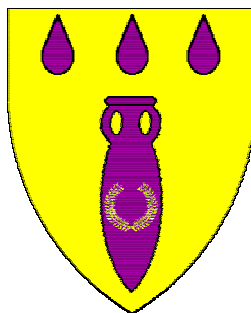


The Grapevine

Shire of Bacchus Wood Newsletter

June



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(2008)

REGULAR EVENTS

The
Shire of
Bacchus Wood
Meets every Tuesday,
7pm to 9:30pm
At:
Eridani Hall
Eridani Avenue
Kingston
Queensland.
(Maps on back page)

Everyone welcome

OTHER EVENTS

Arts & Sciences, Archery,
Armoured fighting
practice and other
activities - see the
Website Calendar for
details

Come along !

Bacchus Wood
Website:

http://sca.org.au/bacchus_wood/

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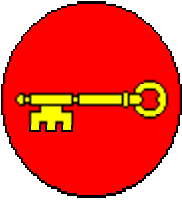
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Friday night GNW Ring-of-Fire Tourney

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1. EN'S SAY

Another month has passed. We have just had the Great Northern War event. Wow – what an event!

In all, we had 9 members of Bacchus Wood attend. Lady Ismena is one of Lochac's newest Armigers, receiving her Award of Arms. Congratulations Lady Ismena.

Special congratulations also go to Lady Katherine who received her Prometheus Award and well deserved also.

We also gave Lady Katherine the lovely Scroll that I commissioned Lady Kara to make on behalf of the Shire, thanking her for all her work in the Shire, especially as Seneschal. As a group we went before King Berenger and Queen Bethan and had Lady Kara as Herald read out the Scroll in front of many people in Lochac for all to see and hear. We were proud and excited. Thank you Lady Katherine for all you have done for us.

Also at Royal court, we also presented an invitation to the Crown Prince and Princess, Siridean and Siobhan, made by Lady Katherine as a lovely illuminated invitation to our annual event (August 23rd). It was beautiful and they were obviously impressed by the lovely work. We will see what happens.

As I said in the group debrief after Great Northern War, we need more banners, pennants and our devices on poles. We need more personal and group heraldry so we can show people how proud we are as a Shire.

Lady Katherine also suggested we have a garment in group colours, each person to have it to fit their persona but have us all as a group easily recognised as being part of a group. I think it is a fine idea and you all seemed to agree. I suggested we do this as soon as possible.

Our Annual Event is coming closer and much work has been done in organising it. It will be in the next Pegasus and notices will go out on the local lists as soon as I get the confirmation that the proposed site is available still. The name of the event and theme is "The Battle of Stamford Bridge Celebration".

If anyone has suggestions to make this event memorable, please come and see me.

Security at the hall has been beefed up. We still need to be vigilant however and not leave anything valuable or important in the hall when we leave.

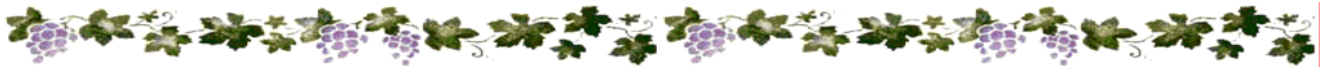
A good month. Thank you everyone.

Your Seneschal in Service to you, the Shire of Bacchus Wood,
Llwyd
(Madog Llwyd ap Madog)



Great Northern War Friday evening "Ring of Fire" Tourney (with 50% more fire !) This photo does NOT do it justice.





Are YOU a member of Bacchus Wood ?

To be a member of Bacchus Wood,
you need to be a paid member of SCAA.

**Support Bacchus Wood
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<http://www.sca.org.au/committee/d.php/AUmemform.pdf>



2. Bacchus Wood Meeting Minutes

Meeting held on 3rd June 2008 at Eridani Hall, Kingston

Meeting Opened: 8:50pm

Present: Ra'chel, Andrew, Andy, Phil, Kit, Kim, Steve, Ben, Donna, Darrin, Alison, Chris, Giles.

Apologies: Jeni

Precious minutes read by Seneschal for April and May meetings.

