



# Stormscroll

Monthly Newsletter of the Barony of Stormhold

July AS LIX (CE 2024)

## Calendar

### July

- 1<sup>st</sup> Craft Hall and Fighter Training: 7.00pm-10.00pm, Coulson Soccer Pavilion, Clifton Hill
- 5<sup>th</sup> Intercollege War XXV: 5-8 July, Scout Camp Kariong, NSW
- 7<sup>th</sup> July Monthly Bash: 10.00am, Darling Gardens, South Terrace, Clifton Hill
- 8<sup>th</sup> Craft Hall and Fighter Training: 7.00pm-10.00pm, Coulson Soccer Pavilion, Clifton Hill
- 15<sup>th</sup> Craft Hall and Fighter Training: 7.00pm-10.00pm, Coulson Soccer Pavilion, Clifton Hill
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Craft Hall and Fighter Training: 7.00pm-10.00pm, Coulson Soccer Pavilion, Clifton Hill
- 29<sup>th</sup> Craft Hall and Fighter Training: 7.00pm-10.00pm, Coulson Soccer Pavilion, Clifton Hill
- 30<sup>th</sup> Baronial Council Meeting: **\*\*Online\*\***, 7.30pm, conducted through the offices of Zoom, the Goddess of Mysterious Communications, Buffet Dinners and Surreptitious Drinking

### August

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dice & Cup Tavern (see next page)
- 4<sup>th</sup> August Monthly Bash: 10.00am, Darling Gardens, South Terrace, Clifton Hill
- 5<sup>th</sup> Craft Hall and Fighter Training: 7.00pm-10.00pm, Coulson Soccer Pavilion, Clifton Hill
- 12<sup>th</sup> Craft Hall and Fighter Training: 7.00pm-10.00pm, Coulson Soccer Pavilion, Clifton Hill
- 19<sup>th</sup> Craft Hall and Fighter Training: 7.00pm-10.00pm, Coulson Soccer Pavilion, Clifton Hill
- 26<sup>th</sup> Craft Hall and Fighter Training: 7.00pm-10.00pm, Coulson Soccer Pavilion, Clifton Hill
- 27<sup>th</sup> Monthly Officers Meeting, 7.30pm, as above.

### Note For Event Stewards

The new Constables' Handbook has been issued, and may be found at:

[https://constable.lochac.sca.org/files/2024/06/ConstablesHB\\_2024.pdf](https://constable.lochac.sca.org/files/2024/06/ConstablesHB_2024.pdf)

# Event Notices

## The Dice & Cup Tavern



**When?** Sat August 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Where?** The Djerring Centre - Eddy Ct  
ABBOTSFORD VIC 3067

**How?** [forms.gle/4UFazxZJdtmhomqX8](https://forms.gle/4UFazxZJdtmhomqX8)

**Why?** As the chill of winter grips the land, let us come together and share the warmth of good company and the heat of friendly competition!

The Dice and Cup Tavern boasts a variety of period board games to delight and entertain, and is a fine place to meet up with friends and while away a winter afternoon with conversation and camaraderie. This is a Potluck event, so pls bring a plate.

**Steward:** *THL* Gillucan ua Tomaltaig

### Timetable

1:30 pm Setup

2:00 pm Event opens

2-10 pm Medieval board games, chatting and other socialising

10:00 pm Event closes

10:30 pm All off site

**Price:** \$10 Adult

\$5 Minor (6-17)

Free Child (0-5)

Non-members must pay an additional fee for insurance:

+\$10 Adult

+\$5 Minor (under 18)

**Bookings Close 3 August. Please allow up to 1 week to receive a response from our bookings officer confirming your booking.**

**Participants are reminded that if they are unwell or showing cold or flu-like symptoms, they must not attend.**

Picture: "The Tarocchi Players", Casa Borromeo, Milan created 15th century. Taken from Wikimedia Commons.

## August Monthly Bash



Join us once again for the Stormhold Monthly Bash, held on the first Sunday of every month. Bring a picnic, some craft projects, your armour, whatever you want; just be sure to bring yourself!

This is a garbed event, so an attempt at appropriate pre 1600 C.E. clothing is required. Water and toilets available on site.

**Site:** Darling Gardens, South Terrace, Clifton Hill

### Timetable:

10.00am setup

10.30am Court

11.00am Heavy Tournament

12.30pm Fencing Tournament

**Price:** Members - Free (donation appreciated) Non-Members - \$10 event insurance.

EFTPOS via Square preferred. Bookings not required.

## Stormhold Craft Hall and Fighter Training

Did you know that Stormhold runs a regular Monday night Craft Hall and Fighter Training?



This is a casual gathering from 7.00pm to 10.00pm with no costume required. Those interested in the combat arts can don armour and train on the soccer field under the lights, while those with Arts and Sciences (A&S) project work can share their works and seek feedback indoors in the soccer pavilion. Or just come along and have a chat!

