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A New Pelican for the Northern Shores

We continue to grow as a region, and we are happy to report His Excellency, Baron Conrad Connor MacAllyn was inducted into the Order of the Pelican at Great Northeastern War.

Other awards given out at Great Northeastern War included AOA's for Cat of Lennox, Anneke of Flekkroy, Laurianne of Lily Pad, and Manfred. Silver Crescents were awarded to Aurelia da Calabria and Allessandra Francesca di Milano.

Congratulations to all!

Upcoming Events in the Northern Shores

October 14
Fall Harvest
Barony of L'île du Dragon Dormant
L'île Perrot, QC

October 14
Baronial Investiture
Barony of Ruantallan
Upper Sackville, NS

October 21
Samain III
Shire of la Selve d'Aure
Rouyn Noranda, QC

November 25
EKU: Ships Ahoy
Barony of Ruantallan
Halifax, NS

December 16
Herne the Hunter
Canton of Seashire
Halifax, NS

January 6
12th night
Barony of Ruantallan
Halifax, NS

January 20
NSR Rattan Championships
Barony of Havres Des Glaces
Quebec City, QC

(Special interest events -
Outside of the Northern Shores)

November 4
Crown Tourney
Barony of Stonemarche
Kingston, New Hampshire

November 18
Feast of the Hare
Barony of Skraeling Althing
Ottawa, Ontario

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Combat Changes Earl Marshal

According to the Society Earl Marshal:

Notice: All of the rules/changes in this revision of the Marshals Handbook are effective immediately; i.e. if you conform to them, you're legal and OK.

All Kingdoms must be in compliance with all of the newly released rules by December 1, 2006, with the following exceptions:

Kingdoms who currently allow non-contact archers and scouts have until Aug. 1, 2007 to phase them out or to train/reauthorize these combatants as full-contact participants.

Please check and make sure that you note the following changes; elbow cups are required behind shields, half-swording, shield to body contact, headed and unheaded pole arms and many other things. Please take a bit of time to make sure your armor and weapons are still legal.

NSR Regional Championships

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

Northern Shores Archery Championships
(last held 3 years ago)

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

Northern Shores Rattan Championship
(for 2008)

Northern Shores Rapier Championships
(for 2008)

*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 endeavor.

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.

A period reference to call our own

Archeologists discover remains of Jacques Cartier settlement

Canadian Press

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QUEBEC (CP) - The site of one of North America's first settlements will be the object of an extensive archeological dig ahead of the city's 400th anniversary celebrations.

The site, in a suburb southwest of Quebec City, is believed to be where Jacques Cartier built a fort during his third and final voyage to the French colony. The Quebec government said Friday it will give \$8 million to the archeological project over the next three years.

"It's a historic discovery, a major discovery for the provincial capital," said Michel Despres, the provincial minister responsible for the Quebec City area.

Archeologists discovered the site accidentally when preliminary work for a planned lookout point turned up artifacts which carbon dating later proved to be from the 16th century. The discovery was kept secret for several months before Friday's announcement. Historians suspect the fort was built by Jacques Cartier between 1541 and 1543, making it the oldest European settlement to be discovered north of Mexico.

Although the dig won't be finished by the time Quebec City celebrates its 400th anniversary in 2008, parts of the site will be open to the public in time for the celebrations.

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A thank you

Master Donal Kernough

Unto the assembled gentles, of the Shire and the Northern Shores, do I send these greetings and thanks. Know that this past weekend in the Shire of Ar n-Eilean-ne, did many gentles from near and far gather in common cause and shared revelry to celebrate this wondrous game. Please take these heartfelt words of thanks to all and sundry in my deep appreciation and awe of all your efforts. If I have forgotten anybody, I most humbly apologize in advance, but the breadth of my gratitude is such that mere words may not encompass it all.

To our guests from away, we truly hope that you enjoyed our hospitality.

