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## Northern Shores Membership Status

As of June 1, 2007, the following are membership numbers for the Northern Shores Region, taken from the membership list:

Shire of Ar n-eilean-ne – 8 members  
Barony of Ruantallan – 149 members  
Shire of Lyndhaven – 42 members  
Barony of Havres Des Glaces (and area) – 62 members  
Barony of L'ile Dragon Dormant – 61 members  
Le Garnison du Dragonnet – 17 members  
Shire of Castlenor – 17 members

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## Upcoming Events in the Northern Shores

August 31 - September 3  
**Summers End/NSR Archery Championship**  
Canton of Ynys y Gwaed (Ruantallan)  
Breadalbane, PEI

September 8  
**Medieval Day on the Mountain**  
Barony of Dragon Dormant  
Montreal, QC

November 3  
**Sven the Gardener**  
Canton of Seashire (Ruantallan)  
Halifax, NS

August 31 - September 3  
**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Warcamp**  
Shire of Ar n-Eilean ne  
Foxtrap, NF

September 14-16  
**Fires of the Equinox**  
Barony of Dragon Dormant  
Montreal, QC

November 24  
**The Feast of Saint Clement**  
Canton of Distant Shore  
(Ruantallan)  
Stewiacke, NS

(Special interest events - Outside of the Northern Shores)

July 13-15  
**Great Northeastern War**  
Province of Malagentia

July 27 – August 12  
**Pennsic XXXVI**  
Host: Kingdom of Æthelmearc

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# From the Principality Legate Chair

*H.E. Master Conrad Connor MacAllyn*

## Greetings to the populace of the Northern Shores Region from your Principality Legate Chair!

The Regional Championships for Fencing took place in the Canton of Ynys Y Gwaed. Our new champion is Don Cosmano Pietro Micheloto da Roma, who was defending the honour of Lady Christina of the Dragonlily. Vivat!

The Archery Championships are scheduled in September, also in the Canton of Ynys y Gwaed, however, still not planned for is our Rattan Championship. Although there is still some confusion regarding the planning of these activities, here are some simple guidelines for potential organizers to follow:

- ◆ It is a good idea to get the Regional Minister responsible for the specific activity involved in some way. If there are any questions regarding the Championship, they would likely be the ultimate authority on the subject and can provide proper guidance.
- ◆ There should be a willingness to host these activities (d'uh!). This can be added to an already existing event that happens annually, or can be organized as a stand-alone event.
- ◆ In order to give different regions a chance to attend this event, a provisional rotation schedule has been established to facilitate the planning of these activities. Currently, the Heavy List Championship is set for East (Nova Scotia and P.E.I.), West (Quebec), and Centre (New Brunswick and Newfoundland).
- ◆ These activities will be set for a specific time of the year to occur. As an example, Fencing is scheduled for Early Spring, while Heavy List is scheduled for Early Fall, etc.
- ◆ A deadline of 4 months prior to the event is set to give proper advertisement and allow enough people to plan ahead due to the distance that may be required to travel for this activity.
- ◆ The current champion should be involved in the planning, specifically for the format of the championship.

The next Heavy List tournament is slated for the Centre groups, and I would encourage potential organizers to put in a bid as soon as possible to provide sufficient advertisement for this activity to take place (sometime after Pennsic War).

As usual, if there are any questions regarding the region or its activities, your local Legates are your first point of contact. As always, I am available to answer questions.

### Officers of the NSR:

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# Archery News in the Northern Shores Region

Lady Elise ferch Morgan ap Owen

Summer's End / Small Brawl V  
Canton of Ynys Y Gwaed  
August 31 – September 3, 2007

This event will be host to the Northern Shores Archery Championship. The rolling hills of Ynys Y Gwaed will challenge all archers. Beautiful views, constant breeze and crazy barbarians!

Short and long distances will be shot over the course of Saturday (if bad weather, Sunday, if bad, Monday but it's always been sunny when we shoot)!

