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Greetings to the Most Excellent Barony-Marche of the Debatale Lands!

The weather has turned hot and we are fully in the swing of our Summer activities. For those of us attending Pennsic, we are in the midst of "Pennsic Panic" and preparing for our one- or two-week sojourn to Cooper's Lake.

We have had two successful events this quarter – KWHSS and Iron Comet –

- I want to thank Master Alaric and THL Raven, the co-autocrats for KWHSS, for coordinating such a wonderful event. It was nice to hear people excitedly talking about classes they had attended, or making arrangements with their friends to get handouts from classes that they couldn't take. It truly showed Aethelmearc, and the Barony, at its finest.
- Also, a huge thank you to THL Jorundr and THL Murigheal for working so hard to make Iron Comet not only happen, but to coordinate such a wonderful day. There were several people that reached outside of their comfort zone and tried different martial activities and had a blast. Vivant to our new Baronial martial champions:

Rapier Fighting: THL Ru Cavorst, seconded by Lady Ciarrdha Eilis

Youth Archery: Otto Brandulfrsson

Archery: Tigerna Alister Sionnach MacLeod, seconded by Lord Godfrey de Bayeux

Heavy Fighting: Lord Robert MacEwin, seconded by THL Guillaume le Noir

Thrown Weapons: Lord Thomas of the Debatale Lands, seconded by Lady Dorothea Starke Schutz

Youth Fighting: Fox

Don't forget that we have our annual Garb Swap at the July Barony Meeting on 19 July 2018. There are a couple of other activities being finalized, including a fundraiser for SASS. Look for those announcements closer to the date.

Along with our usual activities, there is so much to do in the Barony. If you are new and trying to figure out what things excite and inspire you or if you've been around for a while and want to learn a new skill, I encourage that you check out A&S Night, where there are a broad range of topics covered every Thursday or, for the martially inclined, attend Fighter Practice on Sundays. To find out where and when things are going on in the Barony, check out our Calendar at <http://www.debatalelands.org/calendar.php>.

As always, if you have any ideas about how to improve anything in the Barony or have concerns, I am available via email (seneschal@debatalelands.org), in person at events and meetings, or using our new Baronial Suggestion Box.

In Service to the Barony,

OVB

Odriana, Seneschal



Baron and Baroness

Hello Debatable Lands! By the time you read this, you will be deep in your Pennsic Preparations! We hope to see you at our Pennsic Prep July Barony Meeting, featuring Mistress Constance's ever-popular garb-swap (details elsewhere in this fine publication and online [remove that first bit if not - I'm assuming]), and a fine class - "So It's Your First Pennsic", by Lord Ronan and Lord Yoshi. The Debatable Lands Camp Meeting for those camping with the Barony will follow the class. It's always a great time! More on Pennsic later, but first...

Thank you so much to Master Alaric and THL Raven and their fine staff for running Knowne World Herald's and Scribes Symposium (joint Debatable Lands/Sunderoak event). It was a smashing success, and my goodness, did the Comet folk shine! We received dozens of compliments from people across the Knowne World! Good job! Also thank you to THL Jornudr and his staff for running Iron Comet Challenge and Baronial Champions! As of this writing, it's still a week away, and we are excited to see the great prowess of our Baronial warriors, archers and throwers, and those competing for the Iron Comet Champion title, from across the region! And for our new Champions!

Between Iron Comet Challenge/Baronial Champs and Pennsic, we will be traveling to Pax Interruptus on July 7th to attend the Investiture of our Thescorrian cousins. As new landed Baronage, it's traditional for the other landed Baronages to give a gift basket to start their largesse stockpile. If you can contribute to this basket (narrow wares, soaps, trinkets, jewelry, sewing kits, award medallions for Thescorre, etc), please contact us or our Largesse Coordinator, Lady Ashling, at largesse@debatablelands.org.

PENNSIC! AHHHH! Only a few weeks away! The Barony has so much going on, which will be announced again and in more detail in a few weeks, but here are the highlights:

* Middle Sunday, AEthelmearc Royal, we will host the free Baronial reception, from 4pm to 7pm, food first, followed by Baronial (and Kingdom!) Court.

*Immediately following, Camp Goedeten will host a memorial for our beloved Baron Len, across Cariodoc's from Debatable Lands camp.