Business arising from previous minutes: Nil

Correspondence in: Nil

Reports.

Seneschal:

I attended the River Haven Baronial Council Meeting and presented the case for the return of the Gold Coast postcodes to Bacchus Wood. There was some discussion at the meeting but no agreement was sought. I received an email after the meeting from baroness Caitalin asking if I would meet with River Haven and St Florians early next year. I have agreed to this.

Great Northern War is upon us. I highly recommend members attend and if possible, camp there. It is a fully catered event and so \$70m/\$75nm is very reasonable.

The itinerary is now on the website calendar

I liked the discussions about fundraising at the last Revel. We need to get on to the suggestions.

Reeve:

Outgoing payments is the cheque for the hall rental for \$200.00

Incoming funds are hall takings for \$146.00, Collegia event \$94.00, and change from the Collegia (unspent funds) for \$173.40.

Our funds stand at \$927.00 as at 3rd June 2008.

May's rent needs to be drawn for \$250.00. Please note that April Hall rent should have been \$250.00 but due to error was not for the correct amount therefore if allowed, the May rent will be for five weeks and not four.

Thank you for those who made suggestions on how we can bolster our funds. The ideas are great and hopefully in the near future they will be acted upon.

Archery Captain:

In the month of May, we had Llwyd go to Burnfield for the Running of the Bulls, and take away the title of Burnfield Archery Champion for the second year in a row.

We have had one IKAC and all had fun from what I was told.

We had some visitors to the group to do some archery but instead we ended up giving them help with arrow building.

This weekend is the Great Northern War and we wish all going good luck in all events not just archery.

Herald:

No Events, nothing to report. Still not on Herald's Roster.

Webminister:

Website Calendar updated with GNW details

Chururgeon (Alison):

At Great Northern War, I finish my apprenticeship, otherwise nothing to report.

Chronicler:

Grapevine produced and published. It was out late due to very heavy commitments this past month and the officer's reports were not sent in to me electronically meaning I have to type them all out myself.

A&S: Nothing to report. Tuesday nights have been good.

General Business:

Alison: Great Northern War – YAY!! (Echoed by others)

Steve: Recommendations – now is the time to send them in – delay no longer !

Giles: Recommendations – yes, send them in. Send the recommendations to the King & Queen or Crux or Kingdom Seneschal. Crown Prince and Princess will also be there so it will be a 'double hit'.

Donna: Thank you for a great 'welcome back'

Andy: Rattles for cheering on fighters – Wooden clapper – Short discussion on construction.

Chris: Great Northern War – most of us are going and many are helping in activities. Good to see.

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

Closed: 8:15pm.



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3. WHATS ON

Important dates to remember from the meeting and Website Calendar

June 6th – 9th



Great Northern War – BP Park, Samford. Brisbane

Aug 8th–10th

North of the Border Rapier Fest V – Riverhaven

[DETAILS](#)

Aug 23rd–24th

Bacchus Wood Annual - "Battle of Stamford Bridge"



= **Royalty at this event**

See the Bacchus Wood Website Calendar for more details.



List field with Feasting Tent on left and Royal Tent on right of field taken very early Saturday morning.



Some of the many spectators at the Ring of Fire Tourney

4. Articles

Archery
Sport of Legend

Shooting Further, Faster and Flatter.

At the recent Great Northern War I noticed a few people shooting and having trouble in reaching the target. So what can be done about this problem?

The first question ask is what is causing the problem? Is it a result of using a low poundage bow, not fully drawing the bow, the arrows being slow or the arrows having to much drag?

Low Poundage

The question I often ask is why are you shooting such a low poundage bow - for me anything under 30lb@28" is low. One of the answers often given is that is all the archer feels comfortable with shooting. If that is the case then it becomes a case of making the arrow shoot better.

The key to making the arrow shoot better is excellent technique as that will allow the archer to use arrows which are matched to the bow, are lighter and have less fletching thus less drag.

There are two other options for enhancing performance. The obvious is to get another bow which has a higher draw weight or get another bow that is more effective and efficient.

More effective bows are those that have a "fatter force-draw curve". So that means recurves in preference to straight bows.