Candidates are requested to submit a letter of intent to me, if they are able.

I believe a champion strives to be the best and for this tournament, it comes with responsibilities. One of which includes running the next archery tournament within a year (or by end of the next year's archery season). As you are the champion you may choose the place of the tournament so that it may be where you will also be, working of course with marshals and local autocrats. Tell all in advance so that archers may hear of it and plan to travel to it in the next year.

Champions are looked up to by the populace, young and old alike, and should be seen as a good example of chivalric conduct. Candidates know this well in their heart, that the job of a champion does not end with the winning of the tournament and so it is now.

Ruantallan War Camp shall also have many days of archery! All are welcome to attend this major event. We will be hosting the Baronial Archery Champions and a visitor on the range shall be the Captain General of Archers of the East, Master Mark Squirrelsbane.

## Notice of Correction

In the April 2007 *Aurora Borealis*, in the article regarding youth combat, the name of Lord Gilbert the Short should appear as a warranted marshal.

My apologies for the error,  
Baron Hensojin

## From the Badger Herald

As a result of civic re-addressing, as of June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007, the address for Badger Herald will be:

Elizabeth Crux  
12 Nabob Court,  
Dartmouth, NS, B2W 3B4

## Wedding Bells in Le Dragonet

Let it be known to all that nobody shall henceforth lay hand to Cristoforo Donatello dei Visconti, as we will be married on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 12:07h and he will be mine.

If someone has something to say, let it be now, or may he hold his thong forever.

I promise to make him happy, so next time you see him he will have his big smile and blue eyes that make me weak in the knees.

His name is known throughout the East Kingdom and Ealdomere and he is still full of project ideas, so you will still see more of him. If he has made a piece of garb for you, please feel free to send me an image of you wearing it, so that I might add it to his online museum at <http://danielbienvenue0.tripod.com/>

Lord Robin dit Dessaint  
Herald of the Le Garnison du Dragonet  
Scribe of the East

### 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.

## A Word Regarding Copyright

Baroness Zaneta "Gavlinne" Angiolieri  
NSR Deputy Webminister

Greetings unto the populace of the Northern Shores Region,

In the past several weeks I have been asked by a number of people about photographs and images they contribute to various SCA sites. Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who contributes photos and/or graphics, as I believe it makes the websites of the Northern Shores Region all that more visually pleasing. They also serve as a wonderful demonstration of this game we play, and may, I hope, attract interest from those already familiar with the game and those who might want to join!

However, it is important for everyone in this very digital age to understand that photos and graphics contributed to one site does NOT waive the rights of the person(s) who either took them/created them. It has been brought to my attention that photographs originally submitted to one site have shown up on personal websites, household websites, and even facebook and other blog-type environments. Although I appreciate our desire to share great moments captured on film with friends and family, please remember that the images you may be "borrowing" actually belong to someone. At the very least, if you have images on your site, facebook, blog, what-have-you, that you did not take, please credit the photographer. It is their artistic work that you have borrowed without permission, and by crediting them you will show an act of good faith on your part.

Preferably, you should contact the photographer or graphic designer BEFORE you post their work(s) on your website to obtain their permission. If you do not know how to contact them, ask the administrator of the originating site of the image/graphic.

If you are a photographer/graphic designer who finds their work displayed on a site or online environment without credit and without your permission, you should advise the owner/individual of that online environment. This is a common problem, not just within the SCA, and one that we have a responsibility to bring attention to when it occurs in an effort to educate people on copyright policies.

I encourage everyone to take a few moments, review your sites, journals, blogs, etc. and make sure that you aren't violating the copyrights of one of the generous members of your region or your Kingdom, and I thank you in advance for your due diligence.

