

# *The River Haven Rag*

January/ February 2015 Issue



More Mouse Guard um Hordlings at Canterbury Faire

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## *From the Baron and Baroness*

Greetings unto the populace

As the year begins we find ourselves yet again at the mercy of the weather with the cancelation of the Red and white and our friends in the canton of Burnfield and those from the households of Merewyck and Raven Vera Viking battening down the hatches for a wet and windy week, we hope you all fair well and are back up on your feet again soon.

We also feel the need to address some issues that have been coming to us of late.

Firstly the decisions regarding groups are never made lightly and are always made with consultation with the Lochac, Baronial and Group seneschal's. We are invited to listen in on these consultations and sometimes we are asked for our opinions. The outcomes of these talks are then published. It is never down to one person to make the call.

Secondly Communication is a two way street, but of late it seems to be a bit blocked We realise that we don't all always get along with each other, however this should not stop us from being nice to each other sometimes saying hello, is just that, saying hello and a smile is just a smile. Remember that emails and facebook conversation don't always convey the full meaning of what you have said and can sometimes be taken the wrong way (and yes I have fallen into this trap too) if you are in a good mood it will most likely be taken in a good light, however someone in a lesser mood could read only doom from your message.

Thirdly Bullying. We have seen in other Baronies were bullying has caused a lot of problems and the resignation of officers and now we find that we are starting to have people feeling as if they are being bullied too. We all have the best intentions when it comes to doing things in the group. Please respect others and the abilities to do their jobs, by all means offer help but if you are too pushy then you are not helping. On the other hand if you are offered help, accept it. Running events, organising classes and people can be difficult at times and with some help, you not only get it done faster, you are also showing others how to do it and you may find a better way of doing it. That said, everyone has a different way to do things. Trust that how Jimmy is running something even though it is not how you would do it, it's going to work out just fine. Why, because we are there to help if he needs it and we will not judge him when he asks for it.

Lastly, if you are having problems let us know. We can't help if we don't know that there's a problem and because of the distances we are not able to see where these problem may be occurring.

William and I are hoping to get to more events this year starting with.

7<sup>th</sup> of March is our March Baronial this will be held in Nanango and on the following day they will be running a IKAC. Please come along. The people up that way are friendly and eager to meet more of our River Haven family. Remember also to send in your award recommendation.



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Rowany Festival is only 2 weeks away (well 5 weeks in mundane time) we invite you to join us in the River Haven encampment for our week long Easter celebrations and catch up with others and join in the fun of feasting, dancing, attending classes, camping with warm fires with a little bit combat and waring thrown in to keep the fighters happy :OP..

And to finish up, we are in need of a new Seneschal. Madeline has been wonderful. However, her term is coming to an end and we need to find someone to take on her duty's If you feel that you could work with us and want to have a hand in running the Barony of River Haven, please contact Madeline for details.

Please keep safe.

Katherine and William

7<sup>th</sup> Baron & Baroness of River Haven.

## *From the Seneschal*

Greetings everybody

River Haven has weathered TC Marcia with only minor damage to members properties in the way of the cyclone.

Changeover of Baronial Constable happened on the weekend in Stegby. Thank you to Rachel Small for all her hard work as Baronial Constable. Welcome to Paul Stubbings who is the new Baronial Constable. Email is still [constable@riverhaven.lochac.sca.org](mailto:constable@riverhaven.lochac.sca.org)

### **Burnfield**

At 7.18pm on Saturday 21 February, Anna Hitchcock, the Seneschal of Burnfield, contacted me via Facebook and advised that she was resigning immediately as Seneschal on doctors advice as she is unable to perform her duties.

She further advised that she would not be responding to any further correspondence from SCA Management, and then she blocked me on Facebook so I could not respond. I tried to contact her by e-mail and phone, but to no avail. In her reports, Anna did not advise that she had a Deputy, and when she first told me she was wanting to step down (hence the advertisement going out for a replacement) she also advised she did not have a Deputy.

