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What's New

The Northern Shores Regional Rattan and Arts & Sciences Championships were held in November 2006 in The Barony of Ruantallan at the *Martinmas Comes Late This Year* event.

Sir Mohammed Sevim Uglu Gowan Uglu successfully defeated **His Honorable Lordship Yesungge Altan** in the finals, making him the new Northern Shores Regional Rattan Champion.

We would also like to send out congratulations to our new Northern Shores Regional A&S Champion, **Lady Isobel Mowbray**, whose beautiful and varied collections shows she is most deserving of the title.

Thank you to everyone who entered both championships and we look forward to next year!

Upcoming Events in the Northern Shores

February 11
Valentines Demo and Feast
Shire of Lyndhaven

March 4
First Baronial Investiture Anniversary
Barony of L'île du Dragon Dormant

March 11
Serpents or Saints
Canton of Distant Shore
Barony of Ruantallan

March 18
The Spring Beast Feast
Shire of Lyndhaven

April 15
Athena's Thimble Collegium
Canton of Seashire
Barony of Ruantallan

May 6
East Kingdom Spring Crown Tournament
Barony of L'île du Dragon Dormant

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Principality Update

Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys

As you all may or may not know, the requirements to go principality are 100 paid members of the SCA. At our May meeting we had 259.

Our numbers for peerages are still down in the Order of Chivalry, but we have 8 Laurels, 6 of which are active, and 11 Pelicans, 8 of which are active.

However, we still need to increase the size of our rattan fighting base. A large rattan fighting base will ensure that our principality tournaments see a satisfactory number of fighters of high caliber participating, and this will be a determining factor in whether or not the Northern Shores is seen as able to sustain a principality. Hopefully, during the winter months, we can encourage more fighters to come out and play. OTC challenges which were at one time taking place in the Barony of Ruantallan, are about to start in Le Dragonet and Barony L'ile du Dragon Dormant. There has also been talk of a roving fighter practice between the Barony of Havres des Glaces, The Barony of L'ile du Dragon Dormant, Le Dragonet, and a group in Ealdomere. Hopefully our enthusiasm in the winter months will be reflected in our attendance in the summer months at events including Lyndhaven War Camp and the Great Northeastern War.

So we encourage as many potential fighters as possible to armour up and hit something!

The following events are in need of an autocrat/event bid:

Northern Shores Archery Championships (last held 3 years ago)

Northern Shores Rapier Championships (last held at Lyndhaven War Camp – May 2005)

Northern Shores Rattan Championship (traditionally held in September)

Northern Shores Arts & Sciences Championship (traditionally held in November)

*If you are interested in running an event to house any of these championships, please contact the current champion to see if they are interested in helping with the endeavour.

If there are any other groups considering a bid for a Kingdom level event, please let us know so that we, as the Northern Shores Region, can work together to avoid potential event conflicts.

Heraldry

Mestress Lyanna of Kernough, Badger Herald

The list of names submitted to date have been posted at <http://www.northernshores.ca/principality/proposednames.htm>. These details have also been submitted for publication in the *Pikestaff*.

Additional submissions for both names and devices can be made:

Online at:

<http://www.northernshores.ca/principality/submitaname.htm>

By Mail:

Elizabeth Crux
33, Spikenard Street
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
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Lord Arthur de Beaumont is currently completing translations for the web page and *Pikestaff*.

Proposed devices should be available online soon. All names and devices will be posted, and any information regarding conflicts included based on the research of the Badger Herald.

Group Reports

Shire of Ar n-Eilean-ne – *Position currently vacant*

No report filed

Barony of Ruantallan – *Viscountess Esperanza Razzolini d'Asolo, Baroness of Ruantallan*

Ruantallan hosted the Regional A&S and Rattan Championships at the Martinmas RP, and planning has begun for the Baronial attendance at Great Northeastern War. Discussions concerning the creation of a Principality continue, and a referendum will be conducted in the new year to determine the wishes of the populace regarding Northern Shores and the Barony's role in that context.

Canton of Seashire – *Lord William Lancton*

No report filed

Canton of Distant Shores – *Lady Alessandra Francesca di Milano*

No report filed

Canton of Wolfsgate – *Position currently vacant*

Group is currently dormant.

