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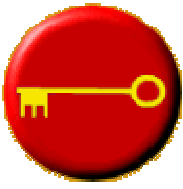
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from the Seneschal...



reetings!

Life is truly good in Seawinds!

After a wonderful week at Gulf Wars XV, life is just now returning to normal after a much needed rest. Seawinds was well represented at this war.

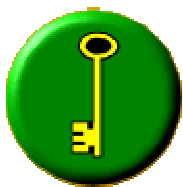
Our campsite at war was impressive with Seawinds and Ansteorran banners flying encircling our tents. Baron Armand of Bordermarche was a wonderful host as Coastal land-o-crat. He made comment as to the beautiful Seawinds camp and I must agree.

At Gulf Wars, one of our finest ladies received a much deserve award. Lady Calena was given at Friday night court a Golden Bridal! Vivat Calena! Another fine lady and artisan, Lady Catriona became Master Athelstan's apprentice to a laurel. Vivat Catriona! You both have made this shire very proud of you! Thank you both for your service.

His Majesty Mahadi is a man we would all follow into battle and that is what Lord Yaroslav, Lord Owen, Lady Muirin, and Lord Jean Paul did on the chivarlic field. Vivat to these fine Seawinders and Ansteorrans!

On the service side of the war, Lady Isabella was the ever doting waterbearer again defending the tables from the foes that were demanding children. (Ask her the story.) Lady Catriona, Lady Isabella, and m'lady Pamela (Caley's sister) help prepare and serve the Coastal fighter's field lunch with the guidance of Baroness Catrin and Her Excellency Tessa. Lady Catriona and Lady Caley worked hard preparing and serving at the ladies of the Rose Tourney. Much praise should be bestowed upon these fine worker bees of Seawinds. May the love for your kingdom and your shire not go unnoticed.

In Service to the Dream,
 Lord Gavin Mac Giolla Rua
 Seneshal of Seawinds



From the Hospitaler...



reetings fellow shire-mates,

I want to first tell everyone we had a truly wonderful yet exhausting time at Gulf Wars. Now can I have a vacation from my vacation?

I want to invite everyone to bring a friend to some of the upcoming A&S meetings at Hilltop Community Center. This is a good place to introduce a newcomer to the SCA. Please check our shire calendar for those dates.

We have an upcoming demo at St James Episcopal School May 7th. Please consider attending this demo.... young people are the future of the SCA.

There will be more information on this and other upcoming demos on the shire email list.

Don't forget fighter practice on Tuesday Nights at the Memorial Collisium park!

I also want to put together a new doomsday list. This is a list of the members of this shire, their physical and email address and phone numbers. If you wish to be on this list can you please contact me via email at

Medicfem@yahoo.com. Understand if you release your personal information to me, you release it to the shire and to those who also released their information. This is your shire, get on the list and get involved!

We also need to work on our SCA membership numbers. Please be a part of the SCA and this shire on the official membership. Our shire numbers has dwindled down to less than 25 paid members. It saves you \$3 at all events, allows you to be a shire officers, and gets your a monthly kingdom newsletter - The Black Star. Do not let Seawinds get on the indangered shire list.

With service to my shire,

Lady Eleanora Elizabeth Caley (called Caley)

Hospitaler of Seawinds



from the Equestrian Marshall...



reetings Shire family,

Lady Calena here, just want to share the wonderful time at Gulf this year and give you all some updates as to what i hope to have going on this next few months.

First and most importantly, I want to thank everyone in all three of the Shires. I could not have received the award of the Golden Bridle or succeeded at being the EQ Crat for GW without the confidence of my Shire and our sister Shires, and the Barony of Ravensfort. With everyone encouraging me to keep going and doing and introducing the Art of Equestrian, I was able to grow and strive to do better myself. I still long to go, but that is all part of the fun. Again thank you.

Gulf Wars was grand this year, very subdued as opposed to years past, but quiet in a very pleasant way. Zeus was very much sought after by the King Radu, he is the King of the newest Kingdom out of Meridies. He had ridden Zeus back three years ago when he was a Prince. The man is 6.9 and 325lbs and actually made Zeus look like a regular size horse. I will be getting photos out soon. Our King was very gracious and gave up our Kingdom's horse so His majesty Radu could be more comfortable, and our King rode Harley, Sir Henri's wonderful arabian.

