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From the Chronicler

Greetings Readers



Have an event announcement? A short story, news, or a research article that you would like to share? A topic relating to Ealdormere's unique culture you would like to see? The Vox Borealis has room for submissions! To submit, please email ealdormere.kchronicler@gmail.com and include your SCA name with your submission.

Please register events at <https://ealdormere.ca/how-to-register-your-event-the-kingdom-of-ealdormere/>

I thought the Vox was a great opportunity to promote the Kingdom's champions. My request for each of the Royal and Baronial champions was as follows:

Hello Champion

I am creating a champion version of Vox Borealis for next month. I think featuring you champions would be cool. You can see past issues of the Vox Borealis below:
<https://ealdormere.ca/kingdom-chronicler-the-kingdom-of-ealdormere/>

From you I am looking for a photo of you looking fierce and one of you in garb smiling. Can be really old photos. I am looking for 1 sentence answers to the following questions:

What's your full SCA name with preferred titles?
How did you become champion?
How long have you been doing your martial art?
What's your favourite part?

I hope you enjoy the answers for those fine individuals who answered my call as much as I did.

Cheerfully yours
Lucia de Enzinas
Kingdom Chronicler of Ealdormere

The photo of the borealis by his excellency Sir Saheed. All champions photos provided by the Champions themselves.

King's Champion, Honorable Lord Bjarn Aaronson



What's your full SCA ? The Honorable Lord Bjarn Aaronson, is my full SCA name, I also go by Bjarn of Bearhall, but much like in life I am not much for titles and usually go by Bjarn

How did you become champion? I was given the honor of being asked by their majesties, both of whom I hold in the highest regard. I consider them extended family, and jumped at the chance to step in when approached.

How long have you been doing your martial art? I started in the SCA in 2003, and did so by pursuing Armored Combat right out of the gate , I was hooked from the first time in armor in those frosty Casa Loma Stables in Eoforwic . This year I believe makes it 20 years as a fighter.

What's your favourite part? If it is regarding the SCA in general, it's the ability to pay forward the friendship and generosity to others, particularly folks who are new to the Society. It is the welcoming nature of our game that will keep folks

coming back, it most certainly made a huge difference for me in the early years. I think its our job to ensure that is always the case, as Champion I can use the platform to drive that cause . The other of course is to Serve , and in doing my best to do the above, I think I in turn serve their Majesties.



Queen's Champion, Xandra Rozina Xiberras Galea



What's your full SCA name with preferred titles?
My full name is Xandra Rozina Xiberras Galea but I prefer to go by Rozi, just Rozi.

How did you become champion?
Steinarr and Margraig asked me to step up as Champion before their coronation. What it means to be a Champion is different in different kingdoms, so I asked several people what it takes to do a good job in Ealdormere before I said yes.

How long have you been doing your martial art?
I started fencing and researching historical sword fighting in 1998.

What's your favourite part?
I love learning and teaching. There was a time I did tournaments to prove something to myself, and I'd be disingenuous to say I didn't enjoy winning. But I always come back to teaching. I love how accessible this sport is, and how empowering that can be. Seeing someone smile or laugh as they figure out how to make a sword an extension of themselves keeps me coming back to this sport.



Arts & Sciences Champion, Seigneur Baudouin de Domrémy

What's your full SCA name with preferred titles?
Seigneur Baudouin de Domrémy

How did you become champion?

I won the As 57 Ealdormere Pentathalon with entries: Mead (Rhodomel and Rubamel) , a Cotehardie and dagged hood, a Pilgrim's Satchel, an illuminated and calligraphed poem, and a research paper on mead making.

How long have you been doing your martial art?

I've been fencing since 1996. I've been making mead since 2001.

What's your favourite part?

I love having mead socials where everyone tastes, talks, shares, and learns.



Septentria: Thrown Weapons

What's your full SCA name with preferred titles?

The Honourable Lord John Spooner

How did you become champion?

I was at the TW range at Pennsic (Pennisic 48 IIRC) and Kryss from Atlantia told me I was throwing in the Baronial Champs Tourney in half an hour. I hurried back to camp, ate lunch and got back to the range in time to throw. Came in third. Then I had to offer an apology to Her Excellency for usurping the name of Champion, but seeing as I ranked so highly against the field she not only accepted my apology but gave me the award of the Bear's Claw. Now she wants me to throw as her Champion at Pennsic 50.

How long have you been doing your martial art?

I first threw at Pennsic 44. So 8 years I think

What's your favourite part?

The best part is attending events where I can throw against people from other Kingdoms. Teaching newcomers and watching them excel and beat me at my own game is hugely amazing.



Septentria: Armoured Combat

What's your full SCA name with preferred titles?
The Honourable Lord Connall MacEarnain

How did you become champion?
I was chosen by their Excellencies of Septentria to represent them

How long have you been doing your martial art?
I have been fighting in heavy armour for about 16 years

What's your favourite part?
I love fighting in the allied champions battle at Pennsic or any large melee. I love fighting as part of a team



Skraeling Althing, Armoured Combat



What's your full SCA name with preferred titles?
Full SCA name- The Honourable Lady Morag Taylor.

How did you become champion?
I became champion by fighting well and with the support of my household.

How long have you been doing your martial art?
I have been fighting for over 20 years.

What's your favourite part?
My favourite part of fighting has become learning and growing as a person. Meeting new people and fighting them and making new friends.



Rising Waters Armoured Combat

What's your full SCA name with preferred titles?

I am Iustus de Cordoba.

How did you become champion?

I became the armoured combat champion of Rising Waters when her excellency did me the honour of asking.

How long have you been doing your martial art?

I've been fighting for about 8 years or so.

What's your favourite part?

My favourite thing about being the baronial champion is standing for my baroness. Her service, curiosity, enthusiasm and endless energy inspires me regularly, and I am proud to hold her sword.



Rising Waters Arts & Science



What's your full SCA name with preferred titles?
SCA Name: Lady Gelleia le Vinter

How did you become champion?
Became champion for skill with needle and thread

How long have you been doing your martial art?
I have been doing the martial art for 4 years with some dabbling in the past.

What's your favourite part?
My favorite part is the meditative peace of mind and patience required to make embroidery



Rising Waters Rapier

What's your full SCA name with preferred titles?
Sir Richard Larmer

How did you become champion?
The Baroness asked me to be Rapier Champion

How long have you been doing your martial art?
About a decade and two decades of armour combat before that.

What's your favourite part?
Processing in with the retinue supporting her excellency.
Second favourite is training with our new rapier combatants.



Rising Waters Thrown Weapons

What's your full SCA name with preferred titles?

Lord Jotun-Bjorn

How did you become champion?

I was the highest placing member of the Barony at the thrown weapons contest at Lady Mary

How long have you been doing your martial art?

Around 7 years

What's your favourite part?

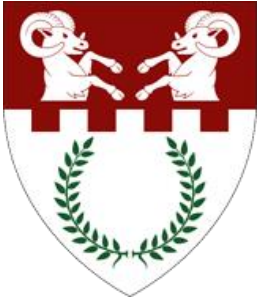
I mean, it's throwing axes. What isn't cool about that?



Future Champions



Baron and Baroness Ben Dunfirth will appoint their champions at Huntman's Harvest, September 23. Details TBA.



Baron and Baroness Ramshaven are still deciding on what champions mean to them.



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The photo of the borealis by his excellency Sir Saheed. Photos of champions were provided by the individual, but many of them were taken by Alex Sears and we are grateful to him.

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A few things we're required to say...

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