Due to my own internet problems, I was unable to address this further until 8.30pm, when I e-mailed the Lochac Seneschal, the Baron and Baroness of River Haven of this information. I also contacted them via Facebook.



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As – to the best of our knowledge – there was no Deputy to take on the role, the Canton of Burnfield had to be placed into Suspension as Lochac Law requires a group to have a Seneschal.

This was a decision taken with great reluctance, and I contacted the Baronial and Canton officers advising them of this. I did, however, make sure that it was as light of a suspension as I could. Meaning that A&S and Fighter practice could still take place (under a Baronial banner – as happens in Nanango and Willoughby Vale), but events could not be held, nor could the Bank Account be accessed.

I did not, however, post the official notice until approximately 1pm on Sunday 22 February. This was posted in the River Haven and Burnfield Yahoo Mailing lists and also on both River Haven and Burnfield Facebook pages. I was hoping that either Lochac Seneschal or myself would hear from Anna. Shortly thereafter, I posted on Yahoo List and Facebook Pages a new advertisement for a Seneschal of Burnfield with applications closing on 28 February.

There had been an applicant from Anna's ad, however Lochac Seneschal made the decision that the applicant was not suitable due to the distance the person lived from Burnfield. These actions were not done out of malice, of a desire to tear Burnfield down or any similar thing. It was done because it was what is required by the SCA regulations. The timing was not of my choosing and certainly not something that I wanted to do.

The Suspension was lifted less than 24 hours later as Stephen Keighley stepped in and confirmed that he was, indeed, a Deputy Seneschal. In spite of his own circumstances (he was in Hervey Bay where he and his family had gone to get away from TC Marcia), he was willing to stand as Interim Seneschal until a permanent one was appointed.

Lochac Seneschal was agreeable to this and confirmed to me that I could lift the Suspension.

I posted the information about Stephen to the Yahoo Lists and Facebook Page, but did not explicitly mention that the suspension was lifted. This was my own error, and I rectified it following a post by Anita about the Lochac Exchequer advising the Suspension was lifted. I posted confirming this – as it was a Seneschalate issue it really did need to be lifted by either the Lochac or Baronial Seneschal advice.

This episode has put strain on a number of people – not just the members in Burnfield, but also myself, Lochac Seneschal and the Baron and Baroness of River Haven. It also drives home the need for all officers to advise their upline of their Deputy and their Deputy's contact number and e-mail address (if they have a Deputy).

Accordingly, I am asking all Baronial officers to provide me with the following:

1. Their phone number in case I need to contact them.
2. The name, membership number, e-mail and phone number of any Deputy they have.
3. For their Canton reports – name, e-mail address and phone number of the Canton Officer and any Deputy they have.

Madelaine le Mercer  
Seneschal.



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## *From the Chronicler*

Greetings gentle Readers

Please note that there will be no post event report for the Red and White Tourney and Potluck Feast as it was cancelled due to the forecast of extreme storms associated with Cyclone Marcia.

Electronic issues of the River Haven Rag are available on the River Haven Yahoo site. Anyone who wishes to receive a hard copy of the Rag, please contact me at the hall or on 044 987 2314 if you wish to pick it up at the hall or have it posted to you. Reimbursement of the printing, postage and envelope will be based on the number of pages in an issue.

In service to the printed word,  
Glynhyvar of River Haven

## *River Haven Seneschal position advert issued 8 February 2015*

Greetings everybody

I am due to step down as Baronial Seneschal in June this year, and am now looking for a replacement who will initially step up as Deputy Seneschal for a full handover before taking over as Baronial Seneschal from 1 June 2015.

A full position description is below, and all applications should be sent to: [seneschal@riverhaven.lochac.sca.org](mailto:seneschal@riverhaven.lochac.sca.org), with copies to [baronbaroness@riverhaven.lochac.sca.org](mailto:baronbaroness@riverhaven.lochac.sca.org) and [seneschal@lochac.sca.org](mailto:seneschal@lochac.sca.org).

Applications will close on 15 March 2015. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss the position further.