More efficient bows are those that put a higher percentage of their energy into the arrow. So flat longbows are better than a D-shaped Longbows. Bows with lighter limbs are better than those with heavier limbs. Shorter bows are better than longer bows. And bows made from higher modulus material are better than those with lower modulus material - carbon fibre is a lot better than heavy hardwood or staying with purely traditional materials bamboo/timber laminates are better than timber alone. Bows that are shooting "better" strings are more efficient over those shooting lesser strings.

Not Fully Drawing the Bow

The bow is rated at a certain draw weight at a certain distance (usually 28"). People often say thing like I am using a 30lb bow but the arrows are not fast. On closer inspection it is then discovered that the person is only drawing it 25" and in effect is only drawing it to 20lb. It should not be surprising that the arrows are slow.

The problem is the result of two things:

Poor technique. This can be fixed by developing better technique.

Short draw length. If your natural draw length is only 26" then there is not much that can be done and what is actually needed is a higher poundage bow to start off with. As an example a bow that is rated at 40lb at 28" will be down to around 30lb at 25".

Arrows Are Slow

Heavy arrows are slow and in case you missed that **Heavy Arrows are Slow**. The Bow has only a certain amount of energy and if the the energy the arrow gets is X Joules then $KE = 1/2mv^2$. Reduce the mass and the velocity goes up, increase the mass and velocity goes down. So by reducing the mass of your arrow you can get a very noticeable change in arrow velocity.

How to get the arrow weight down.

Use lighter Timber shafts. Choose shaft materials that are light typically this means Port Orford Cedar. *Aluminium or Carbon would be an even better choice but they are frowned upon by the SCA.*

Lighten the shaft. You can barrel your shafts which will reduce their mass. And if you are shooting a low poundage bow with a short draw length then you may need to barrel the shafts to get the shaft spine down an appropriate value. Don't have shafts any longer than they need to be.

Use light components. Typical Field point points that are used by most people weigh in at 125 or 100 grains or perhaps 150 plus grains if they gone for the heavier ones. You can get lighter points. For example 3 Rivers can supply a drawn steel point that is only 20 grains in weight. Lightweight 50 grain and 70 grain Aluminium points have been available or you can grind down normal field point shedding a bit of weight. And in the worst case you can make you own.

As an example I have taken point that are normally used for Carbon Arrows and ground them down to fit fully barrelled shafts. They started at 125 grains, ended up at 80 grains and were only 3/16" in diameter. Those who came to the Fletching Master Class would have seen some examples on my Flight Arrows.

Arrows Having Too Much Drag



If the arrow has too much drag they will slow quickly and not go far. Consider Flu-Flus - lots of fletching which is lots of drag and they stop quickly. However people often have large amounts of fletching for other reasons, it looks good (I am guilty of that), it is prototypical (guilty again), it makes them easier to find (guilty) and it straightens them up very quickly if people have poor technique. So how to improve the situation?

If you are using large fletches to offset poor technique then learn to shoot better and then try the following.

Reduce the fletching height. If you have tall fletches they will flutter on the edges and that adds a lot of drag. If your arrows are making a lot of noise it may be great for the sound effect but it is wasting large amounts of energy. To get lower fletches either buy those with a lower profile, adjust your chopper to give a lower profile or get out your scissors and cut them down.

Reduce your fletching size. Do you really need 5" long feathers? I would suggest that with good technique you can get away with fletches that are 1 1/2" or 2" long. And with very good technique 1/2" long.

Reducing fletch height and length will give you big returns in decreasing arrow drag.

Use shafts with less drag. The smaller in diameter the shaft the less surface area and thus the less drag. Against this you need to balance the issue of correct arrow spine. Barrelled shafts have less drag. Shafts which are painted with a clean finish have less drag than those not painted at all.

Article by lord Jean Amy – Fletcher, Shire of Bacchus Wood



Jean the Hornmaster's classic Viking Tent.



Fire keeping people warm outside the feasting tent.