- ◆ To the Honourable Lord Yesungge Altan, for making his first trip to the Rock, performing more authorizations than one could shake (or swing) a stick at, and the gentle (and not-so-gentle) fighting instruction, and much good conversation of cooking. Oh, and that dandy bruise on my ribs thanks you too. Sorry we broke you (via the boggy field of doom); enjoy the memory of your shiny new "AoA". And no, you still can't have that axe.
- ◆ To Sir Gareth, the first Eastern knight in armor upon on the field of combat here in the Shire these fourteen years. For making his latest of many trips to our distant shire, thumping the works of us, even with a bad back, our deepest thanks. Your sage counsel and efforts with resolving my oversupply problem were greatly appreciated. And no, you still can't have that axe either, especially with Anne clinging tightly thereof.
- ◆ To Mistress Bess, who buttered us up with confections, stitched together the twained strands of our strained sanity, and offered advice and counsel for everything from stick-jockeying to embroidery. We hope that you are now well prepared for the next opportunity to introduce good gentles at foreign wars to our unique most Eastern traditions.
- ◆ To Mistress Gwen, for inspiration, instruction and example. The classes were most well received and appreciated.
- ◆ To the Honourable Lord Edhan L'Espoire DeBrus and Lady Jeanne of Greyfells, from the Kingdom of Ealdormere for the sheer inspiration of their presence. We stand in awe of your selfless efforts in instruction, demonstration and much needed repair of our humble tools. You are both a credit and an honour to your Kingdom; the gates of our shire stand wide for you, and be always hearth-welcome.
- ◆ To Lord Pietro di Montalcino, for making the long trip home, graciously both ferrying guests long after he should have gone home, and providing wise counsel and marshallate vigour on the field of fencing.
- ◆ To Maebh, for also making the long trip home, and being (as you have so many times before) my trusted arm in the kitchen. I'm happy to say that your throwing skills were unnecessary at this feast, even though rappe armate was involved.
- ◆ To Clayton, for his first visit to our shire (and his first event if I am not mistaken), and much carrying and moving of gear.

Thank you's for our shire members in no particular order:

- ◆ To Homermagne, for keeping a cool head "under fire", pouring oil on troubled waters and much heavy lifting and carrying. Congrats on the authorizations.
- ◆ To Takamori, for being a shining example to us all, a nice shiny purple bruise, coffee at the fuzziest of moments, long ferrying of guests, and the wondrous rendition of our favorite family friendly songs. Accept your accolades secure in the knowledge that you are rightly worthy of them. Congratulations on the authorizations, and keep that polearm taped; my fingers want a rematch.
- ◆ To Ashling, for being my savior in the kitchen, most especially in the fuzzy hours of the early morning, and general butt-prodding as necessary.
- ◆ To Tynan, I have not the space, nor the wit to properly encompass thanks for all of your efforts towards this past weekend. From taking nearly your entire Friday night to ensure that gentles and goods arrived on site, to being ready to drop everything at a moment's notice to head back into town to acquire much-needed medication for our guests, the endless stream of lifting and carrying, wise counsel in matters of safety and bearing. We could not have done it without you.

- ◆ To Hefnir, for much carrying, carting and fowl wrangling, my deepest thanks. Congratulations on your authorizations. Though you might want to think twice the next time you say to a Knight, "would you mind attacking me a bit?"
- ◆ To Tjolnir, for sheer inspiration as to the depth and breadth of your crafts. My personal thanks for helping me finish the last bits of my armor and getting me on the field. Your negotiating skills have left certain of our visitors in awe.
- ◆ To Aureliana, who helped deck out our shire in the finery seen at the event and for help and guidance in all things textile. Your kindness and ability are matched only by your patience.
- ◆ To Brunloc for being the heart of the feast, and doing true yeoman's work whilst I tarried upon the field of combat. Your strident labors late into the evening after feast, and early-morning composure are a shining example to us all.
- ◆ To Lord Hans der Vogeljager, for his martial prowess and example upon the field for our newer fighters, as well as general porting and movement thereof of gear and supplies. Congratulations on the authorizations.
- ◆ To the Vinland Seawolves reenactment company, for visiting our SCA event, and providing a rousing demonstration of a Norse-era shield wall, and inspiring us with their crafts and tales.
- ◆ To Bronwynn and Elise for enjoying their first event, pitching in where needed, and affirming our shared joy in this game with your fresh enthusiasm and drive.
- ◆ To Vargwr, for unstinting efforts with broom and sword. Congratulations on your authorizations.
- ◆ To the "other" Maebh, for her selfless and continued efforts for our younger members, and her noble efforts upon the fencing field.