### **Position Description – Baronial Seneschal**

The Seneschal, like the Reeve, is the only Baronial Officer whose role is mostly concerned with ensuring that the SCA complies with mundane requirements. They are the legal representative of the SCA to the mundane world and is the equivalent to the President of a club.

The Baronial Seneschal directly reports to the **Lochac Seneschal** and the **Baron and Baroness of River Haven** and prepares a quarterly report for the **Lochac Seneschal** (a copy of which is also sent to the Baron and Baroness).

The Baronial Seneschal is responsible for ensuring that Baronial Officers perform their duties when required, as well as ensuring that they report as required to the Baronial Seneschal and the Lochac upline. They are also responsible for oversight of the Canton Seneschals and providing mentoring and advice to them when required, and ensuring that the Canton Seneschal reports quarterly to the Baronial Seneschal.



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Other duties include:

- Chairing the monthly Baronial Council Meeting (held as per Lochac requirements);
- Ensuring that minutes are taken at this meeting, and then arranging that these minutes are distributed via official SCA communication methods (Yahoo e-mail list, paper copies and/or Newsletter);
- Evaluating Baronial event bids before approval to ensure that the budget is reasonable and achievable and that all required outgoings are included (Kingdom Levy, Event Membership, GST);
- Approving Events to be held within the Barony and that will be funded by Baronial funds (any events funded by Baronial or Lochac funds must be approved by the Baronial or Lochac Seneschal);
- Along with the Reeve, ensuring that Baronial funds are spent according to SCA and mundane requirements for non-profit organisations;
- Along with the Reeve, ensuring that events are correctly reported in line with Baronial and Lochac policies and looking into why any overruns of budget or event losses occurred;
- Providing guidance to Baronial and Canton Officers members regarding SCA Policies and Procedures, as well as any support required;
- Investigation of any complaints made by members, or referring those to the Lochac Seneschal if required;
- In conjunction with the Baron and Baroness, as well as the appropriate Baronial and Lochac Officers and the outgoing Officer consulting and deciding on the appointment of new/replacement Baronial Officers.

The Baronial Seneschal should also ensure that they have read and are familiar with the following documents:

- Barony of River Haven Policies R 11; located at: <http://www.sca.org.au/riverhaven/Policy.html>;
- Lochac Law; Corpora; Lochac Procedures and the Grievance Policy/Procedures – located at: <http://lochac.sca.org/seneschal/book-law.htm> and <http://lochac.sca.org/seneschal/docs.htm#insurance>
- Have read and understood the Lochac Seneschal Handbook – located at: <http://tinyurl.com/seneschalintro>

## Desirable Qualities

- Experience with the SCA including having previously held Greater Office role (i.e. Seneschal, Reeve, Marshal, A&S)
- Highly organized and able to work to deadlines
- Excellent communicator – both verbal and written
- Good computer skills – most of the Seneschal's role is done online and you need to be comfortable with completing and approving online forms, updating online records and communication by e-mail and Social Media
- High levels of patience and diplomacy
- The ability to separate yourself from a situation and act in a fair and equitable manner

Lady Madilayn le Mercer  
(Mundane: Megan McConnell)  
Seneschal - Barony of River Haven



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## Approved Minutes of the Baronial Council Meeting 28 January 2015

For the pdf of the signed pages of these minutes, see the minutes folder on the River Haven Yahoo site.

Group Name	Barony of River Haven		Notes Column:
Meeting Date	Wednesday 28/1/2015		
Meeting Location	Council Hall, Wesley Road, Lutwyche, Brisbane		
Meeting Attendees	Megan McConnell (Chairperson)		NB-Has everyone signed in?
	Chris Brown, Kathy Carlyon, Alison Carr, Angela Hales, Glynnis Hollindale, Bruce Kinghorn, Steve Maynard, Leith McCallum, Raelene Price, Michael Rice, Ra'chel Sihto, Amber Stubbings, Paul Stubbings, Randall Thompson, Vilma Thompson		
Apologies from absent members	Rachael Small, Cathy Rickert		
Quorum Met?	YES - Baron and Baroness/ Seneschal/ A&S/ Reeve/ Chronicler/ Hospitaller		NB – Quorum to a meeting is 3 officers
	If No – Meeting rescheduled for:		
Proceeding minutes	Minutes for the previous meeting dated 26/11/2014 were tabled at the meeting and *accepted as being accurate/* <del>updated as indicated</del>		
	Motion to accept by	Megan	
	Seconded by	Randall	
	Carried?	YES/ NO	
	Previous minutes signed by two officers who attended both meetings?	YES/ NO	



