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Victory on the Vine II



The Barony of Ponte Alto held its second iteration of Victory on the Vine.
It was a day of fighting and fun for all!

MASTHEAD

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This list of potential submissions can go on for ages –limited only 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements

- Ponte Alto has been registered for Pennsic. Due to land re-allocations by the Cooper Family, there have been significant changes in space assignments. We continue with our previous Tri-Baronial encampment plan with Windmaster's Hill, Ponte Alto, and Black Diamond.
- Greetings Atlantia, if you previously served as an A&S Kingdom Notable, could you please send an email to me at moas@officer.atlantia.sca.org? I'm working on updating records, and I have lots of gaps. The A&S Notables I'm seeking data on are: **Brewer, Baker, Bard, Poeta**. For details if you're interested, see the updated webpage for A&S Kingdom Notables here: <https://moas.atlantia.sca.org/royal-notables/>

Thank you, Dame Sophia the Orange, Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences (Lara Coutinho)

Please [submit](#) award recommendations! <https://polling.atlantia.sca.org/index.php>

May Populace Meeting

Date: May 20, 2025

Began: 7:35 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting

Adjourned: 8:30 PM

Notes: Rónán mac Ímair

Attendees: 17 people

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Seneschal – Rónán mac Imair (Ron Hanagan)

Nothing special to report this month

Knight Marshal –Syr Frederick Thurstone (Fred Clune)

Has some paperwork to finish up.

Lemon Road has another graduation this week. Will collapse this week's practices together.

Chatelaine – Lady Emilia di Nicastro (Maura Nicastle)

Picnic planned for June 1st

Demo moving forward. Email 1st thing tomorrow.

Exchequer – Lord Mowgli of Anglesey (Aaron Parness)

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Herald – Forannán Glórach (Fabian Scholl)

Not present

Arts & Sciences – Noble Cuno von Schließwig (Joseph Glancy)

Bardic sessions still going

Upcoming demos at 2 different schools. Oak View & Oakcrest.

At **Oak View**: Salimbene + Lisbet will be presenting again. (They did a demo there last year.)

Demo will be on May 30th.

Need as many hammers as possible. Regular hammers for copper. Can pass at practice.

Chronicler – Viscountess Katya Wanderer

We are in need of a new Chronicler!

Primary responsibilities include recording and publishing minutes from the populace meetings in our Baronial newsletter. Articles covering Arts & Sciences, fighting, and other topics are optional, but publishing meeting notes and the regnum is required to maintain Baronial status.

Web Minister – Lord Robin of Ponte Alto (Brian MacMonigle)

Not present

Social Media Officer – Thorunn Manfíttbrekka (Nadia Garcia)

Not present

Looking for a deputy!

Their Excellencies, Baron Hákon and Baroness Hrefna

Tremendous day on Saturday at Victory on the Vine!

No issues bubbled up. Just good things from what we heard.

Lots of good teamwork!

Many thanks to Baron Mors and Jay for stepping in to cover target archery for Naran who was unable to attend.

Please **submit** award recommendations! <https://polling.atlantia.sca.org/index.php>

EVENTS

OAK CREST DEMO

Slated for June 3rd.

Maura will send email tomorrow morning.

VICTORY ON THE VINE

Report from: Mowgli / Event Steward

169 people. 28 adult campers.

Money discrepancy. Robin will keep working on it.

1 check that went to Mowgli. No other checks.

1 registered, then left, unregistered after about 20 minutes. Because of no archery.

Katya will pass Mowgli her name.

Owner was happy!

Next year, Father's Day weekend? June 21st.

(Teagan)

For next year, think about netting for combat archery

And more space for equestrian in the future. There was enough for 5 this year.

HALLOWED MARKET

24-25 Oct at same site (Mountain Run Winery)

Meeting this Thursday to finalize the contract!

No fighting planned.

