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Il Tempo

Welcome to *Il Tempo* (The Times), the Newsletter of the Barony of Ponte Alto, one of the northern baronies in the Kingdom of Atlantia.

Il Tempo strives to be an informative read that you look forward to. To this end, we are always appreciative of any contributions to it, perhaps an article of a project you are working on or are interested in, how to make/play a period game, your experience at an event, how/what to prepare for a day trip, a recipe/ piece of garb that you've made, documentation on an item you've competed - a how to on

documentation, a few words on a historical person/event, photos, a book review, something to share with a newcomer - perhaps a short autobiography of your persona or how you came to figure out your persona.

The list can go on for ages - only limited by the speed at which our hands can write out what our minds can think of.

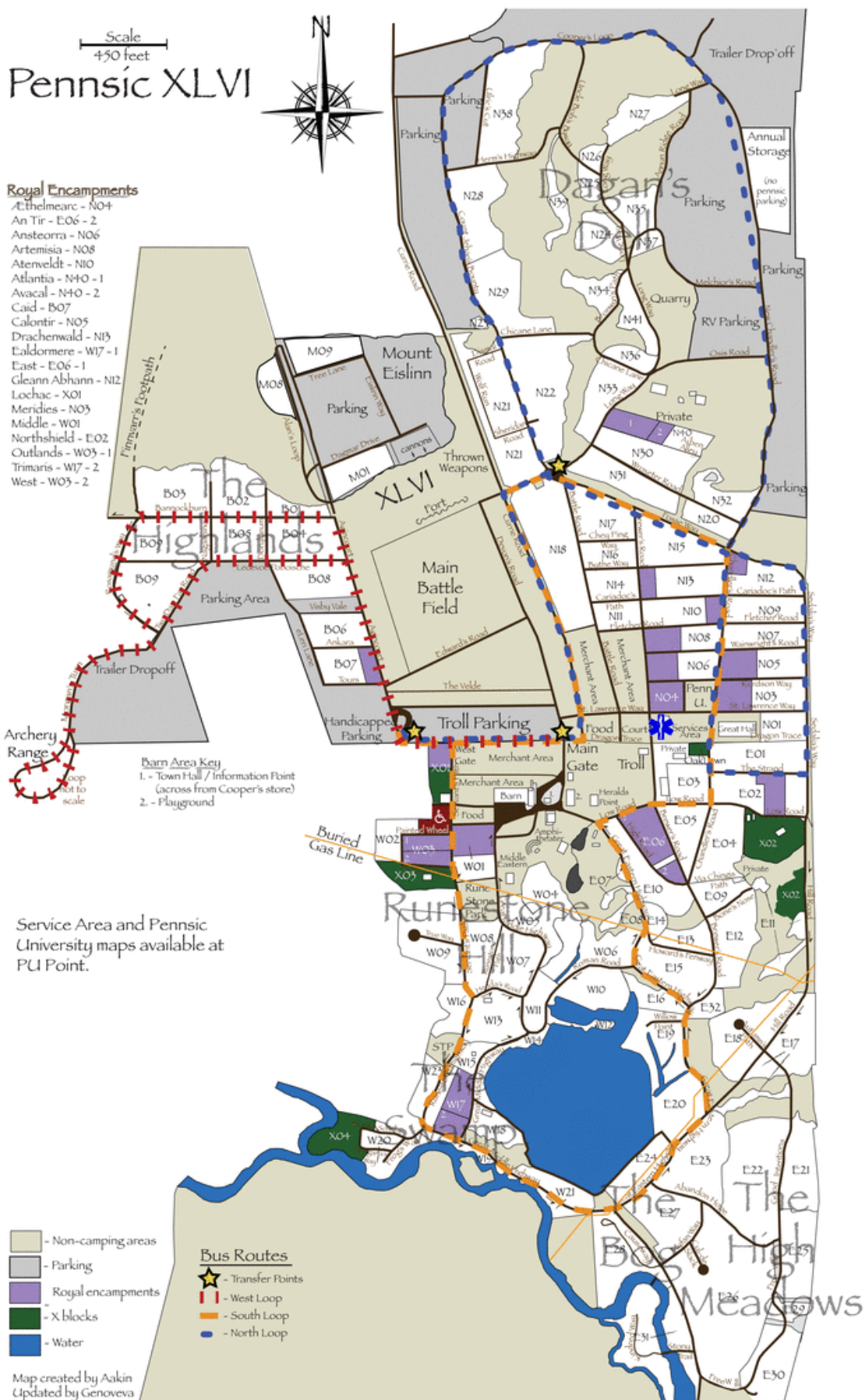
Come, share with us adventures in the great Barony of Ponte Alto, in the grand Kingdom of Atlantia, in this - the current Middle Ages!