Competition was fierce, and though we made a very valiant effort of our show of support, we did not win War Point for the Equestrian, we will next year. Mirabellis from Raven'sfort, House of Amazon was our newest authorization, with Squire William not far behind.

This was my last year as the GW Equestrian Crat, and I have to say the past 3 years have been a lot of fun, but I am ready for a different challenge. I was graciously awarded the Golden Bridle by our Majesty, and now I am seeking to do some Equestrian and non Equestrian Arts and Science.

I have an opportunity to build a saddle for Zeus, one that actually fits and teach him to stand in a shroud of protective fire retardnt cloth while I twirl fire above his head. This will take some time and lots of practice with him, but I believe it will be a wonderful addition to my talents and

challenges. You see, I have become addicted to the art of fire dancing and have been working on my own designs for objects to twirl or dance with. I was honored with be able to dance at the Known World Party on Friday night at War and had the time of my life. I want to find a way to combine horse with this art.

Practices are still the third Saturday of the month, that is weather permitting and these are the official ones, I like to do play days, due to everyone's schedule not always being open on that particular day, I can still authorize and work with anyone who wants to learn the game. We have another new horse, Wayland acquired a beautiful while gelding Arabian named Spirit. He will be adapting to the games as well. He needs lots of love and TLC as well as grooming. And of course, Brooks is coming along well, I will be taking him to the games for the next few months to get him very acquainted with the surroundings and noises and all the horse eating things out there.

Over the next months I will be attending Equestrian Events and other Events to learn other things. May is the Event in Madisonville, horses are encouraged and we can have much fun. And the big EQ event in June up in Austin.

Second, I want to thank again everyone who has helped in anyway with the success of our shire and other shire's equestrian.

I want to encourage as many of you as possible to come out and see the fun with horses. I will not say that it is all fun. There are times that work does get in the way...and I for one like getting it done as soon as possible so that we may ride and play. The only real major projects at the moment is a stall for Zeus, replacing the barbwire with non barbed wire, finish stalls for Jaz and Spirit, install the wash rack area(this is an on going project that needs to include travel with trailer to acquire the proper flooring) and get the Hay storage area finished. I do what I can during the week, but if we could do one day month (weekends are best for most) then we could have all done sooner, allowing us more time to get game ready and just plan have fun with the horses.

And last but not at all least, one of our long time horses used for every type of rider is being sold. Eros will be going to a new home either in the SCA or out depending on who purchases him. Lady Isabol is moving on to a new type of horse to do some different things in the mundane horse world, hoping to do both SCA and non, but needs a horse that has papers

and can do large jumps. That was what she did prior to the SCA. So keep your ears open and if you are know of any looking for an all around horse that the whole family can ride, just pass them our way. I would take if that was feasible, but not at the moment. With that I will end this small book.

Take care hope to see ya at the arena soon,
Lady Calena



From the A&S Deputy...



ome join Seawinds A&S for a special all-day workshop on Saturday, April 8 at Hilltop Community Center in Room E-1. Beginning at 9am.

We will be focusing mainly on making garb but Jayme will be there to also teach glass bead making. Food will be hosted by Apollonia and it sounds great!

Take the drive to the left at the building and park in the back. There is an outside entrance so you can park at the door.

You are welcome to bring other projects as well. Also, there is a grassy area if any fighters want to do some practicing. It's a perfect time to discover if any of your garb will interfere with your arms.

So if you have any questions, need help, need a pattern, need to use a sewing machine, or just want to spend time with great folks come join us for all or part of the day.

Joanna the spinner
Deputy MoAS

The Number 666

By kuroSH al-dimashQ/ mka D. Cyrus Mallison

Revelation is sometimes thought to be a prophetic book, however it is not. It is simply an apocalyptic account of various events that occurred from creation to about 100 A.D. *Apocalypsis* in Latin actually means “to reveal.” The book of *Daniel* is also written in the same apocalyptic code. However that one is a prophetic book, most of which has already been fulfilled. One conspicuous point in *Revelation* is the number 666, which has been attempted to link to several people. Some say it is naming an anti-Christ yet to come. Whereas the number 666 refers to one actual person only who lived and died nearly two millenniums past. That person is (or was) **Caesar Nero** who began the persecution of Christians in 64 A.D.

