat that night.



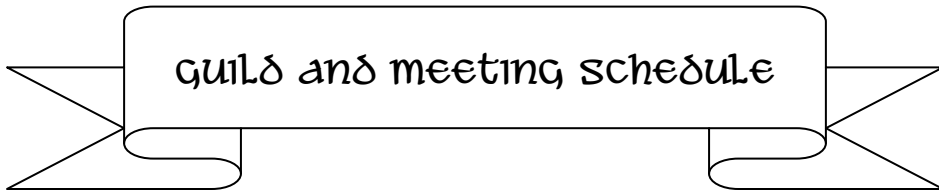
## A Seawinds Moment in History

On February 8th through 9th, 1986 the Shire of Seawinds held its first official event, Allthing. It was held at Live Oak Park in Ingleside and was autocrated by Thorvald Hafdandanson, along with Wulf Fairhair. According to the Black Star ad the "Fun and Festivities include: Individual melees, berserker tourney, best death contest, bowling contests, insult contests, games (Bayward, chess, etc) archery contests, spear catching, ax throwing, rock, weapons contest, public auction, bardic competition, wooing contest and more!!! even children's games and contests!" Wow!

Lothbrok Hingwarson. was feastocrat. The feast offered "true Scandinavian cuisine: Spinatsuppe, Sienisalatti, Suemalaísleipa, Rekesaus, Redkaal, Flaseske sasekage, Fiskesalat Med Peppersotsaus, Lihamurekepiúras, Morbrad Med Svedsker Og Aebler, Rodgrod Med Flode, Havregrynskage." Not sure if these are spelled correctly, the menu was not too clear in the copy of the Black Star where I found the ad. Does anyone remember this feast? Site Fee was \$2 and feast was only \$5. Those were the days!

If anyone has any stories, memories or photos from this event, please contact me. I would be real curios to know exactly what the menu was and how good the food was.

Caitriona  
Historian



**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 second Wednesdays and Fourth Thursdays at Hilltop Community Center in Callalen.

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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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**Herbal and Cooking Guild:**

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

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February 2006 (A.S. XL)	
10-12	<b>Academy of Defense II/ Guardian of the Gauntlet</b> - Bjornsborg (San Antonio, Tx) <b>Axeman III: You Axed for It!!</b> - Skorragadr (Shawnee, Ok)
17-19	<b>Ice Axe XXV</b> - Middleford (Killeen/Ft. Hood/Copperas Cove, Tx)   <b>Kingdom A&amp;S</b> - Crossrode Keep and Bonwicke (Big Spring and Lubbock, Tx)   Out of Kingdom: <b>Estrella War XXII</b> - King- dom of Atenveldt
24-26	<b>Coastal Invasion IV</b> — Seawinds/Stonebridge Keep (Corpus Christi/Victoria, TX)
March 2006 (A.S. XL)	
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10-12	
17-19	  Out of Kingdom: <b>Gulf War XV</b> - Kingdom of Gleann Abhann
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