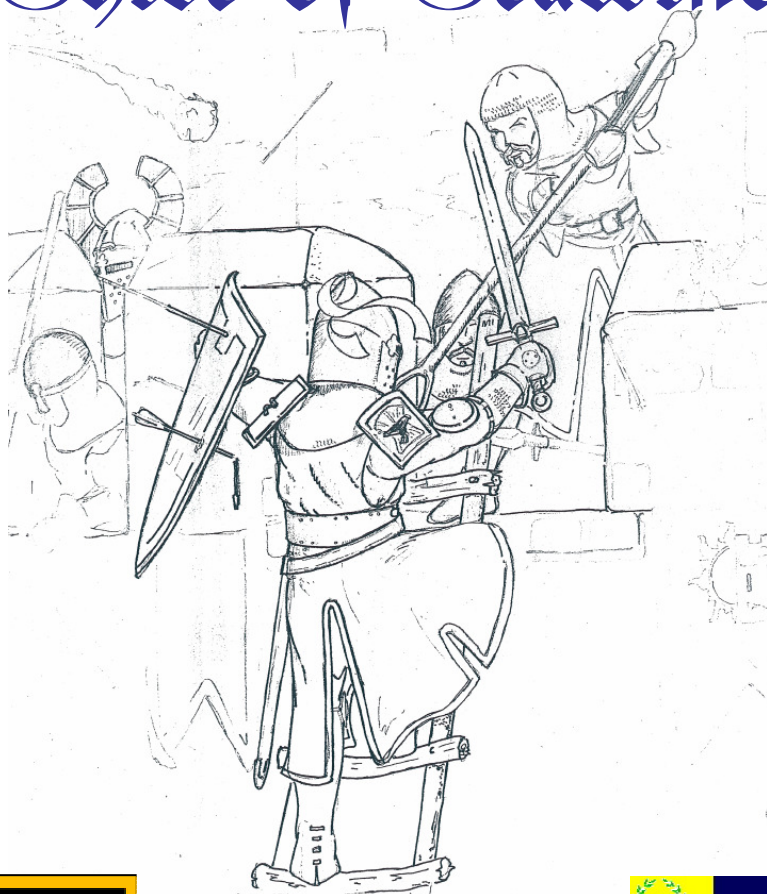


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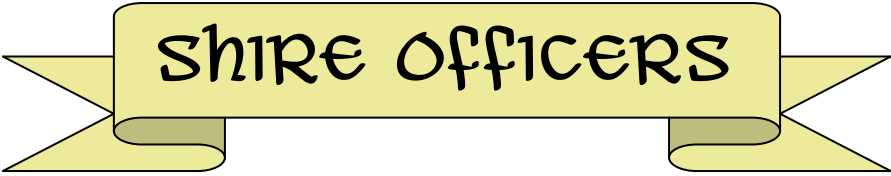
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Attention all patrons:

Submissions of original artwork, short stories, poems, and tidbits of information are always needed. Please send all your talents to the Chronicler! Also, ye Seawinds Historian is in search of Shire History. If you have any old Sandscrits, Blackstars, event handouts or tokens, photo or stories to share, please contact historian@seawinds.org. Your contribution to the history of Seawinds is greatly appreciated.

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Officer Reports



From the Seneschal

Greetings unto the populace,

This last month, we held a meeting concerning the future of Seawinds becoming a barony. We discussed both the pros and cons of Seawinds becoming a Barony and had yet another vote at the close of the meeting. The meeting minutes are posted in this issue of the Sandskrit.

Onto upcoming news: We have a demo scheduled for May the 10th and 11th with the South Texas Celtic Music Festival at Del Mar West Campus. The area is beautiful with plenty of room for fighting. So set this date on your calendar.

We are still searching for a new minister of Arts and Sciences to take over for Lady Joanna this June! This is less than two months away. If you are interested, please send your application to myself and HL Caitriona, our Regional A&S minister.

On a final note, there are many things going on in Seawinds right now. I encourage our 60+ members to come out and play. Attend fighter practice, officers meeting, populous meeting, and A&S night. Let us get together and have an impromptu sewing guild meeting, fighter practice, or armor making session. Let's plan a revel for no other reason than just to get together and enjoy each others company!

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From the A&S Minister

Greetings,

We have had several successful meetings at the Museum of Science and History this past month on topics such as scroll painting, brewing, garb, and some lovely paintings by Kathryn. I am proud of the endeavors and imaginations of Seawinds.