*Our Barony is also hosting the Known World Baronial Youth Fighting Champions' tourney. Please come and cheer on the kids, or even help out with heralding and support! 12:30 to 3pm Tuesday War Week, youth lists.

*Monday will see performances by both the Debatable Choir (earlier in the evening this year - check the booklet!) and I Genesis - the Greatest Commedia Dell'Arte Troupe in the Knowne World!!

*Additionally, as is our tradition, I am personally asking each of you to consider helping out with AE Royal tear-down, Friday of war week. They usually have enough for set up, but are lacking in volunteers for tear down. And well... we live closer than most people. :)

*Opening Ceremonies! We'll be marching as a Barony, and we have the best seats in the house!

*The Great Baronial Quest... this will be fun.... Details forthcoming... [insert spooky Baroness foreshadowing noises]

We look forward to seeing our Baronial fighters (heavy, rapier, and youth), throwers and archers on their fields and ranges of honor! Please, let your pride shine out, for we are so proud of you! If you'd like to display your Baronial pride on these marshal lists, please see our Heavy Unit Commander, Master Kieran, for our new, very sturdy and well-made Baronial baldrics. Thank you Master Kieran for masterminding and crafting, Mistress Ts'veen'a for designing and doing much of the sewing, and THL Hara and THL Ishiyama for ironing and sewing. Also the Debatable Choir for being good sports about being conscripted to turn the cloth tubes! They all worked hard on this fine project - let's show these baldrics off!

As always, do not hesitate to come to us with comments, questions, and concerns!

In Levitate et Caritate, and Cheers, Baron Brandubh and Baroness Hilda



Exchequer

Greetings from the Office of the Exchequer! We have hosted two events recently, Known World Herald's and Scribes and Iron Comet. The numbers are still out on Iron Comet, but the barony did well financially at KWHSS, with major thanks to Master Alaric MacConnal for getting the hotel space donated and using his ingenuity to make other parts of the event less expensive. Thank you to all of the people who worked hard on both of these events, especially those at troll such as the Honorable Lady Kikumatsu Hara, our lead troll for both events, Tigerna Alister Sionnach MacLeod, Crystal of the Debatable Lands, Lady Ceindrech merch Elidir, Lady Rivka bat Daniyel, the Honorable Lady Muirgheal inghean Dubhghaill, Lady Margery of Kent and a few others.

The bank account at PNC is officially closed. If you find any remaining checks that were not cashed from that account, please do not try to cash them. I will get you a new check if one is needed.

I know everyone else is just like me and they're busy worrying about Pennsic, but the barony's next big event is Agincourt in October. I am the head troll for that event. You can pre-register and save a couple bucks off the door price. Check out the event page for more information.

Did you know that pre-registration helps the barony to save money? One of the biggest costs for events is usually food. When more people pre-register, it is easier for our cooks to purchase the correct amount of food from the places with the best prices. When we overestimate, we end up with food we cannot return and end up wasting. When we underestimate, we need to send people out during the day of the event to run around and find ingredients. Sometimes, that means we need to spend more money on ingredients. Please help us put your money to work in a smart way! Pre-reg!

Lady Arthes Macleod

Exchequer



Chronicle

Good day and greetings Debatable Lands! We have a news letter, we have content on our blog, and we have it all on time! For the Althing and Blog to be successful I need your help. We're always looking for new content from the populace of the Barony. Send me your period recipes or guild announcements, your championship reports or your experience at an event. Anything that you have for the Barony to see so that we can grow and share with our grand populace as much as possible! All content will be published to the blog upon receiving it and then aggregated into the news letter. All reports or populace articles are due for the news letter on the 15th of the last month of the quarter for release on the last day of the quarter (Example September 15th deadline for September 30th publish date will be the next news letter.)

Thank you to those that have submitted officer reports and content in the last quarter and to those that will in the coming quarter.

In Service,

Tigerna A. Sionnach Macleod



Brewers Guild

Greetings brewers of the Debatable Lands and those who are interested in the brewing arts! This year the Debatable Lands Brewers Guild is in action and we have several exciting announcements for you!