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Officers reports:		<p>Attach detail on reports if these are lengthy on separate pages.</p> <p>Include name of officer in first column.</p> <p>If there is no officer report being presented then please write N/A.</p>												
<p>Seneschal Megan McConnell</p>	<p><b>Item 1:</b> I am stepping down and will advertise the position shortly. I will be nominating a deputy so that I will be able to show them a quarterly report preparation prior to their taking over the position.</p> <p><b>Item 2:</b> Lochac Seneschal has notified branch seneschals that there is a new template for Reeve to report using Xero - (Kathy Carlyon has used the reconciliation but has not seen the Xero report necessary for the meetings - she will investigate.)</p> <p><b>Item 3:</b> A new format of minutes to be recorded has been received from Lochac Seneschal. New minute items include "Reports on events held since last meeting". Lochac Seneschal has directed that Stewards are to report within 30 days of end of the event in the new format as detailed below. (River Haven Yule report received by Seneschal, to be tabled at next meeting.)</p> <p><b>Item 4:</b> Future event applications need to go to meetings for approval in the new format as detailed below.</p> <p><b>Item 5:</b> Burnfield seneschal is stepping down and has advertised the position.</p>													
<p>Reeve Kathy Carlyon</p>	<p><b>Item 6:</b> Xero reports tabled at meeting? <del>YES</del>/NO, see Action item 1.</p> <p><b>Item 7:</b> Bank balance \$15,002.82 at 31/12/2014 All expenditure since last meeting was previously approved.</p> <p><b>Item 8:</b> Reeve's Report January 2015 Meeting – Financials Nov / Dec 2014 Correspondence In (to date) – BCC rates</p> <p><u>Income</u></p> <table data-bbox="423 1612 1219 1892"> <tr> <td>The total income for November / December was</td> <td>\$587.14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hall takings (A&amp;S, Sunday Sewing, SHDA)</td> <td>\$205.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Archery</td> <td>\$8.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non-member Event membership</td> <td>\$40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Interest</td> <td>\$13.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Returned unspent advances</td> <td>\$320.24</td> </tr> </table>	The total income for November / December was	\$587.14	Hall takings (A&S, Sunday Sewing, SHDA)	\$205.00	Archery	\$8.00	Non-member Event membership	\$40.00	Interest	\$13.90	Returned unspent advances	\$320.24	
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Herald: Donna Page	No report received as seneschal has requested quarterly ones only.		
Constable:	No report received as seneschal has requested quarterly ones only <b>Item 11:</b> Megan named new Constable nominee, Paul Stubbings, and welcomed him to the meeting.		
Hospitaller: Angela Hales	No report received as seneschal has requested quarterly ones only. <b>Item 12:</b> Megan welcomed Angela Hales installed as Hospitaller at River Have Yule 2014.		
Webwright:	Position vacant - no report received. <b>Item 13:</b> Megan named new Webwright nominee, Raelene Price, and welcomed her to the meeting.		
Chronicler: Glynnis Hollindale	November/ December Rag issue published on line, report sent to Lochac Chronicler 7/1/2015.		
Chirurgion: Amber Stubbings	No report received as seneschal has requested quarterly ones only.		
Officer Appointments and vacancies	As above		List any changes to group officers. If any new officers are being appointed please ensure that kingdom procedure is followed
Events			
Details on events run since last meeting:	Name of Event	River Haven Yule Feast	
	Steward	Angela Hales	
	Date	6/12/2014	