CROWN TOURNY BID

Not discussed

OLD BUSINESS

Hakon has been chatting with folks re: new baronial awards. The excellencies would like to add some more!

What do people think?

“Ponte de Gargoyle!”

“Companion of the Bridge Troll”

(Mowgli) For kids, mirror the adult awards. Sort of like Pokemon. Gotta collect ‘em all.

“Amicus de Ponte Alto”

It was suggested we host a BAWT ("Basic Atlantian War Training")

TH-SU

Multi-day

(Teagan) Re: **Pennsic** – This will be a Purple year. (Peace)

Expect a lower turn-out this year (due to reasons)

Question: do we have a camp steward?

Hakon – Yes. It will be Solvar. Hakon will sync up with them. We will be lighter on Ponte Alto folks this year.

No Drachenwald, no Ealdamere, etc.

NEW/FUTURE BUSINESS:

1. **Storage inventory & clean out:** Need to do an inventory and clean out on the storage area. We've managed to free up some space, but a good inventory (ideally with pictures) is overdue. A date to be established in the future.
2. **Update Financial Policy:** needs to be reviewed and updated. Mowgli is consulting with Kingdom on some updates.

PLANNING FOR PONTE ALTO LOCAL EVENTS

Pennsic

Planning is already starting for Pennsic. There will be significant changes in the camping space assignments. Some groups are being displaced and losing their priority. Let's be nice. Atlantia will be a co-leader of the war this year. It's going to be a lot more work, but also more fun.

Hallowed Market

Planning is starting for Hallowed Market. This will be a special dual event. During the day, it will be a demo. In the evening, it will turn into a festive night of singing and socializing! The organizing will get underway right after Pennsic!



Atlantia Event Calendar – June

Date	Event	Location
	June – AS LX (2025)	
06-06 - 06-08	Royal Archery Tournament	Booneville NC (Sacred Stone) (Q K Pr P)
06-06 - 06-08	Rumors of War- Part Deux	Bryson City NC (Stormwall)
06-14 - 06-15	Summer University of Atlantia	Virginia Beach VA (Marinus) (Q)
06-20 - 06-22	Storvik Novice Tournament	Upper Marlboro MD (Storvik) (Q K Pr)
06-27 - 06-29	King's Assessment	Callaway VA (Black Diamond) (K Pr P)

*Note that these dates and links are subject to change. For a full and updated list, please visit the Atlantia Kingdom Calendar at <https://atlantia.sca.org/calendar/>.

Upcoming Events

Victory on the Vine II



Victory on the Vine II – 5/17-5/18, 2025 – Ponte Alto (Culpeper, VA)

Victory on the Vine II – Armored Fighting Recap

By Tegan of Anglesey

On May 17, 2025, the Barony hosted Victory on the Vine II once again at Mountain Run Winery in Culpeper, Virginia. We were so happy to be back at this idyllic site; not just for a day event, but for a whole weekend affair.

As the Armored Marshal in Charge once again, not only was I thrilled to take advantage of the local steel fighting group, Iron Lions', permanent lyst structure, but the winery owner, David Foster, allowed us to use hay bales already on site to create obstacles and fighting fronts for our scenarios.

Thirty-three (33) armored combatants signed in with the Mistress of the List, including several combat archers. One new fighter got an initial authorization and one experienced fighter successfully authorized in a second weapon form.

We divided fighters into 2 teams based on natural households and affiliations - a green team and a purple team.

The first set of scenarios was to attack/defend the lyst (the "Fortress") for fastest time. Defenders got 2 lives/1 resurrection and attackers got 4 lives/3 resurrections. These bouts ran around 3 to 4 minutes. Team purple prevailed with the faster time by about 1 minute.

The second set of scenarios was a variation of the prior, except that attackers received unlimited resurrections for the first 45 seconds and then resurrections stopped, while defenders had no resurrections. Attackers also got combat archers. The bouts only lasted a little over a minute and teams were only 1 second apart in time!



