

Vox Borealis

Sword Practice Edition



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Event Calendar

May 2023

1 *Deadline for June Tidings*

13 Lady Mary Memorial Tournament, Barony of Rising Waters (St. Catharines, ON)

20-22 FOOL XVI, Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog (Drumbo, ON)

27 Crown Tournament, Barony of Skraeling Althing (Lombardy, ON)

June 2023

1 *Deadline for July Tidings*

15-18 Murder Melee in the Meadow, Barony of Ben Dunfirth (Binbrook, ON)

28-30 War of the Trillium, Canton of Ard Chreag (Orono, ON)

July 2023

1 *Deadline for August Tidings*

8 Step Sprightly, Canton of Monadh (Mississauga, ON)

1-3 War of the Trillium, Canton of Ard Chreag (Orono, ON)

28-31 Pennsic War L, Aethelmearc (Slippery Rock, PA)


August 2023

1 *Deadline for September Tidings*

1-13 Pennsic War L, Aethelmearc (Slippery Rock, PA)

4-7 Murder Muster, Incipient Shire of Champcorbeau (Merlin, ON)

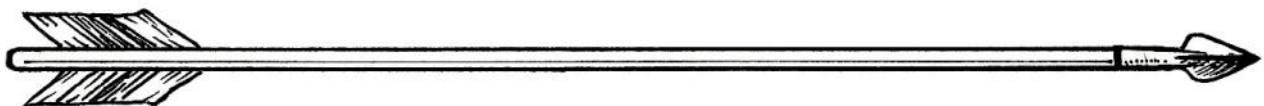
Weekly or Bi-Weekly Practices

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Ben Dunfirth* Champcorbeau*	Bryniau Tywynnog*	Caldrithig Armoured	Caldrithig Fencing Trino* Rising Waters Bastile du Lac		Rising Waters Mega Practice***	Skeldergate** Ard Chreag **

* Combined armoured and fencing

**Every other week

** *4 times per year



Cover photo of Fisher of Ben Dunfirth. The photo of the borealis by his excellency Sir Saheed. This issue inspired by Lord Nicolaa and their squishy car.

Links

- [SCA Marshal's Handbook](#) (June 2022)
- [Earl Marshals Handbook](#) (2015)
- [Armoured Combat Rules](#) (2011)
- [All Things List Field Handbook](#) (2022)
- [Armoured Authorization](#) (fillable form)
- [Rebated Steel Blades Handbook](#) (2021)
- SCA [Society Fencing Handbook](#)
- [Ealdormere Fencing Handbook \(2021\)](#)
- [Reduced Armour Experiment](#) (pdf)
- [Fencing Authorization](#) (fillable form)
- [Society Youth Combat Rules handbook](#)
- [Youth Combat Handbook \(2022\)](#)
- [Youth Fencing](#) (2020)



Tidings & Vox Submissions

Have an event announcement? A short story, news, or a research article that you would like to share? The Tidings 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://www.ealdormere.ca/how-to-register-your-event.html>

Future Vox Ideas include: Champions, Lego, Feast Cook recipe review, and more. If you have an idea for a Vox issue please reach out to Baroness Lucia.

Ard Chreag

The main points of contact are the canton MIT Rorik (Robert Caley on Facebook), and also Hetty Leitch and Kathleen Daoust, all via Facebook messenger.



The Ard Chreag summer practice currently runs on Sunday afternoons from 2 - 4:30 in Whitby. Dates vary and are chosen around holiday weekends, yard availability and events in the Kingdom. We usually announce any upcoming dates in advance on the [Ard Chreag Facebook page](#), and we'll be posting them to the Kingdom FB page as well. The specific location is in given out on request via the canton contacts. The next known practice is May 28th, 2023

We often have A&S available at our practices, depending on who is in attendance. We also have a modest amount of loaner gear available -- mainly bits and pieces that can supplement minor parts of a main kit (we do not have many spare helms, shields or other major pieces of protective gear). We are in a close partnership with the Skeldergate practice, as there is a nice amount of overlap in the fighter roster and general location. Thus, we take pains to avoid conflicting practice times and dates between the two cantons.

Our practice is great for any level of fighter, from beginner to chiv.



Bastille du Lac

Contact: Candace Moynihan

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When are your practices?

Winter 1st Wednesday of the month from September to May

Summer TBA

Where are they?

Winter Stirling Lions Club Located in the Stirling Arena
Stirling Ontario

Summer West Zwicks Park Belleville ON

Fees? No charge

What makes your practice special? Trey Practices here



Ben Dunfirth

Contact: Hespeler bdarmouredmarshall@gmail.com

Where: practices are on Mondays from 7pm to about 930. We are currently at 10 Market St South in Dundas, and will move to the Hamilton Aviary for the summer (June 5 to Sept 11). From Sept 11 we should be back in Dundas.