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	Location	Hall, Wesley Road, Lutwyche	
	Event Report	Received by Megan, to be tabled at next meeting as per Item 3	
Upcoming events			
Request for approval	Name of Event	Red and White Tourneys and Pot Luck Roman Feast	
	Steward	Kathy Lietzow	
	Date	21/2/2015	
	Location	Leichhardt Scout Den, Ernest Street, One Mile	
	Has budget been submitted and approved? YES/ <del>NO</del>		
	<p>Planning issues discussed in meeting:</p> <p>Proposed Budget - Expected minimum people 30, maximum people 50. Potluck, therefore not much expenditure, hall \$50 paid prior to closure of Willoughby Vale, \$50 float, \$20 Ice, advance requested \$120, real expenditure \$70.</p> <p><b>Item 14 Megan proposed that the budget be accepted and event approved, Vilma seconded, approved</b></p> <p>Budget to be signed by Megan and Kathy.</p>		Attach extra page if needed
Request for approval	Name of Event	River Haven March Baronial Championship Tourneys and Feast	
	Steward	Kerri King	
	Date	7/3/2015	
	Location	Nanango Cultural Centre, 4 George Street, Nanango	
	Has budget been submitted and approved? YES/ <del>NO</del> approved by Seneschal prior to receipt of current instructions		
	<p>Planning issues discussed in meeting:</p> <p>Site payment already made (\$511 in Reeve's Report as above). Budget for 40 adults and 10 children included \$640 for food and \$260 for float and other expenses.</p>		Attach extra page if needed



	<b>Item 15 Megan proposed that the budget be accepted and event approved, Angela seconded, approved.</b> Updated budget to be requested.		
Request for approval	Name of Event	Demo	
	Steward	Kerri King	
	Date	20/2/2015	
	Location	Kingaroy	
	Has budget been submitted and approved? <del>YES</del> /NO		
	<p>Planning issues discussed in meeting: No budget presented, only a date request.</p> <p><b>Item 16 Megan proposed that the date be accepted and event approved, Ra'chel seconded, approved.</b></p>		Attach extra page if needed
Request for approval	Name of Event	Nanango Pot Luck	
	Steward	Lisa Schiffke, deputy Brian Zibell	
	Date	2/5/2015	
	Location	Nanango	
	Has budget been submitted and approved? YES/ <del>NO</del>		
	<p>Planning issues discussed in meeting: Initial Budget \$50 towards food, \$193 hire of two Portaloos.</p> <p><b>Item 17 Megan proposed date allocation only, Kim seconded, approved.</b> Updated budget to be requested.</p>		Attach extra page if needed
Timetable for upcoming events:	20/2/2015	Demo in Kingaroy	
	21/2/2015	Red and White	
	7/3/2015	River Haven March Baronial Championship Tourneys and Feast	
	2/5/2015	Nanango Pot Luck	
Other business arising	<p>Vilma will be participating in the World's Greatest Shave on 13/3/2015 and requests permission to advertise her fundraising effort</p>		



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**Item 18** General agreement for mention on the RH Yahoo list and RH Facebook page

With no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8:20pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting:

Chairperson

Date

Minutes published on:	Website	Newsletter
	Facebook	Other
Minutes ratified at following meeting	Signature:	
	Date:	

Action Items Arising from Meeting –

Action	To be completed by:	Expected Completion date	For Chair at next meeting Was Action Completed? If not why not?
Action item 1 as per Item 6 - Kathy has not seen the Xero report necessary for the meetings - she will investigate.	Kathy Carlyon	Next meeting	
Action item 2 as per Item 3 - Event Report for River Haven Yule Feast to be presented at next meeting	Megan McConnell	Next meeting	
Action item 3 as per Item 15 - Updated budget to be requested for River Haven March Baronial	Megan McConnell	Next meeting	
Action item 4 as per Item 17 - Detailed budget to be requested for Nanango Pot Luck	Megan McConnell	Next meeting	

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House Merewyke welcomes you to *“Midnight at the Oasis”* Saturday 7/3/2015

An invitation is extended to all to join us for River Haven March Baronial at House Merewyke’s Oasis.

