

# The Wye's Mouth



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## Inspiration ~ Argent Incessant

A lot of people having been asking what the beautiful award Alessandra made for Wyewood is actually given for.

The inspiration for what would eventually become Wyewood's Argent Incessant started over a decade ago, at a campfire. Baron Haak Haakerson, Fiacha, David, I think Indigo, I know Caiphus... Most of us newer fighters, frustrated by how people trying to get started were treated, and how little encouragement they were given. The An Tir 7th Cav was reborn from that fire- a determination to reward all effort, and truly treat EVERYONE as the Lord or Lady we knew them to be, or knew them capable of becoming.

The name, The Path. Well, that actually came from a memorable night with my liege lord who was at the fire, after we'd had... possible, rumor has... a few. I escorted him back to camp, and he gallantly insisted on escorting me back to camp. I was after all, his chick-at-arms (Ok we were young and man-at-arms just did not work). There was a lot of argument about the right path (which led through Royal 2 or 3 times, as best we can remember). It was a silly memory making night, which coined a catch phrase. "That's not The Path."

There is no one true "path" in the SCA. There are a hundred thousand upon thousand. (And at least

one of them lead straight into underbrush, and maybe you should listen to your companion insisting "That's not the Path.") It was kind of an analogy for how easy it is to get lost if you can't find the path, or guidance to find it.

But there are people that come to their first or second event, and you see that light spark. "Oh, my gosh, this person is going to go so far!" And it is so exciting and revitalizing to see them set their first steps on The Path to being the next... well, anything. Pelican. Laurel. Knight. Order of the White Scarf. Grey Goose. Someone's best friend. Maybe your best friend.

Another thing that came out of the First Fire- acute awareness of the lack of awards or recognition for new comers. You come in, if you're lucky you have a good group who helps you out and cheers you on. If you're not, more often, you become part of a "fringe group" who doesn't really care about the SCA itself, or more often, just leave. We at that first fire talked a lot about when we were... a Knight, a Don, a Don~a, we would be that encouragement. We would never treat those under us with anything but respect once, you know... we had someone under us. From that fire, came a knight and baron, a Don, and ... much to my surprise, a landed baroness.

And from my brother, "Little Sister, whatever else you do... make your First Award The Path." At that

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moment, I finally felt something besides abject terror that I might actually BE the baroness, as there was a 20% chance of it happening. I felt excited for what I could do and give to this group I love so much.

My baroness medalions so gladly given out to the people who's work helped make Wyewood a barony and to have my first design- helped out immensely by Master Fiach. Then my herald had to break the news- I could register the blazon, but not the name.

There was a lot of commentary about me spending a FCS reading and re-reading heraldry books, trying to find something that would say what I wanted it to say. Dame Esclarmonde pointed out a pile inverted looks a lot like a path going into the distance.

"Incessent Moon- considered the symbol of bright new hope and a promising future" and "Mullet- a symbol of future success or fortune." I had it. The Path lit by Incessent Moon and Mullet of eight.

"Can we register Argent Incessent?" Yes, we could.

This has been a long lead up to what it is given for- it is given for people who are new to the SCA, either by newness, or young age, who show that spark of future greatness. Who we want to tell right now, today, we see so much in them and are inspired anew by their enthusiasm.

In service to the Crown, An Tir and Our Populace  
Baroness Gabrielle Lepinay

## Baronial Progress

July 3-6 An Tir ~ West War ~ Both

July 12 Peasant's Revel Madrone ~ Both

July 18-20 July Coronation ~ Both

August 2 Wyewood Champions ~ Both

August 14-24 Autumn War ~ Part of week Baron & Weekend Baroness

August 24-24 Joint Sergeantry Trials ~ Both

August 29-Sept 1 September Crown ~ Both

## Highlights from Events ~ Contributed by Tymme Lytefelow

### Wye War

Everyone seemed to have a great time. It was a smaller, very relaxed event, so people pretty much got to do what they wanted to. We had archery, including some fun novelty shoots such as clay disks. There was a prize tourney, and Alex of Wyewood won the prize.

## Court Report ~ Contributed by Dame Esclarmonde de Porcairages

Court was opened with a welcome from Their Excellencies ~ Baron Robert explained how current fork, knife, and spoon awards are similar to and different from Royal Patron companies, his words being approximately thus:

Today we are handing out some of our first level baronial awards. The short improper name for them

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are the Fork, Knife and Spoon. Their formal names are La Compagnie de la Forche, La Compagnie du Coutel, and La Compagnie du Cuillier. The Fork is for service, the Knife is for combat and the Spoon for arts and sciences.