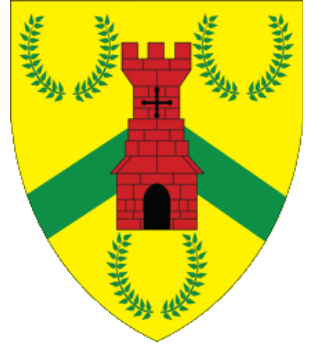


The weekly gatherings has fencing, armoured combat as well as people who gather to talk and work on A&S projects. So we have a little of everything. We have loaner gear for new people, and an assortment of fighting participants ranging from 3 months experience to as much as 30 years and more than 3 or more reigns. Four different reigns hail Ben Dunfirth as their local barony.



Bryniau Tywynnog

Contacts: Eryny (Kathleen) kgormanshaw@gmail.com or
Edward (Mark) mepatchett@gmail.com / 519-505-7881
When: Tuesday evenings 7-10 PM
Where: St. Judes School, 888 Trillium drive, Kitchener.



We have armoured combat and fencing weekly, with an average attendance of 8-10 or more on each field. There is no cost for practice. We often have 3 or more Knights / Masters at Arms and often 3+ Master of Defense in attendance, plus a good number of companions of Thobjorns hammer.

There is quite a selection of loaner gear, for both Rapier and Armoured, so new folks can get a try before having to acquire all their own gear. We often have space for visiting and A&S upstairs in the cafeteria.



Armoured Practice:

Contact James Edagrson (Lordjamesedgarson@hotmail.com)

When: Wednesday, 6-8pm

Where: Sandy Hill Community Centre, 250 Somerset St E., Ottawa

We have a high knight to unbelts ratio with 6 knights, one of which is female, one of only three female knights/masters in the Kingdom. We have plenty of loaner gear, helms, swords, shields...all the stuff. And love :) lots of love



Fencing Practice

Contact: Gavin McAiden (oval.one@gmail.com).

When: Thursday from 7-9pm

Where: Jack Purcell Center, 320 Jack Purcell Ln, Ottawa,

We're an easy-going, new-comer-friendly group with enough loaner (or loanable) gear to get someone started.



Chamcorbeau Practice

Contact: Lord Eral Allwood corbie.armourmarshal@gmail.com

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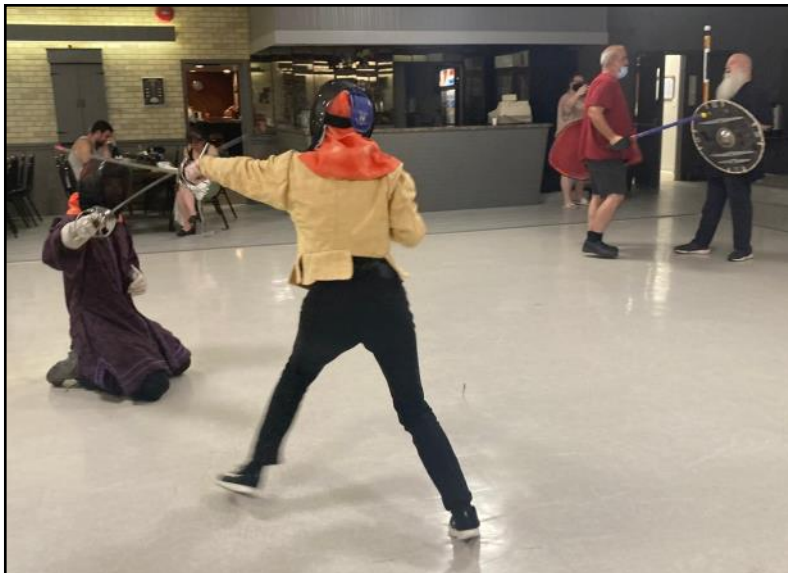
Where: Chatham Moose Lodge. 850 Richmond St, Chatham, ON

When: Monday nights at 6-8pm, fencing every week, armoured every second week



Currently I am training 1 person in armour and 1 just beginning. I have been a heavy fighter for almost 30 years so have lots of experience getting hit. I am also youth authorized to fight. Just want to get my youth marshal. We usually see about 5ish fencers a night. Sometimes more, sometimes less.

We do have a rule for use of the hall, because they give us the hall for free No outside Food or Drink allowed in. The Lodge sells drinks and gives us water.





Armoured Practice:

Contact: Iustus di Cordoba marshal.risingwaters@gmail.com

When Thursday's for 6 to 8 at the home of Lord Michaelis, during summer. In the colder months, we are at Prince of Wales school 95 Facer Street, St. Catharines.

I'd like to say that our practice is focussed on inclusivity and skill development! We have a public facing website and the barony Facebook page for updates and scheduling.

Fencing Practice:

Contact: Sciath risingwaters@gmail.com

The practices during the warmer months are on Thursday nights from 6 until it gets too dark to see an opponent or pell. They are outdoors, and hosted by Lord Michaelis. Folks interested in joining us can contact either Lord Iustus (marshal.risingwaters@gmail.com) or myself (risingwaters@gmail.com). Fees are voluntary, and much appreciated as they go towards the winter practice site which we rent from the local district school board. There is loaner gear for both armoured combat and fencing - although we ask fighters to contact us in advance so we can be sure to have it at the practice for them.