Canton of Ynys Y Gwaed – *Position currently vacant*

No report filed

Borough of Readfah Holm – *Honorable Lordship Yesungge Altan*

The region of Colchester & Cumberland Counties of Nova Scotia are in the process of splitting from the Canton of Distant Shore. This group, currently referred to as the Borough of Readfah Holm, has polled its members and submitted its name and heraldry to gain incipient Canton status. The group holds A&S gatherings in Truro and fighter practices weekly in outdoor fighting weather.

Shire of Lyndhaven – *Signora Aurelia da Calabria*

No report filed

Borough of An Crioich Cala – *Gebiedster Mergriet van Wijenhorst*

Upcoming events include:

February 11, 2006 - Valentines Demo and Feast in Moncton (on Westmoorland)

There is to be an event "Beasts are Back" coming in late March or early April, however no solid date has been confirmed yet. No other changes to the group

Barony of Havres Des Glaces – *Baron Hensojin*

The Crown of the East has given me the honor to represent Them to the populace. I've also taken the personal duty to represent the Populace to the Crown. It is in this particular point of view that I'm writing to you today. My voice is the voice of the populace of Havre des Glaces.

First, let me say that I'm sorry to not be as positive as many of you about this, but it is my duty to say it. The populace of Havre des Glaces in general is not ready to work on a Principality. We prefer to be a strong Region than a weak Principality. That my people are ready to work on! It is not a guarantee that a Strong region will become a strong Principality. So, we will work for the region to become a strong healthy region, for the sake of all. Long live the Northern Shores!!!

Canton of Boise Ardent – *Fru Svana Solgadottir*

No report filed

Canton of Rives d'Estnordia – *Position currently vacant*

No report filed

Canton of Vieux Bourg – *Position currently vacant*

No report filed

Barony of L'île Dragon Dormant – *Baron Conrad Connor MacAllyn*

The Region's baby Barony is abound with activities! We have several events planned, including our first anniversary as a Barony (March) and Spring Crown Tournament (May). Our fighters are ramping up for the summer season, and slowly increasing in numbers. Our fencers are as staunch as ever, and our archers continue in their endeavours. We recognize that much work is still needed for our region to establish itself, however the current focus by the population is on our new barony's identity.

Shire of Le Dragonet – *Lord Gareth Grey de Wilton*

Le Dragonet is moving ahead with their quest for full status. At this time, they have separated the shire activities and the Base Club activities into two distinct groups. They are hosting a Regional War Practice on January 14th on the Base, and will be hosting their annual Spring event on March 18th. We are in the process of having a redesign on our website and all information regarding our upcoming events will be listed there.

Shire of Les Sylves Constellees – *Position currently vacant*

No report filed

Court Reports

The following members of the Northern Shores Region are recipients of these awards and/or honours.