Become a nomad known to all when you travel and win the River Haven Baronial Championship. Help us celebrate the excitement of the new Baronial Champions (A&S, Rapier and Heavy) till the evenings’ ends. We hope you will kick up a little dust getting here and that you will enjoy our moon shinin’ just for you at the campsite.

Event Site Golf Club House, cnr Millers Way Road & D’Aigular Highway. Signs and banners will be put up to show the way 11am to 10pm. Free camping site on Saturday 7/3/2015 Camping details will be sent through to you when you book. Send your camels to bed beneath the date palms here at House Merewyke.

Prices Adult member 35 gold, Teen 13-17 15 gold, birth to 12 FREE, Fighter with lunch 15 gold, Fighter no lunch and off board 10 gold, NON member insurance will be plus 5 gold on all prices.

Market stall places available 5 gold coins. Please bring battery operated candles only for use in the hall.

Booking close 21/2/2014 please email to [Bookings@riverhaven.lochac.sca.org](mailto:Bookings@riverhaven.lochac.sca.org)

Prepayment is preferred so we can have your receipt ready for you at the front gate. Please advise of any dietary/allergy requirement when booking.

General enquiries about the event to [kerriatnazrinsbrain@...](mailto:kerriatnazrinsbrain@...) (reply within 48 hours)

Alternate email address [MedievalMeForever@...](mailto:MedievalMeForever@...) (reply within 48 hours).

FREE CAMPING ON SATURDAY NIGHT 7/3/2015 at Cheryl and Loffty’s place. Address 53 Kurrajong Drive Nanango 4615 Bushland setting with lots of room for tents, cars and camels. Bring your own folding chair, water and torches. Port-a-loo provided. Left overs for breakfast, with tea or coffee.

Arts and Sciences Competitions for River Haven March Baronial 2015 will be:-

- Beginners - Leatherwork;
- Intermediate - Handmade textiles;
- Advanced - A paper and presentation on topic of choice. Presentation minimum 5 minutes, maximum 10 minutes. Paper minimum 1000 words, maximum 2000 words.

Beginners competitions will mean a class has been run - with documentation provided and preferably an item made (Notes published likely on yahoo list). Intermediate competitions will mean a class has been or will be run regarding the subject with some information provided including some sources (Notes published likely on yahoo list). Advanced will mean the documentation and work is up to the individual.



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## *Ultimate Fighter competition*

As part of the Lochac wide Ultimate Fighter competition, the Northern Reaches will hold a series of tournaments to find those worthy to compete in the final of the Ultimate Fighter Competition to be held at Great Northern War this June.

The Tourneys are open to all combatants but only unbelted fighters (Non Knights) will receive points. The Ultimate Fighter Final will be fought between unbelted fighters at this coming Great Northern War from victors across the Kingdom.

Tourney placings from 1st to 10th will earn you points that will determine who will be our Ultimate fighter. 12 points 1st place, 10 points second, 8 points third, 7 for fourth, 6 for fifth, 5 for sixth, 4 for seventh, 3 for eighth, 2 for ninth, 1 for tenth.

With time as valuable as it is leading up to GNW we have combined a couple of tourneys on the same day - It is ULTIMATE fighter after all!!

21st March - Shield and single handed weapon AND Pole weapon Tourney, Light refreshments between  
25th April - Great weapon tourney (date to be confirmed as it is ANZAC day)

1st Tourneys all begin armour inspection at 12.30pm Tourney start at 1.30pm second tourney will be dependent on finish time of first tourney.

All tourneys will be Single Kill Double Elimination unless there are 8 or fewer combatants in which case they will be Round Robin format.

Venue: Fairfield Park (Between Noble and Cameron Streets Fairfield)

Cost: \$5 members + \$5 for non members - Price is per day.  
No Bookings Required

For Further Info contact the Steward: Steffan Glaube / Paul Adams

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## *River Haven not-Festival event April 4th 2015*

### EVENT DETAILS

Event Name: An Evening In Florence

Host Group: River Haven

Start date: Saturday, April 4th 2015

End date: Monday, April 6th 2015

Event type: Other

Location: River Haven Hall Wesley Street Lutwyche

### STEWARD DETAILS

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### BOOKING DETAILS

Bookings Close: Friday, April 3rd 2015

Booking Contact: Madelaine le Mercer - madilayn@internode.on.net Bookings for Pot Luck only (please advise what you intend to bring)

Cost: Members \$7 (both days plus Put Luck Feast) Non Members \$12 (both days plus Pot Luck Feast).