Answers to last months Crossword

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**"North of the Border" Fencing Fest V
8th to 10th August A.S. XLIII (2008)**



**Rapier Training, Tournament and Melee Weekend.
Open to all who have an interest in the Arts of Defence.**

Fencing Fest is a total weekend devoted to the Arts of Defence. Spread over just over two days will be training sessions, a tournament or two, melee sessions and a rapier game, a relaxed weekend of fencing and feasting. For the first time, the weekend will start with a discussion night on the Friday night before the event starts, included in the standard price. Lunch is served on both days, with a feast of simple foods on the Saturday night. Billets, booking and information can be arranged by contact with the Steward.

This weekend is open to all ladies and gentlemen who have an interest in the Arts of Defence. Current and future combatants, those who wish to watch and those who wish to learn. There should not be a time during the weekend where an enthusiastic lady or gentleman cannot find something interesting to learn or do. Need to brush-up on a weapon form? Need to authorise in another weapon form? Interested in rapier but did not know where to start? This is your best chance to get all of these things done. More to the point it is the chance to fence, and fence amongst others with the same interest. Also purchase your own limited edition Fencing Fest V long-sleeved T-shirt for \$25 ordered when you book for the event.

Where: Artesanos Hall, Wesley St, Lutwyche

Time: Friday from 7pm until 9:30pm, 10am Start Saturday and Sunday, Saturday until 10pm, Sunday until the early evening

Cost: \$30/35 (M/NM) for the weekend, \$20/25 (M/NM) day rate

Steward: Don Henry Fox (Henry Walker)

Phone: (07) 3219 6029 or E-mail: henry_the_fox@hotmail.com

Yours in Service

...Henry Walker

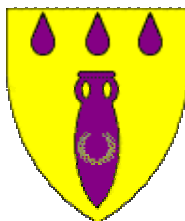


AKA Don Henry Fox
Steward, "North of the Border" Fencing Fest V



The Battle of Stamford Bridge

The Saxons verses the Vikings.
Tourney and Feast 23rd August 2008



Shire of Bacchus Wood

Marsden Scout Hall,
Tamarind Street (Cnr Macaranga St),
Marsden, Logan City
QLD. 4132
Map UBD Map.262 A3

Start time : 10am
Rapier Armour Inspection : 10:00 to 10:30am
Tournament Starts : 10:30am sharp
Heavy Armour Inspection : 2 – 2:30pm
Heavy Tournament Starts : 2:30pm sharp

The Rapier & Heavy tourney's will reach be in two battles
Battle 1.

Tourney simulating the bridge battle between King Harold's forces and the Danes (Vikings)
Battle 2.

This is a regular elimination series representing the battle in the open fields finishing off with a grand melee.

Both battles count towards the winner of each Tourney and the Bacchus Wood Heavy Championship.

Event Cost

Day only: \$15m/\$20nm
Feast Only: \$20m/\$25nm
Combined Event plus Feast: \$25m/\$30nm
Child (6-14yo): Half price
Under 4: Free
(m=SCA Member/nm-Not Member)
Cheques should be made out to "SCA Bacchus Wood".

A BOOKING IS REQUIRED

Booking Officer: Madog Llwyd ap Madog (Chris)
0411 846 496 6:30am-8am or 5:30pm to 10pm
or <mailto:LLWYD@personals.net.au>
Bookings must be received on or before the 18th April 2008.
All bookings must be paid for.

Please advise on any special dietary requirements at booking time so we can endeavour to cater for you.

On September 25th, 1066, just 3 weeks before the
Battle of Hastings, the Battle of Stamford Bridge took place.

This was a battle where the King Harold's forces surprised the Vikings after their stunning victory over Harold's Earl's at Fulford on Sept 20th, 1066. King Harold marched his men 180 miles (288Km) in just four days and to the Norsemen's surprise, met them at Stamford Bridge, 12miles out of York and defeated them in a battle in which, as legend has it in the battle for the bridge itself, a lone anonymous Viking held up the Saxons, giving the Viking forces time to arm themselves, until he was felled by a spear thrust from under the bridge. The bridge itself was probably only 2 foot in width (two planks?).

Bacchus Wood will commemorate this battle, and so the sides are drawn –
The forces of King Harold verses the forces of
King Harald Hardrada of Norway and Earl Tostig (Harold's Brother) of England.