ARTS & SCIENCES IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Baroness Cellach Mór with Belpheobe de Givet at Storvik Novice Arts & Sciences, 3 June 2017. Stained glass Ponte Alto bridge submission by Baroness Cellach. The Baroness's A&S project is our cover artwork this month! Read more about this project at <https://cellachmor.wordpress.com/2017/06/02/heraldic-stained-glass/>

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Business Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2017

5:00 pm

Adjourned at 5:27 pm

22 attendees

Tyson's Pimmit Park
Falls Church, VA 22043

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal – Geoffrey for Dwayne Eckman (Lord Seamus Ó Maoil Riain)

- ◆ Quarterly reports are due

Herald - Richard Altstatt (Ricart Berenguer Falcón)

- ◆ Working on devices and names
- ◆ Children's Award is clear of conflict

Arts and Sciences - Bob Capozello (Master Marcellus Capozello da Napoli)

- ◆ 7/16 Roman Part II
- ◆ 6/17, 7/11, ~~7/25~~ Ponte Alto Singers
- ◆ 6/26 A&S
- ◆ A&S at Pennsic Artisan's Row. See schedule in Pennsic Event Guide

Chatelaine - Margaret for Barbara Eckman (Lady Barbara MacAuley)

- ◆ Newcomers Meeting had 9 adults and 3 children in attendance
- ◆ No meeting in July.
- ◆ Maura to host in August
- ◆ AwesomeCon brought in some new contacts who came to the practice in the park

Minister of Minors - Eliisa Harman (Lady Annika Siltanen)

- ◆ Sebastian and Oliver won the youth archery prizes at Stierbach Baronial Birthday
- ◆ Children's fete at Pennsic is Wednesday, 12-3pm, of War Week

Minister of the List - Austin Dalton

- ◆ no report for this meeting

Web Minister - Megan Ladd (Lady Margaret Lad)

- ◆ Web updates continue

Knight/Rapier Marshal - Jeff Williams (Lord Geoffrey ap Clywd)

- ◆ Fighting/Rapier continues
- ◆ Thursday practices in the park at 6:00pm



Business Meeting Minutes (cont.)

Archery Marshal - Rónán for Nicholas Freer (Lord Naran Numuchi)

- ◆ Archery continues

Baron and Baroness - Kari Kel Dalton (Cellach Mór)

- ◆ Will attend: Assessments, Pennsic
- ◆ Atlantian Court will be held Wednesday, War Week, 6:00pm, followed by a social
- ◆ Ponte Alto Court will be held Thursday, War Week, 7:00pm, followed by a social (combined with Black Diamond & Windmaster's Hill)
- ◆ For Pennsic Opening Ceremonies, meet at camp at 5:30pm to walk to procession together
- ◆ Drogo was awarded his White Scarf at Storvik Novice
- ◆ Marcellus received his Laurel at Storvik Novice

Old Business

- ◆ Still need to work on list fence
- ◆ Vadoma has volunteered to autocrat Love & Beauty

Exchequer - Marlene Martineau (Lady Vadoma)

- ◆ Updated balance provided: 10,009.81
- ◆ Astrid is scheduled to take Exchequer class and be ready to take over in a few months

Chronicler - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ◆ Meeting with Kingdom Chronicler to confirm requirements
- ◆ Catching up on Il Tempo

New Business

- ◆ Spring Crown: looking at Camp Snyder, bid to be ready before Pennsic
- ◆ Fall University: need to find a site
- ◆ Anna & Randy want to teach dance and are looking into locations for practice
 - Fairfax County schools are already covered by our liability insurance
 - Randy is talking to his church in Reston to see about getting space
 - Dance could also happen at fighter practice in the park, which has the benefit of more public exposure of SCA activities
- ◆ Anna would like to have a practice before Pennsic.