First, we are happy to announce that the guild will once again be having monthly meetings under the leadership of our new guildmaster, Lady Alysoun of the Debatable Lands! Lady Alysoun hosts the guild meetings at her house on the 1st Wednesday of every month. Look for future posts to our website's calendar and blog for more information. Anyone over the age of 21 is welcome to join us as we plan projects and trips for the future, discuss our recipes and current brews in the works, and sample some delicious drinks!

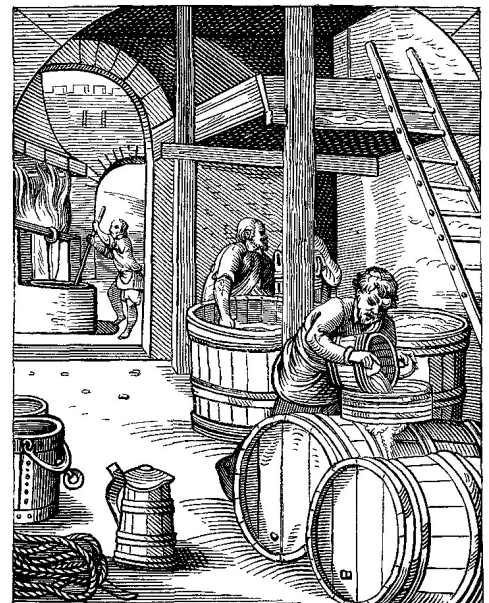
Next, the guild would like to present its newest service, the Brewers Guild Lending Library! If you're interested in brewing but you don't have the equipment, you can now borrow it from our extensive inventory. We have everything you might need from carboys and buckets to stoppers, and tubes. If you would like to borrow our equipment or see what we have available, then come to a meeting or send an email request to Lady Alysoun at brewing@debatablelands.org.

Finally, and perhaps most excitingly, our plans for PENNSIC! This year the Debatable Lands Brewers Guild will be bringing a few refreshments to the Baronial Camp Party held on Sunday, August 5th. We've put together 2 different cider drinks made with English cider yeast and saison yeast from Soergel Orchards. Thank you to Master Tofi for picking up all the ingredients and for storing the brews at his house while they are prepared. We hope everyone has a chance to stop by the camp and give them a taste!

See you all at Pennsic, and remember the most important thing about drinking at camp- **STAY HYDRATED!**

Sláinte mhaith! (Good health),

Editors note: Hail Hydrate!



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This prior brewers guild update published on 4/29/2018:

Exciting news for anyone who likes to brew (or drink): the Brewers Guild is up and running again! Lady Alysoun of the Debatable Lands is taking over as Guildmistress, and Lord Ronan O'Conall is her Deputy.

After polling the populace for interest, we have received 15 responses so far from people who would like to be involved in the guild. They range from beginners to experts and hail largely from BMDL, though some are further afield. We have also had great support from the Æthelmearc Brewers Guild, which is pushing out our news to their network as well.

Any and all interested parties are welcome to join the monthly meetings, which will be held at Alysoun's home in Pleasant Hills. They will take place at 7pm on the first Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise noted.

At the time of this update, we are looking forward to our first meeting, which will be held on May 2 and will serve as a planning session to determine how best to create value for our members and the society at large. Please look for additional updates on the barony blog and on Facebook as we get organized. You can always reach Alysoun here with questions: alisonlsteel@gmail.com

Just a quick thank you...

I had a wonderful time at Iron comet and just wanted to thank not only those who worked hard to put on the event and the phenomenal cooks but also those prior champions that took the time to design and run competitions, those that competed in said competitions, and all those that came to witness and support the champions and their competitors.

Thank you for supporting our fighters, fencers, throwers, and archers and to all those that competed. Vivat!

Tigerna A. Sionnach MacLeod—Debatable Lands Archery Champion



Who's Who in Commedia del Arte

– Maighstir Liam MacantSaoir

If you have attended some commedia del Arte performance at Pennsic or another event, you have probably noticed that some of the characters in different performances have the same names, no matter what commedia troupe you are seeing. Commedia del Arte has a set of stock characters that are essential to the art form. Commedia del Arte performances themselves are largely improvised but based on a structure written in advance.

The first group of stock characters are called the “Vecchi.” The Vecchi are the people of the upper class in Venice. These characters are usually the master of two different households. Pantalone is a shrewd business man who never wants to let money go. Pantalone is also known for being rather lecherous, chasing young women and visiting the local house of ill repute. Dottore is often a doctor and sometimes lawyer. Dottore is known for his vast knowledge that he gained in University, which may or may not be factual. Occasionally, Pantalone has a wife but most often he is a widower, or the wife does not appear in the play.