Other SCA Groups In Queensland

Baronies :

Riverhaven

Wednesday evening 7pm for Fighter & Archery practice, A&S.

1st & 3rd Friday in each month - Dance practice

All activities at Artesanos Hall, Wesley Street, Lutwyche. 7pm start

Website: <http://sca.org.au/riverhaven/>

St Florian de la Riviere

Monday evenings - Fighter practice

Tuesday Evenings – Performance Night

Thursday Evenings - A&S

Performance night is for Music / Singing / Dance / Acting / Rehearsals etc

All activities at the Scout Hall, Waterview Tce, Dutton Park. 7pm start

Website: http://sca.org.au/st_florians/

Cantons:

Willoughby Vale

Meet every Thursday, 7 - 10pm at the Vigoro Grounds, Joyce Street, East Ipswich 4304 – (NOT the Hockey Grounds). IKAC 1st Sunday of every other month. 10am - 3pm at the Ipswich Central School Oval.
Meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month.

Burnfield

Meet every Monday at Hallen's Hobbies, 34C Quay Street, Bundaberg.

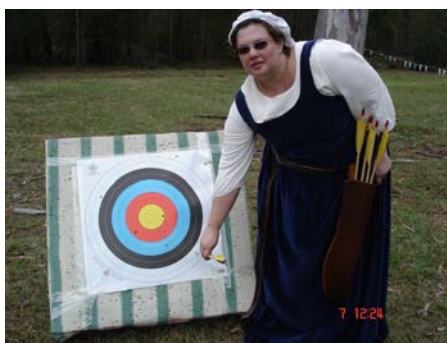
Contact the A&S Officer for more details

Castellum Montanum

Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month. 7:30 - 10pm. Contact Seneschal for details.

Draks Fjord

Meet every 2nd Monday of every month. Contact Seneschal for details. Fighter practice - 2nd Sunday of every month at 29 Redbank Road, Redcliffe.



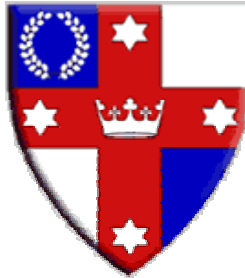
A new Archers' very first arrow in the target – IKAC GNW





REGNUM

The Kingdom of Lochac

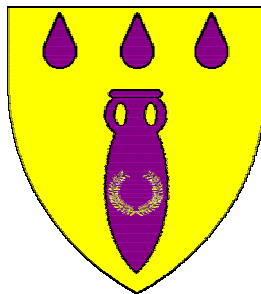


Our King: Sir Berenger of Nancy
&

Queen: Mistress Bethan of Brockwood

Crown Prince & Princess: Siridean and Siobhan

Shire of Bacchus Wood



Seneschal

Reeve

Herald

Archery Captain

Chronicler/Webminister

Madog Llwyd ap Madog (Chris)

Ismena Gamel (Alison)

Kara Kirriemuir (Ra'chel)

Rastis Radoslav (Phil)