The two years have gone quickly and it will soon be time for me to step down as Minister of A&S. It has been a fun time working with the many talented people in our shire and we have all benefited from it.

If you are interested in applying for this position, the seneschal is now accepting applications. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have on this office. Remember, it is not necessary for the MoAS to be able to do the activities, but rather to organize and encourage them.

Lady Joanna the Spinner
Minister of Arts & Science



From the Historian

A moment in Seawinds history...

Seawinds Defender IV: April 3-5, 1998,
Texas Sky Park, Corpus Christi, Texas

Seawinds Defender IV was held in conjunction with a Renaissance Festival at Texas Sky Park. The autocrats for this event were Eliberio Antolinez Sancho Del Mar and Diego de Valor with Gillianne Macguire and Giulianna Iren Arentino as feastocrats.

Activities for this event included chivalric and rapier tournaments to choose our new Defenders, an Arts and Science competition, archery competition, silent auction and a Bardic competition. The Seawinds Players' first production was presented at this event. It was an adaptation of Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*. Lord Henri de Garthier was the director and producer.

Lord Randall der Kreiger was chosen as our Chivalric Defender and Lord Henri de Gautier our Rapier Defender. Lord Einar Wolfcoat was the winner of the A&S competition and Lord Robin or Seawinds was the Bardic champion. A total of \$371 was raised at the silent auction thanks to the donations from shire members.

The event was dedicated to Kay Donahue, a shire member, who passed away on April 1, 1998.

Note: I am seeking additional information concerning this event. Did we hold court? If so who presided and were awards presented. Who were the Seawind's Players? Do you have any stories to tell or pictures to share? How about the site token? Please contact me at prand@swbell.net if you have anything to share.

Sentinel of the Shell: or The Mystery of the Missing Event

Your historian has been researching our Defender events attempting to gather as much information about them as I can, especially who all our defenders were. In my research I have discovered possibly a missing event—Sentinel of the Shell? This event was on the kingdom calendar at one point for October 7-9, 1994. I have no other information concerning this event. So you long-time members dust off your memory and let me know if you can shed some light on this event. Was it cancelled? Rescheduled? Did we hold a Defender Tournament that year at all?

HL Caitriona
Seawinds Historian



Jousting in South Texas

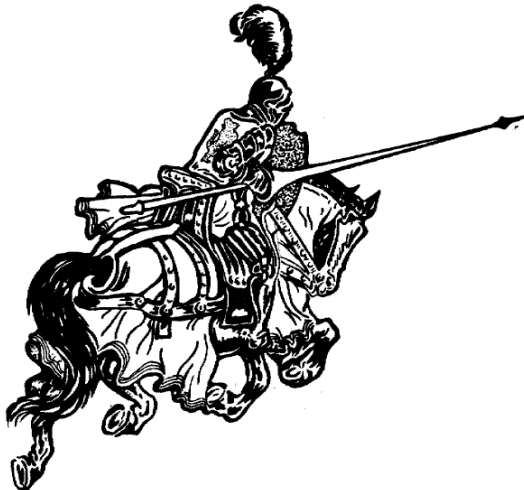
Jousting didn't stop in the Middle Ages. It can be traced back to the south Texas area in the not-so-distant past.

Entertainment and leisure activities in early Kingsville varied, but jousting was a favorite event at the fairs and gatherings. Inspired by the romantic novel "Ivanhoe," jousting became a popular sport in south Texas during the early 1900s. Jousting contests, called tournaments, were held at barbecues, county fairs, 4th of July celebrations and on remote ranches to challenge the horsemanship and skills of the vaqueros. Jousting tournaments were social events, often accompanied by a great deal of fanfare. Parades with contestants and horses colorfully adorned were common. Of course each contestant has his own entourage of fair maidens and families to support and cheer him on.

In each tournament mounted "knights" use their 6' lightweight wood lances to spear rings within a set time limit. The contest consisted of 3 rounds with a possible score of 3 rings per round for a maximum score of 9 rings. Tournament competition required skillful riding, speed and accuracy.

A knight was allowed three runs at full speed to collect his possible total of 9 rings. To increase suspense and give horses a rest, the course was traversed by contestants taking turns. Sometimes hurdles were near the posts to make the attempt more difficult. The course was 200 yards long with the 3" rings suspended at 50 yard intervals. Jousting was followed by the south Texas version of feast, barbecue and dancing.

For more information and to see a drawn diagram of the jousting course, visit the John Connor Museum on the campus of Texas A&M Kingsville.