I would like to extend special thanks to my new, and first, protégé, Diarmaid Ui Brian. Having been a Companion of the Order of the Pelican these four years, and never a protégé myself, I have been thus far hesitant in entering into such a relationship. I set myself high standards of service, comportment, and enthusiasm that any potential protégé would have to meet. In the two years you have been playing in the Shire, you have consistently exhibited the qualities and drive that truly make this game what it is.

Without your unstinting efforts, indefatigable enthusiasm, and rousing presence, this game would be but a shadow of its current luster and glory. My deepest and humblest thanks.

Oh, and I'll do my best to avoid the necessity of another meeting of the Privy Council, and anything to do with garbage cans or plungers in general. You'll have to take it up with Lady Anne, but I think it's all the fault of the Heathen Pies.

To nobody in particular:

- ◆ To the cookhouse, for not going boom.
- ◆ To the *cough* gentles whom had the site before us, for giving a new and vast meaning to the term "unpleasant cleanup". You have truly expanded my horizons, reintroduced me to the full joys of bleach, and exercised the full range of my vocabulary.
- ◆ To the various and sundry bits of armor that let me get out and play for the first time in a long time. Note to self: get right-handed strapped shield; doing a sword and shield authorization with your off-hand is just plain awkward.
- ◆ To the various chickens, pigs, cows, and helpless vegetables who contributed to our enjoyment and repast. We fully appreciate your efforts in a most worthy cause.

Finally, and most of all, to my Lady, Anne von Hellestal; you are my joy in this, and all things.

Yours in Service,

Master Donal Kernough, OP, OM
 Seneschal of Ar n-Eilean-ne,
 Event Steward for the Shire Summer War Camp.

From the Boreal Army Commander

Sir Gareth Grey de Wilton

Greetings from the Boreal Army Commander.

Well Pennsic is over and let me say how proud I am on how the army performed. In the town battle, along with our allies, we gained more ground than any other area of the battle. In the woods, our task was to safeguard one of the flag objectives taken from the enemy. Despite being greatly outnumbered we successfully overcame wave after wave of assault to retain that objective. At the commanders meeting for the field battle, attended by not only commanders but also Kings of allied realms, the Boreal was assigned with holding the far right flank and stopping all that attempted to flank into the East's back field. It was said by the Warlord for that battle that, "*If the Boreal failed, the battle would be lost*". (Duke Darius could be heard in the background saying '*no pressure*'). During the first of two field battles we were ignored and we capitalized on this by hitting the flank of a division, and after finding ourselves having blown through to the other side we kept going hitting the flank of another. On the second field battle not only did they not ignore us, but they sent a division after us alone. With about 70 enemies on us we 'smoked 'em' (read as took them on a wild goose chase) down the field which allowed our Northern Army allies the time to defeat their opponents and then turn their attention to our little problem. Together we defeated our opposers and went on to clean up what remained on the field.

We have been approached by His Grace Duke Andreas, asking that the Boreal train and fight with his House Bloodguard, and I see this as a great opportunity to learn and develop tactics and drills and improve our overall skill. After discussion with members of the Boreal, I have spoken to his Grace and, with the exception of GNEW where we will be fighting alongside His Highness Duke Lucan's House (VDK), we will train and fight with House Bloodguard for the next year and a day.

One more point I'd like to bring up (and this is actually an order), anyone fighting heavy (combat archers are heavy) will wear a Boreal Army tabard with the white star on **both** the front and back. There are too many other armies, units, etc., that also have a blue tabard, often with something white on it (like a seahorse for Atlantia) that don't include it on the back, and this creates much confusion in battle.

As the summer camping war season comes to a close, we enter the training season in preparation for next year (and so that we don't get plump on the bountiful harvests and fine cooking of the Northern Shores). After meeting with Master Feral, we plan on setting up training weekends to practice melee over the winter and spring. These will take place both north and south of the border, and announcements will be sent out so keep an eye out for them. Be prepared to make the effort to train with our northern brethren and also members of Bloodguard who mentioned they would also come up. I know too well how hard it is to travel and the resources needed, so it's up to you to take advantage of these opportunities.

Don't forget the fall is an excellent time to do practices in the park. Take the initiative and plan them in different parks in your areas. Bring pamphlets explaining what the SCA is and whom they can contact for more info. New blood is the lifeblood of our game.

In closing I'd like to thank all who made the journey not only to Pennsic, but to all the practices and events throughout the year. I hope to see many more of you join us next year.