Photo by Tim Tyson/Master Ursus

The third set of scenarios was a “City Attack” progressive battle that was a scaled down version of the proposed Thursday armored battle this upcoming Pennsic. This was another “attack/defend” scenario for fastest time whereby attackers had to go through a breach in a wall and were given 3 flags to plant inside the city - within each of 2 buildings (hay bale squares) and one inside the Fortress. When the attacking team planted a flag inside a building, the defenders lost that building as a resurrection point. Once both buildings were taken, the defenders got one last resurrection inside the Fortress where the attackers had to plant the last flag. Combat archery was on the attacking team only. Purple team won this by about 2 minutes over the green team.



Photo by Tim Tyson/Master Ursus

The fourth set of scenarios was 2 unlimited resurrection bridge battles where the victory condition was to control the center of the bridge at a time check somewhere between 3 and 5 minutes (they were actually at 4 minutes and 4:20, respectively). Both teams had the benefit for CA. Green team prevailed in both of these scenarios.



Photo by Tim Tyson/Master Ursus

The fifth set of scenarios was a room-to-room progressive attack/defend battle I like to refer to as “Only Murders in the Building”. This is actually a scenario that Sir Jonathas Reinisch created a month earlier at Revenge of the Stitch. Attackers had unlimited resurrections and had to clear 4 rooms of defenders, going room-by-room. When a defender died, they moved to the next room. The attackers could not attack the next room until the prior room was cleared. In the last room, the attackers had to kill a defender who was designated as the “king” (complete with a glitter tape crown!) as the victory condition. Green prevailed in this scenario, but not by much.

After this, the two Co-Captains of Atlantian Unbelt Team, Lord Lucian de la Monte and Lord Declan mac Aodhagain, ran 2 single death open field battles where all of the unbelted attending Pennsic were teamed up on one side in preparation for the 10-Warrior Tournament this upcoming Pennsic. Pick-ups closed out the armored fighting for the day.

Finally, I'd be remiss not to mention that Ponte Alto's own Bailey of Anglesey participated in some young fighting.



Photo by Tim Tyson/Master Ursus

The day ended with Court, amazing German chocolate cake from local bakery Knakal's as a farewell treat to Sir Frederick and Viscountess Katya who are leaving the area soon (sad face!), and revelry at the Greenlee Tavern on site at the winery, including a performance by Anglesey's own house band, DragonSong.

Thank you to Sir Frederick Clune, Sir Ragnar Ribcracker, Sir Kollack von Zweckel, Lord Lewin de Parton and Miriam Giantslayer for helping with all of the marshalling, and to Centurion Willhelm of Bellatrix for serving as the usher for authorizations. Of course, thank you to Mistress Kender and the MOL team. I also appreciate so many fighters from the Southern Region making the trek north for the event and also attendance by mercenaries from my own household of Anglesey (thanks Arimal, *take a big drink!*), the Tuchux (*Tu Chux! tu chux!*), and Rome (*Ave!*).

Victory on the Vine Awards & Recognition

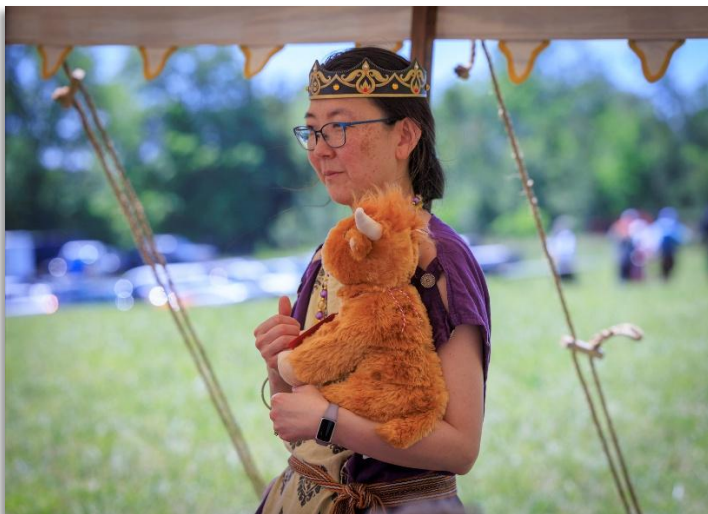
Awards bestowed during this event in the order bestowed.