Officer's Meeting Minutes

Officers' Meeting April 7, 2008

Members present:

Autumn, Patty, Joanne, Brandy, Chad

7:00 PM Meeting opened

7:00 PM Officers' Reports

Treasurer - John - Not Present.

Hospitaler – Brandy

Brandy has taken over the position of Hospitaler

Chronicler – Chad

Working on April Sandscrit. Needs articles and submissions.

A&S Minister – Joanne

Office is open and accepting applications. We are currently holding A&S meetings every Tuesday at the Museum of Natural Science and History.

Herald – Byron - Not present

Event went well. No submissions or consultations.

Seneschal – Autumn

We have 2 offices open: Hospitaler and A&S Minister.

7:15 New Business

- **Defender 2008**
Searching for a new site. Discussed fundraising ideas to be held at Defender for the Seawinds 25th Anniversary at the following Coastal Invasion. Ideas included a silent and/or live auction, a live slave auction, selling decorative chair covers, and a donation lunch.
- **Collapsible Castle**
A collapsible castle would be beneficial to the Benavides site by bringing in more people.
- **Demo May 10-11**
The Celtic Music Festival has invited us to join them on May the 10 & 11 at the Del Mar West Campus. We will have a large open outdoor area to set up a list field and anything else we wish.
- **Weekend Fighter Practice**
A weekend fighter practice has been scheduled for the last Saturday in April.

8:45 Meeting adjourned





Barony Discussion Minutes

Barony Discussion March 20, 2008

Members present:

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| Autumn | Gary | Pam | Rick |
| Brandy | George | Patty | Shelly |
| Byron | Joanne | Peggy | Tabitha |
| Chad | John | Rada | |
| Chris | Kim | Richard | |

6:20 PM - Meeting opened

Points Discussed:

Patty - What Baron William says about being a barony: It is no more work than what we do already. You have to hold at least one event, occasionally a kingdom-level event, and have a full slate of officers. All these things we already do.

Gavin - What former Baron Thomas says about being a barony: Same sentiments as Baron William but there will be more politics and more political opportunities.

John - Whether we are a fantastic shire, or an ok barony doesn't matter because we are still going to be Seawinds.

Autumn (Points that those not present have brought up) - We might lose the "homey" feel that many people like about Seawinds. Some people may only support elevation if candidates X and Y are chosen as Baron and Baroness. We have a small core group, who will carry the work of the barony once the core group gets tired?

Byron - There will be a great expense for the group upon elevation, can we really afford it? After all, we can't even afford a new trailer.

Autumn (Points that those not present have brought up) - People are going out of the group (to kingdom) with problems that are never addressed within the group, and the group is never made aware of the problem. This makes us look like we are not self-sufficient and cannot address problems without help from Kingdom level.

Kim - The same few people do all the work for the group, and she, personally, is very tired.

George - We do not have enough fighters should the crown call upon us for war.

Gavin - The time line to become a barony is 1.5 to 2 years.

The final vote was taken at 7:30 pm.

The following had absentee votes:


Scott
Lauren
Clayton

The results of the vote: Yes 77% No 14% Abstain 9%

The Seneschal (Lady Arianna) will be contacting both the Kingdom Seneschal and Regional Seneschal to find out what the next step will be for us.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact her by e-mail privately at: arianna_janae@yahoo.com or by phone at 361-876-2999.





This Month in History

April 2

68 - Galba, governor of Hispania, names himself *legatus senatus populi que Romani*, breaking the line of Roman emperors begun with Julius Caesar and Augustus.

1453 - Mehmed II begins his siege of Constantinople (Istanbul), which would fall on May 29.

1513 - Juan Ponce de Leon sets foot on Florida becoming the first European known to do so.

April 4

1581 - Francis Drake completes a circumnavigation of the world and is knighted by Elizabeth I.

April 5

456 - St. Patrick returns to Ireland as a missionary bishop.

1566 - Two-hundred Dutch noblemen, led by Hendrik van Brederode, force themselves into the presence of Margaret of Parma and present the Petition of Compromise, denouncing the Spanish Inquisition in the Netherlands. The Inquisition is suspended and a delegation is sent to Spain to petition Philip II.

April 7

1521 - Ferdinand Magellan arrives at Cebu.

April 8

1513 - Explorer Juan Ponce de León declares Florida a territory of Spain .

April 9

1682 - Robert Cavalier de La Salle discovers the mouth of the Mississippi River, claims it for France and names it Louisiana.

April 10

1606 - The Charter of the Virginia Company of London was established by royal charter by James I of England with the purpose of establishing colonial settlements in North America.