For one (1) day: Members \$4 Non Members \$9 (includes Fest if you attend on Saturday 4th only)

Children under 10 - Members Free. Non Members \$5

Non Member price includes \$5 Event Membership. All prices include Kingdom Levy

### DESCRIPTION

Join us for our traditional Easter event in River Haven for those not heading to Rowany Festival.

The River Haven Hall will be open from 10am on Saturday 4 April and Monday 6 April for Sewing and other A&S Activities, general Socialising and (if there are Marshals available) fighter practice/training. On both days, please BYO lunch and snacks. Cold drinks are available for purchase. Tea & Coffee available.

On Saturday 4 April from 6pm you are invited to join us for a Pot Luck Feast will be held at the Hall with the theme "An Evening in Florence". The Hall kitchen will be available during the day for you to cook any food you wish. Each person attending should bring a dish to serve 3 – 4 people. If you are bringing your kids (who are entirely welcome) please ensure that your dish serves 4 – 5 people.

Bookings would be appreciated for the Pot Luck Feast so that we can coordinate the food being brought. Bookings will also be capped at 60 people, due to the size of the Hall.





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## *Lochac May Crown 1st to 3rd of May A.S. L*

Friday May 1st to Sunday 3rd, 2015. •4:30pm Friday - site opens for staff •5:30pm Friday - site opens for populace - please don't arrive early, another group may be using the site.

A fully-catered weekend, with accommodation, from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, at Hunua Falls Camp, 203 Falls Road Hunua, Auckland, New Zealand.

Greetings all,

Thank you all those who have booked for May Crown in Ildhafn (Auckland, NZ) already! We're over half full already, so if you're thinking about coming to May Crown but haven't booked yet, you'll want to do so soon.

Prices rise by \$10 on March 1st. For those who have already booked but haven't paid (or made arrangements to pay at the gate), please pay before the price rise or you'll pay the higher rate.

Remember, this should be the very first event in the Known World in the fiftieth year of our Society (we're pretty sure there isn't an event planned in Kiribati), as well as being the Tournament to select the next Crown of Lochac, followed by a sumptuous feast and much pomp and ceremony, so you don't want to miss it.

Prices (until March 1st): Adult full event - NZ \$115 (non-members add \$2) Youth (12-17) full event - NZ \$101 Child (5-11) full event - NZ \$76 Other booking options available. Bookings close April 17th. For full details, please see <http://ildhafn.lochac.sca.org/crown> To go directly to the booking form, please see [http://ildhafn.lochac.sca.org/crown\\_booking](http://ildhafn.lochac.sca.org/crown_booking) (please fill out the form once for each person booking)

Yours in service,  
William de Cameron and Katherina Weyssin  
Stewards, Lochac May Crown 2015, Ildhafn.

## *An interesting entry for a year ending in 15*

Aldus Pius Manutius, born 1449 and died on the 6th of February 1515, was famous for founding the Aldine Press in Venice. He is credited with inventing Italic type (with his type caster), the first typographic use of the semicolon and introducing a cheaper limp binding of certain classics similar to a modern paperback edition.

Manutius was well educated and worked as a tutor to some of the powerful Italian families of his time. In 1501 he started using a dolphin and anchor as his publisher's device from a Roman coin and this symbol was respected throughout Europe. His passion for Greek classics is shown in his translations and publication of many ancient Greek books and establishing a "New Academy" of Greek studies in 1502.

Garnered from *The uses of Italics* by Frederick W. Hamilton, *Aldus Manutius and the Development of Greek Script & Type in the Fifteenth Century* (Fordham University Press) 2nd ed. 1992 and many other fine works.



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