#	Recipient	Award	Date	Bestowed By
1	<u>Cuno von Schleßwig</u>	<u>Companion of the Opal</u> (Atlantia)	5/17/2025	<u>Abran II & Anya II</u>
2	<u>Noel of Stierbach</u>	<u>Companion of the Sea Dragon</u> (Atlantia)	5/17/2025	<u>Abran II & Anya II</u>
3	<u>Miriam Giantslayer</u>	<u>Onore del Ponte Nero</u> (Atlantia) (Ponte Alto)	5/17/2025	<u>Hákon and Hrefna</u>
4	<u>Felix del Rey</u>	<u>Onore del Ponte d'Oro</u> (Atlantia) (Ponte Alto)	5/17/2025	<u>Hákon and Hrefna</u>
5	<u>Leah of Stierbach</u>	<u>Companion of the Sea Dragon</u> (Atlantia)	5/17/2025	<u>Abran II & Anya II</u>
6	<u>Margreta Gyllenstierna</u>	<u>Companion of the Quintain</u> (Atlantia)	5/17/2025	<u>Abran II & Anya II</u>
7	<u>Megan of Windmasters' Hill</u>	<u>Award of the Shark's Tooth</u> (Atlantia)	5/17/2025	<u>Abran II & Anya II</u>
8	<u>Finn Lochlannach Úa Domnail</u>	<u>Award of Arms</u> (Atlantia)	5/17/2025	<u>Abran II & Anya II</u>
9	<u>Jonet Nycholl</u>	<u>Companion of the Yew Bow</u> (Atlantia)	5/17/2025	<u>Abran II & Anya II</u>

Vivat to all of the awardees!

Scenes from Victory on the Vine













All photos courtesy of Thomas Beebe

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Ponte Alto Regular Events

Ponte Alto Regular Events	Usual Days	Location/Address
Outdoor Heavy and Rapier Practice	SUNDAYS (12:00 noon until 4:00)	Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church.
Weather Permitting. See Barony Marshalate for information. Cancellations will be posted on Facebook		
Monthly Dance Practice	Thursday, April 10, (7:00 – 9:00pm)	Kings Park Library 9000 Burke Lake Rd, Burke, VA 22015
Monthly on the second Thursday; Check Ponte Alto Website for location and dates monthly. It occasionally		
Indoor Heavy Practice (Until Spring-probably May) Please check the Calendar for last-minute cancellations.	THURSDAYS (6:00-9:00)	Lemon Road Elementary School 7230 Idylwood Rd, Falls Church, VA 22043
Indoor Rapier Practice (Until Spring-probably May) Please check the Calendar for last-minute cancellations.	THURSDAYS (7:00-9:00)	Shrevewood Elementary School 7525 Shreve Rd, Falls Church, VA 22043
Outdoor Archery & Thrown Weapons Practice-Stierbach/Ponte Alto	MONDAYS (5:00 until Dusk)	Practice is at Grimmsfield: 16132 Crusade Ct. Haymarket, VA 20169. We are back outside!
If you need loaner gear or would like more information, please contact Archery Marshal Lord Rónán mac Ímair.		
Baron’s Open Chair (if you need to speak to the Baron about official business)		Thursday evening Fighter Practice
Bring your handwork or small projects to work on; ask questions of fellow baronial members; hang out and watch the fighting; work on your armor; teach or attend a class. Everyone is welcome!		
Populace/Business Meetings	Third TUESDAY of the month 7:30	Online. Everyone is invited to attend.
The Google Meet link is posted on the Ponte Alto calendar .		