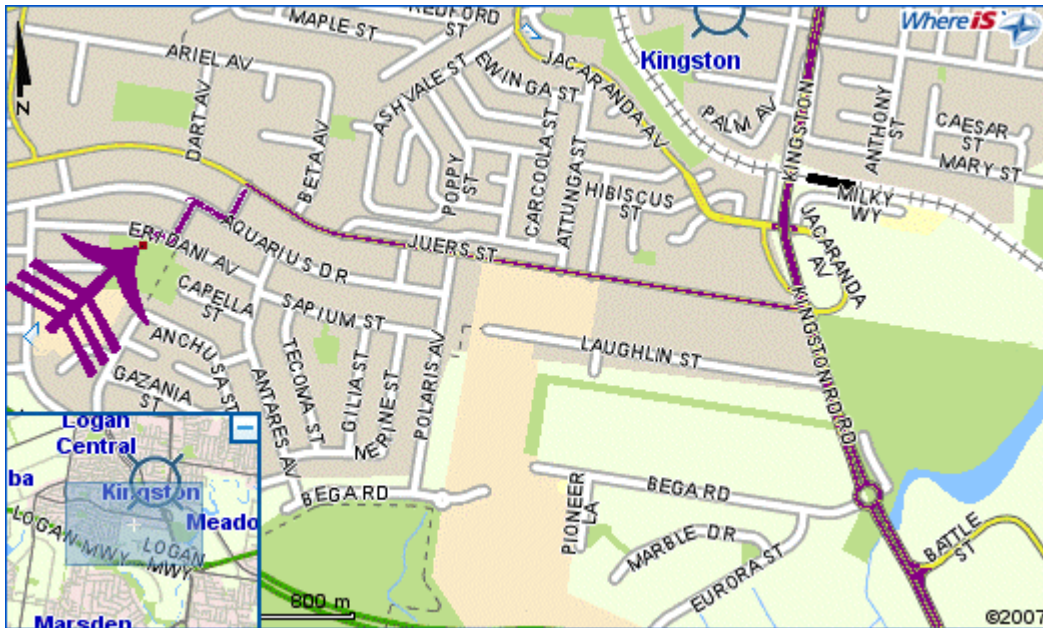
Madog Llwyd ap Madog (Chris)

Bacchus Wood meets every Tuesday at
the old Scout Hall in Eridani Avenue, Kingston from 7:30pm to 9:30pm
All welcome. Any queries should be sent to the [Seneschal](#).

Shire Website : http://www.sca.org.au/bacchus_wood/

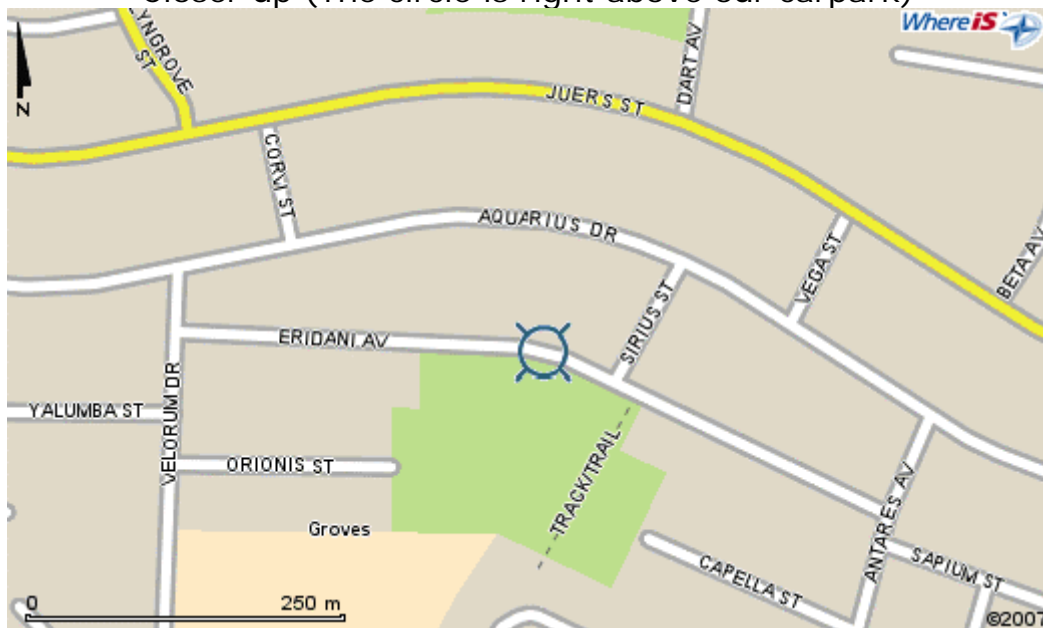
How to find the Shire of Bacchus Wood

MAPS



You can also come from the west (left side) via Third Avenue

Closer up (The circle is right above our carpark)



Maps from <http://Whereis.com.au>

The easiest way - From Kingston Road:

Turn into Juers Street and proceed until Vega Street,
Left into Vega Street
Right into Aquarius Drive
Left into Sirius Street
Right into Eridani Avenue
We are 70M up on the left side – pull into car park.