Back in our shire's Royal Patron days, Cire and Elizabeth handed out personal awards with similar names, with identical meanings and symbols. Cire and Elizabeth retired these awards when they stepped down as Royal Patrons. These personal awards were completely different from what we are handing out today.

We as a barony liked the idea of these things and received permission from our former patrons to recycle the symbols and meanings to use them in a similar way to show appreciation to members of our barony who do all the things that need to be done.

Be warned. Just because you got one of these recognitions from our royal patrons doesn't mean that you are immune from getting this new recognition from us.

Lady Jorunn Aslaksdottir became the first recipient/member of La Compagnie du Cuillier (The company of the spoon), an award for arts and sciences.

Lady Contstantia in de Lachun made announcements regarding Champions

Lord Constantine Trepenny became the first recipient/member of La Compagnie du Coutel (the company of the knife), an award for martial arts.

Isidora presented gifts of games for Their Excellencies and Wyewood

Dame Esclarmonde de Porcairages received La Compagnie de la Forche (The company of the fork), an award for service.

Annika ni Alisaundre dal gCais and Collette de Venox received the Leo Minor  
Lady Alamanda de Claret and the scribes of Wyewood presented a gift of illuminated note cards to their Excellencies to be used by themselves or as largesse.

The following gentles received a piece of the One True Wye

Thorbyorn Askni

Vashti of Wyewood

Alamanda de Claret

Kelsey (Alamanda's daughter)

Paul Schwarzwald

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Lady Constantia in de Lachun received the Periwyncl

Lady Aetheria De Fleury received an Award of Arms

Lady Alessandra de Montefeltro, Event Steward, announced war points.

Lord Tymme Lytefelow, Chief Archer of Wyewood, gave kingdom medallions for archery and awards for the day's shooting.

## June Faire ~ Contributed by Tymme Lytefelow

Lots of archery, including a tournament using the SSAC - Society Seasonal Archery Challenge. This was won by our very own Aetheria De Fleury. There was shooting most of the day, and there was also a public range where marshals introduced the public to archery. Tymme Lytefelow was elevated into the Order of the Grey Goose Shaft during Saturday evening court.

## Merchant's Row

Come check out the **Wyewood Store** where you can find everything Bubba!

[www.cafepress.com/wyewood](http://www.cafepress.com/wyewood)

*A portion of each sale is donated to the Barony of Wyewood.*

**Regularly Scheduled Activities** ~ Please watch the list as current times and locations are posted there...

Full Contact Social ~ Location & Dates posted to the list

Archery ~ Weather permitting; most Saturday's

Arts & Science ~ Knitting and Let's Talk

Bardic ~ Music and other mischief

Culinary ~ Scribal ~ Armory

## Bardic Circle Contributed by Athelyna de Halom

Bubba's Song

There is a hamster, who has wings

And Bubba is his name, UH

B-U-B-B-UH

B-U-B-B-UH

B-U-B-B-UH

And Bubba is his name, UH

Fights for knights, fights for kings

And Bubba is his name, UH

CLAP-U-B-B-UH

CLAP-U-B-B-UH

CLAP-U-B-B-UH

And Bubba is his name, UH

To the Fyrd, fame he brings

And Bubba is his name, UH

CLAP-CLAP-B-B-UH

CLAP-CLAP-B-B-UH

CLAP-CLAP-B-B-UH

And Bubba is his name, UH

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Inspires bards, makes them sing  
And Bubba is his name, UH  
CLAP-CLAP-CLAP-B-UH  
CLAP-CLAP-CLAP-B-UH  
CLAP-CLAP-CLAP-B-UH  
And Bubba is his name, UH

In Wyewood land, joy he brings  
And Bubba is his name, UH  
CLAP-CLAP-CLAP-CLAP-UH  
CLAP-CLAP-CLAP-CLAP-UH  
CLAP-CLAP-CLAP-CLAP-UH  
And Bubba is his name, UH

There is a hamster, who has wings  
And Bubba is his name, UH  
CLAP-CLAP-CLAP-CLAP-CLAP  
CLAP-CLAP-CLAP-CLAP-CLAP  
CLAP-CLAP-CLAP-CLAP-CLAP  
And Bubba is his name, UH

Question of the day... Is there a fork in the Wye?

## Wyewood Calendar of Events

Wye War ~ May 24th

Champions ~ August 2nd

Yule ~ In the Winter

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