“Wisdom is needed here; one who understands can calculate the number of the beast, for it is a number that stands for a person. His number is six hundred sixty six.” (Rev 13: 18)

“Hic sapientia est: qui habet intellect, computet numerum bestiae; numerous enim hominis est; et est sescenti sexeginta sex.” (Apoc 13:18)

Ὡδε ἡ σοφία ἐστὶν ὁ ἔχων νοῦν ψηφισάτω τὸν ἀριθμὸν τοῦ θηρίου, ἀριθμὸς γὰρ ἀνθρώπου ἐστὶν καὶ ὁ ἀριθμὸς αὐτὸν ἑξακκοσιοὶ ἑξάκοντα ἕξ. (ΑΠΟΚ 13:28)

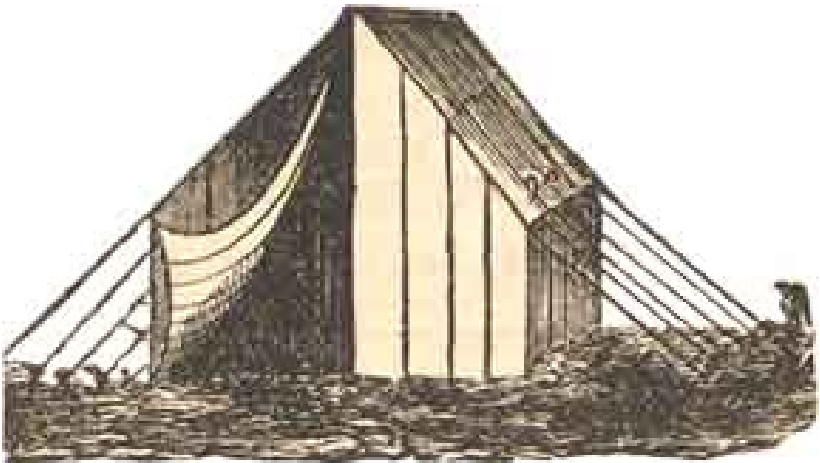
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Coastal Invasion

February 2006

By Paula Cloud-Hudson

Being our first event, we had no idea what to expect. Phil came up early with Gunnar to help with the set up and then Troll. Purity and I, Paula, eventually found our way to “war” that evening. After some basic housekeeping, at our campsite, Purity set off to meet new people and I went to see what was happening at Troll. We partook of the wonderful yummys at the hospitality tent. The soups and cheeses were wonderful, the coffee hit the spot for such a cool night. When we finally made it to bed, we drifted off to the jovial conversations of the camp across the ravine from us. I think they were from Stonebridge Keep.



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The wet and drizzly morning made us wonder what the day might hold. The wonderful breakfast hit the spot. BJORKE, our basset hound, really enjoyed the ham for breakfast as well. BJORKE donned his brown barding to fend off the intermittent rain/mist. Phil and IO helped out at Troll some. Phil was recruited to help put up the tent for Crown with another new event attendee, David from Ingleside. I wandered around to see the fighting on the main field and visit Paul, Phyllis, and Isabella (Janie) at the water bearer's tent. While offering relief to Ca-triona's (Patty's) foot, the Queen's lady in waiting arrived at Troll looking for someone to help the Queen with a low back muscle spasm. I was a little nervous on meeting Crown, but thought this was the best way I could. Once done with the Queen, I stopped by the A&S tent and on a whim and im-promptu invitation, I entered what I thought was my sicko oil blend. Off the top of my head, I did my best to present "documented" information about my entry. I headed over to the equestrian field to offer the Queen a different blend to aid with her discomfort. While at the field I enjoyed the conversation between the Queen and a gypsy with a parrot. The gypsy had mentioned that the parrot wanted a horse of his own and the Queen said "Why not?"