### NSR Regional Championships

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

**Northern Shores Rattan Championship**  
(for Fall 2007)

**Northern Shores Arts & Sciences Championship**  
(for Fall 2007)

**Northern Shores Rapier Championships**  
(2008)

**Northern Shores Archery Championships**  
(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 groups considering a bid for a Kingdom level event, please advise the populace of the region, so that we, as the Northern Shores Region, can work together to avoid potential event conflicts. The region has a yahoo mailing group called "northprinc" to help facilitate communications across our vast region.

### 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 October 1, 2007.

All contributions for the next issue must be received no later than September 1, 2007. No submissions after that date will be accepted for the October issue.

#### Contributions should be sent to:

H.E. Mistress Gwenhwyfar Dinas Emrys  
([gwen@moonsandstars.com](mailto:gwen@moonsandstars.com))

### Did you know...

That Michaelmas, or the Feast of St. Michael, is September 29<sup>th</sup>? Traditionally the feast included a well-fattened goose, which had fed well on the stubble of the fields after the harvest, and large loaves of bread, specially made for this one day of the year.

# Proposed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the running of Regional (Rattan) Championships

H.E. Master Conrad Connor MacAllyn

## Northern Shores Region Rattan Championship (NSRRC)

Time of year:	Fall (Mid-September to Mid-December)
Responsibility:	Regional Deputy Earl Marshal (DEM) Regional Deputy Minister of the Lists (DMOL) Current Regional Champion
Rotation:	QC \ NB-NF \ NS-PEI
Format:	To be agreed upon by the DEM and Current Champion
Regalia:	
Current Champion:	Sword and Champion's Tunic
Previous Champions:	Blue leather garter

### Proposed Procedures:

1. Frequency
  - 1.1 The NSRRC takes place once per year, during the fall months (between Mid-September and Mid-December)
2. Rotation
  - 2.1 The NSRRC is to be held on rotation in three different "areas" of the region. The "areas" are defined as follows:
    - i. East (All groups within Ruantallan)
    - ii. Centre (Ar n-eilean-ne, Lyndhaven)
    - iii. West (All groups in Quebec)
  - 2.2 The order of rotation shall be East-West-Centre on a repeating rotation. If an area on rotation passes on a bid, it must wait until the next full rotation to be eligible again.
  - 2.3 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.
3. Bids
  - 3.1 Bids to host the NSRRC shall be submitted no later than March 15th (or 6 months prior to event date.)
  - 3.2 Any group in an "area" on the rotation can submit a bid to host the next NSRRC.
  - 3.3 If no group within an 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 in the area that are next on the rotation schedule.
  - 3.4 Bids approved by the local Curia shall be sent to the current Champion and DEM.
4. Announcement
  - 4.1 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 Pikestaff and the EK website) no later than 4 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.
5. Participation
  - 5.1 To be approved for participation, a fighter must:
    - i. Be a resident of the Northern Shores Region for at least the last 6 months (Fighters from outside the region may participate in the tournament, but CANNOT be proclaimed champion if victorious in the tournament.)
    - ii. Be authorized as a fighter in the East Kingdom with a valid Fighter Authorization card.
  - 5.2 The current Champion cannot win two successive championships, and therefore cannot defend his/her title.
  - 5.3 Participation is a privilege. As such, to participate in the NSRRC, a fighter must send in a letter of intent to the current Champion and MOL. This measure is to insure that all the paperwork for the fighter is up to date and validated. Failure to send in a letter of intent may result in the fighter being refused entry into the tournament as a contender.
  - 5.4 The potential champion should have a consort to fight for. (The reason for this is that the championship was originally planned as the pre-cursor for our principality coronet tournament).
  - 5.5 A fighter shall not knowingly accept the mantle of Champion if he/she will be moving out of the Region within the next year.

# NSR Rapier Championships – from the Past Champion

*Lord Tiberius Tarius Britannicus*

Unto the Populace of the Northern Shores Region do I, Dominus T. Tarius Britannicus once again send my greetings!