At our regular weekly practices, we have invited guest participants among the chivalry and order of defence. Sir Richard is a regular participant, and Lord Iustus and I both tend to use a combination of drills and active sparring in the practices. I can also commend Iustus for his work to support new fighters as they prepare for their authorization. It's top notch! Our practices are also very welcoming and supportive of women fighters, and fighters with a range of abilities.

In the past, we have also had armouring workshops, as well!

Mega Practice:

Rising Waters is known for hosting mega practices, including thrown weapons and archery in addition to armoured combat and fencing. We have also included classes for special interest topics (e.g. tailoring patterns). We have already held one of these this year, and look forward to scheduling more.

Skeldergate Practice

Contact: Bjarn Aaronson (delightfulartviking@gmail.com)

When: Sundays usually from 1:00 p.m



The Skeldergate Practice is held by-weekly during the Summer Months in Stouffville Ontario . Coordinating our schedule in cooperation with Ard Chreag where one week we practice at Skeldergate with the following at Ard Chreag on a regular basis. As this is an outdoor site in a backyard it is weather dependent but practice schedules are usually announced on Social Media (Skeldergate, Septentria and Kingdom FB Pages) a month in advance.

In the winter months we share indoor practices at a site in Pickering Ontario which is the indoor site for Ard Chreag who we work with closely throughout the year.

After the pandemic lockdowns, in order to rebuild our numbers we have formed an information sharing collective with our neighboring groups, Primarily Ard Chreag, Eoforwic, Petrea Thule (and others) whose Armored Marshals I communicate with regularly in order to maximize our numbers of fighters. I do my best to get word out as often as possible to allow folks to plan ahead, to ensure that communication is clear during weekends when there are kingdom events or nearby practices happening.

Although last summer we held armored combat practices only , this year we are talking to Fencing Marshals in order to allow fencing and cut and thrust practitioners a chance to attend and train as well. There are also plans for armoring nights and A&S related to fighting in the works. (shield , tabard painting and construction etc..)

We usually have a half a dozen regular fighters, with the number on good days being above ten and steadily growing.

The best part of our practices are the great balance of older seasoned fighters, with several members of Chivalry (our current Majesty attends regularly) mixed in with a very enthusiastic crop of newer fighters who bring a good positive energy to the practice .

After practice the grill is usually on with hot dogs, burgers and freezies regularly on the menu . The site is next to a community center so there is lots of free parking within a 30 second walk from the site. We are 100% kid and dog friendly , and aim to be welcoming and inclusive to all who wish to attend.

All information is regularly posted on the Skeldergate FB Page(along with other local group and baronial pages) , which I am also the moderator on so I see messages and respond fairly quickly. All interested participants should preferably contact the group through social media by joining the Skeldergate FB group. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/skeldergate>, if folks are not on Social media queries can also be sent to me by email.

I am the acting Armored Marshal (THL Bjarn Aaronson of Bearhall) with our Fencing Marshal TBA in the very near future.

If there is any other information you need do not hesitate to ask.

Cheers

Pasi Paltanen a.k.a THL Bjarn of Aaronson
Armored Marshal Canton of Skeldergate
Social Media Deputy Barony of Septentria



Trinovantia Nova

Contact our seneschal at trinovantia.seneschal@gmail.com

When: Thursday, May 18, 7–9pm

Where 590 Gainsborough Rd, London



Come out to socialize, craft, learn rapier and armoured combat!

We just lost our indoor site and are in the process of securing another, we are holding practices at parks through out the city (London) starting tonight at Rowntree Park, 750 Whetter Ave, London, ON (contact Seneschal for confirmation)

We have loaner gear we just need a heads up to bring it, via or Facebook page or pm of to the marshal or seneschal. Sir Kellen, Master Gajin and Sir Thord were all forged within the lands of trinovantia nova!

What makes your practice special?

- frequent visitors
- fencing and armoured combat
- two lovely chiv!
- loaner gear on demand
- youth combat





Chelsea Richardson April 7

Yesterdays car ride home was... squishy. Had to bring home some extra gear. Normally only have 2 full loaner kits for fencing and armoured... plus my own and arkills.

3 humans, 3.5 armoured kits, 3 fencing kits, 4 rattan swords, 3 rapiers, 3 shields.

Far to much.... I'm shocked my cars bumper wasn't dragging on the ground. Welcome to the sca, where I have indeed chosen the right vehicle...

Editors note: This photo inspired this entire issue. The willpower required to pull this off is inspirational.



Cover Art

Cover photo of Aang (sitting on the Kings throne) and Mulan (on the Queens throne) by her Countess Candance. The photo of the borealis by his excellency Sir Saheed.

THE TIDINGS THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE KINGDOM OF

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

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