**Bring:** Any projects you would like to work on, and/or inspiration, documentation, writing materials, and any tools or raw materials required. To get in armour you will need:

- sturdy footwear (ankle support recommended)
- groin protection
- a water bottle

**Site:** Coulson Reserve Soccer Pavilion, Coulson Reserve, near the crossing of Heidelberg Rd and Hoddle St, Clifton Hill, Melways, 44 E1 or 2C K1.

Access to the Coulson Reserve Soccer Pavilion is from the north end of John Street, via an underpass below the Heidelberg Road overpass. It is a short walk from Clifton Hill Railway Station, the 86 Tram on Queens Pde, and various bus stops including the 204 bus route. Limited parking is available at the soccer pavilion and at the Clifton Hill Railway Station (off John Street) or in nearby residential streets.

**Cost:** Member - by donation Non-member - \$10 insurance surcharge.

As we cannot accept cash at this time, payment will be via Square.

## Winterfeast

Winterfeast was held in Yarraville in the old lands of Vesper Vespertinum, and right well was the populace feasted, with singing, dancing (thanks to Paul de la Ville for playing for the latter) and a splendid series of removes. Thanks was expressed by the Baron and Baroness to the Steward Seumas mac Thorsteyn and the chief cook Nicolette du Couleurs. The following Awards were given out by Their Excellencies:



Hood of Warmth: Dandelion

Baronial Commendation: Medb Ingen Magnusa Ruaidh, Akiva, Lann srécoch ingen Briain

Silver Drakkar: Cecilia inne Queerke

Gold Drakkar: Brennan Half-Hand, Brian Dorcha ua Conaill

Baronial Cypher: Paul de la Ville

## Appointments

Following a due selection process involving the usual rites and ceremonies (application, commentary period, reading of tea-leaves, consultation with the Sibylline Books etc), the following appointments have been made to baronial office:



Seneschal: THL Nicolette du Couleurs



Webwright/Historian: Mistress Miriam Bat SHimeon



Lists: Medb Ingen Magnusa Ruaidh



A & S: Lord Angus Galloway

## Persona Biography

We encourage all of you to think about where your Society persona comes from, and what their interests are. Your Chronicler will begin the process by describing himself in brief:

**Dafydd of the Glens** is a renegade monk from 9thC Strathclyde who left the Church having incubated a number of heresies: notably that relating to the celibacy of the clergy. He now makes respectful obeisance towards Toirdhealbhadh, the God of Porridge. He is a master of Mac Carrum Chi: a recondite martial art much feared throughout Strathclyde and Galloway. Owing to a bizarre accident he now finds himself at the court of James I in Edinburgh, and advises on matters of music and drama.

If you would like help with yours, please write to [chronicler@stormhold.lochac.sca.org](mailto:chronicler@stormhold.lochac.sca.org)

# Anachronism Corner

Yes, we are the Society for Creative Anachronisms. Occasionally your Chronicler likes to set the record wrong about a few historical matters. This month's Anachronism is brought to you by:

## Great Moments in Wine-Making No. 17



Graf Reinhold von Zweiback's *Vin Ordinaire* was anything but. Grown on the slopes of Tyrolean Alps in a neglected corner of his estate (behind the Schloss he built for his steam-powered lawnmower), the mutant grapes therefrom were virulent enough. Mixed with wild mushrooms, vegetable peelings, chestnuts, library paste and natural yeast derived from Minnesingers' underclothing, the juice was stored in earthenware jars for up to seventeen minutes. It was then decanted into stone bottles and left to smoulder for several weeks. The bottles could only be handled with leather gauntlets .....

... but proved conclusive at the siege of Bad Odorsberg in 1587, when a bottle fired from a trebuchet struck the castle walls. Within seconds much of the wall had dissolved, whereupon the garrison surrendered forthwith. The military use of *Vin Ordinaire* was banned by the Treaty of Westphalia, and the last bottle was made the subject of a controlled detonation by the Holy Roman Emperor Otto the Thunderstruck. Considered as a table wine .....



... there are a few contemporary accounts:



"It caused me to grow several beards." – Gräfin Hildegard von Kartoffeln

"I shall be in the privy for some time. Call me early next week." – Karl Dreigroschen

"A fruity finish, reminiscent of a timber-wolf's armpit." – Boris IV, King of the Bulgars



Zweiback himself swore by it, and occasionally at it. He is the only person in German history known to have consumed a whole bottle of it and survived. He lived to the age of ninety-seven, since none of the diseases so prevalent at that time dared to come anywhere near him. Shortly after his demise his tomb exploded, and the surrounding soil grew a luxuriant crop of giant rhubarb for many seasons thereafter.

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[If you would like to share any odd moments from real or imagined history, write to the Chronicler to discuss the matter further.]

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