April 12

1606 - The Union Flag is adopted as the flag of Great Britain.

April 13

1204 - The Fourth Crusade sacks Constantinople.

1250 - The Seventh Crusade is defeated in Egypt, Louis IX of France is captured.

April 16

1178 BC - A solar eclipse may have marked the return of Odysseus, legendary King of Ithaca, to his kingdom after the Trojan War.

73 - Masada, a Jewish fortress, falls to the Romans after several months of siege, ending the Jewish Revolt.

1521 - Martin Luther's first appearance before the Diet of Worms to be examined by the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V and the other estates of the empire.

April 17

1397 - Geoffrey Chaucer tells the Canterbury Tales for the first time at the court of Richard II. Chaucer scholars have also identified this date (in 1387) as when the book's pilgrimage to Canterbury starts.

1492 - Spain and Christopher Columbus sign a contract for him to sail to Asia to get spices.

1521 - Martin Luther speaks to the assembly at the Diet of Worms, refusing to recant his teachings.

April 18

1506 - The cornerstone of the current St. Peter's Basilica is laid in the Vatican City in Rome.

April 19

1587 - Sir Francis Drake sinks the Spanish fleet in Cádiz harbor.

April 20

1653 - Oliver Cromwell dissolves the Rump Parliament.

April 21

753 BC - Romulus and Remus found Rome (traditional).

1509 - Henry VIII ascends the throne of England (unofficially) at the death of his father, Henry VII

April 22

1509 - Henry VIII ascends the throne of England (officially) after the death of his father.

April 24

1184 BC - Greeks enter Troy using the Trojan Horse (traditional).

1558 - Mary Queen of Scots marries the Dauphin of France, François, at Notre Dame de Paris.

April 26

1607 - English colonists of the Jamestown settlement make landfall at Cape Henry, Virginia.

April 29

1429 - Joan of Arc arrives to relieve the Siege of Orléans, and is considered the second coming of Jesus Christ in the body of a woman, and is later burned at the stake by the English.

April 30

1006 - Supernova SN 1006, the brightest supernova in recorded history, appears in the constellation Lupus.

1492 - Spain gives Christopher Columbus his commission of exploration.

Information was obtained from wikipedia.org



guild and meeting schedule

Officer's Meetings

Officer's meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 pm, place to be announced. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Populace Meetings

Populace meetings are held on the Wednesday following Officer's Meetings at 7:00 pm Memorial Park in Portland, Tx at fighter practice. Everyone is encouraged to attend in garb.

Fighter Practice

Fighter Practice is on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm at Memorial Park in Portland, Tx. See www.seawinds.org for directions or contact the Knight Marshal at knightmarshal@seawinds.org.

Arts and Sciences General Meetings

Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 7 pm at the Natural Science and History Museum. See www.seawinds.org or contact the A&S Minister at artsandscience@seawinds.org for more details.



SPECIAL NOTICE

Thank you to everyone who attended the barony discussion meeting on March 20th. It was a very productive and friendly meeting. Minutes from the meeting can be found on page 10.









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April 2008 (A.S. XLII)

- 4-6   **Crown Tournament – Elfsea (Fort Worth, TX)**
Unofficial Event: Tejeda History Faire Demo - Bjornsborg (San Antonio, TX)
- 11-13 **Defender of the Flame - Glaslyn (Denton, TX)**
Siege the Day - Shadowlands (Bryan/College Station, TX)
- 18-22  **Stargate and Loch Soilleir Baronials - Stargate (Houston, TX) *PED***
 **Wiesenfeuer Baronial Championship - Wiesenfeuer (Oklahoma City, OK)**
- 19 **SCA Board of Director's Meeting (Open) - Dallas, TX**
- 25-27   **Champions of Bonwicke - Bonwicke (Lubbock, TX) *PED***
Bordermarch Baronial Champions XXXI - Bordermarch (Beaumont, TX)
Guardian of the Tor XVII - Dragonsfire Tor (Stephenville, TX)

May 2008 (A.S. XLIII)

- 2-4 **Elfsea Springfaire—Elfsea (Fort Worth, TX)**
- 9-11   **Squires and Cadets—Loch Soilleir and Stargate (Houston, TX)**
 
- 16-18
- 23-25   **Steppes Warlord—Steppes (Dallas, TX)**
- 28-30  **Lysts at Castleton—Bryn Gwlad (Austin, TX)**
 **Castellan—Northkeep (Tulsa, OK)**

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