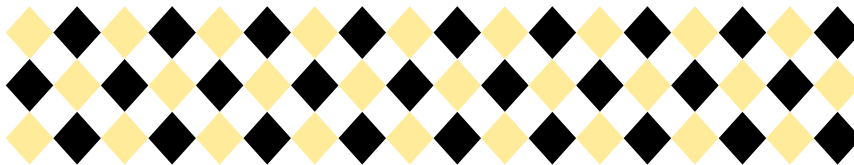


Business Meeting Minutes (cont.)

- ♦ Anna can also host a sewing circle once a month on a Sunday at her house (for the benefit of those that cannot do weekdays)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ Finish painting three window banners after Pennsic
- ♦ Make sure to find their Excellencies at Pennsic for baronial "gifts"
- ♦ No business meeting in July
- ♦ No Sunday "Practice & Picnic in the Park" in July



WORD FROM THE BARON



- ♦ *Assessment next weekend, 7/8.*
- ♦ *Sun practice in the park next week, 7/16.*
- ♦ *Check and replace worn leather & straps on armor now!*
- ♦ *Check and redo weapons and ammo before you get to Pennsic!*



Weekly Events

	<i>SUNDAY</i>
Ponte Alto Baronial	<p><u>4th Sunday</u> of the month at 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 7426 Idylwood Rd, Falls Church.</p> <p>Directions: Take your best route to I-66. Get off at the exit for Route 7 West (Tysons Corner). Turn left at the first light after the interchange onto Idylwood Rd. Go ¼ mile; the church is up the hill on the right.</p>
Outdoor Heavy Weapons and Rapier Practice	<p>Weather permitting, 12:00 noon until dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for information (see Regnum). (cancellations posted on the Ponte Alto e-list)</p> <p>Directions: Take your best route to I-495. Get off at the exit for Route 7 East (Falls Church). Go about 1 mile; the library is on the left. Park in the library lot and walk down the hill to the park.</p>
	<i>MONDAY</i>
Scribal and A&S	It is the day after the business meeting, most always <u>the 4th Monday</u> , 6-10pm Fairfax, 22033 (contact chronicler@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org for address; cancellations posted on the Ponte Alto e-list). Not to worry, any Arts and Sciences projects are welcome. Allergy alert:: cats.
Stierbach/Ponte Alto Archery Practice	Spring/Summer/Fall, held at Grimmsfield, a private residence with range. 16132 Crusade Ct, Haymarket, VA 20169. 5:00pm until the sun goes down.
	<i>TUESDAY</i>
Ponte Alto Singers	<u>2nd & 4th Tuesday</u> , 7pm-9pm, Reston, 20190. If interested in joining or need the address, contact Lady Annika Siltanen (mka Eliisa Harman) at mom@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org . Additionally, information can be found on Facebook: Ponte Alto Singers. Allergy alert:: cats and dogs.
	<i>THURSDAY</i>
Heavy Weapons Practice	Summer, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, (see Outdoor Heavy Weapons and Rapier Practice above). Winter, Lemon Road Elementary School cafeteria (7230 Idylwood Road, Falls Church), weather and school events permitting (cancellations posted on the Ponte Alto e-list)
Rapier Practice	Summer, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, (see Outdoor Heavy Weapons and Rapier Practice above). Winter, Shreveview Elementary school cafeteria (7525 Shreve Rd, Falls Church), 6:30pm-9pm (cancellations posted on the Ponte Alto e-list)
Sewing Circle	<u>3rd Thursday</u> , private residences. Address will be posted on a private site (Facebook: Ponte Alto Sewing Circle) to preserve the privacy of the hosting sewer. If you'd like to host or don't have a Facebook account and need the address, please contact Lady Margaret Lad (mka Megan Ladd) webminister@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org Not to worry, the Sewing Circle is all about Fiber Arts too, not just sewing.
	<i>MONTHLY</i>
SCA Newcomer Meetings	Newcomer Meetings are held once a month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the home of various members of the Barony. Contact the Baronial Chatelaine for information (chatelaine@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org), or check out the Events/ Activities page on the website for the most recent information.