Event: Martinmas Comes Late This Year – Barony of Ruantallan

<u>SCA Name</u>	<u>Award/Business</u>	<u>Calligraphy & Illumination</u>
Lady Eadwynna æt HraefensHyrste	Master Bowman	Lady Adele de Lyon
Lord Wynfrithe æt Huntandune	Master Bowman	C-Lady Elise ferch Morgan ap Owen
Lady Elise ferch Morgan ap Owen	Queen's Order of Courtesy	I-Lady Isa of Ruantallan
Cornelia van de Brugg	Award of Arms	C-Lord Johnathan Rankin O'Rose
Hew of Kilraag	Award of Arms	I-Gebeidster Mergriet van Wijenhorst
Maebhe Mac Carthaigh	Award of Arms	Mistress Rhonwen Glyn Conwy
Marek O'Brien	Award of Arms	Lady Margaret Twygge of Skye Hill;
Mártoni Szarvas Kató	Award of Arms	Translation by Lord William Lancton
Al faris Mohammed severim uglu Gowan uglu	NSR Rattan Champion	Gebeidster Mergriet van Wijenhorst
Lady Isobel Mowbray	NSR A&S Champion	Lady Margaret Twygge of Skye Hill;
Garion of Ynys y Gwaed	Award of Arms	Translation by Lord William Lancton
Quinn of Lyndhaven	Award of Arms	Gebeidster Mergriet van Wijenhorst
Raymond Silverfox of Blackwood	Award of Arms	Lady Elise ferch Morgan ap Owen
Rowan Fergus	Award of Arms	C-Lady Kayleigh McWhye
Siobhan Sutherland	Award of Arms	I-Lady Althea De Grimm
Toqtamish Kokejin	Award of Arms	Élena O Sirideá
H.E. Esperanza Razzolini d'Asolo	Order of the Maunche	C-Lady Elise ferch Morgan ap Owen
Lord Varakii Varenko Vlkavich	Order of the Maunche	I-Lady Isa of Ruantallan
Lady Margaret Twygge of Skye Hill	Queen's Honor of Distinction	C-Lord Jonathan Rankin O'Rose
Lady Isobel Mowbray	Queen's Order of Courtesy	I-Gebeidster Mergriet van Wijenhorst
Lord Guthfrith Yrlingson	Queen's Order of Courtesy	Baron Conrad Connor MacAllyn
Hans Guotman of Seashire	Tygers Cub	Mistress Rhonwen Glyn Conway
Ryanne of Blackwood	Tygers Cub	Master Aetheric Lindeberende
Lord Aethelwulf Stealcere	Order of the Silver Crescent	Mistress Ygraine of Kellswood
Lady Zaneta Gavlinne Angiolieri	Order of the Silver Crescent	Mistress Ygraine of Kellswood
		Lady Margaret Twygge of Skye Hill
		No scroll
		Lady Elise ferch Morgan ap Owen
		Mistress Ygraine of Kellswood

Event: 12th Night – Barony of Ruantallan

<u>SCA Name</u>	<u>Award/Business</u>	<u>Calligraphy & Illumination</u>
Anneke of Flekkeroy and Lord Gilbert the Short	Ruantallan A&S Champion	Lady Margaret Twygge of Skye Hill
M'lord Ragnar	Ruantallan Bardic Champion	Lady Zaneta Gavlinne Angiolieri

Event: A Market Day at Birka – Barony of Stonemarche

<u>SCA Name</u>	<u>Award/Business</u>	<u>Calligraphy & Illumination</u>
Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys	Court Barony	Lady Elise of Eisenthal
Lord Gareth Grey de Wilton	Order of Chivalry	C & I – Mistress Alisay de Falaise
		Text by Lady Chiara da Montepulciano

Archery News

Lady Elise ferch Morgan ap Owen, NSR Archery Commander

Archery Marshalls in NSR: 13 (rostered by Kingdom, also includes inactive or barely active marshals)

Areas to increase marshals: Lyndhaven (currently 0), Ruantallan and Quebec

Marshal testing is available from Lady Elise or the Lt. Generals at Large, Baron Conrad and Lord Arthur.

Great Northeastern War will see major archery war points and a champions shoot as the Northern Shores Region is pitted against Malagentia. Selection of champions must occur well before the event.

Projects

Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys

Pennants and Banners:

It has been a long-standing tradition of the Royalty of the East to encourage pageantry within Their lands. No army should ever go into battle without heraldry flying high! As we head into the war season, we would like to see more banners and pennants colouring the sky. Pennants and banners can be made in any dimension, and for more information on making banners and pennants, go to:

<http://borealarmy.sccspirit.com/pennant.pdf>

Encampment Windwalls:

Last, but certainly not least, there are several groups making windwalls to help define the encampments of groups of the Northern Shores Region. These windwalls can be used at any camping event, and can double as banners for use inside feast halls. The dimensions currently being used by most are 4 feet by 5 feet.

Webminister Reports Reminder

Lady Zaneta Gavlinne Angiolieri

Just a reminder to all the registered webministers of the Northern Shores Region that webminister reports are due into the Kingdom Webminister in January. If you have not sent in your annual report, please forward it as soon as possible.

Remember that you are also required to send a photocopy of your membership card. Digital scans are not accepted as proof of membership. Please visit the East Kingdom website at www.eastkingdom.org for information on how to submit your reports or getting officially warranted as a webminister.