It was my honor as outgoing Northern Shores Regional Rapier Champion to hold the Rapier Tourney for our fair Region, and I write to officially share the results of the Championship held in the Canton of Ynys y Gwaed.

Before I begin with the tourney, I wish to say that I have traveled to many groups within our Eastern Kingdom, yet I was astounded by the hospitality and accommodation from Ynys y Gwaed and from the Autocrat, Lady Alessandra Francesca di Milano. I encourage all to travel to this lovely Canton. The distance may be great for some of us, but the memories, friends and full tummies that we take away from such trips certainly make it worth it. My thanks to the entire Canton.

The tourney saw a field of thirteen and another three combatants who entered the lists for the first round, to partake of the fencing but not to compete. **From Lyndhaven:** Lord Hew of Kilraag, Lord Jonathan O'Rose, Lady Mártoni Szarva Kató (Katinka) and Lord Barnbus O'Pheylan. **From Ruantallan:** Lord Guthfrith Yrlingson, Lord Pietro da Montalcino, Lord Lachlan Mac an Toisich of Benchar, Lady Janet Kempe and Lady Elise ferch Morgan ap Owen. **From Dragon Dormant:** Lord Johaan Von Dannicus, Lord Cosmano Piero Michelotto da Roma, Lord Angall Ó Fearghail and Lord Franco di Dominico.

Those who participated in the first round but who did not compete for the Championship: Lord Eric William Morris, Lady Muirghean Hewitt and Lord Tiberius Tarius Britannicus

The first round was a round robin of two pools (8 participants in each), in which each Rapier Fighter was required to go three passes with every other participant. Points from this round were scored by the first Fighter to win two of the three bouts. The results were tracked by the good Lady Tegera, who served as the tourney's MOL.

The second round found each of the competitors required to identify a selection of the group arms of the Northern Shores. Points from the first round and the second round were then tallied by our MOL.

The third round saw 5 combatants advanced: Lord Lachlan Mac an Toisich of Benchar, Lord Cosmano Piero Michelotto da Roma, Lord Guthfrith Yrlingson, Lord Johaan Von Dannicus, Lady Elise ferch Morgan ap Owen

This round was a Champions Gate round. A tradition established by Lord Cosmano when he held the Regional Championship in the proceeding year. Each of the Fighters met me for three passes upon the field, where any loss to me, or double kill, resulted in a loss of one point from their totals. All Fighters did well, and conducted themselves with honor and skill. My warmest thanks to each of them for meeting me upon the field, I only wish that I had not been ill and was a more challenging opponent.

From this round, our MOL found that we had tie. Instead of two combatants advancing to the final round, three Lords were advanced, including Lord Cosmano, Lord Guthfrith and Lord Lachlan.

In this round, each combatant met again in a round robin, fencing each other for three passes. Points were scored for each bout. After many breathless and fierce bouts, with many displays of Chivalry and courtesy, our MOL again found that we had a two way tie for the winner of the tournament.

From here, I elected to place both of the final combatants, Lord Cosmano and Lord Guthfrith, both past Regional Rapier Champions, into one final bout. This final bout would determine the new Regional Rapier Champion. Again, the crowd assembled to watch two mighty fighters battled for the honor. With great shows of skill and honor, both combatants proved their worth as nobles within our Society. Finally. Lord Cosmano Piero Michelotto da Roma was able to slip a blade past the defenses of Lord Guthfrith Yrlingson, establishing himself as the newest Regional Rapier Champion, once again.

May thanks to all of the combatants and their Inspirations, to Lady Tegera for acting as MOL, to the Lady Alessandra Francesca di Milano for autocrating the event, to Their Excellencies of Ruantallan for permitting the event be held in Their Barony, and to those who assembled to watch the tourney. I shall now enjoy my 'year off' as I wait to compete in next year's Championship, to be hosted in the Shire of Lyndhaven or the Shire of Ar n-Eilean-ne.