*Note on school locations for activities: There will be no activities at schools during school holidays or on other days when Fairfax County schools are closed or all nighttime school recreational activities are canceled. Notification of cancellation or alternate site location will be posted on the web as soon as possible. You can visit the Fairfax County Public Schools Emergency Announcement page for school closure status: <http://fcps.edu/news/emerg.htm>

* A reminder to those to attend marshal activities and practice at Fairfax County Public Schools:



JULY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 12 - 4pm Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice	3 5:00pm Ponte Alto/ Stierbach Archery Practice @ Grimmsfield	4	5	6 6 - 9pm Rapier Practice 6 - 9pm Heavy Weapons Practice	7	8
9 12 - 4pm Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice	10 5:00pm Ponte Alto/ Stierbach Archery Practice @ Grimmsfield	11 7 - 9pm Ponte Alto Singers	12	13 6 - 9pm Rapier Practice 6 - 9pm Heavy Weapons Practice	14	15
16 12 - 4pm Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice 1 - 6pm Imperial Roman Clothing Workshop	17 5:00pm Ponte Alto/ Stierbach Archery Practice @ Grimmsfield	18	19	20 6 - 9pm Rapier Practice 6 - 9pm Heavy Weapons Practice	21 7 - 10pm Newcomer's Meeting	22
23 12 - 4pm Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice	24 6 - 9 pm Scribal A&S 5:00pm Ponte Alto/ Stierbach Archery Practice @ Grimmsfield	25	26	27	28 <i>Pennsic War</i>	29 <i>Pennsic War</i>
30 <i>Pennsic War</i>	31 <i>Pennsic War</i>					



AUGUST 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Pennsic War</i>	2 <i>Pennsic War</i>	3 <i>Pennsic War</i>	4 <i>Pennsic War</i>	5 <i>Pennsic War</i>
6 <i>Pennsic War</i>	7 <i>Pennsic War</i>	8 <i>Pennsic War</i>	9 <i>Pennsic War</i>	10 <i>Pennsic War</i>	11 <i>Pennsic War</i>	12 <i>Pennsic War</i>
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27 12 - 4pm Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice & Picnic in the Park <u>6 - 7pm</u> <u>Business Meeting</u>	28 6 - 9 pm Scribal A&S 5pm Ponte Alto/ Stierbach Archery Practice @ Grimmsfield	29	30	31		



How Long Did That Take?

Introducing the "How Long Did That Take?" Experiment

Instigator/Sponsor: Lady Amie Sparrow

Anybody who does any kinds of arts or craft is inevitably asked the question, "So how long did that take you?" Some of us have a rough idea of the hours involved. Some do not.

The answer to the question would be very helpful for people starting out in a new craft or experienced people who want to create something they've already made but can't remember the time it took. I would love to have some kind of chart that gives the hours generally required for certain projects. How long does it take for an experienced person to create a scroll? How long does it take a mid-level person? How long for a beginner? What about a leather quiver? A woven belt? A metal helmet?

To find those answers, I'm going to run an A&S experiment that takes a year, the purpose of which will enable you to answer the question, "So how long did that take you?" I want to include all skill levels in this endeavor.

The end result would be a display of projects with associated hours. At this time, the goal for the display is Pennsic 2018.

What's the point of the experiment? For me, personally, it would be a great metric to prevent me from embarking on a project that I don't have time to complete. (Didn't I make that peasant dress in a weekend? Um, no. According to your OWN NOTES it took you all your free time for two weeks!) For new folks, it will give them a thumbnail estimate of how long their projects might take so they can set their expectations accordingly and not be discouraged.