The second group of characters is the “Innamorati” (the lovers) these are characters that are the sons and daughters of Pantalone and Dottore. They are often very important to the plot, often looking for love, marriage and sex. The male characters are technically called “Innamorato” and the females “Inamorata.” The story of the lovers may be that they are looking for love, have ended their love affair, or are in competition with another for someone’s love. The story of the lovers may be complicated by siblings, their parents, or their servants. Both the Innamorato and Inamorata can vary in names and how they act. Some Innamorato are very masculine and virile, and some are the exact opposite, some may be very intelligent, and some may be incredibly unintelligent.

The third group of characters are the “Zanni.” The Zanni are the servant class, usually poorly clothed and perform menial jobs for the Innamorati and the Vecchi. The Zanni are the clowns of the show. The Zanni include such characters as Arlechino, who can be a servant for either household, he is usually dimwitted and food driven. Francheschina, who is usually a house maid for either house and often very frisky towards other Zanni characters. Brighella, who is often known as a freelance servant who will take care of things for anyone for a price, he can be the muscle, the thief or the murderer. The Zanni can have other names and serve in other roles to include the person that runs the local brothel, or other street urchins.

Commedia del Arte characters are still prevalent in many modern comedy television shows and movies today. Now that you understand who the characters are and what they do, I hope that you will see some commedia at Pennsic. The Pennsic University has a Commedia tract for anyone that is interested in learning more about commedia. In September, the first ever Known World Commedia Symposium will take place in the Shire of Ballachlagan, less than an hours drive from the BMDL and it will host classes on Commedia and “All Things Italian.”

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Helga Ball at Pennsic

Please join us for Helga ball at Pennsic on August 731st at Pennsic! Check out the following article from The Althing published in September 2017 about last years Helga ball Tourney

Please contact Maighstir Liam MacantSaoir at medicmacintyre@gmail.com for more information or to register your team!

Helga Ball Tournament at Pennsic (Archival article from AS LII Althing September 2017)

Maighstir Liam MacantSaoir

Two men appear walking up the battlefield dressed as beautiful Valkyiers, teams of fierce women gather and report in to the Mistress of the Lysts, a cabbage is placed in the middle of the field, and the combat begins. This is Helga Ball!

This year at Pennsic the Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands sponsored the first ever Pennsic Helga Ball Tournament. The even was organized the Baroness Constance Glyn Dwr, Maighstir Liam MacantSaoir, and their Clan Crann Bethadh.

If you have not experienced Helga Ball, imagine a mixture of rugby and soccer played with a cabbage. The cabbage is the ball, it is not allowed to be touched with the bare hands, it can be picked up with a skirt, apron, or headscarf and carried to the goal line. The goal line is kept by two goal posts, usually men. One side is designated as the Helgas and the other is designated as the Olgas, Helgas being the home team and Olgas being the away team. The goal posts can occasionally be bribed, moved, or flirted with in order to change the game and make it a little more fun.

The tournament this year consisted of 5 teams. The teams were Grimmr Kette mostly from BMDL, Dirty Snowflakes with some BMDL and others of AEthelmearc, Black Talon who has members from AEthelmearc and the Midrealm, Thugs with Juggs from Atlantia and the winners of the tournament were Twisted Sisters from the East Kingdom.

All of the teams and those on the sidelines had a great time, the games were hard fought and the players were laughing most of the time. The referees reported jaw and belly pain from laughing the entire time. It was great fun, and plans are already being made for next year for a bigger better tournament.

Many thanks to those from the Barony who assisted in the tournament, Lore Alister MacLeod, Lady Arthes MacLeod, Lord Yoshi, Lady Kathryn Tantzal, THL Kuma, Lady Zianna, and THL Elss of Augsburg.



Upcoming Events:

Barony meeting and Garb Swap - July 15th

Pennsic War 47 July 27th through August 12th (Check the Pennsic War website for a schedule of events and classes!)

Business meeting - August 15th

Barony meeting - September 15th

Third Quarter Althing submission deadline - September 15th

Known World Comedia - September 21th through September 23rd

Agincourt - October 19th through October 21st