Officers of the NSR:

Seneschal

Master Aetheric Lindberende

Exchequer

Position currently vacant

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

Baron Hensojin

Waiver Secretary

Mistress Elizabeth "Bess" Darnley

Web Minister

Lady Zaneta "Gavlinne" Angiolieri

Deputy Commander of Seige Forces

Lord Guthfrith Yrlingson

Deputy Commander of Archery

Lady Elise ferch Morgan ap Owen

Deputy Commander of Thrown Weapons

Lord Ludwig von Eisburg

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Proposed Regulations for the NSR Rattan Championship

written by Baron Conrad Connor MacAllyn

These are proposed Standard Operating Procedures for the running of the regional Rattan Championships. All comments on this article should be sent to H.E. Master Conrad.

Northern Shores Regional Rattan Championship (NSRRC)

Time of year:	Fall (mid September to mid December)
Responsible Persons:	Regional Deputy Earl Marshal (DEM) Regional Deputy Minister of Lists (DMOL) Current Regional Champion
Rotation:	West (QC), Central (NB & NFLD), East (NS & PEI)
Format:	Standard Double Elimination with best 3 of 5 final (or any other "non-silly" format Agreed upon by the DEM and current champion)
Regalia:	Current Champion – Sword and Champions Tunic Previous Champions – Blue leather garters

Frequency

- a. The NSRRC takes place once per year in the fall.

Rotation

- a. The NSRRC is to be held on rotation in three different areas of the region East, West, Central.
- b. The order of the rotation shall be in a repeating rotation. If an area passes on a bid, they must wait until the next full rotation to be eligible again.
- c. To give both Lyndhaven and Ar n-eilean-ne a chance, the group who did not host the tournament on the previous rotation will be given precedence for bidding on the tournament.

Bids

- a. Bids to host the NSRRC must be submitted no later than March 15th (6 months prior to event date)
- b. Bids should be sent to the current champion and the DEM.
- c. Any groups in the area on the rotation can submit a bid to host the next NSRRC
- d. If no group within the area on the rotation wishes to bid on the event, or are unable to host the event for whatever reason, the bidding then becomes open to groups that are next on the rotation schedule.

Announcement

- a. In order to properly advertise the NSRRC, once a group has been granted the bid to host the championship, the event announcement must be made public (appear in the pikestaff and the EK Website) no later than 3 months prior to the date of the event. This is to allow enough time for participants to plan for the event and send letters of intent to enter the tournament.

Participation

- a. To be an approved participant a fighter must:
 - ◆ Be a resident of the Northern Shores region
 - ◆ Be authorized as a fighter in the East Kingdom with a valid Fighters Authorization Card
 - ◆ Be a paid member of the SCA (SCA membership is required if the champion wants to assist in the running of the next tournament as the autocrat or a marshal.)
- b. The current champion cannot win two successive championships in a row and therefore cannot defend his/her title.
- c. Participation is a privilege. As such, to participate in the NSRRC, a fighter must send a letter of intent to the current champion and MOL. This measure is to ensure that all the paperwork for the fighter is up-to-date and validated.
- d. The potential champion should have a consort to fight for.

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 January 1, 2007.

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

Contributions should be sent to: **Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys (gwen@moonsandstars.com)**

Pennsic Pics

Photos provided courtesy of Lady Zaneta Gavlinne Angiolieri and Lady Megha of Lochleven



The Boreal Army stands strong on the field of battle at Pennsic.



Fighting together as one unit, the Boreal Army leaves the Pennsic battlefield pleased with their standings against their opposers.

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Lady Zaneta "Gavlinne" Angiolieri

I am happy to announce that efforts are currently underway, and progress has already begun, on the full translation of the Northern Shores website currently located at www.northernshores.ca.

I would like to publicly thank all of the translators who have so graciously donated their time and talents to this endeavour:

*Mistress Alisay de Falaise
Baron Godfroy de Falaise
Lord Lorenzo Della Rocca
Lady Alix de Minerve
Lord Matsudaira Yoshi
Lady Marion d'Arpheilles*

Please note:

Newsletter editors reserve the right to edit content as required for space and content. We will do our best to present your contributions in full, however, some edits may be required to accommodate for limited space.