What I would want from participants is 1) a photo of their finished project and 2) the information below.

Project Name:

Your experience level in this area (Novice, Mid-level, Expert):

Hours to complete:

Materials used:

Historical Period/Culture:

Total cost:

Did you learn anything new from this project?

What recommendations would you make to others attempting this project?

This experiment is not a contest about "I suffer more for my art than you do." Instead, it is a journey across the arts & sciences that will produce helpful metrics. At the end, everyone who participates will get a token for participating in the project with me.

Please contact me if you're interested!

amiesparrow@yahoo.com



Baronial Progress

Baronial Progress for July/August	
Date	Event
7/7-9	Assessment – Appomattox River, VA
7/28-8/13	Pennsic – Aethelmarc

We really could use your help

There are several positions in our Barony that could use a Deputy; actually, all of the positions that we have could benefit by having at least one deputy.

Why a Deputy? Well, it is easy for any one of us to intend to do something if we don't take into account that the SCA is what we do with our time after we are finished doing what we do to pay the bills.

With deputies, the work load can be shared, allowing more work to be accomplished with less time and stress for any one individual.

Besides, it is a great way to work with others to do something different to help make your, and other's, SCA experience that much better!





Ponte Alto Notables

Archery Champion: Lord Rónán mac Ímair
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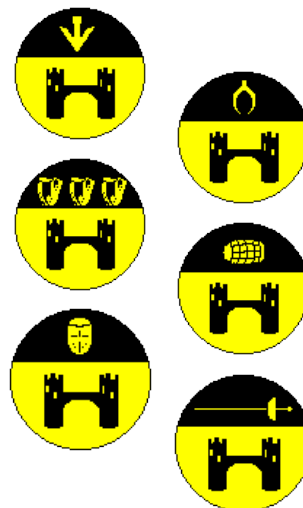
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Interested in learning Thumb Ring style archery?

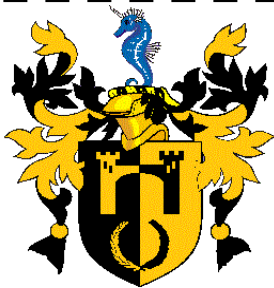
Our very own Naran Numuchi will be teaching three—count them, three!—classes at Pennsic for archers that might have an interest in giving this style of archery a try!

Naran will be teaching on the mornings of:

- Thursday, Aug 3, 9:00-10:00AM
- Friday, Aug 4, 9:00-10:00AM
- Monday, Aug 7, 9:00-10:00AM

All classes on the Novelty range.

Thumb-rings for practice will be available from Naran!



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<http://karenswhimsy.com/medieval-people.shtml>
12 January 2012





As much as I enjoy a cold beer – or a cold cider, or even mead! – on a hot summer day, sometimes it's refreshing to have something non-alcoholic. Especially useful for those darn dry sites!

Our resident Mongol (and Baronial food/poison-taster), Lord Naran, offered up this recipe for Sekanjabin to share with his fellow Pontoons.

Try this at Pennsic! It's very tasty!

-editor

SEKANJABIN RECIPE

STRAWBERRY AND MINT

Note: "The recipe I found said chop the strawberries, and remove when finished with a fine sieve, but I decided to puree them and leave them in."

Recipe:

Ingredients: *Water, white sugar, balsamic vinegar, 12 ounces strawberries, fresh mint.*

Boil 2 cups water.

Add 4 cups white sugar, and dissolve over high heat.

Then add 1 cup balsamic vinegar and stir.

Add 12 ounces of strawberries, pureed, and a cup of chopped fresh mint.

Simmer for 30 minutes.

Turn off the heat, let sit/cool overnight, then strain out the mint.

Bottle (clean 2 liter soda bottle is fine).

When wanting to serve, add 4-6 part cold water, ice if desired.

Note: "The original recipe indicated to add the fruit first, and the vinegar last, but if you don't simmer the vinegar, much of the acid taste remains. Simmering removes much of the acetic acid."

Enjoy!



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