Officers of the NSR:

Seneschal

Master Aetheric Lindberende

Exchequer

Mistress Freya Manslayer Karlsdottir

Earl Marshal

Baron Conrad Connor MacAllyn

Badger Herald

Mestress Lyanna Kernough

Chatelaine

Position currently vacant

A&S Minister

Lady Joane Steward

Minister of Lists

Signore Cosmano Piero Michelotto de Roma

Accessibility Porter

Lord Dugald the Sheepstealer

Chirurgion

Position currently vacant

Minister of Children

Gebiedster Mergriet van Wijenhorst

Youth Marshall

Honorable Lordship Yesungge Altan

Waiver Secretary

Mistress Elizabeth "Bess" Darnley

Web Minister

Lady Zaneta "Gavlinne" Angiolieri

Deputy Commander of Seige Forces

Signora Aurelia da Calabria

Deputy Commander of Archery

Lady Elise ferch Morgan ap Owen

Deputy Commander of Thrown Weapons

Lord Ludwig von Eisburg

Deputy Commander of Horse

Lord Cailean mac Eachduinn

Deputy Commander of Fence

Lord T. Tarius Britannicus and Lord Rufus Fletcher

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The Boreal Army Prepares

Sir Gareth Grey de Wilton,
Boreal Army Commander, Warlord GNEW XX

As a new year begins so is it a new beginning for the Boreal Army as it heads off to war. This year marks the 20th anniversary of what began as the Seashire-Malegentia War (S&M), and is now known as the Great Northeastern War. The soldiers of the far north find themselves once again embroiled in a battle with their countrymen of Malagentia.

The outcome of the war will be determined by various war points such as archery, fencing, rattan, shopping, and arts and sciences. I would like to encourage the populace of the Northern Shores Region to start making preparations now, whether that be saving your coins, polishing your blades, restringing your bows, finishing that A&S project, or doing those ever needed repairs to your armor. The success of the Boreal Army rests on the shoulders of the entire populace of the Northern Shores Region. Our presence would not be complete without the support of those who cheer us on from the sidelines, bring us much needed food and water both on and off the field, and who help show our unity and presence with things like banners, regalia, and favors.

Now is the time to get to practice and hone your skills. Check with your local groups for more information on practices in your area. Only with your dedication and support can we hope to be strong and return home victorious as the bards tell the tales of our glory. And we can hope that 10 years from now the next generation that finds themselves engaged on the fields of battle will be inspired by the legacy that has preceded them, of both the Northern Shores and the Boreal Army.

Contribute to the NSR *Aurora Borealis*:

The next edition of the Northern Shores Regional Newsletter, the *Aurora Borealis* is due to be available online by April 1, 2006.

All contributions for the next issue must be received no later than March 1, 2006. No submissions after that date will be accepted for the April issue.

Contributions should be sent to:
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Boreal Army Favour Project

There are many projects underway in the Northern Shores Region. First and foremost is the Boreal Army Favour project. Our thanks go to Mistress Elizabeth Darnley who has created the design for the favour and which you can download online at: <http://borealarmy.sccspirit.com/Favour.pdf>.

Lady Cristiana inghen MecBead has volunteered the coordination drive for favours. Favours will be given out to all the allies of the Northern Shores Region who fight with us at GNE. For more information on the design, or contact information for Lady Cristiana, go to: <http://borealarmy.sccspirit.com>

Scribal Arts Lecture in Halifax, Nova Scotia (Ruantallan)

The Saint Mary's Salzinnes Antiphonal: a Medieval Manuscript in Halifax

On Wednesday, February 8 at 7:00pm, Judy Dietz, Associate Curator of Historical European Art at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia and Saint Mary's University graduate student, will give an enlightening talk about the Saint Mary's Salzinnes Antiphonal, a unique and valuable artifact from the Patrick Power Library's rare book collection.

A liturgical manuscript from 1554, written in Latin, the Salzinnes Antiphonal reveals a unique insight into the spiritual and cultural lives of the nuns of the Cistercian Abbey of Salzinnes in Namur, present day Belgium. It features text and music, full-page illuminations of biblical scenes and, of particular rarity, full-length representations of 34 nuns together with their names in regional script who lived in the abbey.

The general public is welcome to attend

Date: February 8, 2006

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Scotiabank Theatre, Sobeys Building, Saint Mary's University

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