Phil and I took a break at our tent and watched the light fighters in the ravine. We watched as those with lances poked at people from a distance and then were "pushed" into the fight from fighters behind them. After a while, we saw some archers walking past us. Phil asked one if they were done for the day and the archer replied, "Well, you get one shot and then it sucks to be you." The day had warmed up nicely and so Phil and I took a nap. After our nap we got ready for court.

A Seawinds Mo



April is a momentous month for the Shire of Seawinds. Our illustrious shire was found in April 1984 by Catrin yr Gwened, Godric Gordon Redwolfe, Valerian O'Neill, Lothbrok Halfdanarson, Winfrith Rouge Martel, Detarian Alexander, Wulf Fairhair, Francis of Grunwald and their children. Shortly after April the group was joined by David Ben Ruben from a small group called Whitekeep in Mathis, Texas. Others who joined the shire in its infancy were Thorvald Halfdanarson, Eadric Kyree, Isolde of Ridgeway, Mordun MacDonald, Ewald Mueller and others.

The first slate of officers were:

Seneschal: Catrin yr Gwenedd

Knight Marshal: Gordon Redwolf

Deputy Knight Marshal: Throvald Halfdanarson

Pursuivant: Eadric Kyree

A&S Minister: Wulf Fairhair

In July of 1985, the shire had its first gathering with SCA participants outside the shire, when they held a revel with Bjornsborg at Lake Corpus Christi State Park in Mathis, Texas. By the end of 1985 the shire was actively involved doing demos. Two demos

ment in History...

were held that fall and in 1986 the shire held 10 demos, almost one a month. Revels were also held throughout that year, further strengthening the shire. In February 1986 Seawinds held its first official kingdom event called Allthing. It was held at Live Oak Park in Ingleside. In July HRM Dinar the Wanderer traveled to our fair shire to hold our first court. Those receiving awards were: Catrin Gwynned, Thorvald Halfdanarson, Godon Redwolf, Valerian O'Neill, David Ben Ruben, Duterian Alexander of Gwynned, Winfrith Rouge Martel and Lothbrok Hangnarson. In August 1986 the shire held its second official event, Chicken of the Sea at Mustang Island State Park.

From this small beginning our shire has continued to grow, with many of our past members moving on to other groups and becoming barons, baronesses, peerage and even a queen. In February of 2004 the Shire of Seawinds celebrated its 20th anniversary at Coastal Invasion.

More history of the Shire of Seawinds is found on our website. It is the work of my self and Honorable Lord John Lightfoot. The history of Seawinds is by no means complete; additions and corrections are appreciated. As always if you have pictures, mementos, stories or memories to add to the Shire's history I will gladly accept them.

Caitriona
Seawinds Historian



guild and meeting schedule

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. This month there will be an all day Saturday meeting on April 8.

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Equestrian Guild:

Meets the 3rd Saturday of the month

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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.

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THE STELLAR KINGDOM OF ANSTORRA



April 2006 (A.S. XL)	
7-9	  Defender of the Flame - Glaslyn (Denton, Tx) Demo 4/8: Tejada History Faire- Bjornsborg (San Antonio, Tx) Demo 4/8: Northern Regional Fighter Practice - Fuqua Park - Duncan, Oklahoma - Eldern Hills (Lawton, OK)
14-16	Emerald Tourney - Emerald Keep (Waco, Tx)
21-23	   Elfsea Springfaire - Elfsea (Ft. Worth, TX)  Stargate Baronial - Stargate (Houston, TX)
28-30	 Champions of Bonwicke - Bonwicke (Lubbock, TX) *PED*  Bordermarsh Baronial - Bordermarsh
May 2006 (A.S. XLI)	
5-7	 Festival of the Phoenix - Raven's Fort (Huntsville, TX)  Beltane Games - Namron (Norman, OK) Out of Kingdom: (May 5-15) A 40th Year Celebration - Fire Mountain Keep, An Tir (Randale, WA)
12-14	Mendersham Defender - Mendersham (Abilene, Tx)
19-21	Golden Arrow 11 - Stonebridge Keep (Victoria, Tx) Loch Guardian - Loch Soilleir (Clear Lake, TX) *PED*
	 Guardian of the Tor - Dragonsfire Tor (Stephenville, Tx) Eldern Hills Baronial XXVIII - Eldern Hills (Lawton, OK)

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