Membership numbers for the Region as of Sept 1st

Shire of Ar n-ealean ne (NFLD) – 7
Barony of Ruantallan
(NS) – 108 and (PEI) – 18
Total = 126
Shire of Lyndhaven (NB) – 44
Barony of Havres des Glaces
(Quebec city) – 36
Barony of l'le Dragon Dormant
(Montreal) – 63
Shire Sylves Constelles
(Rouyn-Noranda) – 11
Shire Castlenor
(Chibougamu) – 16
Shire Le Dragonnet
(St jean-sur-Richelieu) – 24

A Warm Summer Day At Great Northeastern War

Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys

It was a warm summer day at Great Northeastern War. The breeze was light and the day was bright as preparations began for Baron Conrad's elevation to the Order of the Pelican. All in camp were acting very nonchalant, making ready for the opening ceremonies, getting breakfast ready, tidying up the dining area. The unsuspecting Conrad was conversing with Lord Yesungge, Lord Nicholas, and Sir Gareth. Not 10 feet away, Baron Conrad's knight, Master Allyn and his former squire brother, Sir Evander, were also getting ready. Unbeknownst to Conrad, the small pavilion that he had set up the night before, the non-descript pavilion that stood right behind his own sleeping quarters, would be where he would spend his afternoon.

The day did not start out well for Conrad. He forgot his tabard, he forgot his kilt, and he had no Boreal cloak to wear for opening ceremonies. We took it all in stride and the desired articles appeared; a tabard from Cornelia, a cloak from Baron Pellandres. Alas no kilt, but Conrad could manage without this one article. The army formed up, and they marched off to opening ceremonies.

With opening ceremonies over, the troops returned to don armor and get ready for the woods battle. In our encampment, Baron Conrad was getting ready for pickup fights, while the woods battle was taking place in the sweltering heat. Master Allyn, Sir Evander, Master Tyrvold all lined up to test Conrad's mettle. All were impressed with his continued growth as a fighter. The woods battle finished and the army formed up on the field. Boreal had 65 fighters, Malagentia 68. With the heat hitting 102 degrees, it was decided there would be one war point, that of the castle battle. Baron Conrad got to fight in both battles, once as defending army, once as the attacking army. While the fighting was going on, the camp was cried for court, the populace came and the pelicans gathered.

His Royal Majesty called for court. "One among you has fought this day, he is tired and sweaty, and you wish to invite him to your honour." He asked Mistress Gwenhwyfar to address the court. "We are incomplete and wish you to add one to our order." The king bade her tell the crowd gathered who the gentle was. She looked out to the crowd. There, sitting on his knees at the front of the crowd she found the person they sought. "Baron Conrad".

Shock, disbelief and then recognition as to what had just happened, Baron Conrad pitched forward on his knees, head to the ground. He was assisted to his feet and led to Their Royal Majesties by Master Aetheric, Master Ernst, and Mistress Freya. As he knelt in front of the King, his Knight, Master Allyn mac Tenaga, stood before him, kissed his forehead, told Conrad how very proud he was and released him from fealty. With that he was escorted out of court and off to his vigil.

The Vigil – started as a bath behind his vigil tent, to symbolize the washing away of the previous deeds and the starting new. He was given a linen shift from Mistress Randall to wear for the vigil. He then sat in vigil for 3 hours while a steady stream of peers, friends, and well wishers visited him and gave him words of advice, words of praise, words of wisdom. The vigil was maintained by his household, Mistress Randall, and Master Allyn, who kept an ever-watchful eye over Conrad.

The Ceremony – at the end of court, King Brion and Queen Anna called forth the Pelicans. Once they had gathered at the foot of the dias, the King called forth Baron Conrad. Escorted by family and friends, lady Esyllt by his side, Conrad entered the court. The speakers – for the Chivalry, Master Allyn, for the Laurel, Master Aetheric, for the Rose, Duchess Katherine Stanhope, for the Pelicans, Mistress Gwenhwyfar.

The medallion came from his household. The cloak, made in the same style as the Boreal Army cloaks, by Lady Giana and embroidered by Lady Gavlinne. The calligraphy and illumination of the scroll by Master Aetheric and text by Mistress Elizabeth "Bess" Darnley.

As Master Conrad accepted the accolade, he swore fealty to Their Royal Majesties.

And so ended a warm summer day at Great Northeastern War.